Football parking options reduced

Summer construction eliminates 1,700 spots for tailgaters; shuttles will transport

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The tens of thousands of football fans expected for Saturday's game will be greeted by 1,700 fewer parking spaces for their vehicles than in past years.

After a summer of campus construction, a major four-lane roadway — Edison Road — now runs through Blue Field south, a favorite spot for tailgaters that held about 1,700 vehicles. Blue Field south, also home to soccer fields, was located just south of Edison Road.

As a result, fans hoping to park there on Saturday will be encouraged to park in White Field north, located north of Douglas Road and west of Juniper Road.

"We're providing plenty of parking areas in White Field north," said Phil Johnson, see PARKING/page 6

ND, SMC seek money to grow

ND eager to build new residence halls

By MADDIE HANNA
Senior News Editor

The recent trends of forced freshman triples and crowded converted study lounges will likely soon become a chapter in Notre Dame's residence hall history, as a capital campaign will begin in 2006 to raise money for building new dorms, University officials said.

Construction on the four proposed halls, to be located east of Knott and Pasquerilla East after the closing of Juniper Road, will depend on how quickly the University finds a benefactor willing to underwrite the project, Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman said.

"It's difficult to predict when half construction will start," Poorman said. "Given the current overcrowding, it is my hope that we will begin con-

ND eager to build new residence halls

Weis fund wristbands popular, help unsure

By JACK THORNTON
News Writer

Following a trend first popularized by Lance Armstrong's LiveStrong Campaign, the gold wristband created to raise money and awareness for Hannah and Friends — the nonprofit foundation formed by football coach Charlie Weis and his wife Maura — are rising in campus exposure.

But ambiguity remains about just how much of the wristbands' cost goes directly to the charity, named after the Weis' daughter Hannah, who was born with global development delays.

While LiveStrong guarantees 100 percent of its proceeds will benefit cancer research, the package of the Hannah and Friends wristband indicates that only a portion of the $2 purchase will benefit the Hannah and Friends Foundation.

Hannah and Friends executive director Kevin Kaplan said he does not know what percentage of the cost goes to the foundation, see BANDS/page 9

The Shirt provokes controversy

Students, alumni debate importance

By MADDIE HANNA
Senior News Editor

A big question that has provoked discussion, suspension and speculation will be answered Saturday — and it's not about the football team's performance.

It's about what students will be wearing in the stands at the Irish home opener.

Although this year's Shirt sales are stronger than the
INSIDE COLUMN

College: a box of...

Brace yourself for another freshman writing about his first few weeks of college. Don't worry — I promise it won't be boring. I'll admit it's a bizarre column. However, you may find it uplifting.

Back in the 70s, when my dad roamed around a great campus of ours, there existed a few twisted individuals. You see, these two guys really didn't like a kid down the hall from them.

To imagine the amount of animosity that had to exist between these people would be like sympathizing with Jesus' pain on the cross — it's impossible.

Christmas break rolls around, and what do these chaps send their enemy on the day Jesus was born? A nicely wrapped shoebox full of their excrement, that's what.

So that's college then, a great celebration with some unwelcome gifts.

Dillion representative "Crackhead" smashes a plate over his head at the dorm's annual pep rally Thursday. The event, which ended early due to inclement weather, featured original skits and appearances by football coach Charlie Weis and quarterback Brady Quinn.

Sheep star in online reality show

ZAGREB, Croatia — Croatia has launched a new reality show on the Internet, starring sheep instead of people.

The winner of the 10-day Stado (herd) show, which closes on Sept. 17, will receive poetry in his honor instead of money.

Principals chase streaker in gorilla mask

UNION SPRINGS, N.Y. — A 17-year-old student was arrested for streaking through his high school's gorilla mask after being chased down the street by the school principal.

Information compiled from The Associated Press.
Students prepare to collect Katrina donations during football game

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Notre Dame's largest Hurricane Katrina relief effort will take place Saturday during the highly anticipated first home football game of the season.

Between the first and second quarters of the Michigan State game, student volunteers will disperse throughout the stadium, pass around buckets and collect donations from the more than 80,000 fans, said Aly Baumgartner, student coordinator of the Stadium Collection.

Since Katrina hit the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, the Notre Dame community has come together to aid relief efforts. In the days following the tragedy, the Center for Social Concerns hosted various aid events, a student government-run table in LaFortune collected donations and individual dorms collected money from student residents.

"The willingness of the Notre Dame student body to come to the aid of those in need is readily apparent," student body president Dave Baron said.

The Stadium Collection is the most sizable Katrina event organized by the University, reaching beyond Notre Dame's staff and students and extending to alumni and other fans.

Discussion for the Stadium Collection began in the University's administrative circles, but it became apparent that the student body had the numbers to execute such an event. Student Government took over the collection, calling for and training student volunteers to participate in the massive effort, Baumgartner said.

Baumgartner said the response from students has been tremendous. Approximately 350 student volunteers were needed to successfully collect from the stadium, and nearly 475 offered their help.

Volunteers attended a short informational session earlier this week to learn details of their job, Baumgartner said. On Saturday, volunteers will wear bright red T-shirts and proceed to their assigned rows shortly before the end of the first quarter. The collection will proceed only between the first and second quarters, and the money will then be taken to the Notre Dame Security/Police Building to be sorted and counted.

Organizers hope the total will be announced before the end of the game.

"The College's financial foundation is very sound. This is a revenue expense problem, it is not a foundational problem," Stickelmaier said.

After facing a budget deficit of $1.5 million at the beginning of the 2004-05 school year, Saint Mary's has reduced expenditures to cut the deficit to less than $750,000.

Through a reduction in spending and the implementation of a four percent tuition increase between the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years, the College has managed to decrease its deficit by more than 50 percent, Laurie Stickelmaier, vice president of finance and administration, said.

"It will take several years for the smaller classes to work their way through the enrollment cycle to be replaced by larger classes," Stickelmaier said.

"Saint Mary's still anticipates tight budgets for the next two to three years," Laurie Stickelmaier, vice president of finance and administration, said Wednesday.
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assistant director of Notre Dame Security/Police. "And we will run a shuttle from there to the library. We'll have a covered bus stop area for anyone who wants to park on campus." Student tailgating areas have also been relocated. This year tailgaters will be in Blue Field north, located north of Edison Field and east of the Eck baseball stadium.

Despite predictions that there will be less interest in this year's tailgate, Johnson said the campus should still be able to accommodate everyone. "We've always had excess capacity in [White Field north]," Johnson said. "We're confident we can provide all the replacement parking spaces that we lost on the south side of the stadium this year." Johnson hopes some fans will park at off-campus hotels, too.

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with Dan Meyer filling the new administrative position of vice president for enrollment — that improvements in admissions would continue in the coming years.

"Mr. Meyer only joined our community a few months ago, however, and has already made his presence on campus and his desire for student input known by coming to introduce himself to our Board of Governance and asking for suggestions to help with enrollment," Mitros said.

One of her main campaign platform issues and biggest goals as student body president was to launch a series of campus tours early on as opposed to larger companies like IBM, Microsoft and SUN Microsystems.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Milosevic's wife misses trial
BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — A judge ordered the arrest Thursday of the wife of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic for failing to attend her corruption trial in Belgrade.

Judge Mirjana Markovic, who was often accused of being the power behind the scenes during her husband's autocratic rule in the 1990s, has been in self-imposed exile in Russia since 2003.

A previous arrest warrant was revoked in June after her lawyer, Zdenko Tomovic said she promised she would attend the hearing.

"Since Mirjana Markovic failed to appear in court, this chamber has decided to issue an order for an arrest warrant against her," Judge Sinisa Sofrenovic said.

Iran's president willing to give info
TEHRAN — Iran is willing to provide nuclear technology to other Muslim states, Iran's hard-line president said Thursday, noting up his rhetoric as his regime rejects international pressure to cut back its atomic program.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made the comment after talking with Turkey's prime minister during a gathering of world leaders, at the United Nations. Iran's state-run Islamic Republic News Agency said.

Ahmadinejad repeated promises that Iran will not develop nuclear weapons, the report said. Then he added: "Iran is ready to transfer nuclear know-how to the Islamic countries due to their need."  

National News

Roberts says he won't be ideologue
WASHINGTON — Chief Justice nominee John Roberts said Thursday there is no room for ideologues on the Supreme Court, declaring an "obligation to the Constitution" and to no other cause as he concluded three grueling days of confirmation testimony.

"The Constitution says that the little guy should win, the little guy's going to win in court before me," Roberts told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "But if the Constitution says that the little guy should win, well, then the big guy's going to win."  

Roberts appeared as successor to the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist appointed by President Ronald Reagan following the Supreme Court's decision in 1986 that 11 terror attacks four years ago, but Republicans fret that he waited too long to address the nation with reassurances.

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U.S. Navy Seabees tear through a plywood floor as they take part in the restoration of Hope Haven, a children's shelter in Waveland, Miss. destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Foreign ministers hold rare public meeting

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Israel's with­drawal from Gaza yields immediate returns on the world stage Thursday: praise from Qatar and an unusual meeting between the Arab emirate's foreign minister and his Israeli counter­part.

The meeting, on the sidelines of the U.N. summit, was described as a first step in working to improve relations between the two nations.

"This was the first diplomatic reward for Israel's ending its 38-year occupation of the Gaza Strip — the Jewish state's first-ever evacuation of territory the Palestinians claim for a future state. The Israeli foreign minister has already met with his counterparts from two major Muslim countries, Indonesia and Pakistan.

Arab countries like Qatar are encouraging efforts toward a new peace process as a way to ease the tensions between U.S.-led and Palestinian and Israeli conflict and blunt the influence of Islamic militants, who are using discontent about the Israelis and war in Iraq to stir up unrest.

There will be efforts, however, to keep the diplomatic payback. Muslim nations expect major strides from Israel on the peacemaking front — if not the establishment of a Palestinian state — before committing to warmer ties.

Qatar is a close U.S. ally in the Persian Gulf and home to the U.S. Central Command's forward opera­tions in the Middle East.

The emirate's foreign minister, Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Thani, said it was possible to estab­lish full diplomatic relations with Israel before the formation of an independent Palestinian state.

"It could happen," he told reporters before heading into the closed meet­ing with Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom. "But we need to see a timetable — how we will start the peace process and how we will end it." 

Bush assembles assistance package

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Faced with the nation's costliest natural disaster, President Bush on Thursday assembled a $200 billion package of housing, health care, job assistance and education for hundreds of thousands of Gulf Coast residents thrown into misery by Hurricane Katrina.

Trying to make up for a flawed response to the hurricane that embar­rassed his administration, Bush was to announce a recovery plan in a nation­ally broadcast speech from Jackson Square in the heart of the French Quarter. Elsewhere in the famed city, workers were still pumping out flooded neighborhoods and col­lecting bodies left behind in the法兰克飓风.

Bush was not expected to put a price tag on the disaster but costs are tain to climb to $200 billion or beyond in the near term. The final tab could approach the more than $300 billion spent thus far on U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Congress has already approved $60 billion for the disaster, but that is expected to run out next month.

Bush faced the nation at a vulnerable point in his presidency. Most Amer­icans disapprove of his handling of Katrina, and his job approval rating has been dragged down to the lowest point of his presidency because of dissatisfaction with the war and rising gas prices. He has struggled to demonstrate the same take-charge leadership he displayed over the past three years, including the 11 terror attacks four years ago, but Republicans fret that he waited too long to address the nation with reassurances.

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struction on at least one new hall within the next three years.
Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Ann Firth said she didn’t know exactly what combination of men’s and women’s dorms would be built.
“My lunch would be we’d probably build a men’s hall and a women’s hall first,” Firth said. “But that will depend a lot on how we are doing housing trends between now and the academic year and what the construction, where the need is.”

This means that if the University receives enough funding to build requested dorms — a condition that may not be fulfilled — the breakdown will be at least two men’s and two women’s halls.

Along with the addition of new residence halls will be the renovation of existing halls “to improve the experience of hall life campus-wide and to avoid great disparities between halls,” Poorman said.

While these plans mean campus-wide construction, Firth said the process would be conducted in the least disruptive manner possible.

“It is a very complex operation,” Firth said. “Our first reading is it won’t entail closing out an entire hall and moving a community to another building — we’re hoping we can do most of what needs to be done over the course of summer. There might be some continuation of the renovation during the academic year, but we’re hoping we can do all of this without having to ask anyone to move somewhere else and move back.”

University architects Doug Mark and Don Poorman have not created design plans for the proposed halls yet, but Firth said officials were discussing “conceptual understanding of what we might be looking for” for the new residential Master Plan.

And while the new halls will have new features in mind, the new halls will not differ greatly from current halls.

“One of the things that multiple studies we’ve done in the last couple of years has told us is that in many ways, residential life is working at Notre Dame really well,” Firth said. “So our goal is really to take the best of what we’ve got in terms of our existing halls, build new halls and some of the new features that students like and want, but we don’t want to create a disparity where one hall has everything underway and some of the existing halls would not be able to have those features.”

But the University would like a disparity to exist between rooms in each dorm, Firth said, explaining study findings where students supported the idea of rooms designated for upperclassmen with features like a living room, bathroom or better view.

“We found that those halls that have those kinds of options are more attractive to upperclassmen, since you can see the difference progressing,” Firth said. “That’s a very natural value to encourage people to stay on campus. It’s not anybody’s goal to have 100 percent of seniors living on campus ... But we want to make sure that those who are interested in staying on and being a part of the vibrant, campus residential community have some pretty nice options.”

Poorman echoed Firth’s sentiments on the number of seniors living off-campus.

“I am a complete believer in our residential system,” Poorman said. “With that said, I understand that on-campus living is not for everyone.”

Firth said the “fadder” approach as opposed to seniors-only housing would be continued during the internmenting of classes within the halls.

Both Poorman and Firth also mentioned the desire to renovate LaFortune Student Center and the Stenan Center. Those plans are even less definite than the ones for the new halls, although Poorman described the two buildings as “priorities” in the upcoming capital campaign.

With the surge of construction on and around the University — the campus road project, Notre Dame Avenue entrance, Guglielmo Family Athletics Center and Health Services being just a few examples — Firth said the plans were being devised with the intention of protecting the campus feel.

“I think that something people who have been involved in campus planning have really taken to heart,” Firth said. “You know, it’s sometimes difficult for any of us to see a change because we say, ‘Wow, that’s so different.’ We drive down the new roads and think, ‘What happened here?’ I think that those concerns are very much a part of the planning process.

“I like to think we’re getting the best of what the new facilities have to offer without losing what we already have.”

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New professors adjust to teaching students

Special to The Observer

On Aug. 3, Notre Dame freshmen stepped into their first classes at the University, symbolically marking the right of passage from high school to college that has been in the making for years. But another group new to campus experienced different “first days of school” — the kind you get when you’re the one mapping the direction of the class. From unpacking boxes to constructing courses, new faculty at Notre Dame face the same number of adjustments as the students they teach.

“It’s been a huge relief to finish with grad school,” says Abigail Waggoner Wozniak, a new assistant professor of economics and econometrics who recently earned her doctorate from Harvard.

She’s fortunate to have advisors who were candid about this being a positive change, though I don’t feel like I’ve made the transition fully yet, I think the whole first year is described as one of transition,” Waggoner Wozniak shares her newcomer status with two other assistant professors in the Department of Economics and Econometrics, Kasey Buckles and Dan Humgerman.

“The department is oriented to absorbing three new people. Help is like that is really valuable with all of us learning at the same time,” she adds.

Notre Dame’s Kneau Center for Teaching and Learning offered a weeklong teaching seminar and orientation for new faculty during which Waggoner Wozniak, Buckles and Humgerman could share concerns and exchange questions ranging from the mundane (“How do I get a copier code?”) to the transcendent (“What is the Notre Dame philosophy and how do I fit in?”).“The collaborative effort of the orientation made it fun,” Humgerman said.

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Attorney Diane Sullivan looks detected in the courtroom after Judge Carol E. Higbee declined her motion for a mistrial Thursday.

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past two years — Bookstore director of retail operations Sally Wiatrowski said more than 54,000 Shirts have been sold so far — the new gold color and design has been well received. Following three years of kelly green Shirts, this year's model is gold and bears the words "The Spirit of Notre Dame." The color and design immediately sparked debate after The Shirt's unveiling last spring, and sizeable groups of students have rebelled by pledging to continue wearing green or by creating their own original gold designs.

"I was absolutely appalled and dismayed. The Shirt was just bad. We expected some words "The Spirit of Notre Dame,"" said one of the two sophomore who has been selling the "Charlie's Army" shirts dotting campus. He spoke on the condition of anonymity because he feared repercussions of selling alternative shirts.

His shirts, which are gold and read "Irish Football 2005: We're Pounding the Nasty in Dynasty," are just one example of the many student-produced alternatives to The Shirt circulating around campus.

The sophomore, who has sold about 150 shirts so far by word of mouth, said alumni associations have been contacting him and requesting batches of 25 shirts at a time ever since he was spotted wearing it on ESPN's College GameDay at the Notre Dame-Pittsburgh game.

Sophomore Taryn Lewis will also be sporting an alternative shirt to Saturday's game — "the one that has Irish head coach Charlie Weis' yearbook picture on the back." Although Lewis has bought The Shirt — "I don't mind it," she said — she has fallen head over heels for her new purchase.

"I wanted to wear The Shirt to a couple of games," Lewis said. "But the 'Bring on the Nasty' shirt is just too tempting." When asked what she would wear Saturday, senior Katherine Graziano laughed and said emphatically, "Not The Shirt!"

"I'm just going to stick to wearing something green," she said. "I don't really like the color, and I've never really been a proponent of oversized shirts."

Sophomore John Lentz saw The Shirt for the first time at the Bookstore on Wednesday. His initial reaction?

"It's not very menacing," he said slowly. "Football's a masculine sport. This ... this text is too flowery."

Although he will don a "Charlie's Army" shirt Saturday, Lentz said he would buy a Shirt "out of respect for the school." For his part, Weis said the power of the student section comes from enthusiasm, not apparel. "I just want it to be loud," he said. "I don't care what they wear, just be loud. Loud is what I'm going to encourage here in the next 24 hours."

Despite the negative reactions, The Shirt — along with the "Attitude" shirt, a black tee featuring the eyes of a football player on front and the words SMART, DISCIPLINED, TOUGH, NASTY on back — has been selling very well, Wiatrowski said.

"With the last two wins, our Web site has seen a lot of activity for those two items," Wiatrowski said. The Shirt sales are most comparable to the 2002 season, she said, "but we're hoping to exceed even those numbers, quite honestly."

Wiatrowski said she thought this year's increased sales could be a result of the change from green to gold, the 75th anniversary of Notre Dame Stadium or "the rejuvenation of the football program."

The Shirt display at the Bookstore Wednesday supported the booming sales claim. The picked-over assortment offered only extra large sizes. It's hard to guess what will happen in the stands on Saturday. Maybe The Shirt will be more popular than many people think, freshman Tessa Romano said. "I don't really like the writing on the front that much," Romano said. "But I think it might catch on if you give it a chance."

Senior David DiLorenzo is a potential indicator of what could be a last-minute Shirt change. "I'm probably going to buy it," he said. "I don't think it's that bad. It's for a good cause."

The good cause is a big selling point for some people. President of The Shirt Katie Fox said all the profits go to Student Activities and Organizations as well as The Shirt Charity Fund and The Recruit's Fund. "The Shirt Project, as always, has gotten both negative and positive feedback," Fox said. "With such a large student, alumni and fan base, it's hard for any one product to please everyone."

Fox said the quote on the back of The Shirt — "If you could bottle the Notre Dame spirit, it would light up the universe" — was said by former head football coach Tyrone Willingham.

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it certainly has taken more time than planned in the study to raise the money needed for the projects," Stickelmaier said.

Approximately $20 million was raised and spent to build the student clubhouse, the welcome center, the Noble Family dining hall, the student center and to renovate Regina and McCandless residence halls, Stickelmaier said.

"The Master Plan process began in 1998 and involved input from all sectors of the campus community," Stickelmaier said. "Needs for Saint Mary's College were determined and means to meet those needs were proposed. Budgets were established and a final plan was written in late 1999."

Stickelmaier said the goal of the improvements is to attract more prospective students and to bring Saint Mary's into the 21st century. "While we don't have any empirical data that statistically proves new facilities have a positive impact on recruitment, there is general acceptance that these types of changes will have a positive effect despite what they're wearing," senior Scott Ogren said.

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he wasn't entirely sure what portion of the money made from each wristband directly supports the charity.

"It really depends because it's different," Kaplan said. "We don't actually produce the wristbands, so we don't know how much they're sold at. A separate company handles that for us, but it's different prices based on how many they buy, that kind of thing."

The Hannah and Friends bracelets are produced by Forever Collectibles, a sports and entertainment memorabilia company based in New Brunswick, N.J.

"We'll sell [the wristbands] to the distributor at anywhere from a dollar to $1.50," said Carl Bassewitz, a representative from Forever Collectibles. "Obviously, the higher we can sell to the distributor, the higher we can give to the foundation."

According to Bassewitz, Forever Collectibles does not profit from the sale.

"We're giving almost all of the proceeds to the charity. What retailers do with the rest of the money, I don't know," he said.

Students like junior Eileen Joyce appreciate the many benefits of the new buildings on campus.

"I love having the student center to do homework in," Joyce said. "I'm also looking forward to new apartments for next year. It will be exciting to see what else is changed in the future."

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Bush says U.S. to handle most of Katrina cost

President outlines post-hurricane plans, says 'city will rise again' in national address Thursday

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush promised Thursday night that the United States would handle most of the costs of rebuilding the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast in one of the largest recovery efforts the government has ever undertaken.

"There is no way to imagine America without New Orleans, and I think New Orleans will rise again," the president said.

Standing in Jackson Square in the heart of the French Quarter, Bush acknowledged his administration had not responded adequately to Hurricane Katrina, which killed hundreds of people across five states. The government's costs for rebuilding could reach $200 billion or beyond.

Four years after the frightening experience of Sept. 11, Americans have every right to expect a more effective response in a time of emergency," the president said. When the government fails to meet such an obligation, Bush said, "as president I am responsible for the solution." 

Bush invited his Cabinet secretaries to join in a comprehensive review of the government's fiscal response. In addition, he told the Department of Homeland Security to take a hard look at the audit of emergency plans in every major city.

He also said a disaster on the scale of Katrina requires greater preparation and a broader role for the armed forces.

Unusual for a prime-time address, Bush stood in a blue shirt and tan slacks in front of a famous palm tree-framed St. Louis Cathedral was brightly lit. Elsewhere in the city, workers were still pulling up flood-damaged trees, and inspecting bodies left behind in the frantic evacuation.

Bush proposed establishment of worker's compensation accounts providing up to $5,000 for job training and child care during victims' search for employment. He also urged legislation to provide education, small business help and health care to Katrina victims. He said a Gulf Opportunity Zone in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama "is not tax breaks to encourage businesses to stay in the devastated region and new businesses to open.

In the speech, which lasted a bit over 20 minutes, he said he would ask Congress to approve an Urban Homesteading Act in which surplus federal property would be turned over to low-income citizens by means of a lottery to build homes, with mortgages or assistance from charitable organizations.

Bush repeated a hotline number, 1-877-588-3317, for people to call to help reunite family members separated during the hurricane. Minutes later, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., criticized Bush, saying "Leadership isn't a speech or a press conference.

"No American doubts that New Orleans will rise again," Kerry said. "They doubt the competence and commitment of this administration to the solution."

House Democratic leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, in a joint statement, said, "We are not confident that the administration initiatives this week will improve our knowledge of rebuilding and protection for veterans, minorities, the disabled and other stakeholders."

Bush described the hurricane's aftermath as "days of sorrow and days of hope." The president said he had "witnessed the kind of desperateness no civilization had ever seen."

"And here in New Orleans, the street cars will once again rumble down St. Charles, and the passionate soul of a great city will return," Bush said.

Bush faced the nation at a vulnerable point in his presidency. Many Americans' disappointment in his handling of Katrina, and his job approval rating has been dropped down to the lowest of his presidency also because of dissatisfaction with the Iraq war and rising gas prices. He has struggled to demonstrate the same take-charge leadership he displayed after the Sept. 11 terror attacks four years ago.

Bush, saying "Leadership isn't a speech or a press conference. It's not more talk than action," she said it would be more effective to have our whole nation cares about you — and in the journey about you are not alone.

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UNITED NATIONS — Iran is willing to provide nuclear technology to other Islamic states, its president said Thursday.

"There is a need to adjust this organization to the new historical reality," Russian President Vladimir Putin said. "We will take the role of coordinating and organizing this work but the United Nations!"

He was echoed by Chinese President Hu Jintao, who called for a new global security concept that puts the United Nations at "the core" of efforts to fight terrorism and settle disputes and conflicts.

While those views may help determine the future of the United Nations, events on the summit's sidelines and fiery speeches offer a sharp contrast to the poise of the leaders in the talks of the U.N. role underlined how central terrorism has become around the world since the Sept. 11 attacks. U.S. They also criticized the U.S. government to make its proposals to overhaul the U.N. and to consider a raft of proposals to adjust this reality," said Antonio Maria Costa, executive director of the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime.

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Hundreds of Palestinians pour into Egypt from Gaza Strip

Trots can't stop those fleeing; Israeli officials fear militants and al-Qaida terrorists may infiltrate security breach

Associated Press

RAFAH — Palestinians blasted holes in an Israeli-built wall and overwhelmed Egypt's guards at the Gaza border to flow by the hundreds into Egypt on Thursday, defying attempts to impose control after days of unhindered crossing.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders expressed fears that militant groups have arisen in the Gaza Strip that could infiltrate Gaza and Israel through the border, which has been open since Israeli troops withdrew from the Palestinian territory.

Egypt had promised to reimpose border controls by Thursday evening, and in the morning several hundred people were deployed at the main crossing points — more than the few dozen seen over the past days. They allowed Palestinians to return to Gaza and managed to slow the number entering Egypt by a trickle for part of the day.

But after hours of pushing and shoving at the Salaheddin bridge crossing in Rafah, the police line broke and hundreds of Palestinians crossed the border. Faced with the large crowds, many policemen gave up and the crossing became almost as open as it was in the past days.

The so-called Canada crossing was closed by police — but less than a mile away, hundreds of Palestinians passed through an olive grove and crossed freely through a break in the wall at the border.

Egypt has yet to deploy the bulk of the 750 border guards it promised to station on the frontier under a deal with Israel. A local official said it could be another three days before the guards, who are more heavily armed than the police, are in place.

To avert friction, Egypt wants the flow of people to subside before it brings in the soldiers, said the official, who was not authorized to release the information.

Palestinian security forces also were struggling to control the number of Gazans crossing, especially with the many breaches opening up in the high wall Israel had built along the border.

The militant Palestinian group Hamas blasted a hole in the wall north of Rafah before dawn Thursday to help people get through. In the afternoon, a second explosion blasted a hole about a mile further down the wall, reported by the group Islamic Jihad.

Israel's Foreign Ministry expressed fears that international terrorist groups will exploit the chaotic border to infiltrate Israel and Jordan.

"We're talking about Iran, we're talking elements in Syria, we're talking about groups like Hezbollah and we're talking also about international terrorist groups like al-Qaida," said spokesman Mark Regev.

Israel, which withdrew its last troops from Gaza on Monday, is also concerned that Palestinian militants might slip into Egypt, then infiltrate Israel across the long, lightly guarded Israel-Egypt border — bypassing the fence between Gaza and Israel.

Hamas leader Mahmoud Abbas, said the Palestinian leadership is "even more worried than Israel about al-Qaida coming here because al-Qaida will harm us more than Israel." Such a presence, he said, would hurt prospects for peace and renewed negotiations with Israel.

There have been a string of attacks in Egypt's Sinai peninsula over the past year, including deadly al-Qaida-style bombings in the Egyptian resorts of Tabia and Ras Shitan last October and in Sharm el-Sheik in July.

Groups claiming links to al-Qaida took responsibility for those attacks, and Egyptian authorities say new Islamic militant groups have arisen in the peninsula — but they are still trying to determine if they have any real connection to al-Qaida or other international terrorists.

Gazans, meanwhile, revealed for another day in their new freedom after years of Israeli travel restrictions. Many stores in the Egyptian side of Rafah were cleaned out as Palestinians continued their shopping spree.

Prices in Egypt are far lower than in Gaza — or at least were until the flood of new demand hit Rafah.
Notre Dame vs Michigan State Book Signings

Friday, September 16

**Future Domers**
Sharon Bui
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Notre Dame Baseball Greats**
Cappy Gagnon
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**The Spirit of Notre Dame**
Jim & Jeremy Langford
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**The Phantom Letters**
Tom Pagna
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**The Illustrated American Tourist Guide to English**
J. Eric Smithburn
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Saturday, September 17

**Echoes of Notre Dame Football**
John Heisler
9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Go Irish**
Connie McNamara
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Notre Dame's Greatest Coaches**
Ara Parseghian
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Tales From the Notre Dame Hardwood**
Digger Phelps
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Tales From the Notre Dame Sideline**
Gerry Faust
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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The Shirt.
Any student at Notre Dame knows what those two words refer to. The Shirt is a symbol of unity in the student body, pride in the University and most of all, what Notre Dame stands for — helping people.

Proceeds from the sale of The Shirt help benefit student groups and students in need of financial assistance. The money raised goes to a worthy cause. The Shirt’s admirable underlying mission is not something to debate. But two football games into the 2005 season, another debate about The Shirt has surfaced. While this year’s gold model has reportedly flown off the shelves at the Bookstore, a significant number of students have expressed more disgust than enthusiasm — and are faced with a decision to make about what color to wear to the first home game Saturday.

Green or gold?

At the season’s first two away games, the student body has been divided into pockets of each. Despite many Notre Dame students traveling to both Pittsburgh and Michigan, it was difficult to scan the crowds and identify a strong, unified student front. On Saturday, there’s no question that the student body must unite. It must show one color to the thousands of fans in the student section at Notre Dame Stadium since 2002, there has never been a doubt that the student section is located. But at Notre Dame football or basketball, green has been the Notre Dame staples. It stands out, shows people where the student section is and creates an intimidation factor. One student body, one color, one Notre Dame.

The green Shirts of the past three years gave students a common identity, and a visible advantage. Going to other college football stadiums, it’s often hard to figure out where the student section is located. But at Notre Dame Stadium since 2002, there has never been a doubt that the northwest corner of the end zone belonged to Notre Dame students.

There shouldn’t be doubt now.

Buy gold, but wear green

True, the past three years have also belonged to a different coach, a different era. But a new coach just means a new style of football — not a new style in the student section.

For three straight years, green has become a formidable marker of the Notre Dame student body. And created a proud, unified atmosphere there is no reason to change. So Saturday, wear green to the football game. That where does that leave The Shirt?

With a failed attempt at changing colors, but with an unchanged worthy cause. It is important not to let the color of The Shirt distract from its purpose. Students should still purchase The Shirt 2005 to demonstrate their commitment to the project’s goals.

However, that commitment also implies a widespread responsibility to make sure this year’s divisiveness is never repeated. Though campus constituencies like the Athletic Department, the Bookstore and the Alumni Association all have their say each year’s finished Shirt, it is still largely a student-run process, headed by a Shirt president and designer selected from the student body. That means students are ultimately responsible for producing a Shirt design that will unite, not divide, their peers.

But how to make sure that is the case? Shirt project leaders should start by loosening the veil of secrecy over the design — traditionally kept under wraps until its annual reveal on Blue & Gold Game weekend — by providing an outlet, such as a survey or Web site, for student feedback about fundamentals like color and quote choice.

There is no question that students want to wear The Shirt every year. As its primary purchasers, the student body at large deserves a voice in The Shirt’s creation. These are just some of the things that those involved with The Shirt Project should consider so that the Notre Dame student body can be united once again.

For now, though, students should prepare for Saturday, and for the rest of the games this season. There are millions of people out there looking for the student section. Let’s make sure they find it — the green mass in the northwest corner of the end zone.
There is a buzz around campus. No, I’m not talking about this week’s re-opening of our fallen furniture, CJ’s. The excitement around here is for Charlie Weis and his Fighting Irish who, with a win over Notre Dame State, will be playing in the Notre Dame Stadium of tomorrow for the first time this season. As those of you who don’t know understand, Notre Dame does not have a home stadium. Irish fans have climbed into the Top 10 after impressive wins over both Pittsburgh and Miami.

There are currently shirts being worn around campus that read “New Pope, new coach, new era.” I’m not sure whether this is shirt fitting, because things just seem much different with Weis at the helm; our offense looks crisp, our defense can force a point; and we can count on having the right number of players in the huddle. Best of all, on Saturday nights our opponents are now the ones questioning whether or not they need to fire their coach. The Weis Era has certainly silenced a lot of us that feel this season could mark the beginning of “Return to Glory. For Real This Time.”

However, there are some among us who are not yet convinced. They cite ESPN’s talking heads who constantly remind us that the last guy here won his first eight games. (Yellingham’s first team didn’t score an offensive touchdown until its third game; Charlie Weis’ team scored six touchdowns in its first seven possessions.) They say it that Notre Dame is not only on top but has been there on top both games. (These two games came on the road against the No. 23 and No. 3 teams in the country.) They tell us to look ahead of ourselves and to keep our expectations in check.

We could listen to these naysayers, or we could remember what Coach Weis said after dismantling Tennessee with his players were starting to realize they were better than they thought they were. That’s what I’ve been trying to tell all along, a lot of this game is confidence. So why don’t we put a little confidence in our team as well? The statistics have already shown the Irish to be better than anyone thought they were. In the first half of the Pitt game, Brady Quinn threw for more yards than he did in five entire games last season. Notre Dame’s first game on the Notre Dame sideline yielded 42 points, a total that surpassed the output in 35 of Williamson’s 17 games as coach. The team’s win in Ann Arbor was our first road victory over a top five team since Lou Holtz paced the same visitors’ sideline in the Big House back in 1993.

In fact, Weis’ two road victories have earned him comparisions to a guy by the name of Knute Rockne, who is the only coach to open his tenure with two victories over top 10 teams.

But why not use the momentum of the win to try and charge the stands. So tomorrow wear a “Play Like a Champion Today” shirt, wear a “Nasty” shirt, a “Charlie’s Army” shirt or, even if you must, The Shirt. Just wear gold and help Chuck Dublin (Charlie Weis) lead his troops to victory by making Notre Dame the best place to play in the nation.

Ricky Moreno
junior
Dillon Hall
Sept. 15

Ad gives proper message

I am responding to the viewpoint column from Sept. 13. “The Notre Dame Ignorance’ by Ian Ronderos. I attended the public hearing for the smoking ban on Sept. 6, and I listened to everyone supporting and opposing argument presented that evening. As an aspiring lawyer, I concentrated as hard as possible to see what evidence I could make a case for either side.

I concluded that I could not, because no one who walks into a smoking environment comes out with cancer or the like. But one has to consider the fact that some unfortunate individuals indeed do come out sick. And what about those who acquire a disease and are never smoked in their entire life?

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Sherezy Cabrera
senior
Cavanagh Hall
Sept. 14

The power of prayer

I write to applaud those senators who chose to address Sarah Liu for writing negatively on the Notre Dame television advertisement. I was fairly quite comfortable that this hearing that the government would authorize such a letter on its behalf, and I think that there are a few important points that Liu took for granted. Now, I believe that Liu had good intentions, but being a non-Catholic she fails to recognize the power of prayer in the Catholic faith. The Catholic faith has the backbone of prayer. If she re-entice me to attend Notre Dame on the back of “diversity.”

Certainly this cannot be much better than an ad which provides the proper message that it should: that the people of Notre Dame are really in fact, mostly Caucasian and of the Catholic faith. But it also info that the student body is made up of good people, the great majority of whom are kind and toler ant. I believe that the punishment of the student minority should know exactly what they are getting into, and as such, choose to attend this University through his or her own unbiased decision.

Sean Huang
junior
St. Edwards Hall
Sept. 15

Support smoking ban

Let’s make our campus a smoke-free one. Tobacco smoke is a poisons and dangerous habit that has been ignored too long. Tobacco smoke is a cancer causing substance that is harmful to smoking and non-smoking individuals.

It is an issue that we need to take seriously. It needs to start with us. Smoking is a habit that is hard to kick once a person starts. The main reason is because of peer pressure. The pressure from your friends is that tough and you need to think twice about whether or not to smoke or quit.

We have a right to breathe in the same air as other non-smokers. The government is not trying to control our lives but is just trying to help us. The ban makes the air cleaner. If you look at the air and compare it before and after a football game you can tell the difference.

We want to make a change. We don’t want to have to buy cigarettes and the money that we’re spending on it could be spent on other things instead. We need to make a change and we need to start doing it.

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McCartney creates ‘chaos’ with latest effort

By BOB COSTA
Scene Critic

As an iconic young superstar with the Beatles in the 1960s, Paul McCartney penned a breezy pop tune called "When I'm 64," where he sang that he'd probably be "Doing the garden/ Digging the weeds" once he became an old man. Now in 2005, at the age of 63, McCartney seems to be doing just that — yet his predictions were a bit off, since he's not rummaging around a grassy patio back in Liverpool but redfining his musical career with a vital new studio album entitled "Chaos & Creation In The Backyard."

The album, which sprinkles new seeds of melodic genius in with his classic style, showcases McCartney's self-reflection. He sings about the abuses of women on "3,000 Miles." He also captures a more organic and atmospheric acoustic element not heard on many previous efforts with the heartfelt songs "Jenny Wren" and "Anyway." McCartney worked with Radiohead producer Nigel Godrich on "Chaos & Creation In The Backyard," the same producer who sculpted Radiohead's landmark "OK Computer" album with Thom Yorke — and it shows. Godrich's fingerprints are all over the record, giving McCartney's signature vocals a deeper resonance than the one seen on his cluttered hand-endowed "Driving Rain" in 2001. Godrich also gives the record an interesting mix of underlying instruments, mostly notably prickly string flutes that create an eerie cascade on "Riding to Vanity Fair." Although he is no George Martin, Godrich's studio work mostly taming some chaos into the sometimes formulaic McCartney pop standards. Godrich enables "Chaos & Creation In The Backyard" to be the closest thing McCartney has had to a master-piece since 1996's "Fluff Of Waste." The most compelling track lyrically is "At the Mercy," where McCartney delves into his own dark thoughts and thankfully leaves the non sequiturs on the studio floor. It's a song that could have been a depressing and muddled monster, but Godrich and McCartney rein in its chorus, keeping the track sparse and focused — literally taking a sad song and making it better. The hook laden melodies of "English Tea," which sounds like it should be in Disney's "Fantasia" with its whimsical lyrics, and "Promise to You Live" start off strong with "Change," "3000 Miles," "Love's Proof," and "America."

Chapman's latest album supports her strong credentials

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Critic

While she may possess more than a passing resemblance to the pre-hiatus Tracy Chapman, she maintains a somber tone as she sings about the abuses of women on "3,000 Miles." She also displays her considerable poetic talent with such lyrics as, "Good girls walk fast/ In groups of three/ Fast girls walk slow/ In side streets/ Sometimes girls who walk alone/ Aren't found for days or weeks." Despite her understated style, Chapman makes observations about her mother country that are steady and unexpected. Yes, it's a silly and catchy tune, but it also gives the esoteric (at least in McCartney standards) album a new breather from the otherwise contemplative pop songs on the record. The song leads into the album's stand-out track of "Promise to You Girl," which balances indelible harmonies, soaring guitars that bounce of the jazz piano riff, and achingly personal lyrics.

"Chaos & Creation In The Backyard" is reminiscent of Brian Wilson's 2004 album "Smile" in that it balances classic pop vocal style with modern studio wizardry that gives the recordings a simple and elegant audio structure. As McCartney sang in "When I'm 64" — "I could be handy/ mending a fuse/ when your lights have gone." On his new studio album, Sir Paul provides old and new fans alike with a refreshing lute on love and life that proves that that rocker can still blend melodies with the best of them. With his raucous performance at Live 8 this summer, this new album and his sold-out upcoming tour, old man McCartney is finding new ways to create a little chaos in the 21st century.

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Where You Live

Tracy Chapman

Elektra/WEA

Recommended tracks: "Change," "3000 Miles," "Love's Proof," "Talk to You" and "America"

"Chaos & Creation In The Backyard" to be her piercingly clear voice somehow manages to simultaneously haunt and soothe the listener. Chapman is the epitome of elegance in simplicity — her tracks consist mainly of her pure, melancholic voice at its soulful finest with some tasteful guitar accompaniment.

Prior to listening to the album, the listener could offer the same challenge to Chapman that she did on a previous hit single. Given me one reason to stay here, Tracy, and I'll turn right back around. On "Where You Live," Chapman gives the listener 11 quality reasons to stay, providing more than sufficient rationale to stick around.

The poignant genius behind "Where You Live" starts off strong with "Change," a social self-reflection that manages to make its point without holier-than-thou condemnation.

One of Tracy Chapman's best qualities is that she approaches the subject of social commentary with the appropriate gravity of the situation. Unlike rappers who glorify the violence and misogyny of the rough neighbors where they grew up, Chapman maintains a somber tone as she sings about the abuses of women on "3,000 Miles." She also displays her considerable poetic talent with such lyrics as, "Good girls walk fast/ In groups of three/ Fast girls walk slow/ In side streets/ Sometimes girls who walk alone/ Aren't found for days or weeks." Despite her understated style, Chapman isn't afraid to wax political. It would be an error to mistake her soothing tone for passive subsance, as she sings with a voice that is both powerful and moving. "America," a compelling song about minority abuse throughout American history, is a profound soulful sermon on the history of racial injustice in this country and on the continued need for change. Her powerful words speak by themselves.

"The ghost of Columbus haunts this world! Cause you're still conquering America! The meek won't survive/ Or inherit the earth/ Cause you're still conquering America." Songs such as "Talk To You" and "Love's Proof" are tragic love ballads provide ideal listening fodder for the recently broken-up or heartbroken among us. In fact, if one critical comment were to be made about the entire album, it would be to tell Tracy to lighten up a little, and maybe try to create an upbeat song or two. However, the overall quality and consistent excellence of "Where You Live" proves that Tracy is still the proverbial Chap-Man.

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Sir Paul McCartney released his 20th solo album, "Chaos & Creation In The Backyard" on Sept. 13. He continues to mold his sound to fit the 21st century.
Focus on storytelling for Mann

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Boxing tends to be the inspiration for men making movies, as films like "Raging Bull," "Rocky" and "Cinderella Man" reveal. It takes an iconoclast like singer Aimee Mann to take the thoroughly masculine sport of boxing and transform it not only into a meditation on love, addiction and redemption but also into something as unusual as a concept album that interrelates its 12 songs to tell a story.

The liner notes for "The Forgotten Arm" are set up so that the lyrics for each song are presented as a chapter in a book, and this comparison is actually quite apt. Mann's album has more in common with a novel than it does with many other records on the market. It features two main characters, John and Caroline, and the songs are set up to give the impression of an introduction, conflict and finally a resolution. Few artists could pull off such an ambitious project, but the literary and reflective nature of Mann's lyrics allow her to pull off the concept with ease.

The idea of a concept album seems to be gaining favor among artists due to the massive problem of illegal downloading. By interrelating all of the songs on an album, the artist makes it more appealing and necessary to buy the whole item rather than having just one stand-out song that can be easily downloaded.

"Dear John," a blues-tinged ballad, opens the album and sets up the relationship between John, a boxer, and later a Vietnam vet and drug addict, and Caroline, a small town girl longing to get away from home.

Songs like "Little Bombs" and "I Was Thinking I Could Clean Up For Christmas" reveal the depths to which the relationship has sunk, but the final song on the album, "Beautiful" reveals the silver of hope that remains in spite of it all.

While there really aren't any "skip-pable" songs on "The Forgotten Arm," there are several stand-out tracks. "Goodbye Caroline" an up-tempo song whose melody covers its melancholy lyrics about leaving. The pounding drum and piano beat of "Video" builds to its soaring chorus. "Little Bombs" eloquently expresses how life rarely falls apart in one grand event, but is instead "... less a deluge than a drought." The piano and Mann's soaring voice drives "That's How I Knew This Story Would Break My Heart," a beautiful song about learning a secret about a loved one.

Mann produced "The Forgotten Arm" on her own record label, Superego Records, which she founded in response to having clashes with a recording company in the past over how they promoted her album. She has developed a grassroots approach to marketing and gaining fans, and has thus far been very successful.

Mann's career has followed an interesting path to success. She began with stints in a variety of bands, including the '80s band, 'Til Tuesday, who had a hit with the song "Voices Carry." Her music was the inspiration behind the P.T. Anderson film, "Magnolia." In the movie, characters speak her lyrics as lines. She also had a small part in "The Big Lebowski" as a German nihilist.

Overall, "The Forgotten Arm" is a meditation on a dark subject, but in Mann's hands, it becomes pensive and beautiful while still musically entertaining.

The album gets better upon subsequent listenings, and, while each song is good individually, they benefit from being listened to as a whole.

Thanks to Mann's willingness to take the risk of making a concept album and her willingness to spend as much time making well-crafted songs, "The Forgotten Arm" is an almost flawless effort.

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Aimee Mann has released her newest album, "The Forgotten Arm," on her own record label, Superego Records. It tells the dramatic story of John and Caroline.
Pettitte throws gem to lead Astros to win over Marlins


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Royals keep White Sox from running away with Central

Cleveland closing gap as Chicago lead slims to just 4 1/2 games

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — John Buck hit a two-run double to key four-run seventh inning, and the Royals beat the White Sox 7-5 on Thursday to cut Chicago’s lead in the AL Central to 4 1/2 games.

Chicago’s second straight loss to Kansas City, the team with the worst record in the majors, has given idle Cleveland a sliver of hope for catching the White Sox for the division crown. The White Sox’s magic number to clinch the Central is 13 with 17 games left.

Ambiorix Burgos (2-5) got the victory in relief of starter Zack Greinke, going 3 1/3 innings and giving up two runs.

Mark Buehrle (11-6) went 1 1/3 innings for the White Sox and was charged with four runs on nine hits, with two walks and three strikeouts. His career record fell to 12-6 against the Royals, who started the season 1-13 against Chicago.

Buehrle, who gave up back-to-back doubles to Todd Helton and Matt Holliday in the first inning, was pulled in the sixth run.

Tadahito Iguchi’s pinch three-run double off Andrew Sisco sliced the Royals lead to 6-5 in the eighth, but Berroa added an RBI single in the eighth on a cool, rainy day which drew a crowd that seemed much smaller than the announced paid attendance of 9,259.

Mike MacDougal got the final four outs for his 19th save in 22 chances.

Royals pitcher Zack Greinke throws toward the plate during the first inning of Kansas City’s 7-5 win over Chicago Thursday.

Athletics 6, Red Sox 2

Curt Schilling had a setback as the pennant race is heating up. Joe Blanton is hitting his stride.

Both of them have some work to do to get there.

Blanton gave Oakland another strong outing, holding Boston to two runs over 6 1/3 innings Thursday night and the Athletics took advantage of Schilling’s early troubles to beat the Red Sox and tighten two pennant races at one time.

If we don’t play well, we’re not going to get to the playoffs and we won’t play deep into October," Red Sox center fielder Johnny Damon said. "It’s ours to lose. There’s a lot of teams fighting for spots.'’

One of them is Oakland, which pulled into a tie for first in the AL West with Los Angeles — an 8-6 loser to Detroit. East-leading Boston fell 1 1/2 games in front of the Yankees, who beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays; New York had not been that close since Aug. 29.

Ten days before, Sept. 19, it was the same story in Boston. The Yankees beat the Rays 5-3, digging deep to some extent.

Rangers 4, Mariners 3

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Rowers getting anxious to kick off competition

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

They've practiced together, studied together and even eaten dinner together. Finally, the two-time defending Big East champion women's rowing team gets to race together.

"From Sunday team dinner at South Dining Hall to study breaks at the student center, the team has a great sense of unity," senior rower Pamela Jefson said, according to und.edu. "Not only are we improving on the water, but there is great team chemistry off the water, too."

Sunday the Irish will face rivals Michigan and Michigan State in Ann Arbor, Mich. After weeks of practice, they're ready to face some real competition.

"Looking at the bigger picture, we want to set a standard of excellence this fall that we will continue into the spring," said Jefson, who was a second varsity eight boat rower from last season. "We are well on our way to achieving this goal."

For Jefson and her teammates, this Sunday's fall season regatta is anything but an off-season, informal pushover.

"It's a chance to get better. "Everyone's already really dedicated even though our core season isn't until the spring," sophomore rower Erica Castro-Larsen said. "Our focus is on conditioning and preparing for the spring."

"Lately, we've been working on technique and just building up our strength," Castro-Larsen said. "You don't really want to hit your peak now (when the main season is in the spring). Practice has been going well. This fall, we want to get stronger."

Castro-Larsen recognizes the best way to improve the team's rowing is to compete.

"Just be on the water," she said. "Sunday's regatta will likely include three-2,000-meter races, which should last about 12 minutes each, with three equal boats. Rather than separating the rowers into the A, B and C boats as usual, Notre Dame will spread out the rowing, allowing the experienced rowers and some of the newcomers to mix."

The Irish will race in three other regattas later this fall, with their ultimate goal in the back of their minds — the spring NCAA's. "They'll push themselves that much harder," Jefson said. "I know I'm excited. The team is off to a great start this fall."

Castro-Larsen agreed with her senior teammate.

"I'm really excited for the season," she said. "We've jumped into it really strong." Simply put, the Irish have already jumped. The rest of the fall, they'll stay on the water working for another spring.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles set to participate in the Catholic Championships

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

The Belles look at today's National Catholic Cross Country Championships at the Burke Memorial Golf Course on the campus of Notre Dame as a race with little impact on the overall success of the season, Saint Mary's coach Jackie Bauters said Thursday.

Bauters said that her team hopes to run strong, but views the meet as a fun experience rather than a crucial competition.

"This is a real fun race for us, because it has such higher competition. It gives more newcomers to mix," Bauters said. "It's kind of like a home meet for us in a lot of ways — we have a lot of families come out for it. We look for that (tough competition), but we don't stress it."

The meet will feature teams in two categories — Division I and the College Division. Saint Mary's, a Division-III in regular NCAA competition, will participate in the College Division.

Bauters said that the multi-divi­sion field is good competition for the team, but also has its drawbacks.

"They've restricted the number you can enter to 15, when we usually carry 24 runners," she said. "And historically, we don't have our best times on this course because we are just so much further in the pack because it's so crowded."

Despite the problems, though, several Belles have an opportunity to make an impact in the race.

Junior Sara Otto led the team at last week's Aquinas College Invitational, and should once again be one of the Belles' top finishers, Bauters said. "Sara had a tremendous race ... for the beginning of the season," she said. "She, along with a couple of our upperscholars, will have a great season."

Hopes are also high for sophomore Elizabeth Johnson, a sophomore who joined the team only this season.

Johnson was fifth among the Belles in the Aquinas meet with a time of 21:25, just 1:09 off Otto's senior teammate.

"And historically, we don't have a true indication as a team," she said. "It's not something I look for as a true indication as a team," she said. "Last week was a really big meet for us because we had NCAA competition in the meet and we did really well."

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"Catholics, Conferences, and the Constitution: 19th-Century Battles over Church and State"

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"Catholics, Conferences, and the Constitution: 19th-Century Battles over Church and State," with Linda Przybyszewski, associate professor of history. While 21st-century Americans have experienced their share of arguments over church-state issues, Americans living during the 19th century fought even more passionately over the proper role of religion in public life. Two of the most dramatic battles—one over Mormon polygamy and the other over Bible reading in the schools—raised essential questions about the Republic's constitutional order. Przybyszewski, a historian specializing in legal history and Constitutional interpretation, will examine these compelling issues.

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Zahm hopes to upset favored Carroll in showdown

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

A pair of squads hopes to start the season on the right foot Sunday when Pasquerilla West meets Farley on West Quad at 4 p.m.

The game promises to be a shootout, with both captains touting their receivers as among their greatest strengths.

While those dorms aren’t exactly the biggest rivals on campus, it looks like they will match up well against each other, and this game could have a big impact on their hopes of making the playoffs.

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**SMC Soccer**

**Belles lock horns with Alma in MIAA match**

Team outscored Scots by 6-1 ratio last year

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Belles soccer team will head into the hostile confines of Michigan on Saturday afternoon to take on the Alma College Scots in a key MIAA matchup.

Saint Mary's looks to capitalize on the momentum gained from Wednesday's home-opening 2-0 victory over Albion College.

The game was dominated by the Belles on both ends of the field, a good sign considering the close play usually associated with playing Albion.

But this year they will be facing the eleven Scot including a significant improvement.

The defense showed up to play on Wednesday and dominated a previously competitive Albion attack.

Every loose ball had a blue and white Belle on it, and every free Albion forward was cancelled by a superior defensive strategy.

Alma once again brings another aspect the Belles must contain — Scots forward Kim Hoeltzel was nominated for MIAA offensive player of last week, finishing second in voting.

"I have confidence in our talent," Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "It is only a matter of us believing in ourselves and playing hard for the whole 90 minutes."

And that's what they did against Albion, and in their first win of the season against SUNY-Brockport.

Alma is currently 2-1 in MIAA play (3-1 overall) with wins over Adrian College and Tri-State University. The Scots lone loss came at Kalamazoo College.

"Every game we have played, we have seen some really good stuff," midfielder Carrie Orr said.

"We have played some of the best teams around. We know that, and we think we can play with anyone."

Play will begin at 2 p.m. on Alma's field Saturday afternoon.

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**SMC Volleyball**

**Squad defeats Concordia**

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Lost somewhere in Illinois, the Saint Mary's volleyball team may have finally found itself.

The Belles ran into some trouble Thursday trying to find Concordia University in River Forest, Ill.

Saint Mary's was forced to dress for the match on the bus and was unable to warm up at all before the start of the first game.

Despite these obstacles, Saint Mary's bounced out of its recent slump with a five game defeat of Concordia — 30-24, 27-30, 30-18, 25-30, 15-11. The victory boosted the Belles' record on the season to 5-7.

Head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek loved the way her team set the tone for the opening of the match.

"We jumped on that court and we took the lead right off the bat," Schroeder-Biek said.

Saint Mary's corrected the two main problems which it felt it left Tuesday's disappointing home loss to traditional conference basement-dweller Olivet.

The Belles played with a much greater intensity Thursday, Schroeder-Biek said.

In addition, the Belles were no longer plagued by poor service returns. Concordia recorded only nine service aces in the five games, while the Belles had 10 aces in the match.

Schroeder-Biek particularly liked the balance displayed by Saint Mary's Thursday, as several different players significantly contributed to the victory.

Outside attackers Kristen Playko and Michelle Turley had 22 and 14 kills apiece, while middle hitter Julie Bender put up 14 kills and three aces.

Junior Anne Cusack put forth a superb defensive effort with a team-high 29 digs.

Amanda David, in her first year playing setter, had a match-high 57 assists.

Schroeder-Biek was impressed with David's performance.

"I think Amanda David did a real nice job of her accuracy on running the quick offense," she said. "For her being so new to this, she really did a nice job of setting the transition offense off the dig." Concordia entered the game with a poor 2-7 record, but Saint Mary's was impressed by the Cougars' level of play and resiliency.

"This team didn't have a good record, but they weren't a bad team," Schroeder-Biek said. "We had to work."

The Belles still have some problems that need to be worked out, though.

Saint Mary's has made a habit this season of getting ahead in games and allowing the opposing team to claw in back.

The trend continued Thursday, as the Belles struggled to put the Cougars away.

"We definitely had our lulls again where we would let them back in," Schroeder-Biek said.

Saint Mary's must also start playing better at home.

Thursday marked another strong road performance for the team, but the Belles have yet to win a match at the Athletic Center this season.

"It's like I have two different teams," Schroeder-Biek said. "We have our home team and our away team, and the away team seems to pick it up a bit more. We need to show our home crowds what we can do."

The Belles will get a chance to do just that in their next match.

MIAA rival Kalamazoo College will visit South Bend Tuesday, as the Belles try to carry momentum from the win over Concordia into conference play.

"The women looked confident, and they felt confident," Schroeder-Biek said. "The whole mood is very strong right now. I'm glad to be going into the conference again like this."

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in Brief

New Orleans Bowl set to play in Lafayette, La.
NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Bowl may have a bit more Cajun flavor this year.

With the Superdome awaiting major repairs and New Orleans projected to be cleaning up from Hurricane Katrina for months, the December bowl game may move to Lafayette, La., said Billy Ferrante, executive director of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation.

"We have had some very preliminary talks with the folks at Louisiana-Lafayette and our first choice is to keep the game in Louisiana," he said. "Hopefuly, we will have a decision wrapped up in a couple of weeks."

The 5-year-old bowl game matches the champion of the New Orleans-based Sun Belt Conference with a member of the Sun Belt Conference. This year's game is scheduled for Dec. 20.

Sun Belt commissioner Wright Waters said his office and CUSA had been prepared to take over operating the game this year if the Sports Foundation proved unable to, but applauded Ferrante's decision.

Senate committee calls for more steroid hearings
WASHINGTON — The commissioners of Major League Baseball, the National Football League, the National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League have been called to testify about their leagues' steroids policies before the Senate Commerce Committee on Sept. 28.

Two proposed bills that would mandate drug-testing standards for major pro sports have been introduced by Sens. John McCain, R-Arizona., and Jim Bunning, R-Ky.

Witnesses are expected to include baseball commissioner Bud Selig, baseball players' union head Donald Fehr, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, NHL players' union head Gene Upshaw, NCAA commissioner David Sterling, NCAA players' union head Billy Hunter and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman.

forward helps Connecticut draw even with Sacramento
UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Taj McWilliams-Franklin can't remember the last time she jumped for a rebound. And it seemed just about every time the Connecticut forward went up, she came down with a rebound.

McWilliams-Franklin grabbed five boards in overtime and hit the go-ahead jumper, helping the Sun beat the Sacramento Monarchs 77-70 Thursday night to tie the WNBA Finals at 1-all.

She finished with 24 points and 16 rebounds. "Our post coach always says, 'Get to every rebound.' I just wanted to make sure I got my hand on a few," she said.

"I missed a couple of good shots there in regulation, so I wanted to do something else to help them."

around the nation

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AVCA Volleyball Top 25

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Team gearing up for the Gopher Invitational

By BOBBY GRIFFIN

Four hundred fifty-two-yard par four. Driver, 8-iron, putter. Little downhill, right to left. Nice bird.

The Irish golf team will be hoping for similar results this weekend, as they travel to Wayzata, Minn. for the Gopher Invitational.

"We’re pretty excited about it," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "I feel pretty good about our lineup, we got a lot of experience.

Making the trip for the Irish are seniors Mark Baldwin, Eric Deutsch and Scott Gustafson, junior Cole Ishan and sopho­more Mike King.

"These are four guys who have been through the wars," Kubinski said. It is the first official match of the season for Notre Dame, despite Deutsch and Ishan’s par­ticipation in the U.S. Amateur event in August.

"I feel really comfortable with the way the guys are playing. I think it will give us a great shot," Kubinski said.

In the week leading into the event, Kubinski spoke about how the course would play and the keys to being successful.

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The three seniors have been leaders of the squad for the last several years, as Baldwin, Deutsch and Gustafson have all received All-Big East recogni­tion.

Ishan, according to Kubinski, is the No. 1 golfer on the team this year.

Mike King, while young, still has a fair amount of college golf experience, playing in the Big East Championship and the regionals.

Following the Gopher Invitational, the Irish will play four more matches this season — one in Alabama, one in North Carolina and two in California.

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SMC Golf

Belles hit road, head to Normal for two-day tournament

By ANNA FRICANO

After a strong showing in their first MIAA appearance of the season on Wednesday night, the Saint Mary’s golf team will take a break from conference opponents and take to the road this weekend to compete in the Illinois Wesleyan University Invitational.

The Belles will depart for Normal, Ill. with six golfers today for the two-day tourna­ment, which will conclude tomorrow afternoon.

Prior to Wednesday’s con­ference competition, Saint Mary’s had competed in a pair of difficult matches.

The season kicked off with an appearance at the Ferris State Invitational, where the Belles were pitted against a combination of Division-I, II and III schools.

Shortly after that, the team accepted an invitation to com­pete in the Notre Dame Invitational, where it faced an entire group of Division-I schools.

All of the effort that they put into performing well at those two meets seems to have paid off for the Belles.

On Wednesday night, Saint Mary’s finished 17 strokes ahead of second place finishers Olivet, the same team who defeated the Belles in the fall.

Even coming out of last weekend I think we’re ready for it,” senior and co-captain Kirsten Fantom said.

Ironswood Golf Course, where the event is held, is a familiar place to the upperclassmen on the team. Saint Mary’s has competed there in both the fall and spring seasons, as well as the past couple of years.

So what will it take for Saint Mary’s to continue its momentum and defeat regional rivals DePauw University, one of the schools who will be at the event?

"It’s going to be short-game based, but that’s the way Ironwood is," Fantom said.

The course is not particularly challenging, but it is likely to come down to a chip­ping and putting contest.

"If your short game is solid you’re going to do well," Fantom said.

And after reclaiming their spot at No. 1 in the MIAA, the Belles feel that they are in perfect position to do well.

"We’re excited about it," Fantom said. "We anticipate low scores, and our confi­dence was restored yesterday at our first conference match."

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By TIM KAISER and CATHERINE KANE
Sports Writers

Reigning interhall football champions Keenan will open up their new season against Kough on Sunday, their first game since an exciting one-point victory over Knott in last fall's championship.

Needless to say, the Knights have high expectations for the coming season.

"We're looking very good," Keenan captain Vince Lyzinski said.

"We're looking forward to a good game, and we're excited to be back on the field again." The team has a good balance of leadership and young blood, with six or seven seniors returning, as well as lots of new freshman who will be playing their first game wearing navy and white.

This year's squad looks to have a similar strategy to last year's, with a balanced offense incorporating both the pass and run, and hard-nosed defense looking to make big plays. The team is hoping that these familiar schemes will bring familiar results, and a repeat of last season's exploits. On the other side of the ball, Kough also has high hopes for the season, looking to rebound from last year's disappointing campaign in which they failed to make the playoffs.

"The team is looking real good, but we need a little more work," junior outside linebacker Chaz Arnold said. "Keough is tough, but we're going to come out prepared. The defense looks great, we can definitely run with them." Kough players say their defense will be solid against both the run and the pass, as the strong points of the team. "We're working hard in at practice," sophomore captain and linebacker Zachary Brown said. "We're trying to put a solid offense together — that's always been our weakness."

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Chaz Arnold
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"We're trying to put some points on the board this year."

The team is looking for strong performances from many members, including Arnold on defense, as well as seniors "Big" Rob Holman and Brian Hyllecrea on both the offensive and defensive lines; freshman Mike Anello and Brown.

But in whatever part of their game plan the Kangaroos may be lacking, they certainly more make up for in personality. The team's defense looks to strike fear into the hearts of coming opponents.

Whatever Kough's record may be come season's end, they will have definitely had a good time, as will fans who come out to see this exciting opening-day match-up.

The two teams will play on Sunday at 3 p.m. on Flexible Fields with Keenan acting as the home team.

Siegfried offensive guard Tom Martin

"We are confident about our returning starters and excited for our incoming freshmen."

Siegfried has brought in some new coaches this season, and Martin feels that they have really aided in the betterment of the team.

Siegfried's strength, Martin claims, is its backfield.

Regarding weaknesses, Martin pointed to some graduated players, but as whole, still feels the team has improved.

"Although we lost a few defensive and offensive players last year, we are definitely a better team," Martin said. "We are confident about our returning starters and excited for our incoming freshmen."

As for key players to look for, don't bother.

"We go as a team," Kane said. "Not one person is the superstar. No one player is going to run the team. We really have a great team chemistry."

Siegfried seems well-equipped for the game on Sunday, but Knott eager to match up against a confident opponent.

Knott should, however, be warned that Siegfried has some extra incentive to win the championship this season.

Siegfried assistant coach and assistant football coach Pete Livel, has promised the team that if it wins the championship, he will wear women's underwear for a week.

Representatives from Knott could not be reached for comment.

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ND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
Catholic schools set to run at Burke Memorial

By RYAN KIEFER
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Catholic college cross country supremacy will be on the line this afternoon when the Notre Dame women's cross country team hosts the National Catholic Championships at Burke Memorial golf course.

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Lyons battles Howard in other league action

By JAMES FEGAN, JASON GALVAN and GREG ARBOGAST
Special Writers

The opening game of the 2005 women's interhall football season pits an up-and-coming Lyons team with last year's runner-up, Cavanaugh.

The two halls will meet Sunday for the first time in three years, Cavanaugh, which stormed through the 2004 regular season undefeated, appears to be strong once again with six returning starters on both offense and defense.

With the care of last year's team intact, Cavanaugh has legitimate ambitions of returning to the title game in Notre Dame Stadium.

Not to be overlooked is Lewis, which is coming off a promising 2-2-2 season when they fell just short of a playoff berth. Lewis returns much of last year's runners-up, Cavanaugh.

Runner-up Chaos start new season vs. Chicks

JASON GALVAN and GREG ARBOGAST

The Chicks' strong receiving core is headlined by co-captain Kura Bailey, and it should pave the transition of a new quarterback. Cavanaugh will depend on stalwart quarterback Lisa Fluffer to lead its offense against this season. The Chicks also possess several impact players on a tough defense, including senior Masayuki and middle lineman Kerri Bergin.

Despite the high expectations, the first game will serve as an opportunity for both teams to get a feel for how their teams will compete this year.

"It's the first game of the season, so we really want to just see how our offense and defense work," Lewis co-captain Julia Burke said.

While this game will be an exciting one, it is everyone is really pumped for Sunday," Mackin said.

Each team has lost starters from last season and will have newcomers at several key positions. However, they are confident new players will step up to the challenge.

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ranked No. 16 and hold a 3-1 record.
The team has seen contributions from veterans and new- comers, and goalkeeper Chris Cabhill has been a pleasant surprise for a rebuilding defense.

All the boys that we take, from the starting guys to the backup guys, have got to be ready to add whatever they can add to the team on this trip,” Clark said.

Although the focus is on St. John’s, the road trip will end with a journey to Syracuse.

“We also travel to Syracuse on Sunday so two very, very (key games),” Clark said. “Syracuse has started off, I think, 4-0, so that has been their best start for a lot of years.

The Irish kick off conference play with two of the toughest opponents they’ll face all year, but the team is ready for the challenge.

“This is not an easy trip for Notre Dame soccer, but it’s a trip I think we have got the ability to take something positive out of it,” Clark said.

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“It’s a problem,” McGettigan said. Despite the setback, McGettigan feels that his team is prepared for O’Neill.

“We’ve won (against O’Neill) both times I remember, so we have a lot of confidence,” he said.

O’Neill, on the other hand, is looking to win its opening game for the first time in Hall history, and O’Neill captain Matt Hughey recognizes the challenge ahead.

“Alumni, they’re going to be a tough test,” he said. “They’re known to be tough. This is a pivotal game. It’s going to dictate which way the season will go.”

Last year, O’Neill’s record was 1-2-1, the best record in the hall’s history.

“I think we have a great chance to improve,” Hughey said. “We have a lot of commitment from the players.”

O’Neill has only about five seniors, while freshmen compose nearly a third of the team. Hughey feels that everyone has been working very hard to prepare.

As far as practices go, we’ve really had some great practices,” he said. “I think we’re as ready as we can be.

In terms of equipment, Alumni was a big deal in the 70s with the pad selection, and McGettigan said that all his players are fairly satisfied.

O’Neill was third for pad selection, though Hughey feels as though Notre Dame could improve in terms of getting pads for the players.

I think we could do a little better than the 70s hands-down,” he said.

When it comes down to game time, looking like players from 30 years ago won’t be on any schedule. But the types of teams is coming away with a victory. Hughey says there’s no question in his mind.

“Obviously, our goal is to make it to the championship,” he said.

Stanford vs. Dillon

Although they take the field as enemies on Sunday, both Dillon and Stanford have the same goal — victory.

This prize remains from last year’s game when the score ended in a 0-0 tie.

“Shutout victory!” Stanford captain Phil McNicholas had the same game plan.

“We played Dillon last year and didn’t give up a point,” McNicholas said. “Our offense didn’t score in the game, but that should change this time.”

Yet, both squads claim that their main weakness.

“Our strength has got to be our defense,” McNicholas said. “For the season last year, the defense gave up a total of nine points in four games. Most of our starters are back from last year, but we also added even more talent, so I’m really excited to see how our defense plays this year.”

Dillon captain Romeo Acosta pointed to his defensive line as the team’s strongest aspect.

And, fittingly, both Dillon and Stanford agree that offense is their main weakness. Although this weakness, they say, is due to lack of experience in interhall football, not lack of skill in the game itself.

“Inexperience is definitely one of our weaknesses, because we have a lot of freshman and new upperclassmen on the team,” Acosta said.

McNicholas has similar thoughts about his offense.

“One weakness might be a lack of experience on offense,” McNicholas said. “We’ve won mostly a new cast of characters, including quarterback Brian Salvi and running back Joey Benitez, both freshmen, they may be freshmen, but they have a lot of talent and will do just fine.”

“Sunday’s game seems to be in the hands of the new offense and its capability to rise to the captains’ expectations of scoring.”

It seems that the teams have been evenly matched, and the game could swing either way.

Some players crucial to that outcome.

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To go along with the strong defense, Sorin promises a high powered offense, led by sophomore Matt Hughey and senior Kevin Tooke.

“We’ve got a good talented team like every year,” Lavortini said. “We’re just going to go out and play as hard as we can. I’ll be a hard fought game between us and St. Ed’s.”

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The teams are really excited,” Ward said.

For St. Ed’s, part of turning its football team around is building team unity. The Stedsmen had a team dinner the night before in order to get everyone ready to win on Sunday.

St. Ed’s hopes to upset the Sorin Otters in a game that Ward feels confident his team will do well.

Facing off against St. Ed’s will be the Sorin Otters. Hoping to build on last year’s semifinal team, Sorin captain Pete Lavortini built a solid team with a tough defense led by sophomore Ryan Bove and junior Mike Godino.

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that his squad could play to its maximum potential, but many of the problems that loomed large when the Irish lost to Santa Clara a week ago still plague the team.

He said that freshman forward Brittany Bock is making progress on a knee injury, and several other players have missed practice time this week.

"I haven't gotten the update on fill [Krevicek] on what her status will be for the weekend games," Waldrum said.

That could pose somewhat of a problem for the Irish, as preparations for DePaul were somewhat more difficult because of the lack of history between the teams.

However, DePaul's lackluster offense may allow the Irish more breathing room in the contest; the Blue Demons have managed only two goals in five games this year. With the Irish defense one of the better backfields in the country, DePaul will have to deal with a near flawless game to hang with Notre Dame.

Waldrum said that the Irish will have to focus on executing their plays properly, rather than countering specific tendencies of the opponent.

"With DePaul being a new team into the conference ... what we're going to focus on for Friday is trying to get the backs more and more organized," Waldrum said.

The DePaul game wasn't the only one the Irish have to prepare for this week, though. They host Michigan (2-1-2) at 1 p.m. Sunday in another Midwest battle.

The game against Michigan is of historical importance, as the Wolverines were the last team to defeat Notre Dame at Alumni Field. In fact, Michigan represents Notre Dame's last two home losses.

The Irish lost 1-0 to the Wolverines at home Nov. 16, 2003 in the second round of the NCAA tournament, less than three weeks after falling 3-2 to them in the team's final regular-season game.

The Wolverines are not as strong as they were two years ago, but have proven difficult for good teams this year.

They tied No. 23 Kansas 1-1 in their season opener, and matched No. 6 Texas A&M with the same score Sept. 4.

The Irish offense, however, is more potent than any of those that Michigan has played thus far this year.

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Waldrum said that the Irish will try to continue their aggressive offensive play this weekend.

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**Men's Soccer**

**Battle in the Big Apple**

Irish visit St. John's in early-season Big East competition

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Starting with a foe picked to win the conference isn't exactly a cakewalk beginning to the season.

But the Irish are ready for as a challenge as they take on No. 10 St. John's.

Notre Dame has already knocked off a top-10 opponent this season with a win over then-No. 7 Southern Methodist.

But in the history of the programs, the Irish have never won at St. John's.

"We couldn't open with a harder game," coach Bobby Clark said. "I think you can count on one hand the number of games that St. John's will have lost in the Big East this season, but in New York in the last 10 years."

In the all-time series, the Red Storm leads the Irish 8-2-3, with last year's decision a 1-1 tie between the two top-10 teams.

In 2003, Notre Dame won the Big East tournament title after defeating No. 4 St. John's. In 2004, it took the regular-season title.

This year is crucial for the Notre Dame program, and this road trip is critical for starting the season off right.

"This is a game that I think could really make this team be of age," Clark said. "I think this is a great opportunity for us, and I think it's one where I think we're capable of — I know we're capable. I don't just think we're capable, I think this is a wonderful opportunity for this team."

The Irish have already traveled, playing in the adi/US Credit Union tournament in Bloomingtun. After last weekend's Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament at Alumni Field, the Irish are

**ND Women's Soccer**

Irish will face tests at Alumni Notre Dame kicks off Big East schedule with game against DePaul

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

After a weekend of "sleepy play," the Irish (5-1-0) kick off their Big East schedule tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field against conference newcomer DePaul (1-3-1).

The game will be Notre Dame's first since returning with a split from the SCI Adidas Classic in Santa Clara, Calif. last weekend. The Irish lost the opener 2-1 to the host Broncos but bounced back with a 4-1 victory over Gonzaga Sunday, despite what Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum called a mediocre performance.

"I wasn't real pleased with the performance against Gonzaga," he said. "I mean, you've got to be happy that we turned around after the loss and got a win, but I don't think it was nearly as sharp as it should be. We didn't have the mindset that we would come out and kill Gonzaga."

But this weekend presents an opportunity for the Irish to regain the sharpness with which they played in the first four games of the season.

The Irish scored 27 goals in the first two weekends of the schedule en route to four wins, including wins over then-No. 24 Maryland and then-No. 13 Florida at the Inn at Saint Mary's Notre Dame Classic. Irish forward Kerri Hanks maneuvers around a Maryland defender Sept. 4. Hanks leads the nation in goals with 11.

**Men's Internall Football**

Grit will be on the gridiron

By JOE PIARULLI, JAY FITZPATRICK and TIM KAYSER
Sports Writers

For the Alumni and O'Neill interhall football teams, Sunday at 2 p.m. is the time when the questions are answered, the hits are delivered and practice pays off. It's game time.

"We're really excited about getting going," Alumni captain Ryan McGettigan said. "Alumni will field a team which has a fairly even distribution, with six or seven from each year [freshman to senior], including a senior quarterback, but will have to make up for the loss of its starting running back, who is out with a recently suffered broken leg.

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THE GLOVES ARE OFF

TOM ZBIKOWSKI HELPED NOTRE DAME KNOCK OUT MICHIGAN LAST WEEK. THE IRISH SAFETY IS READY FOR ROUND THREE AS MICHIGAN STATE COMES TO TOWN
Irish need to avoid early letdown

The letdown. Known throughout the sports world for its ability to turn last week's Dr. Jekyll into this week's Mr. Hyde, the letdown has the potential to devastate teams and ruin seasons. Like the unsightly barnacle stuck on the cruise liner of victory, the letdown quietly attaches itself to the end of any big win, waiting for the opportunity to rear its ugly head the following week.

And Saturday's win over rival and then-No. 3 Michigan in the Big House — the upset of the hated Wolverines in the Big House provides the ideal fuel for the following week's letdown.

Indeed, while playing at home in front of 80,000 screaming Irish faithful can help the players dig just a little deeper and carries the team to victory — all the hype surrounding the Notre Dame home opener can be distracting.

Add the unexpected road victories by a new coach in Charlie Weis — the first one to open the season with two road victories since Knute Rockne in 1918 — and the accompanying vaunt from unranked to No. 10 in the Associated Press poll, and the potential for distraction grows to unprecedented heights, a fact that wasn't lost on Weis.

"First of all, Michigan State is good to start off with," Weis said during Sunday's press conference. "And if that isn't enough, then we have a problem. Then on top of it, now you don't have that 'Let's get on the bus and get out of here where we can focus on living.' Now you have all of your family and friends coming into the game. It could be a distraction."

And with the distraction-factor building, Weis knew Sunday was the time to tackle the topic.

"I won't wait until Tuesday to bring it up, because Tuesday I want to be talking about game plan," Weis said. "I want to be talking about Michigan State's personnel. I want to be all football." Heading into Saturday's contest, the Spartans have won four straight games at Notre Dame Stadium and 11 overall — the highest total of any opponent.

"First thing I did when I got on the bus on the way home was started doing some research to make sure I had the exact numbers [of the Notre Dame-Michigan State series]." Weis said. "Because I, like anyone else who knows the psychology of football, would realize that this would be a perfect opportunity for the guys to feel so good about themselves, they forget to show up to play a team that's been beating them regularly that they have come here."

Recognizing the mental impact of the sobering stats, Weis wasted little time presenting the numbers to the team, choosing to do so at the beginning of Saturday's meeting before any talk of Notre Dame's big win in the Big House.

"I think by giving them the cold, hard facts; 'Fellas, this is the way it is.' Kind of slap that back to reality, and I think that's the most important thing that I could be doing this week more than X's and O's," Weis said. "Make them understand the fact that we need to play our best game if we're going to beat Michigan State."

If Weis can achieve the same level of success in keeping the Irish focused on the current week as he's had not only convincing players of their potential, but then translating that confidence into success on the field, Notre Dame should have little difficulty scraping the letdown parasite off the hull of the ship and continuing the smooth sailing of the 2005 campaign.

But, in the end, if the Irish don't come ready to play, they can't expect the hometown crowd to pull it out for them.

"There's no more obvious, evident case than the Michigan game] for our players that if you don't go out and play well enough, it won't make a difference how many people are yelling," Weis said. "Whether it's 80,000 or eight, you can still win the game if you didn't play well."

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By PAT LEONARD Special Writer

The offensive player in him just wouldn't shut up. Tom Zbikowski needed the ball, and he needed it now.

It had been since high school that Zbikowski learned an offense, when he played quarterback, safety and returned kicks at the Indian High School in Buffalo Grove, Ill. But one touch of the ball was all he wanted.

Never mind that he had already intercepted Michigan State's Beamer Horrabin. Zbikowski leaves to set up the first Irish touchdown on Sept. 18, 2004. On a routine Michigan State running play to tailback Jason Tregue, with the score tied 7-7, Zbikowski zipped through the line, tore the ball from Trujague's hands and burst 75 yards for the end zone before even Trujque could say, "Whoa! That guy!"

Everyone knows now.

The 5-foot-11, 208-pound strong safety must have nightmares and intercepted Michigan quarterback Chad Henne at the goal line last Saturday. He is the most experienced defensive back in a secondary that, by its nature, changes early in the season, seems to have made huge strides from a rough camp last year.

And to top it all off, Zbikowski was named a team captain for this week's game against the Spartans because of his contributions.

"Tommy is one of the real leaders of our football team," defensive backs coach Bill Lewis said. "I don't imagine there's anything that he doesn't do competitively.

"As Notre Dame attempts to end Michigan State's winning streak in South Bend, one of the "real leaders of the Irish" has a message to convey.

"They coming in and winning four straight in our place is real-ly not acceptable," Zbikowski said. "Not only the defensive unit, but all of our special teams have to be in your place and win at Notre Dame."

The victory goes back to the championships of Notre Dame. Zbikowski said just before every big game, he and his teammates remember what it feels like to win.

And like that, "Zibby" — as they call him nowadays — has developed a Keyshawn Johnson-esque attitude that says "Throw me the damn ball," per the advice of his former Southern Cal receiver's book: Excep-ti-ble Zbikowski doesn't say he wants the ball. He just takes it.

Zibby the teacher

Zbikowski's room is not always in a school building, with 8,000 other undergraduates and textbooks. But his, that of his teammates, is also the room where he watches film, where coaching staff and the younger players and the entire defense — he called the defense's practices before the Michigan game "sluggy."

"It's not just his confidence," Lewis said. "It's his understanding of playing.

Zibby the player

Zbikowski could have walked onto the practice field in the spring, turned to face the quarterback, looked to his left and right, and felt completely lost.

He was the only starter returning in the defensive backfield, albeit one that surrendered too many passing yards and touchdowns through the air last season. Zbikowski instead saw the new season, with the new coaching staff, as an opportunity.

"Whenever he sees something that I could possibly be doing better, he'll mention it," said starting free safety Chad Nukowe. "That's just the kind of guy he is. He'll step up to say 'Maybe you need to take one more step when you hit someone' or 'Take that extra step when you're backing up.'"

"He knows what he's doing back there. He has a good football mind."

Nukowe is not only new to the starting secondary. He is new to defense altogether. The former wide receiver, who caught touchdowns from Brady Quinn at Dublin Coffin High School in Ohio, is still getting used to tack-ling rather than catching.

But as Weis has observed through spring practice, fall practice and the early season, the coach believes Zbikowski has had an obvious positive influence on less experienced players like Nukowe.

"Somebody who's been out there and who's seen things happen at full speed — changing every week — is different than someone who just goes through it in training camp," Weis said. "I think when you have that setting force that checks you in and out of the right coverages and adjusting by feel (like Bill Zbikowski), it doesn't take some of the pressure off that you have to be the sole adjuster, especially when it comes to the Michigan game."

Zbikowski said he believes his role is to get his teammates ready in a week-to-week basis, much along the lines of his coach's mentality. They're on the same page, as teachers and as competitors.

Zibby the dummy

Football is his sport, sure. But Zbikowski is also a veteran boxer who takes hits as well as he gives them.

He competed in the Golden Gloves program beginning at age nine, compiling a 66-13 amateur record and earning a national rank. He was also a Silver Gloves national finalist in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

His multiple talents, within football and without, distinguish Zbikowski as an athlete and — as Lewis describes him — a competitor. Though the experience in the ring is completely separate from his efforts on the field, the strong safety found a correlation.

"Boxing and football are two different sports," Zbikowski said. "But I guess boxing has always helped me in all my aspects of football. When you're winning, you've got to know how to survive without getting knocked out.

And as the Notre Dame defense grows, on the shoulders of a young man who stands under 6-foot tall, so will the abili-ties of a player who still has a long time to improve — scary, but not.

"I think as we go down the road, every week I'm going to raise the bar on Tommy and expect more of him," Lewis said. "Because I think he's got that kind of ability.

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Tough, 'Zibby' style

Strong safety Tom Zbikowski leads Irish defense with attitude and experience

Irish strong safety Tom Zbikowski has made 17 tackles in Notre Dame's first two games this season.

The number of consecutive times Michigan State has won at Notre Dame Stadium. Purdue holds the record with five.

The number of rushing yards Irish running back Darius Walker is averaging through the first two games of the season.

The number of points Michigan State has scored through their first two games.

Notre Dame's winning percentage against Michigan State in the history of both programs.

The percentage of passes that MSU quarterback Drew Stanton is completing, the nation's fourth best passing efficiency-rating.

The number of total yards of offense Michigan State is averaging in its first two games this season.

The last time Notre Dame started off 2-0, something they hope to accomplish Saturday.

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COACHING

Charlie Weis has done everything he’s been asked to do in his first year as Irish coach — win. His gameplan to start the season against Michigan was flawless. The Irish have looked sluggish in the second half of both wins, however, and Weis will have to prevent a letdown.

QUARTERBACKS

As Brady Quinn goes, so goes Notre Dame. Quinn has been efficient behind center, and as a result the Irish offense has looked crisp. He has thrown just one pick in two games, but the Michigan blitz rattle him last week and led to several poor passes.

IRISH RUSHING

Durac Walker punted out 104 yards against the Wolverines. Fullbacks Asaugh Schwapp and Rashon Powers-Neal are both steady blockers. Look for Powers-Neal to carry in goal-line situations. He scored three short-yardage touchdowns two weeks ago against Pittsburgh.

IRISH PASSING

Rhema McKnight is not playing this week due to an injury he suffered against Michigan. Quinn will need to look for Jeff Samardzija and Maurice Stovall to pick up the slack. Tight end Anthony Fausti has eight catches to tie for the team lead with Darius Walker.

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Michigan State

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CHANCE FOR NOTRE DAME

Smith is one of the better coaches in the nation and will have Michigan State ready to play. But Weis has shown he is more than capable of handling the spotlight at Notre Dame, and his offensive mind will be too much for Smith and his less-talented Spartans.

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Quinn and Stanton will both throw for a couple touchdowns and keep their names on early season award lists. But Quinn is too calm, too talented and too good to allow the Irish to fall to the Spartans.

The Irish offensive line is larger, more talented and more seasoned than Michigan State's defense. Walker is acting to break out and rush for 150 yards or more after being bottled up during most of the Michigan game. Look for Powers-Neal to notch another touchdown.

The absence of McKnight could really hurt the Irish. Spartan defensive backs Jarek Hayes and Smith are formidable and will slow down Notre Dame's passing attack. But if Samardzija can keep making catches like he did in the first two games, ND will be fine.

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FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24
Michigan State 21

Michigan State wants to know how good it is. Notre Dame wants to show how good it will be at home. The Irish defense will step up for the second straight week and the offense will play better than last week. For the first time this season, Notre Dame will pull it all together for one game.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31
Michigan State 21

Drew Stanton can throw and so can Brady Quinn. We know this. What we don't know is how Michigan State runs the ball against a team like the Irish, and we don't know if the Spartans can stop Notre Dame's run game. On Saturday, the Irish win the ground game and the contest.

Michigan State

Notre Dame

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Notre Dame 2005 Schedule

Sept. 3 at Pittsburgh - W
Sept. 10 at Michigan - W
Sept. 17 MICHIGAN ST.
Sept. 24 at Washington
Oct. 11 at Purdue
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Oct. 22 BYU
Nov. 5 TENNESSEE
Nov. 12 NAVY
Nov. 19 SYRACUSE
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SPORTS

Friday, September 16, 2005

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Spartans linebacker Kalib Thorlath leads a defense giving up an average of 268 yards per game and four total TDs. The loss of safety Jaron Harmon and cornerback Roderick Maple hurts.

SirDareen Adams leads the team in tackles and joins Eric Smith as two big hitters in the defensive backfield. Spartan opponents have thrown for an average of 268 yards per game and four total TDs. The loss of safety Jaron Harmon and...
Michigan State Spartans

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Intangibles

- Notre Dame should be confident after two impressive road victories. Finally playing at home should help the Irish and make them more at ease. The student body is very optimistic and should make Notre Dame feel at home.

Special Teams

- The punt coverage team excelled last week by keeping Michigan returner Steve Breaston in check, preventing him from breaking a big play. Zikowski looks dangerous as a punt returner. Fitzpatrick's field goal last week was wobbly — but good.

Spartans Rushing

- Notre Dame is giving up an average of 108.5 yards per game. They have eight of the Spartans' touchdowns. Jehu Caulker ranks 17th nationally with 114.5 yards per game. Center Chris Morris is one of three returning offensive line starters.

Spartans Passing

- The Irish line knocked down eight passes last week, the most since the 2002 Florida State game. Tom Zikowski has two interceptions so far this season, and cornerbacks Ambrose Woodward and Mike Richardson have broken up a total of two passes.

Caulker is a dangerous runner and will help the Spartans control the clock. However, without suspended running back Jason Teague, the Spartans won't be able to withstand the running ability of Brian Landrum and Brandon Ivory.

Stanton has plenty of options in this offense. Kyle Brown has nabbed 12 catches for 135 yards this season. Terry Love is averaging 20.5 yards per reception from the receiver spot, and Jeramy Scott has scored two touchdowns from the slot position.

Fitting out for two blowout wins over Hawaii and Michigan, if the defensive line doesn't put pressure on Stanton, he could light up the Irish just as he did Kent State and Hawaii.

Michigan State hasn't faced much of a test this year with only a handful of kick returns to worry with. Brandon Fields averages 44.4 yards per punt and also handles kick-off duties. Brown averages 21 yards per punt return while three players rotate at kick returner.

- Michigan State is coming off two blowout wins over Kent State and Hawaii. They then go on the road to face Michigan State and Hawaii. But the Spartans haven't lost at Notre Dame Stadium since 1995 and seem to always play their best game of the year against the Irish.

Michigan State's defense faces a big test in Notre Dame's offense. The Spartans won't be able to withstand the running ability of Brian Landrum and Brandon Ivory.

Stanton might be the best passer in the Big Ten, and should be excited to play a young Irish secondary unit. Though Zikowski and Woodward played well against Michigan, if the defensive line doesn't put pressure on Stanton, he could light up the Irish just as he did Kent State and Hawaii.

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Michigan State

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Notre Dame yards penalized: 115
Michigan yards penalized: 109

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Michigan State's Offense

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Michigan State's Defense

Key Matchup

Notre Dame Secondary

Drew Stanton has been everything Michigan State has hoped for thus far in 2005. He has thrown for 632 yards and helped the Spartans put up 92 points in their two games this season. He runs a good play action, and his ability to throw on the run makes him dangerous.

This week will be a good test for Stanton. His big games this year have come against Kent State and Hawaii. Stanton will need to find a way to duplicate those performances against a tougher Irish defense.

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Jitters, playing in the Michigan

just trust that he's going to make
the second quarter of Saturday's 42-14 win over Hawaii.

and fit right in and never miss a
game, so now it's time to play, "

really easy. I went through the first
game jitters, playing in the Michigan
game, so now it's time to play," Crum said. "I know my role. I know my responsibility. I just have to step up and fulfill it."

The elder Crum, who played outside linebacker when he led Miami in tackles for three straight years, still watches his son play.

"When he watches the game, he has a pen and paper, so he can grade me," Crum said. "After the game I call him and he tells me what he knows."

Even with his dad making sure he does everything right, Crum's mistakes mark his highlights, brightening his spring. He has a pen and paper, so he

"is a redshirt freshman

"I'll tell you what. Every
time Stanton hands off and
starts to roll out, that concerns me," Weis said. "He's a pretty good kid, the way he throws the ball down, always have to be concerned with him pulling the ball down, coming down the line of scrimmage and doing that. There's a lot of things I'm worried about with that offense. That's just one of many." Michigan quarterback Chad Henne had 223 yards on 19-of-44 passing with one touchdown and two interceptions. The Irish defense rattled Henne for 15 sacks in 17-10 Notre Dame win last week. The Irish defense stymied Henne into one fumble and one interception.

With Stanton's ability to make plays with both his feet and his arm, Weis wishes Michigan State coach John L. Smith would only utilize one side of his talent. "We prepare for [Stanton's rushing ability]," Weis said. "To be honest with you, that kid, the way he throws the ball, I'd do all I could not to get him hurt."
# Are You Ready for Some Papa?!

**Good Luck Coach Weiss and the Fighting Irish!**

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### Papa Predicts

- Notre Dame: 34
- Michigan: 23

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