By KATHERINE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Six distinguished scholars will present a conference on the Irish language's role in academia today in the Hesburgh Auditorium.

"Why Irish?" — a forum hosted by the Department of Irish Language and Literature — will bring together internationally renowned scholars from the fields of comparative literature, medieval studies, linguistics, contemporary literature, cultural studies, and the European poetic tradition.

The scholars will discuss how the language has benefitted their research and the role it plays in their discipline.

Bright orange shirts make bold statement

ND students support AllianceND campaign for greater acceptance

By MADDEE HANNA
Associate News Editor

The "Gay? Fine by Me" tee shirt campaign is two and a half years old, and Notre Dame is no longer No. 1 in the Princeton Review's "Alternative Lifestyles Not an Alternative" category. But enough orange shirts were spotted around campus Thursday to show that students are still passionate, consistent, and questioning people (GLBTQ) and questioning people (GLBTQ) at Notre Dame.

"I cannot believe what a great day we've had," said Anna Gomberg, a graduate student and co-coordinator of the unrecognized student group AllianceND, which produced the shirts. "It was definitely a huge coincidence, however, that we both happen to deploy to the same [Area of Oper-

Scholars address Irish language role

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

"It frames attention on the role, function and contributions of Irish language and literature in the North American university system," said Professor Brian O'Conchubhair, a Fellow of the Keough Institute for Irish Studies.

Judging from registration numbers, the conference was unique in that you do not often see inter-service promotion ceremonies," Gagliardi said.

Gagliardi met McGurty, an emergency medical physician in the Marine Air Wing in the Reserve, through McGurty's youngest daughter, Katie. Gagliardi was in the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NROTC) program at Notre Dame with Katie McGurty, almost three years before the two men were deployed to the same area of operations in Western Iraq.

"Captain McGurty and I remained close over the next few years and he remains to this day someone I greatly respect and was proud to have as a promoting officer," Gagliardi said. "It was definitely a huge coincidence, however, that we both happen to deploy to the same [Area of Oper-

Pultizer Prize winner tells of bin Laden hunt

By KATIE STUHLDREHER
News Writer

Steve Coll, a former South Asia bureau chief for The Washington Post and author of "Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001," focused his lecture on past frustrations and failures of the U.S. intelligence community and misperceptions about bin Laden and the Taliban following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

"I think that our biggest missed opportunity at the statecraft level was when the Soviets made it clear that they were leaving Afghanistan and we left as well," Coll said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

No longer a 'loser'

I love a lot of things. I leave shoes in hotel rooms. I love to shop in the computer cluster and magazines in the gym. I no longer buy expensive sunglasses, because I lose about a pair a month at TC (who doesn't love glasses at night?), and don't even get me started on how a lost cell phone nearly triggered a long battle with ResLife (but that's a column that will probably never be written).

But all of those examples are nothing compared to when my roommate Gina and I lost the remote to Empire, the TV on our floor. Leading a blameless and virtuous existence, I was no longer a loser.

And I was no longer a loser.

There were others. There were losers.

The remote was gone. I was reasonably sure it was my fault. I was a loser.

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We checked under the futon. It was there. We checked under the futon. It was there.

The view expressed in the Inside Column is of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

IN BRIEF

James Maughan, general manager of Controls and Power Electronics for GE Energy, will deliver a talk in Notre Dame's Distinguished Engineering Lecture Series at 12:50 p.m. today in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium. Titled "Energy Technologies That Will Drive the Coming Environmental Revolution," the lecture is free and open to the public.

Welsh Family, Alumni, Howard and Badin halls will host a campus-wide Game Watch on a Big Screen on South Quad this Saturday as Notre Dame takes on Purdue. There will be free glow-in-the-dark necklaces and popcorn. The event starts at kick-off and all students are invited to attend.

Cass Sunstein, Karl N. Llewellyn Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Chicago Law School, will give a rescheduled lecture on his recently published book, "Radicals in Robes: Why Extreme Right-Wing Courts Are Wrong for America" at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 in the Notre Dame Law School Courtroom.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) will open its 2005-06 season with Arthur Kopit’s "Wings" Tuesday to Sunday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the DeGioia Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnewst@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Danish Santa compensated for reindeer's death

COPENHAGEN — The Danish Air Force said Thursday it paid about $5,000 in compensation to a part-time Santa Claus whose reindeer died of heart failure when two fighter jets soared over his farm.

The animal, named Rudolf, was grazing at the farm of Olavi Nikkanoff in central Denmark when the screaming F-16 jets passed overhead at low altitude in February.

"The reindeer collapsed and died, leaving Nikkanoff with the prospect of only one animal pulling his sleigh next Christmas," the air force, which agreed to compensate him for the cost of the reindeer and veterinary expenses, said in a statement.

"We got a letter from Santa complaining about his reindeer's death and looking into it seriously," air force spokesman Capt. Morten Jensen said.

Street plagued by foul odor gains relief

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Residents of a suburban street plagued with a revolving sewer stench are finally getting some, ahem, relief.

"Sometimes, it's just overwhelming," accountant Nikki Warner said of the stench of Zanker and Trimble. "Sometimes you go outside and, ugh."

"Like ammonia and rotten eggs," said Michael O’Connell, an engineer with the city’s Public Works Department.

The area’s main sewage line — a handmade brick pipe — was installed in the late 1890s, before Teddy Roosevelt was president. It's been collecting sewage and stench ever since.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HAVE YOU READ DULAC? WHY OR WHY NOT?

Sarah Runger

"No, I'm an angel."

Jimmy Buff

"Oh, please. Reading is overrated."

Ryan Bove

"No, I have only referenced it in times of need."

Andy Carter

"Yes, every night before I go to sleep."

Tim Roy

"Yeah, Andy keeps getting me in trouble."

Craig Borchard

"Of course — to know fish tank dimensions."

Corrections

In yesterday's edition of The Observer, Saint Mary's interim athletic director Charles Markee was equated to a headline. The Observer regrets this error.
Alumna emphasizes education

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

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With hard-won tickets, fans flock to Purdue

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

Whether it meant taking their chances in the ticket lottery or maneuvering up stage at Disney's Side Show Bob in order to get tickets to Saturday's Notre Dame football game against Purdue, fans flocked to West Lafayette.

The Student Union Board (S UB) sold 366 tickets last week and sold 346 game tickets for $43 each to students whose names were drawn. This is roughly the same amount of tickets Notre Dame usually receives for away games, SUB officials said. Tickets were sold at the SUB center starting Sept. 19 to Sept. 26, and all extra tickets were sold quickly Tuesday morning.

Juniors Maria Hinton and Amy Lauterbach bought tickets for Tuesday with lucky lottery numbers.

"We got eight tickets through the lottery and bought two more with a Tuesday with Lucky Hinton lotion," said Hinton. "It's my first away game, so it will be interesting to see how we do as we've never been to Friday night games before.

Hinton, Lauterbach and eight of their friends plan to leave Saturday morning to drive to West Lafayette, where they will spend the entire afternoon tailgating before the 6:45 p.m. game.

SUB said they are sponsoring two buses that will leave campus at 12 p.m. Saturday. Bus tickets were $10 each and — like the game tickets — they sold out quickly.

"Parley Hall's 'What Would You Do for Purdue Tickets?' contest Monday allowed students to come up with the most creative ways to impress the judges.

Junior Jamie Blanke was one of the talented students to win free tickets. He and three friends choose to "let the craziest things win" to describe the competition when we go to Purdue on Saturday.

"We're really looking forward to the game," Blanke said. "We're going to bring that same craziness this weekend and really win this competition when we go to Purdue on Saturday.

"If there are any students who don't get their tickets, many — like Lauterbach — are optimistic about the outcome of Saturday's game.

"Both teams have dynamic offenses, but I think we'll win," she said.

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Caption: John McGurty ('74), left, flew across Iraq to act as the promoting officer in the promotion ceremony of 1st Lt. Joe Gagliardi ('03). Both participated in the NROTC Program while at Notre Dame.

Photograph Courtesy of Joe Gagliardi
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ban on public displays of weapons

JERUSALEM — Palestinian authorities began enforcing a ban on public displays of weapons Tuesday, arresting three people and confiscating the guns of off-duty police officers as part of a renewed imposing order in the chaotic Gaza Strip.

The crackdown came as dozens of Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank held municipal elections. The powerful Hamas movement was expected to make strong gains despite a continuing Israeli offensive against Islamic militants.

Pressing forward with its military campaign, Israeli soldiers killed three Palestinian gunmen during raids in the West Bank. Israeli human rights groups said several of its soldiers suffered injuries and arrest raids last weekend in response to Gaza militants’ rocket attacks on southern Israeli towns.

Sting of car bombs kill at least 60

BAGHDAD — Three suicide attackers exploded a string of near-simultaneous bombs in a mainly Shiite town Thursday, killing at least 60 people and wounding 70. Elsewhere, a roadside bomb killed five U.S. soldiers fighting in a bottleneck of Iraq’s insurgents.

The attacks were part of a new surge of violence ahead of an Oct. 15 referendum on Iraq’s constitution, whose passage is crucial to prospects for starting a withdrawal of American forces. The United States is struggling to negotiate changes to the charter in hopes of winning Sunni Arab support.

Sunni insurgents have vowed to wreck the vote, with al-Qaida in Iraq declaring “all-out war” on the Shiite majority that dominates Iraq’s government.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senate prepares for possible bird flu

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Thursday to put $4 billion to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to stockpile vaccines to protect people against bird flu and prepare for a potential outbreak.

By voice vote, senators agreed to tack the proposal onto next year’s $440 billion defense spending bill. The Senate still must approve the overall defense bill, and a vote is expected next week. The White House must work with Congress to secure a version with the House, which did not include money for bird flu vaccines in its defense bill.

In recent weeks, the United States has ratcheted up its preparations in case the virus — which has already killed or led to the slaughter of millions of birds in Asia and Europe — sparks an influenza pandemic.

Miller released; agrees to testify

WASHINGTON — Former aide testifies in Illinois trial

Judge John Roberts is sworn in by Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens Thursday as the 17th Chief Justice of the United States in the East Room of the White House.

Roberts becomes Chief Justice

Supreme Court replaces Rehnquist; Roberts is youngest to hold position

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This time, the son didn’t storm the show to hear his dad. Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. finally had the spotlight to himself Thursday, becoming the youngest chief justice of the United States in two centuries after winning support from four-fifths of an otherwise partisan-charged Senate.

Roberts’ two-year journey from a respected but little-known appellate lawyer to the 17th chief justice of the Supreme Court was often punctuated by the public antics of his rambunctious son, Jack.

When President Bush first announced Roberts’ nomination to the nation’s highest court in July, Jack’s courtroom antics and most distractingly — throughout the president’s remarks. At his confirmation hearing earlier this month, Jack flashed his muscles for photographeers, then snuggled into his dad’s arms. And two years ago, during Senate confirmation hearings on Roberts’ nomination as a Washington D.C. federal appeals judge, Jack and the now 5-year-old Josephine were present and, it seems, making some noise.

The committee has already heard some unscheduled testimony from my children, Josephine and Jack,” Roberts joked then.

But on Thursday, as their dad was sworn in, the White House East Room by Justice John Paul Stevens, Jack sat politely if a bit fidg­

ty in the front row with his father. Stevens’ hand. The audi­

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all any,” Gomberg said. Despite Gomberg’s optimistic evaluations, students noticed a drop in participation.

“Definitely less than when we first started,” said senior Ana Delgado, a member of AllianceND. “When you lose the initial excitement, you lose some numbers.”

But Magee said he was still happy with the turnout, expanded. “We’re glad to go back in the dining hall and see little islands of orange shirts,” he said.

Senior Lauren Manning praised the shirt to express her support for the cause, which she has said has become “iconic.”

“I just feel it’s a good way to support the GLBTQ community,” she said. “In college you don’t have the same support because I feel like the group’s gaining more visibility since her freshman year.

Senior Sara Urben also wore the shirt, and like Manning, found it to be a source of dialogue.

“Most of my friends who are homosexual, Urben said. “A lot of times people don’t talk about these issues with people they don’t know.”

Other students disagreed with the way the campaign was conducted.

“I would have preferred a Gay? Fine by Me day, but I don’t wear a shirt because I feel that someone is trying to put the business,” sophomore Tom Madden said. "I feel there is a large majority of the campus who doesn’t care one way or another, whether or not someone is gay.

“By wearing bright orange shirts and drawing attention to themselves, it seems like they are trying to become a motivational leader.”

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ference, not actual deliberations, was an interest to consider alternatives to giving up and leaving the area to become a breeding ground for al-Qaeda. This is extremely impressive.”

Coll pointed out that many of the challenges and vulnerabilities illuminated by the attacks could serve as enduring problems to be addressed by subsequent generations.

Coll said some people argue that due to this development, the death or capture of bin Laden would not significantly impact the war on terror. Coll explained that he adhered to the school of thought that a central, visible figure like bin Laden — who regularly appears in the media — still serves as a motivational leader and is a target that merited continued pursuit.

“I won’t argue that it wouldn’t have been a bigger blow to decapitate al-Qaeda back in 1997 or 1998 when it was still somewhat of a guerrilla movement,” he said. “But this current difference is that bin Laden is enough of a leader that it would give us some serious and respectful discussion about these issues, how it interacts with our visions of faith and how our practices and stance at Notre Dame interface with attitudes and practices in the broader community in which we exist,” Myers said.

While the shirts “aren’t novel if you’ve seen them before,” Myers noted the campaign is new for the students, faculty and staff to new Notre Dame each year.

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“I feel like the group’s gaining more vocal,” Urben said. “People are generally accepting my experience, it’s hard to imagine we’re the best kind.”

Junior Jeff Smith, who was “in the closet” as a freshman and has since come out, said he thought the ranking was “more important than the way the University looks at itself,” attributing his current happiness to being openly gay, but also to a change in the attitudes of Notre Dame students.

“My reaction is that it’s more of an education,” Smith said. “Certainly everyone new freshman class is more open-minded than any before. From my informal surveys at CommUnity talks, think roughly 80 percent of the people of the class of ’09 have had some experience with friends or family members to be gay. That is invaluable to the new perspective, she said.

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**Market Recap**

**Stocks**

| Dow Jones | 10,552.78 | +79.69 |

**Treasuries**

| 30 YEAR-RON | +0.84 | 36.27 |
| 10 YEAR T-BOND | +0.33 | 34.39 |
| 2 MONTH T-BILL | +1.86 | 46.08 |

**Commodities**

| LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl.) | +0.29 | 66.59 |
| GOLD ($/oz) | +2.70 | 474.50 |
| PORK BELIES (cents/lb.) | +1.53 | 91.30 |

**Exchange Rates**

| CANADIAN $ | 1.1717 |

**In Brief**

**Stocks rally on investor optimism**

**NEW YORK** — Stocks rallied strongly Thursday as investors grew more confident about the prospects for the economy despite the impact of hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

While many of the hurricanes' long-term effects have yet to be determined, stocks rebounded after two weeks of losses on bullish comments from analysts and the government. However, the market remains relatively unchanged for the month, and trading was very light.

In addition, the market's gains may be short-lived as investors wait for new economic data that will give Wall Street a better feel for the storms' effects on economic growth, consumer demand and industrial production. Next month's third-quarter earnings will also be an important barometer of the economy's health.

"It's a trading rally, and not much more than that," said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Johnson Mangilton Advisors. "If there's anything you can hang your hat on, it's that with every passing day, some investors became convinced that there's not going to be any serious fallout or damage to the economy or earnings due to the hurricanes."

**November crude hits record high**

**NEW YORK** — Gasoline and heating-oil futures settled lower Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, while front-month crude oil posted gains in choppy trading ahead of contract expirations on Friday. Natural gas hit a record high.

Traders said the market was struggling for direction after a three-month advance and widespread refinery and oil production shutdowns in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

October gasoline, after soaring 8 percent on Wednesday, gave back nearly half of its gain on Thursday.

Significantly, November crude posted a 44-cent rise to $66.90, its highest level in seven trading days, while forward months were down.

Traders said, however, sweet crude oil for November settled up 44 cents at $66.79 a barrel. December settled down 17 cents at $66.29 a barrel.

"A lot of people seem to want to own the front end" of the crude market, said Tom Bentz, an analyst at BNP Paribas. "It's not easy to make a whole lot of sense of it."

**Warning added to Strattera label**

**WASHINGTON** — The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating HCA Inc., the hospital chain founded by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's family, over the company's earnings announcement Thursday.

Federal prosecutors and the agency also are probing Frist's sale of stock in HCA, the Nashville, Tenn.-based company that grew into the nation's largest for-profit health care chain.

HCA, founded by Frist's father and brother, said it is cooperating. SEC spokesmen have declined comment on the investigation.

Documents showed that while HCA insiders were selling millions of dollars of their own stock this year, they were also painting an upbeat picture of the company's outlook for investors. On June 14, the day after Frist, R-Tenn., ordered his shares sold, HCA officers at a Goldman Sachs health care conference in Laguna Niguel, Calif., spoke optimistically about the company's prospects.

"It is uncommon and it is about children," said Dr. John Laughren, a senior health care industry analyst with Citigroup Investment Research. Campbell did not respond to requests for comment. HCA spokesman Jeff Prescott said, "I'll let what he said at the conference speaks for itself."

Frist's staff discussed selling all remaining HCA stock in April, as well as that of his wife and children, Frist said. The sales, ordered on June 13, were completed by July 1.

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**INDIANAPOLIS** — Eli Lilly and Co. announced Thursday it will add a black box warning to its attention deficit medication Strattera that the drug could increase suicidal thoughts among adults.

Lilly will add the warning to labeling Thursday after reviewing clinical trial data submitted by the company that showed some 75,000 people have been prescribed the drug in the United States.

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In a press conference Monday, Frist says he acted properly when he directed the recent sale of some of his stock.
SAN FRANCISCO — In just seven years, Google Inc. has morphed from a bare-bones online search technology company into a behemoth with a $7.1 billion market capitalization that makes the company less like a publishing business than a publishing department headed by a tentacled technologist equipped with the kind of Web technology that seems to sprout another intriguing tentacle every other week.

The Mountain View, Calif.,based company, with 7,100 employees, makes all the more shareholder support, is now positioned to head down a variety of different paths. And that's spurring an almost-daily guessing game about where Google's flurry of innovation might lead.

Internet and software rivals like Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft Corp. aren't the only ones tracking Google. Big media and telecommunications companies also are on the lookout, realizing they too may face companies also are on the lookout, realizing they too may face big companies that can deliver the ads that support the ads that support their business.

"You can't know what we are really up to until you are in the bowels of the company," Eric Schmidt, CEO of Google Inc, told an Associated Press reporter. Schmidt is the author of a recently released book on Google's impact and potential, thinks the company's mystique has turned it into the equivalent of a Rorschach inkblot — an amorphous object that's defined by the hopes and fears of whomever is looking at it.

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Blaze threatens California homes

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LOS ANGELES — A wind-whipped wildfire raged across hills and canyons along the city's northwestern ridge Thursday, threatening homes and forcing hundreds of people to evacuate.

Some 3,000 firefighters aided by aircraft struggled to protect ridge-top homes along the Los Angeles-Ventura county line, a rugged, brushy landscape west of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley.

Officials said the blaze was 7 percent contained as it burned toward such communities as Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Calabasas and Agoura. Numerous homes were evacuated in nine areas, and the Red Cross reported 600 people had signed up to stay at five of its shelters.

At least one home and five other structures were lost, but 2,000 buildings had been saved by firefighters, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said.

"We are absolutely optimistic if the weather cooperates, if the public cooperates," Yaroslavsky said. "This may end well for all of us, but weather is unpredictable in this rugged landscape and a fire needs to be on guard."

Temperatures were in the high 90s but were expected to drop over the next few days while humidity rises. "For the firefighters, it's actually pretty decent news," said meteorologist Joe Sirard of the National Weather Service in Oxnard. "It will be much more favorable for containing this fire.

Some gusts were reported on the fire lines, but there was no reappearance of the strong winds from the interior that fanned a small brush fire into a conflagration on Wednesday. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

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Female veterans say they were harassed

Survey: 60 percent report sexual assault

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Six in 10 women who have served in the National Guard and Reserves say they were sexually harassed or assaulted, but less than one-quarter reported the attacks they did endure to drop their complaints, a government survey says.

The survey by the Veterans Affairs Department found that nearly half of the women who responded said the incidents occurred while they were on duty.

One in 10 said she was raped, nearly 60 percent said they were verbally harassed, and the rest of the reports were for other types of incidents, according to the survey, which was released by Democratic members of Congress.

In addition, more than 27 percent of male Guard and Reserve veterans said they experienced some type of sexual harassment or assault — most often by other men.

"I am releasing the survey, which I have obtained through other sources, to shine a light on a serious problem that the White House wants to hide in the shadows," said Rep. Lane Evans of Illinois, the top Democrat on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Defense Department spokesman Roger Kaplan said the survey "tells us that we were correct in placing greater emphasis on combating sexual assault and sexual harassment in the active and reserve components."

He said more recent surveys show lower rates of harassment and sexual assaults in the military.

Interviewed between August 2002 and March 2003 were men and women who had completed their service. No one in the Guard or Reserves at the time of the research was questioned.

The study surveyed those in the Guard and Reserves from 1920 to 2000; most of the 4,000 respondents served in the 1980s and 1990s.

The survey echoes oft-repeated concerns about sexual harassment and assault in the military. In a report last year, the Pentagon acknowledged problems in preventing and investigating sexual assaults on military personnel.

As a result, the Defense Department instituted broad new policies this year, requiring additional training and providing for confidential reporting of assaults and harassment by victims.

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Future of big hurricanes looms after Katrina and Rita

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Associated Press

Have we seen America's future through the eyes of hurricanes Katrina and Rita?

Monster storms drowning cities and obliterating coastlines. Jobs vanishing and prices rising as ports and pipelines close. Oil prices rising, but many are trapped and die. Chaos reigned, paralyzing government and pushing the U.S. to a state society hobbled and frightened.

Natural disaster in the United States has morphed to a dangerous new level. That is the message the nation can expect to be pummeled by more of these mega-catastrophes over the next 20 or 30 years in a nasty conspiracy of unfavorable weather patterns, changing demographics and political denial.

A month after Katrina and one week after Rita, it's not clear how the United States will play the new hand that nature has apparently dealt.

"Are we prepared to lose a major city every year?" asks Carnegie Mellon University risk strategist Baruch Fischhoff. "It's cowardly not to ask the question, and cowardly on the public's part not to get engaged in the answer."

"We failed quite significantly," says sociologist Havidan Rodriguez, director of the Disaster Research Center at the University of Delaware. "Will what we've seen over the last few weeks continue to be the case? It could unless we prepare. People tend to forget lessons learned. Governments tend to forget."

Others cautiously see some hope in the waterlogged ruins of the Gulf Coast. They describe the latest hurricanes as a turning point that could lead to improved public safety and infrastructure.

"We often need events like this to change the mindset," said Mary C. Comerio, an architect and reconstruction researcher at the University of California-Berkeley. "And it's very hard to stop private investors and entrepreneurs from seeking opportunity. It's an amazing part of the American spirit."

New Orleans and the Gulf Coast might even be a living laboratory for sustainable development and commerce that can withstand future calamities. For example, New Orleans' historic care might be reopened for tourism, but neighborhoods could be rebuilt on safer, firmer ground using more efficient 21st century technologies.

Link the two with a train, one expert suggested. Oh, and better make it elevated.

"The first rule of sustainability is to align with natural forces, or at least not to defy them," said environmentalist Paul Hawken, a leading voice in the green design and green commerce movements. "There is no reason to go backwards in redesigning the city."

And as a nation and Gulf Coast always have been in the path of powerful storms. The nation's weather history occasionally has been splattered with Category 4 and 5 hurricanes -- the strongest, largest storms, which pack the punch of hundreds of nuclear weapons and have the most potential to devastate huge swaths of land.

But since 1995, hurricanes have become more frequent and more intense. Some scientists say the United States is on the bad side of a natural storm cycle, while others notice the trend may coincide with the recent increase in air and sea temperatures attributed to global warming.

Statistics show the planet to be increasingly unsafe. Globally, more than 2.5 billion people were affected by floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters between 1994 and 2003, a 60 percent increase over the previous two 10-year periods, U.N. officials report.

Those numbers don't even include the millions displaced by last December's tsunami, which killed an estimated 180,000 people.

Damage to insured property around the world in 2004 was $49 billion, according to the Zurich-based insurance giant Swiss Re. And that figure doesn't include the tsunami, either. Of the total, some calculations suggest that as much as $65 billion in losses came from a quartet of Florida hurricanes -- Charley, Ivan, Frances and Jeanne.

The overall insured loss for 2004 was more than twice the $23 billion annual average in property losses since 1987, confirming a "discernible upward trend," Swiss Re said.

So what makes natural events potentially more disastrous now? The weather might be changing for the worse. But the real difference is demographics.

How and where Americans live today make the nation especially vulnerable to these unstoppable events.

In the last several decades, the nation's population has migrated toward the coasts, and the value of possessions has increased substantially.

More than half of the nation's 297 million people live in coastal areas. Florida's population has increased fivefold since 1950, and now 80 percent live within 20 miles of salt water. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, seven of the nation's top 10 fastest growing states are coastal, including California, whose population has increased from 10 million in 1950 to more than 33 million today.
Wild gorillas use basic tools, researchers say

Associated Press

For the first time, biologists have documented gorillas in the wild using simple tools, such as poles or sticks, to measure the depth of water to check its depth.

University of California researchers see gorillas use tools only in captivity. Among the great apes, tool use is rare and would be a survival skill reserved for some chimpanzees and orangutans.

The research in the Republic of Congo, where gorillas were led by Thomas Breuer of the Wildlife Conservation Society at the Bronx Zoo, which released details of his study. Breuer is in Africa and was not immediately available for an interview.

This is a truly astounding discovery," he said in a statement. "Tool usage in wild apes provides us with valuable insights into the evolution of our own species and the abilities of other species.

Other scientists said the observations were important and surprising.

"Gorillas are very intelligent, but they don't have to be as delicate as chimpanzees," said Richard Carroll, a primate expert and director of the Africa program at the World Wildlife Fund and Smithsonian.

Breuer said there were repeated references to a stick in the study. "It's a tribute to conservation success," he said in a statement.

"Many studies like this show that especially lowland gorillas are very chimpanzee-like in their abilities," he said.

Carroll said the new study was made possible by the establishment of protected parks in Congo by agreements between the World Wildlife Fund and international agencies and the Congolese government. Gorillas and other great apes are severely imperiled by logging and poaching. The total population of gorillas has declined by more than 60 percent in the past 10 years.

"It's a tribute to conservation efforts that allow people to see and observe and not be in fear of their lives," he said.

While midnights dashes and over the fences outside Melilla and Ceuta are nothing new, the volume of the human waves doing so rose dramatically this summer and particularly this week.

In Morocco, there are two separate groups of 500 pushed the frontier at Melilla and Ceuta and Spain. Others are recent, such as a 20th-century headress mask from the Calabrian region of southern Italy. Made of wood covered with antelope skin, the mask depicts a woman whose long hair is curled like horns in a style once worn during girls' coming-out ceremonies.

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Disney declined to say how much the collection is insured. Spanish soldiers patrol razor-wire fences for immigrants trying to cross the border from Morocco into Ceuta, a Spanish enclave.

Wild Disney Co. gives African art collection to Smithsonian

Donated artwork includes 525 pieces representing 75 peoples and 20 countries; some works date to 15th century

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A major collection of African artwork, some dating to the 1400s, was donated to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African Art.

The Walt Disney-Tishman Collection, which will be on display at the museum, is the largest collection of African art in existence. It includes almost all major styles of African art and represents 75 peoples and 20 countries.

"This is a collection that has been kept for two centuries in the museum world because it is so great," said Smithsonian Secretary Lawrence Small. "Finally, for reasons I wholeheartedly agree with, it came here."

The Walt Disney Co.'s outgoing chairman, Michael Eisner, said over the years the company had fielded numerous requests to sell the collection.

He said there were repeated refusals to sell the collection to Peggy Childs Hirsch, the president of the African Wildlife Foundation, and the National Museum of African Art to prevent its sale and continue to loan out pieces.

The museum will include a fourth piece — a large, 15th-century hunting horn from Sierra Leone and several ivory tusks, others' horns, and other artifacts.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Disappointment Sadding**

As if denying homosexuals the right to legal marriage wasn't enough, the Catholic Church, which has already largely alienated the gay population, may now be considering limiting the priesthood to heterosexuals. Of course, it must be because being homosexual automatically makes you a pedophile. A nearly coherent argument against why marriage is requisite is that it'd make the church more telegenic. That still isn't quite so clear to me.

So what all this means is, if you are gay, you can't have a valid relationship with another person of your sex or commit yourself to a life of chastity through the priesthood. According to the church, we are all just standing by; the problem is that trying to fix the problem is like yelling at a brick wall. I proudly wore my "Gay, Fine by Me!" shirt; yet it saddens me that these shirts are even necessary. Why should we have to proclaim that being homosexual is fine by us? Isn't that no different than wearing a shirt proclaiming "Black, jew, Jewish, Fine by Me?" We are all people; why is it that whenever we turn around there is another segment of our population being discriminated against? Why does someone's sexual orientation matter so much to us? I can say I can understand how people are repulsed by a large faction of our population, but can't we also take care of our own race?

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**Of Levees and Foreign Wars**

Leaders of the antiwar movement have wasted no time in adding Katrina to the list of reasons we shouldn't be in Iraq. On Monday, President Bush urged the American people to prepare for Katrina's arrival for a second consecutive year. National Guard units have been deployed in the Southeast in an attempt to protect American territory from another Katrina. However, even if Bush was as compassionate as some believe, there is a total non-sequitur. Why, then, should we accept a false sense of urgency is the norm, yet immediately dispel the idea of a war in Iraq? Why not say that the levees were breached because we spent too much on AIDS relief? The logic is the same.

Of course, all of us would recognize that there is no connection whatsoever between our spending on AIDS relief and our failure to adequately prepare for Katrina. It's a total non-sequitur. Why, then, should we accept a parallel link between Katrina and Iraq? I am perfectly happy to have Sen. Byrd argue that the war in Iraq is intrinsically unjust and unproductive. If the war is not a worthwhile enterprise, then it should be abandoned for that reason — and not because we aren't afraid we can't multi-task. The war may or may not be justifiable, but we face no ultimate, existential choice between levees and wars.

Byrd notes that "there are many missions to accomplish here on our own soil." as though the very existence of these missions somehow nullifies the importance of our presence in an overseas war. If we are doing good abroad and taking care of each other at home, isn't the choice obvious?

Even the most ardent antiwar activists should be wary of this logic. The crucial "choice" on which Byrd's essay is premised does not really exist. Does the Senate actually expect us to believe that we can have either levees or foreign interventions — but never both? Are our resources so very limited that we mustildeate any active role in world affairs on the grounds that "our own people are so much in need?"

I worry, though, that Sen. Byrd's thinking may catch on among the rank and file of the Democratic Party. In the wake of Katrina, we seem to be absorbed in a moment of national self-pity. Byrd's neo-isolationism taps into a way that badly undercuts the future of progressive foreign policy. How can we argue for intervention in Darfur? Byrd maintains that the neglect which led to the devastation of New Orleans resulted from an overambitious foreign policy.
Tommy Makem, considered the Godfather of Irish music, has played in almost every prestigious venue in the English-speaking world. He has also appeared on every major network in the United States, including performances on The Ed Sullivan Show and The Tonight Show.

The group, Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers, includes Tommy Makem, his sons Shane, Conor and Rory, along with another set of Irish siblings, Mickey and Liam Clancy. Together, they have traveled extensively, including performances at St. Mary's College. Their innumerable performances at South Bend's Fiddler's Hearth and other locations throughout the area have earned them the keys to the city. However, despite their great esteem and frequent visits to the area, Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers have never played at the University of Notre Dame.

It is expected, and indeed is fitting, for Notre Dame to be a prominent scene for Irish music. However, this has not been the case in past years. Harriet Engle, a WNED local musician and Celtic music aficionado, explained that, "over the past 10 to 15 years there has not been a lot of Irish music." She emphasized that a great deal of work goes into bringing these artists to the campus. She recounted how over the past few years the Irish music scene has grown steadily in the South Bend area, affecting the campuses of Notre Dame and St. Mary's at times. However, the greatest single event that has led to the increase of Irish music at the University and in our community was the opening of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. At the creation of this world-class facility, Engle is "tickled to death" as it is a major draw for an array of prominent artists from all over the world, including several Celtic artists.

This year promises to be one of the most eventful and exciting Celtic music seasons that the University has ever experienced. Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers are a fitting group to commence the impressive line-up. Tommy Makem and his sons come from a lineage of musicians and performers of various genres. Shane Makem explained that they learned Irish music and its tradition from watching their father. After some time, they also developed a passion for playing and writing the music. They were not pushed into being musicians, or Irish musicians for that matter. Instead, it was "kind of osmosis"—they gradually became a part of the music and grew so attached that they wanted to do it also.

If this is the case, Notre Dame will surely love them. Contact Grace Myers at gmyers1@nd.edu
Freshman makes her big debut

"Hey there. Welcome back. You’re listening to WVFI, Voice of the Fighting Irish. Coming up next we’ve got some Jason Mraz followed by Coldplay. Here it is, on WVFI."

Still mastering the technique of a smooth transition period, I fumble with the microphone as my co-DJ, Jane, makes sure that the Jason Mraz single is ready to go. It only takes five seconds of air time to realize that the volume levels aren’t on target and then another five to configure them correctly. Finally, about 15 seconds in (hey, we’re only freshmen here), we’re set. ‘Curbside Prophet’ is now smoothly streaming across the Internet.

Broadcasting live across the World Wide Web certainly wasn’t something I had anticipated doing at Notre Dame. College radio was a far cry from what my high school radio station had been — faculty monitored, boasting a one and a half mile broadcast radius. There, random nothingness was the on-air topic of choice with a rather haphazardly assembled playlist. Here in college, with an actual audience, the setup was a bit different. DJs actually speak to keep interest among the listeners and even have themed, planned-out shows.

When first teasing with the idea of going on air here on campus, I was apprehensive. Would college radio be too demanding? Too nerve-wracking? Too tense? With a much larger audience, would I be able to keep people listening and also be interesting? Besides all of that, who would I go on the air with? One Pasquerilla East freshman and two brainstorming sessions later, my worries subsided. I had met my soon-to-be DJ friend Jane through a dorm movie night. Eventually, the idea of my being on the radio station came up and as soon as she also expressed interest in broadcasting, it was settled. We could do the show together — it would be great. All we needed was a name, ideas, motivation for a show and a completed application.

We decided to put out to the world what could only be hidden on radio and was obvious in real life — Jane’s Asian heritage and my Irish heritage. We had an idea, now it was time for a name. Potato Wontons? Nope. Oriental Shamrocks? Definitely not. Potato Sushi! That was it. For some reason, it clicked in our culture-focused minds.

Via email, Jane and I sent in our application after some deliberation. Our goal was to keep people culturally focused, to at times contrast and compare Asia/Ireland, to note our New York and California backgrounds, and of course to generally make fun of each other. At the WVFI meeting for show picks, Jane and I were anxious to get one of the spots that go to last-pick freshmen. However, our opportunity soon appeared — the gorgeous little blank box labeled “Saturday 3-4 p.m.” We were in, finally destined for the airwaves.

So what did I learn from all of this, in the end? College is all about trying things out and seeing what clicks. No one should let their own hesitations stop them from doing something that may be completely awesome. Take a lesson from Jason Mraz, who’s got 30 seconds left on the air until Coldplay takes over — don’t worry your life away.

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After making the division race interesting with the Cleveland Indians, Chicago beats Detroit, lined clubhouse.

"I don't see much debate," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said, "I think he's definitely the Cy Young Award winner. For what he's done for this team, getting us into the playoffs and being the top guy, it's fair to me." 

Colon (21-8) gave up one run and five hits in five innings, throwing 88 pitches. He pitched on three days' rest to get on schedule for starting Los Angeles’ playoff opener Tuesday.

"This was exactly what I was looking for," Colon said. "It was good to come out of it nice. Working on three days' rest, I put just a little more on it. It was good.

Colon and Yankees reliever Mariano Rivera are viewed as the top contenders for the Cy Young Award. Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said, "Now, it's up for grabs.

Seattle 4, Rangers 3

A three-run home run in the fourth inning by Texas’ Alex Rodriguez gave Texas a lead, but the Yankees comeback isn't finished.

Chicago White Sox closer Bobby Jenks celebrates his team’s win over the Detroit Tigers that clinched the AL Central title.

Washington Nationals beat the Giants 6-0,赢得了17个主客场系列赛的胜利，打破了球队自2000年以来的第一场胜利。
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IN BRIEF
NCAA promises donation to Hurricane Relief Effort
INDIANAPOLIS—The NCAA is donating $1.5 million to hurricane relief and will collect additional money during its national championships this year in a new partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

Under the Home Team program announced Thursday, officials from NCAA Division II have made a $1 million donation, while the NCAA national office is donating an additional $500,000. The NCAA has also agreed to promote Habitat for Humanity's hurricane rebuilding efforts at its national championships.

College sports' largest governing body also hopes athletes, coaches, athletics administrators and NCAA employees will volunteer to assist in rebuilding efforts.

The NCAA plans to sponsor four teams in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, where Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused the most severe damage. The NCAA also will sponsor home-building projects for victims who have relocated to other cities.

Sorenstam to play at New Trump Golf Course
HATERS Willard Verdes, CALIF. — With gorgeous views of the Pacific Ocean from every hole and a passel of young-at-heart locals, Annika Sorenstam might find herself slightly distracted on the office Depot Championship.

If she gets tired of gazing at the ocean, there are no less than four waterfalls, including two rising to 25 feet, on the new Trump National course in a reflection of audacious owner Donald Trump.

"This is quite a place," Sorenstam said Thursday after playing her first practice round on the 6,017-yard, par-71 course that has yet to open to the public. "The views are absolutely spectacular. You got to try and stay focused on your game and not look too much at the views."

New minor league ready for play in 2006
ST. PAUL, MN. — The St. Paul Saints and the Sioux Falls Canaries, charter members of the independent Northern League when it was founded 13 years ago, are leaving along with another member to start a new league.

The teams would become partners in the new American Association, which will begin play June 16 with nine teams, including the Saints and the Sioux Falls Canaries, which moved to Oklahoma City last season. The Minnesota Twins' Triple-A farm team will take the Saints' place.

The new league will start play in 2006 with a new 140-game schedule and a revised divisional format.
Houston drops crucial game to Cubs at home

Wild card race is far from definite with three games to play

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Charles Gipson was cut down at home plate for the final out following Luke Scott's bunt single in the ninth inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat Houston 3-2 Thursday night to keep the Astros' lead over Philadelphia in the NL wild-card race to two games.

Derek Lee broke a sixth-inning tie with a solo home run, and the Cubs led by one run entering the ninth.

Ryan Dempster walked Orlando Palmeiro with one out, Gipson pinch ran and pinch-hitter Mike Lamb struck out. Scott pinch hit and doubled, with center fielder Gary Patterson cutting the ball off. Patterson threw to second baseman Jose Macias, who made a perfect relay to catcher Henry Blanco, who applied the tag and held on.

Blanco blocked the plate and the speedy Gipson tried to knock him over, but the catcher applied the tag and held on.

First baseman Lance Berkman led off the eighth with his 39th career home run, his previous 14 games, missed a chance to clinch the division, and the Astros led by one run over Philadelphia, which was off Thursday, begins a series Friday night at Washington.

Houston finishes the regular season against the Cubs, with Andy Pettitte (17-9) trying to get a save in 34 chances.

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Dempster got his 32nd save in 34 chances.

Wandy Rodriguez (10-10) gave up three runs and five hits over seven innings. He is 1-4 in September, his only losing month this season.

Milton was penciled in for the second with his 3rd losing season of his 10-year career.

Matt Murton's homer in the fourth tied the game, and Lee put the Cubs ahead 2-1 in the fifth with his 397th of his career.

Willie Randolph, whose team won its 81st game, clinching a .500 finish in his first year as manager, "It's a great feeling. I was good to see him look like the Tom Glavine we all know and love. It goes to what kind of pitcher he is. He did a great job."

Nobody was happier about it than Glavine (13-13).

"It's satisfying, obviously, in the short term," said he had a much better season than the first six weeks indicated. I had a first six weeks indicated. I had a much better season than the first six weeks indicated. I had a much better season than the first six weeks indicated.

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"We don't think it's going to be easy at all," he said. "It's going to be a tough game."

"I think it would have been great if we could have won one more game somewhere along the way so that we had that 85-75 or so," said Murton. "I think that would have been big for the fans to see, to get it at home."

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Mets starter Glendon Rusch against the Astros in the first winning of the final series of the regular season.

Milwaukee finished with a 99-1 record and 999 for his career.

"It's one of those things: throw the ball well and the season ending. It's better than ending on a bad outting."

Before the game, the Reds extended manager Jerry Narron's contract through next season with a mutual option for 2007. Narron began the season as the Reds bench coach and was appointed interim manager when Dave Miley was fired June 21 after the team's 27-43 start.

New York Mets 11, Colorado 0

At age 39 and in his 18th full season in the major leagues, Tom Glavine proved there's always something to be learned in baseball.

Glavine reinvented himself midway through the season, adding a cutter and a curveball to his repertoire and he showed them off with a two-hitter, pitching the New York Mets to a romp over the Colorado Rockies.

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teams used to dominating, normal toughness could be vital.

"I think mental toughness is going to be huge," said Suarez. "And also not getting flustered — whoever just sits down is going to come out the winner."

Win by adding to playoff implications, the game is also a rematch of last year’s championship game played in Notre Dame Stadium, when Walsh upset the Camping World.

"This game is huge because it’s the Stadium Game from last year, that is huge to show them that we can win," Suarez said. With all the hype surrounding the game, Botta is confident her Wild Women will keep the game in perspective and come out on top.

"I think they won’t make or break it but I’ll be great to get a big win on Sunday," she said.

Still, Botta and the Wild Women will need to watch out for a team that has been playing well in recent weeks.

Howard vs. Badin
Howard and Badin are meeting up Sunday at 1 p.m. on West End in a women’s Blue League matchup of longtime rivals.

These South Quad teams have struggled this season, meaning the game is a toss-up. Badin won their first game against Lyons but has not scored a touchdown since.

Dillon vs. Alumni
A neighborhood rivalry resumes Sunday as Dillon and Alumni play under the lights at 6:30 p.m. at Riehle Field in men’s Gold league action.

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MEN’S INTRAHALL -- BLUE LEAGUE

Cricket Stick prized by two halls

By DAN MURPHY, GREG ARNO and COLIN REIMER

Sports Writers

For the past year the coveted Cricket Stick has resided in Carroll Hall. But Sunday at 2 p.m. “the stick” makes its way back to Riehle Field to be claimed by the winner of the Fisher-Carroll game.

In the trophy, a replica of Knute Rockne’s old walking stick, is awarded annually to the winning team and keeps it until the next meeting.

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Solvin vs. Siegfried
Sorin and Siegfried come into this year’s Interhall Blue League.

Both squads acknowledge they’ll have to play nearly flawless football to win this weekend’s crucial game.

“We’re definitely not taking them lightly,” said Siegfried’s J.J. Perre. “They have a very good team. Last year they played us very well and we ended up winning at the end of the year as a very good team. We’re going to have to be at the top of our game to win this one.”

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WOMEN’S INTRAHALL -- GOLD LEAGUE

Phoxes preparing for Finest attack

By TIM KAISER, ERIC HIMELBACH and TOM DORWART

Sports Writers

Pangborn has momentum coming into Sunday’s 5 p.m. game at Riehle Field against Farley after an 18-0 victory over Pasquerilla West Thursday night.

Sukrow’s defensive line batteries are looking good.

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Bucs preparing to face Williams, Harrington

Williams had wanted to play for his hometown

Associated Press

Juran Bolden remembers the day he met Detroit rookie receiver Mike Williams for the first time.

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**CSU tops Air Force, 41-23**

Bell runs for 197 yards in decisive Rams win

Associated Press

In the span of two weeks, Kyle Bell, benchwarmer has become Kyle Bell, burgeoning star for Colorado State.

A sophomore who earned his job only when opening-day starter Nnamdi Obiari got hurt, Bell came close to the 200-yard mark for the second straight game Thursday night, running for 197 yards and three scores in a 41-23 victory over Air Force.

"You don't think about that," Bell said of opening the season on the bench. "You come to play no matter where you are on the depth chart. I got the call and made the most of it."

Friday, September 30, 2005

CSU tops Air Force

Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney hurdles over the line for a first down in a loss to Colorado State on Thursday.

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"Add all that up there and it was a first down in a loss to Colorado State on Thursday.

Colorado's career high school rushing leader, became the first player for Colorado State (2-2, 1-0 Mountain West) to record back-to-back 100-yard games since 2002.

"Bell was better today than he was last week," Rams coach Sonny Lubick said. "He has stamina. He has been able to play another quarter if there was one to play."

This one was settled early, though, and Bell was a standout on a night full of big performances for the Rams, who won their third straight loss.

Primus for the most receptions and yards in school history.

David Anderson stayed on pace to become the most productive receiver in school history, catching seven passes for 105 yards and two scores. This marked his 12th career 100-yard game and Anderson stayed well on pace to reach former Rams great Greg Primus for the most receptions and yards in school history.

Little-used receiver Luke Roberts had five catches for 123 yards and an acrobatic touchdown, caught over the arms of an outstretched defender for a 13-9 lead late in the second.

Throwing the passes was Justin Holland, who went 17-for-26 for 318 yards and three scores. The Rams finished with 551 yards in offense.

"Add all that up there and you've got a good, ol' fancy kicking," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said. "That's what it was."

Air Force was coming off one- and three-point losses to Wyoming and Utah and was hoping to tighten up the small details and pull off a win in this rivalry between teams separated by 110 miles on I-25.

The difference in this one was about more than the small stuff, though.

The Falcons were overwhelmed by Colorado State's offensive line, and as the game wore on, their exhaustion showed — never more than when Bell ran untouched on a misdirection play for a nine-yard score and a 41-23 lead with 6:10 left.

Earlier, their tackling wasn't great, as Bell could attest. His 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter came on a second effort after Air Force failed to bring him down.

**Coffee and Conversation**

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Tuesday, October 4th

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**NFL**

Miami pulls together after disastrous 2004

Team still imperfect, but improved, with Saban

Associated Press

For the Miami Dolphins, ugly tuples persist: overthrow open receivers downfield, false-start penalties on consecutive snaps, a botched short field-goal attempt and three missed tackled by the secondary on a single play.

But through three games, the record looks much better. Miami is 2-1 and tied with New England for the AFC East lead.

"That's something to savor after last season, the Dolphins' worst since the 1990s, when they lost the first six games and finished an ugly-to-12-4.

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new coach Nick Saban said. "And when we don't get it right, things don't look too pretty out there."

The Dolphins were painful to watch last sea­ son, when at times they appeared unable to block, tackle, run, throw or chew gum.

"I can't imagine what it would be like if we didn't have those penalties," quarterback Gus Frerotte said. "There would be no telling how we would have played, or what the score would have been, or what our yardage would end up being.

With the addition of Freerolle and top draft pick Ronnie Brown at run­ ning back, the offense has been much improved. The return of 2002 NFL rushing champion Ricky Williams, who when he completes a four-game drug suspension will mean even more firepower.

The line was a league laugh­ ingstock last season, but with a cast of holdovers — and a new line coach in the widely respected Hudson Houck — holes are bigger and pass protection is better.

Players rave that new offen­ sive coordinator Scott Linehan's play calling is more creative and less conservative than that of Dave Wannstedt last season. He's playing to win games," guard Rex Hadnot said. "We're not playing to preserve a lead."

That has been the biggest key. We put it on the other team to stop us. We're not trying to be too pretty out there."
NFL

Giants and Jets agree to share new stadium

First dual-owned and operated venue in history

**STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD**

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants and Jets agreed Thursday to build a stadium in the Meadowlands that would become the first NFL venue to be dual-owned and operated by two teams.

The facility will be built near state-owned Giants Stadium, which is currently home to both teams and is among the league's oldest stadiums.

Specific details about the stadium plan are to be developed over the next several months, including its new name. The teams plan to name the naming rights up for bid.

Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey announced the deal during a press conference at the stadium, saying it would guarantee both teams remain in New Jersey for the next 99 years.

‘‘The agreement, which Codey execu- ted with the owners of both teams, said the teams would also relocate their practice facility to New Jersey. The Jets’ practice facility in Hofstra, Long Island.

The project would create ‘‘tens of thousands of new jobs,’’ Codey said, adding he was also looking forward to revenue from tickets and parking.

Jets president Jay Cross estimated the cost would be more than $800 million, and Giants chief operating officer John Mara said the stadium would hold at least 80,000 spectators. The teams will split the cost of building the stadium and will share in the revenues.

Plans developed by the Giants over the past several months envision a stadium on which a retractable roof could be added, Mara said, but he noted the topic had not been addressed in discussions with the Jets. Both teams — as well as the NFL and New Jersey — would likely be in favor of a roof, but the teams have said the $200 million additional cost is beyond them. A roof would allow the Super Bowl and college basketball Final Four to be played at the state-run Meadowlands complex.

Regarding a roof, Codey said, ‘‘The state will not pay one penny for it.’’

The state agreed to help both teams find new practice facilities, although Mara said he hoped the Giants would be able to get a new location at the sports complex.

Mara said that while his family, a co-owner of the Giants, was concerned that the stadium would have a new name, it would be necessary to sell naming rights in order to finance the project. He had no immediate estimate as to how much the naming rights would bring.

He said he hopes the facility could open for the 2009 sea- son.

Since the teams will be equal partners, disputes over opera- tions would be resolved through mediation, and ultimately, the NFL commissioner, Mara said.

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Mara figured the stadium would cost more than $800 million, and Giants CEO and President Mark Attanasio said the cost of naming rights would not be included in that figure.

Looking across the net and seeing a teammate doesn’t usually get the competitive juices flowing, but so has given the life of a Notre Dame women’s tennis player for the last month.

For the first four weeks of practice, the only competition the team has experienced has been practice sets against each other.

It’s easy to see why the team is geared up to take to the courts this weekend. The Irish will enter players in two tourna- ments, the Hoosier Classic in Bloomington, Ind., and the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

It will be the first matches of the fall season for the majority of players, and coach Jay Louderback summed up his team’s mentality in simple terms.

‘‘We are anxious to play other people,’’ he said.

Three Irish seniors — Lauren Connelly, Katrina Stasty, and Kelly Nelson — competed in last weekend’s Maryland Invitational.

Connelly and Stasty, expected to play No. 2 doubles this sea- son, won the consolation title in the ‘‘A’’ flight of the doubles draw. The tandem also competed in the singles ‘‘A’’ flight going a combined 4-3. Nelson reached the final in the ‘‘B’’ flight of singles.

The rest of the Irish squad enters the weekend with a clean slate and high expectations, none higher than that of Christina and Christian Thompson.

The twin sisters are the No. 2 ranked doubles team in the country. They will pit the rank- oning in the line in California this weekend in the pre-qualifying round of the ITA tournament. The Thompsons were runners up in the tournament last year.

Louderback also highlighted his talented dou- bles team.

They will enter every tour­ nament feeling that they have a good chance to win it,’’ he said.

The rest of the team will enter the Hoosier Classic, a tourna­ ment expected to provide good competition for the Irish. Eight teams will participate, entering players in flights of singles and one flight of doubles. Broin Buck, ranked No. 54 in the country in singles, will lead the Irish in the ‘‘A’’ flight.

Seniors Kiki Stasty and fresh- man standout Katie Pitts will enter the ‘‘B’’ flight. Lauren Connelly and Kelsey Tefft will battle in the ‘‘C’’ flight, and Kelly Nelson will round out the singles lineup in the ‘‘D’’ flight.

Louderback will enter three teams in the doubles draw.

Teams expected to challenge the Irish include the host Hoosiers, who field a com- petition squad featuring three talented, international fresh- men. Kansas State, Kansas and Louisiana State will also enter strong squads this weekend.

Louderback was excited for the tournament for several reasons.

‘‘It’s a very good tournament,’’ he said. ‘‘It will be nice too with the twins gone, play­ ers will be playing higher in the line- up than they are used to and will be facing better players. Two fresh- men (Potts and Tefft) will also get a chance to play in their first college tournament.’’

The fall season will allow the Irish to gain experience before the more intense indoor and spring seasons begin. Louderback also said it would give players who did not play much during the summer the chance to get back into competi­ tion.

‘‘The Irish will enjoy the opportunity to get 10-11 days winter break. Then DON’T get a flu shot! While you’re at it, throw away your SPF, too. You’re gonna need it some­ where else this season. To make sure you’re ready for the season, be sure to get the free flu vaccine!”

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

**Belles host talented, tough Pilots**

*By RYAN KIEFER*

Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team will see something they haven't seen all season when they host Bethel College Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Angela Athletic Center — scholar-athletes.

While the Belles are a Division III school that is permitted to award scholarship money on a need-only basis, the Pilots are members of the NAIA, an organization of smaller colleges that allows schools to give athletic scholarships.

Thus, Bethel has been able to compile a group of talented players, and while the NAIA competition is less than that of the NCAA, the Pilots' 15-2 record speaks to their success this season.

Bethel coach Julie Schroder-Biek acknowledged the Pilots' talent.

"They are a scholarship team and they are good," she said.

"There's always been a good rivalry between Bethel and Saint Mary's. We expect strong competition Saturday."

Saint Mary's enters the match with an 8-9 record including 2-4 in the MIAA. They are coming off a win over Tri-State on Tuesday, a match that went five games despite the Belles' wining the first two.

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**SMC SOCCER**

**St. Mary's respects underdog opponent**

*By KYLE CASSILY*

Sports Writer

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame hits road for two Big East contests

Road warriors, No. 10 Irish travel to New York, Milwaukee

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Starting today and through Sunday, the Irish (9-1) will be in four different states in as many days.

Notre Dame (9-1, 1-0 Big East) travels to Syracuse, New York for a 7 p.m. match against the Orange (10-5, 2-0 Big East) Friday. Then, the Irish will head to Milwaukee to take on Marquette (7-6, 1-1 Big East) in a 2 p.m. Sunday match.

On Thursday, the Irish left South Bend for Syracuse. And Saturday, they’re flying back to Chicago, only to take a bus to Milwaukee for the Sunday match.

While they might be jet-lagged and road-weary, and while their setting is constantly changing, one thing remains a constant for the Irish — volleyball.

No matter where they go, they go to play the same game.

“We leave Saturday morning (for Milwaukee),” coach Debbie Brown said. “We’ll walk through some things, and we’ll watch film to give our players a good idea of the offense [Marquette runs].”

Syracuse — recently lost 3-1 in a hard-fought match against No. 3 Stanford.

Brown knows the Orange pose plenty of challenges for her team.

“They’ve got a lot of seniors and players who’ve played quite a bit,” she said.

“I don’t think they have any glaring weaknesses.”

Though the Irish have little time to prepare for both Syracuse and Marquette, they have experience in cramming for matches. Last Sunday, they swept Seton Hall at home. They followed that win with a Tuesday sweep of Loyola Chicago. Just like this weekend, Notre Dame had only a day to prepare for the Ramblers.

Brown’s clearly got a plan.

“Right now, obviously, we’re focusing more on Syracuse,” she said. “And then we’ll turn our attention to Marquette.”

The Irish knew little about Loyola Chicago but managed to make quick work of the underdog. Marquette, Brown said, is a stronger, more experienced squad, but, still, the Irish hope for similar results.

“We don’t know as much about them [as Syracuse] just because they’re new to the conference,” she said.

“They were a team that, last year, I think, many thought they should’ve been granted an at-large bid because they had a high RPI and finished strong in their conference.”

Neither of Notre Dame’s weekend opponents should be taken lightly, Brown said.

“I think they’re both pretty strong teams and for sure will be in the top half of the Big East this year.”

This weekend, the Irish will do much more traveling than they will do playing. They’ll be on the road — in unfamiliar places. But, when they’re on the court, they’ll feel right at home.

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**ND Cross Country**

**Runners breezing toward Invite**

By CHRIS KHOERE

Sports Writer

After two straight meets against smaller schools, the Notre Dame men’s and women’s teams will face several of the top-ranked squads in the nation in Friday’s Notre Dame Invitational at Burke Memorial Golf Course.

The meet, which has been run continuously since 1952, will host 25 men’s and 24 women’s teams in the blue division race for larger schools. Headlining the men’s field will be No. 1 Wisconsin, No. 8 Arizona and the No. 6 Irish. On the women’s side, top teams will include the No. 3 Irish, No. 5 Michigan and No. 18 Butler.

Irish men’s head coach Joe Plane said that along with having top competition, the field is very deep.

“The team whose phenomenon-<br>ally underrated is Alabama,” Plane said of the Crimson Tide’s No. 35 ranked men’s team. “They have five Kenyans.”

Irish women’s head coach Tim Connolly credited the popularity of the meet, among top programs to its longevity.

“To qualify for the NCAAs, there are automatic qualifying spots and at-large qualifying spots,” he said. “The at-large spots are basically based on who you beat. Our meet has become one of those meets where people know they can see a lot of good competition.”

Plane agreed.

“Outside of the so-called ‘pre-national’ meets, there are two meets in the country that are really respected,” he said. “This is one of them.”

There will also be a gold divi-

**SMC Cross Country**

**Belles eager for Windy City race**

By KEN FOWLER

Sports Writer

The Belles have four freshmen who have already demonstrated an ability to score points in league meets.

And they have one of their favorite races this weekend.

For Saint Mary’s, the outlook is mixed. For the SMC team, Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational on the campus of Loyola-Chicago Saturday, “I think we’re prepared for a race of that size,” head coach Jackie Bauters said.

“The girls are really excited. It’s a really fun meet,” Bauters said. Saint Mary’s has competed in the meet every year since Bauters, a 2004 Saint Mary’s alumna, ran for the team. “It was probably one of my favorite races to go to,” Bauters said. “It’s just a fun race.”

The Belles will enter the field coming off a fifth-place performance in the MIAA Jamboree last weekend.

And senior Nancy Collick and junior Amy Kuhlmayer will compete.

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**Members of the Irish women’s team take off during the National Catholic Championships Sept. 16. The men and women will compete in the Notre Dame Invitational this weekend.**
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less in their first 11 games. The Golden Eagles posted their sixth shutout of the season Sunday, defeating Providence, 2-0.

Though conventional wisdom may predict a low-scoring affair, Irish head coach Randy Waldrum thinks the game could be high-scoring. "Sometimes you just get the opposite of your initial inclinations," Waldrum said. "I've got a feeling the game could open up."

He said Marquette's aggressiveness on offense often leaves its defense struggling to get back in position when opponents take possession. "They're very fast, they're very athletic," Waldrum said of Marquette. "I've got a feeling the game could open up."

"We're probably going to be South Florida's biggest game of the year," Waldrum said.

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

That Notre Dame has done well all year. The Irish lead the nation in goals per game with 4.8 and have the nation's leading scoring tandem in senior forward Kerri Hanks with 31 points and second-semester freshman forward Kerri Hanks with 37.

The Irish have played three Big East games thus far and have yet to surrender a goal. Marquette is 2-1 in conference play, beating South Florida and Providence and losing to Connecticut, 2-1.

Waldrum said the Irish are sharper and more focused now that the team has entered several games and entered its conference schedule. "I do think we step it up against Big East opponents," Waldrum said.

After the Irish play Marquette, they will have a quick turnaround to travel to Tampa to face the Bulls of South Florida.

Waldrum said the team will begin its journey at 4 a.m. with a bus ride from Wisconsin to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, and the team won't arrive in Tampa until late that afternoon or evening.

"It's a hard thing to do physically - not getting the rest that you should," Waldrum said. "But the way the conference is now, it's the only way you can play (all of your conference games)."

He said the Irish will not look past the rebuilding Bulls. "The new teams (to the conference), it's been a new excitement for the players," he said.

We played Connecticut three times last year. (Playing South Florida) is kind of exciting because it's kind of different.

And Notre Dame playing anyone is a big game for the opponent. "Our kids have to understand that we're probably going to be South Florida's biggest game of the year," Waldrum said. "They're a well-coached, disciplined team," he said.

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Note:

Waldrum said he expected injured defender Kim Lorenzen to see limited time keep attacking and keep

Irish forward Molly Iarocci passes the ball during Notre Dame's 6-0 home victory over DePaul Sept. 16.

Irish forward Kurt Martin, right, dribbles during Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Cincinnati Sept. 25.

ND SOFTBALL

Gumpf pleased with freshmen, new Irish assistant coach

Four-game exhibition season ends tomorrow with pair of contests

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Irish will get their final game preparation before the spring regular season this weekend when they finish exhibition play with two games.

Notre Dame will begin the four-game exhibition tournament at 10 a.m. at Ivy Field with a game against Southern Illinois. The Irish will take the field again in the last game of the day versus Wisconsin-Parkside, Western Michigan is also scheduled to be at the tour-

nament, but the Irish will not face the Trojans whom they beat in a home-opener last spring.

The game plan for this weekend, according to head coach Deanna Gumpf, will include what the team has worked on during the early weeks of training and exhibition play.

Gumpf is also not too concerned about the complexion of her team will be facing. "They'll be similar teams (as last week)," Gumpf said. "And they're nice ball clubs, but we're really not focusing on who we're playing. We're focusing on our own team.

This weekend's games will give the Irish an opportunity to get used to the slightly altered coaching staff that the program has seen this year. New assistant coach Lizzy Lemire has filled a recently vacated assistant coaching staff.

"When I hired Lizzy I knew she was going to be a focal point of the program, because of the personnel she brings," Gumpf said. "But I didn't realize how good she was going to be... she has completely exceeded my expectations as a coach.

Gumpf is extremely happy with the transition that her team has made so far this year and is excited as seven freshmen have joined the squad.

"They talk about every team being new every year," Gumpf said. "(The addition of Lemire and the freshmen) has absolutely changed the chemistry of our team both on and off the field."

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Irish coach

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What is your name? That's a freebie.

I present my one piece. The world's biggest flower.

Can I have lunch with that bag?

I saw that not the kind of attitude that put one on parade.

\[ \text{ANSW ER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE} \]

32 Sum m er

29 Im ages on

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19 W hoop it up

18 On the run

15 Add insult to

13 H ose problem

11 Singles, e.g.

10 M ushroom

9 Band

7 C ar safety

5 Oaf

4 -Blo fuse

3 Superstar

2 Bleachers sign

1 "Brava!"

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stop meddling in everyone else's affairs or you may find yourself in a disadvantage at work. Lose gossip and more hands-on work will bring results. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone you connect with will have a favorable emotional effect on you. You'll have the opportunity to expand on an idea you've been contemplating. Your desire to help others will bring you help in return.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your thoughts to yourself. A problem may arise if you get involved with someone from your past — don't forget why you stopped seeing this person. **

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36 Team that lost won a World Series in 1954
38 Superstar
39 Military rule
42 Guy
43 Aly
44 "Blo fuse"
45 Bind tightly
46 Bliss
49 "Songs Dylan" (1965 folk album)
50 Oat
51 "Oh, no!"
52 Stir
56 Thousands may be in it
58 It keeps some parts in place
59 Lord of the rings?
64 Roasted
65 Knightly activity
66 Current amount
67 Duke's fall, e.g.
68 First name of a 1954 Peace Nobelist

\[ \text{CROSSWORD} \]

1 "Do you want me to?"
7 "Bravo!"
15 Add visual to story
16 Make over the goads, say
17 One seen in Hagen Dugs
18 We don't What?
19 Whelp it up
21 Some cats
22 Barrie
23 Definitely no Yankee fan
25 Popular sandwich, informally
29 Images on some Christmas wrapping
31 It can have
32 Summer vacation spot, with "the"
33 Provide
34 Increase
35 It may provide
36 Near Eastern honorific
37 It can have
38 Natural fuel
39 Provide
40 In (agitated)
41 Legal position
42 Race part
43 New shoots
44 Make Jersey mask, maybe
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1 Projecting mountain ridges
2 Bleachers sign
3 Title character in a 1976 sitcom
4 Auto dealer's paper work
5 Oat
6 Organ expert
7 Car safety feature, for short
8 Opposite of gaucheness
9 Band
10 Mushroom producers
11 Singles, e.g.
12 In this locality
13 Hose problem
14 Race part
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60 Some flannels, e.g.
61 "Dancer" (Nureyev documentary)
62 Some flannels, briefly
63 Part of a pair of tights
65 More advanced
66 Sched. coordinator

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**SPORTS**

**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**Frequent fliers**

The Irish will travel to Milwaukee, then Tampa this weekend

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will travel to the far corners of the Big East this weekend for two games as the Irish enter the heart of their conference schedule.

No. 18 Marquette (9-1-1), in its first year in the Big East, will host Notre Dame (9-1-0) Friday in Milwaukee in a battle of two exceptional defensive teams. Fellow conference newcomer South Florida (5-2-1) will host the Irish for the first time in history Sunday.

The Irish have allowed just one goal in their last five matches and have posted six shutouts in 10 games this season. Marquette has had just as much defensive success, also holding six opponents scoreless.

Irish forward Kerri Hanks handles the ball during Notre Dame's 4-0 win over Cincinnati Sept. 23. Notre Dame will take on Big East opponents Marquette and South Florida this weekend.

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**MEN'S INTERHALL — GOLD LEAGUE**

**Battle for the Chapel' anticipated**

Halls share building, but not love, heading into Sunday's game

By TOM DORWART,
JIM BRADY and JAMES FEGAN
Sports Writers

Their dorms are connected. They share a chapel. And interhall season, they almost finished in a tie.

Now, in a watershed matchup in the men's Gold league, one of them can put themselves in the thick of the title race, while the other will likely fall behind.

Keenan, the reigning interhall champions, and Stanford, a solid team that hasn't made the playoffs in three years, clash Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field in a North Quad rivalry matchup.

"This is pretty much all or nothing," Keenan senior captain and lineman Vince Lyzinski said. "You never know if 2-2 is going to get you in the playoffs, but at 3-1, we could control our own destiny," he said, referring to his team's 1-1 record.

Last Sunday the Knights fell 13-8 to the Dillon Big Red, their first loss in two years.

Keenan would definitely put us into Sunday's game. We've had at least two interhall seasons where we've had to step up when we needed to," Botta said. "We've got some creative replays this season. We've got some leaders this season. The defense has been a big factor in our winning because of the way we've handled to their offense," Botta said.

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Walsh, Cavanaugh to clash with Chaos

**Wild Women to play Syracuse**

Walsh, Cavanaugh replay last season's title game Sunday

By JACK THORNTON and BEN VINCENT
Sports Writers

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In a battle between two teams, see CLASH/page 19
WALKING MAN

Darius Walker spearheads a productive Irish rushing attack poised to take down Purdue
Last year's game was full of indelible evidence of Purdue's domination at Notre Dame Stadium. Brady Quinn getting knocked down countless times. Taylor Stubblefield jumping his arm in Purdue's 'Boiler-Up' symbol. Kyle Orton making his first strides up the Heisman Trophy ballots, only to drop off the radar as the season went on.

Yes, these were images from last year's 41-16 thrashing by Purdue — the first time Purdue won at Notre Dame Stadium in three decades.

Quinn was sacked seven times, Stubblefield recorded seven sacks against the Irish in his tally and Orton completed 11-of-21 passes for 385 yards with no interceptions. The image of Stubblefield jumping his arm into the air at the end of his 97-yard reception from Orton over cornerback Dwight Elekke, who tripped on the play, is one to remember. The game, on the other hand, was one to forget.

And that's what the Irish are setting out to do on Saturday as they travel to Ross-Ade Stadium to face a team that has beaten them in the past two meetings. Irish coach Charlie Weis has watched last year's tape and said that just some of those images won't reappear. "Seven sacks against us, that's not what we're looking for," said Weis, who expressed this to the team on Tuesday. "And it doesn't make a difference whether I throw it 10 times or throw it 50 times, we're not going to get sacked seven times."

The Irish have something to prove against their in-state rivals, who have beaten them in the last two meetings. But not only that, they need this win.

It's the last game before Notre Dame's first week off, and if the Irish get a win they will go 4-1, underated on the road with just one road game left. Notre Dame plays at Stanford on Nov. 26.

After the week to prepare and mend bumps and bruises, No. 1 Southern California waits in the wings, as does No. 10 Tennessee. With a win on Saturday, Notre Dame would breathe much easier with the second half of its season to play.

On Saturday, Notre Dame will find out just how good its key positions are. No one knows this better than Weis. "They're universally considered by anyone in football the critical factors on offense and defense," Weis said of the offensive line and defensive backs. "They're the positions that have the most guys out there that are the easiest ways for you to win and the easiest ways for you to lose."

The offensive line has played well thus far this season, but before last week, Purdue had only given up 36 yards on the ground and has recorded nine sacks in three games.

Charlie Weis Irish head coach

"It's a new, different style of offense this year. We're just preparing as much as we can."

Mike Richardson Irish defensive back

"They've been in overtime wins and overtime losses; so obviously they're very experienced."

Brandon Harris Irish defensive back

"When you play a team like Notre Dame, your team looks forward to that."

Joe Tiller Boilermakers head coach

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A A weak password is one that is short and easy to guess.

Q What's an example of a weak password?
A Your first name followed by your dorm room number is an example of a weak password.

Q What's an example of a Strong Password?
A myPw1Uwg

Q How can I remember a password that complex?
A It's a "passphrase" derived from "my password is one you won't guess." Remember the phrase; remember the password.

Q How do I change to a Strong Password?
A Go to https://password.nd.edu, and follow the instructions.

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When it comes to Strong Passwords, will the University make exceptions for some campus computer users?
A No exceptions will be granted.
By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

If someone had told Darius Walker last year that he would begin the 2005 season with four consecutive 100-yard rushing performances, he would have been thrilled. But after being the first Irish running back to do just that to open a season, Walker and his teammates aren't satisfied.

Players and coaches say it is this hunger that has made Notre Dame successful in rushing the ball so far — and is key in continuing the solid Irish ground game.

The Irish have thrived this season with a combination of Walker's shifty ability to turn a loss into a 15-yard gain, coach Charlie Weis' shrewd play-calling and — most importantly, according to Walker — the performance of the offensive line.

### Making a move

Three more consecutive 100-yard games and Walker will tie former-Notre Dame running back Lee Roy Jordan for the Irish record of consecutive games rushing for over the century mark.

While the sophomore prefers to credit his offensive line for his chance at cementing a place in Irish history, his teammates think he's being too modest.

"What most impresses me is his consistency," Irish fullback Raymond Fosha said. "He just goes out there and plays hard every play. He gives it his all every time." 

Jordan's success has propelled Walker to 448 yards per carry and 112 per game. Irish offensive coordinator Weis, running backs coach Mike Haywood, who coached first-round NFL draft pick Cedric Benson last season as running backs coach at Texas, has helped Walker be more patient in his decisions.

"He's helped me understand that some plays take a little longer to develop," Walker said. "I don't feel too sexy and feel like I just have to do something when I have the ball. [The game] is not such a shock anymore.

### Calling the play

"Coming to college from his role as offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots, Charlie Weis brought with him a philosophy of taking whatever the opponent gives you. And with the Irish passing game flourishing, it's left the opponent's rush defenses have tended to give Notre Dame plenty of ground.

Walker credits Weis with knowing what plays to call to open up the thin defense and efficiently pick it apart.

"Coach has one of those philosophies where we're just ready for everything every week," Walker said. "He has his defense set, his defense ready to go. If they are tired, you're covering them. If they are not, you're going to hit them."

Walker's 23 carries per game have helped the Irish to an average of 179 yards per game on the ground and seven total touchdowns — two by Walker. All of it comes from Weis' play call.

"Weis' play-calling has definitely boosted our confidence," Walker said. "When we're out there the defense doesn't really know what they're going to get from us. We feel that whatever play we're running ... it's going to work. We kind of feel like we can't be touched while we're out there."

Walker, Irish and the walkers have been careful not to criticize the previous coaching staff for troubles in 2004, but they also acknowledge the new leadership is a big reason for their success.

"I don't think there's a better play-caller, I don't think there's a better head coach right now," Harris said. "You know that any given play coming off the line could be the play for a touchdown. Whether that's in the middle of the drive, early in the drive or deep into the drive. [Weis] has our full confidence. He's won four Super Bowls. What else do you want to say?"

### Continuing the success

Notre Dame is impressed with its success rushing the ball this season. But the key to keeping up the potent Irish running game, according to the players and coaches, is to avoid the temptation to sacrifice.

"It does feel good as an offensive line to have the success that we've had," Walker said. "But at the same time there's pressure because we've got to keep these numbers up."

And the key to continuing the high numbers, Stevenson said, is adding on what the team has been doing correctly.

"We're all on the same page," Stevenson said. "I think the biggest thing is just confidence. Its something we just need to keep building on."

If there is any indication Notre Dame will struggle at times tomorrow, Purdue has been known to dominate teams two years in a row. The last time the Irish visited West Lafayette, in 2003, they ran 25 times for 49 yards in a 23-10 loss. The way to win this year's game, the players say, is to run right at the Boilermakers, wearing their defense down and giving Walker a chance to break loose.

"You have to go into every play hoping that that play makes a difference," Harris said. "But if it doesn't you just have to go to the next play.

Because with a difference-maker like Walker in the backfield, that next play might be a touchdown.

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The Washington Huskies had difficulty containing Walker, who rushed for 128 yards and a touchdown last Saturday.

They're just two big, fast guys — like trains running through the hole."

### by the numbers

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 3-1
AP: 13
Coaches: 14

Notre Dame

Coaching

Charlie Weis
first season at Notre Dame
career record: 3-1
at Notre Dame: 3-1
against Purdue: 0-0

Notre Dame is in his ninth
year at Purdue and is one of the best
coaching jobs in college football.
His first season at Purdue
bodes well particularly in
offensive success, and the Irish are
quickly turning into
one of the best pass
attacking duos in the
nation. The absence of Rhema
McKnight due to injury
remains a concern.
However, Jeff Samardzija
had an eight-catch, 164
yard day last week. He has
five touchdowns rushing
during the season,
and five touchdowns rushing
to eight bowl berths.
Therefore, Jeff Samardzija
is averaging nearly 300
yards per game, and his
presence can be expected
that the Irish will rely on his
sharp play calling to pull out the
win in the game.

Quarterbacks

Brady Quinn
is on pace for one of the best years
by an Irish quarterback since Joe Theismann in
1970. Quinn tallied five touchdown passes in the
loss to Michigan State, the
most ever by a Notre Dame signal-caller in one
contest, and is averaging 295 yards per game.

Irish Rushing

Walker is off to one of
the best starts in Notre Dame
history with four consecutive 100-yard
games. He is well on his
way to a 1,000-yard sea-
son with 479 and is living up
to last year's hype. Rusher
Nelson-Peurl has
four touchdowns rushing to lead the
team.

Irish Passing

The lowest point total Notre Dame has had,
other than its output in the hostile Big House,
is 18. Charlie Weis' offense works. And make
no mistake, Brady Quinn remembers the last
time he played in West Lafayette, and he won't
let a similar result happen. The Irish defense
steps up when it needs to, and Quinn rolls.

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NOTRE DAME 2005 Schedule

Sept. 3 at Pittsburgh - W
Sept. 10 at Michigan - W
Sept. 17 MICHIGAN ST. - L
Sept. 24 at Washington - W
Oct. 01 at Purdue
Oct. 15 USC
Oct. 22 BYU
Nov. 05 TENNESSEE
Nov. 12 NAVY
Nov. 19 SYRACUSE
Nov. 26 at Stanford

Analysis

Weis is being heralded
for his early season
success, and the Irish are
playing well. But Tiller is in
a tough road stretch for any
coach, much less a man whose first college
head coaching job is at Notre Dame. He's been
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studmuds, and he will need
to rely on his sharp play-
calling to pull out the win
in the night game.

Purdue

Joe Tiller is in his
ninth year at Purdue with a
64-38 record. He's the
second-winningest coach in Boilermaker
history with an impres-
sive 622 win percentage.
He has led the team
to eight bowl berths.
The coach is 4-1 in night
games at Purdue.

Brandon Kirsch started
four games in 2002 and
two last year after Kyle
Orton's down slide. He
takes over full-time for
Purdue this season.
Kirsch averages 217.2
passing yards per game
and has tossed four
touchdowns along with three
interceptions.

Kirsch is talented but
lacks experience, though
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under the Purdue rush.

Purdue is surrendering only
3.0 yards per rush but gave
up 301 yards on the ground to
Minnesota in their loss last
Saturday. End Ray Edwards has 4.5
tackles for
loss. Tackle Brandon
Villarreal and Brent Grover,
both fifth-year seniors, have
combined for a total of 27
tackles.

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Ankron passed for 362
yards against Purdue in
the season-opening win.
Brien Hickman
had an interception at corner-
back while free safety Kyle
Smith has two. Cornerback
Zack Logan has ten tackles
and one sack while the
team has nine total tackles
this year.

Samardzija and Fasano
are quickly turning into
one of the best pass
attacking duos in the
nation. Quinn has been
efficiently picking apart
every defense this year, and
Purdue, through experienced,
will have a hard time stopping
the Irish air attack.

In a typical Notre Dame-Purdue fashion, this
game will be high scoring. But the Irish prevail
in this one, unlike the Michigan State game.
Brady (Quinn) will finally get the best of Purdue
after two years of throwing over 297 yards and
losing. Look for Braxton Walker to play a key role
in this win, and the momentum will carry it
nicely into its week off.
**Purdue Boilermakers**

**Purdue 2005 Schedule**

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**Boilermakers Rushing**

Jerald Wolf and Kory Sheets have split carries this fall. Wolf has five touchdowns on 234 yards. Sheets has three scores on 172 yards. Fifth-year center Matt Turner leads an offensive line that has dominated for most of the season.

**BoilermakersPassing**

Dorrien Bryant has 18 receptions this season, ten more than the next closest Purdue receiver. Tight end Dustin Keller leads the team with two touchdowns. Kirsch is 44-of-84 for 638 yards this season and has been sacked only twice.

**Special Teams**

Jeff Samardzija and Scott Purdon struggled with three extra points and field goals last week. J.J. Verpaeck is capable of making long kicks when he is correct. David Grimes returned his first kickoff for a 31-yard gain, while Tom Zbikowski will return punts again this week.

**Intangibles**

Notre Dame is unbeaten on the road this year. Tom Zbikowski grinds himself in quieting opposing crowds and will look to do the same at Ross-Ade. Charlie Weis had the Irish looking sharp in their only other night game — an opening-game victory at Pittsburgh.

**Purdue Shellshocked Quinn in his first career start in 2003, intercepting him four times. This is only the**

**Notre Dame**

**Purdue**

**ANALYSIS**

Purdue hasn't beaten Notre Dame three straight times since 1967-69. But the combination of a night-game atmosphere at Ross-Ade Stadium as well as a stout Boilermaker defense returning 11 starters will ensure a repeat of the past two years. The game will be tight and well-played, but the Boilermakers will save their best game of the year for the Irish and come out on top.

**FINAL SCORE: Purdue 36 Notre Dame 31**

While Purdue and head coach Joe Tiller have added an option component to a high-flying, wide-open passing attack, the Notre Dame defense will once again beat but not break. The Irish snap a two-game losing streak against the Boilermakers heading into a bye week before a much-anticipated showdown with USC.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34 Purdue 20**
Sizing up the Irish and the Boilermakers

**AVERAGE PER GAME**

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Notre Dame yards penalized 66.8
Purdue yards penalized 64.0

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**Landri, Laws combine to shut down runs**

**Interior linemen are strong point of new Irish defensive line**

By PAT LEONARD

Opponents can’t run the ball against Notre Dame. For as long as nose tackle Derek Landri has lined up wearig his black and gold, that much has been true.

In the junior year in 2004 — the second year Landri saw action — the Irish gave up only 88.2 rush yards per game. Landri combined with former defensive tackle Greg Pauly that season to make 77 tackles, 12 tackles for loss, and he made almost half of his own wrap-ups (19 of 40 solo).

Four games into the 2005 season, the final stats in the opponents’ rushing column haven’t changed much, and Landri knows part of the reason.

“I had great chemistry with former Irish defensive tackle Greg Pauly,” he said, “and I think me and Laws just picked up where one-time Heisman hopeful Quandonium “Kory” Sheets – average over 6.0 yards per carry. This makes Notre Dame’s challenge different from previous years’ games against Purdue, when a more one-dimensional passing threat made shutting down the run early more pertinent and sufficient.

“You hear them talk about the Landri/Laws combo, and I like that,” Laws said. “I think teams know they won’t be able to run the ball against us, and that’s why they pass the ball more.”

After four games, Landri has eight tackles, Laws has four and backup tackle Brian Beidatsch has six. With opponents throwing mobile quarterbacks, the Irish linemen have found a majority of the plays occurring with running threats — be it quarterbacks or defensive linemen apply pressure in the middle of the field that, so far, has kept opponents’ running threats — be it quarterback Isaiah Stanback’s option out of the shotgun on full would be an understatement.

And the Boilermakers’ top two rushers - Jerod Void and Kory Sheets - average over 6.0 yards per carry.

“On some plays, the defense shuts down the running game for a few plays, or something,” Laws said. “You just have to come out and make sure that they don’t run the ball on you, at least you’ll have a chance to go in and make sure they don’t run the ball against us.”

Purdue Grinding offensive line

Though Purdue no longer has a one-dimensional offense, that doesn’t mean Landri and Laws cannot make it so.

“Purdue is one of several teams in college football that spread the field, they make you play in space,” defensive backs coach Bill Lewis said. “And I think that any time that happens, and you have the level of talent that they have at the quarterback, that puts as much strain on the defense as possible.”

Though he’s yet to find the end zone, receiver Porion Bryant is Kirsch’s most dangerous option, leading the team with 18 catches for 247 yards.

Receiver Kyle Ingraham height catches, 135 yards and eight receptions this season.

Landri/Laws have four touchdowns to go along with three interceptions — Notre Dame recognizes his passing statistics thus far don’t tell the whole story.

“Kirsch is [a] talented guy, he can throw it, run it, run a little of everything,” Irish cornerback Ambrose Woodson said. “We’re definitely going to have our hands full.”

Kirsch’s ability to capitalize on a multi-faceted offense that couples a strong, wide-open passing attack with a unique option offense makes him particularly dangerous, a skill which defensive coordinator Rick Minter attributes to Purdue head coach Joe Tiller’s creativity on offense.

“Jerksh is a typical Purdue quarterback, a good quarterback,” Minter said. “You know he’s going to be well-schooled, well-coached and fundamentally sound. I’ve always had great respect for Purdue and Joe (Tiller), and the job they’ve done.”

For Minter, the continued success of the Boilermakers offense doesn’t come as much of a surprise.

“They’re always going to give you everything you can handle, personnel to style,” Minter said. “It’s a system that has been in place a long time. They’ve revealed it a little bit later in the season, but all in all, it’s hard to beat the success they’ve encountered in West Lafayette over the past eight or nine years since Joe’s been there.”

Combined with Kirsch’s natural quarterbacking talent, Purdue’s tendency to use a spread-out, open passing game — a trademark of Tiller’s offense — provides an effective foil to the new, option-based running attack.

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“Purdue is one of several teams in college football that spread the field, they make you play in space,” defensive backs coach Bill Lewis said. “And I think that any time that happens, and you have the level of talent that they have at the quarterback, that puts as much strain on the defense as possible.”

“Purdue no longer has a one-dimensional offense, that doesn’t mean Landri and Laws cannot make it so.

“You just have to come out and play,” Woodson said. “Every week it’s a new opportunity to redeem yourself. We’ve got a big task in front of us.”

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5. Illinois at Iowa—11:00
6. Virginia at Maryland—11:00
7. Minnesota at Iowa—11:30
8. LSU at Miss. St.—1:30
9. St. Louis at NY Giants—1:30
10. Dallas at Oakland—1:30
11. Minnesota at Atlanta—3:15
12. Philadelphia at Kansas City—3:15
13. NY Jets at Baltimore—3:15
14. Dallas at Oakland—3:15
15. Minnesota at Atlanta—7:30
16. USC at Arizona St.—7:30
17. Syracuse at Fla. St.—7:30
18. Minnesota at Penn St.—7:30
19. USC at Arizona St.—11:00
20. ND at PM —6:45

Sunday
1. Buffalo at New Orleans—12:00
2. Denver at Jacksonville—12:00
3. Detroit at Tampa Bay—12:00
4. Houston at Cincinnati—12:00
5. Indianapolis at Tennessee—1:00
6. San Diego at New England—12:00
7. Seattle at Washington—12:00
8. St. Louis at NY Giants—12:00
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The Department of Irish Language and Literature presents WHY IRISH? - a one-day international colloquium exploring the contributions of Irish language and literature to scholarship and the academy.

Friday, September 30
Hesburgh Auditorium

9:00-10:45 Session I
Dean Mark Roche - Official Welcome
Minister Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D. (Government of Ireland) - An Ghaeilge - Inisma Staire nó Teanga Oibre?
Professor James McCloskey (UC Santa Cruz) - Irish as a World language

11:15-1:15 Session II
Professor Philip O'Leary (Boston College) - Teanga gan Teorainn - The Novels of Alan Titley
Professor Clare Carroll (CUNY) - Irish Literature, Irish History and Comparative Studies

2:30 - 4:30 pm Session III
Professor Tomás Ó Cathaigh (Harvard) - Saga and Myth in Irish Language Literature
Professor Calvert Watkins (UCLA) - What Makes the Study of Irish Worthwhile?
Professor Breandán Ó Buachalla (Notre Dame) - Closing Remarks

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