Fans optimistic after Irish win over Purdue

By JENNY HAMES

Notre Dame fans booted with excitement Saturday as the Irish racked up a big win over the Purdue Boilermakers in West Lafayette, Ind.

Notre Dame fans who traveled to watch the in-state rivalry and who caught the game in the South Bend were pleased by the team's performance against the Boilermakers.

Freshman Dan Canders said he believes the win over Purdue Saturday bodes well for the next game, when Notre Dame will take on No. 1 University of Southern California at home on Oct. 15.

"I think this win is a big momentum boost for us," Canders said.

Senior Eric Hess agreed and added that head coach Charlie Weis's coaching tactics proved to be stellar against Boilermaker head coach Joe Tiller.

"If our offense keeps playing like this, there's no reason we won't beat USC," he said. "I think the [Indianapolis Star] said it best when it noted: 'The pro game requires an entirely different level of sophistication.'"

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Athletes balance sports, studies

ND achieves excellence on and off the field

By KATIE PERRY

Imagine holding two full-time jobs — working a long, hard day at a primary job then heading straight to a second eight-hour shift.

In many respects, this scenario is analogous to the heading straight to a second hard day at a primary job then

Third-year law student Bobby Brown, who serves as academic list and No. 16 on scholarship and sports.

Chairman of the Joyce Sports Research Collection.

Curator George Rugg displays memorabilia from American football, written by Walter Camp, the

Hesburgh Library, is used more than one would think. With about 700 visitors in the past year,

The weight of this feat is large— their schoolwork — to the first book on which ranked No. 18 on the

A balancing act

Unlike most college students, who ideally have one main focus — their schoolwork — student-athletes must grapple with two.

Third-year law student Bobby Brown, who serves as student representative on the Faculty Board of Athletics (FBA) said the University gen-

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SMC posts dining information online

By EMILY LAVELLE

In comparison to the pressures of earning good grades, adjusting to life away from home and keeping up with work-study jobs, the challenge of eating healthily is generally the least of a student's concerns. But Barry Bowles, the general food service provider at Saint Mary's, has made it easier for students to make good decisions when it comes to the dining hall.

Barry Bowles, the general foods manager of the Noble Family Dining Hall at Saint Mary's, said he understands the difficulty in making healthy choices. In an effort to aid students with this problem, Bowles has worked to get the nutritional information for all the foods offered in the dining hall online.

"We posted the information because students want- ed it," Bowles said. "We received comment cards
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Sorry, wrong exit**

When I woke up two Thursdays ago, it seemed like it was going to be just another average day. This day turned out to be far from average, though. The day began as I woke up at 7 a.m. to take a test on the other side of campus. I stumbled out of bed in a daze and finally made my way down to the bike rack and made my way to the test. I arrived there, though, only to find that the test had been cancelled. After standing there in shock at the news I just heard, I made my way back to my dorm, and in shock at the news I just heard, I decided it was time to try the emergency exit. I arrived there, bed in a daze and in the stairwell for a few more minutes before and always makes it out all right.

Somehow, though, I encountered a problem when I went through this door. As my friends like to tell me, I ended up getting locked behind an open door in a stairwell. In order to get myself into this situation of being stuck behind a door was not going to open either. I decided it was time to try the emergency exit. I moved the handle of the door ever so slightly, and the alarm began to blare, but I hadn’t pushed the handle hard enough to open the door.

This time it opened quite easily, and I finally saw the light of day and was able to take a breath of fresh air. I realized that first breath of fresh air, I realized that the alarm was still buzzing from the door being opened. I informed DPAC about what had happened, and from that point, I continued on with my day. I’m glad that nothing else out of the ordinary would happen.

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*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

**CORRECTIONS**

Due to a printing error, the article “With hard-earned tokes, moisture lock in PARADISE” by the Sig, 31 issue of The Observer, contained several factual statements. The Student Union Board did not say they were supporting four to West 4th Sets for Saturday’s game. The Chicago region’s weather will no longer be included in the Student Union Board’s email list, unless we have received a complete, signed contract at 631-4541 so we can correct our errors.

*The Observer regrets itself a professional publica*

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION TO SATURDAY’S FOOTBALL GAME?**

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Freshman
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Patrick Brown
Sophomore
Welsh Family

Lupe Pitine
Freshman
Pasquerilla East

Erinn Mulees
Freshman
Pasquerilla East

*"Samurajza for Heisman!"

"We should play the Purdue game 10 times a year!"

"It was like Christmas morning when you want that train set and you don’t get it, but it turns out your dad was hiding it the whole time."

"If Michigan had a radio, it would have been sweet."

"I thought the offense was spectacular."

Tomas O’Cathasleigh speaks to a panel at the "Why Irish?" seminar Friday. The international colloquium was held by the Department of Irish Language and Literature to discuss the role of the Irish in American studies.

**OFFBEAT**

**Bar made with ice opens in London**

LONDON — A chilly bit of Scandinavia is coming to the heart of London’s West End Saturday with the opening of Absolut bar, a bar made entirely out of ice right down to the art on the walls and the glasses for the drinks.

Situated next to the accompanying but room temperature Below Zero restaurant, the bar is kept at minus 23 Fahrenheit year round. For a cover charge of 12 pounds ($22.20), patrons are given a thermal cap, thick gloves and a glass made out of ice before entering the second of two airtight doors designed to keep heat out.

"It’s an experience rather than a traditional bar. We feel we’re really offering something different," said Anette Eliasson, manager of the bar, which is opening in the heart of London’s West End Saturday with the opening of Absolut bar.

Ws. man smashes case to read rare book

MADISON, Wis. — A man smashed a display case at the Wisconsin Historical Society to steal a Revolutionary War-era book worth $5,000, authorities say.

Matthew Brooke, 26, was charged Friday with felony theft of library materials and criminal damage to property. He went to the Historical Society on Thursday, according to a criminal complaint, and smashed the window on a second floor antique display case with his elbow. He allegedly swiped the "Pennsylvania Evening Post" from inside the case.

The book is a collection of the newspaper’s issues dating from January 1877 to April 1777.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**BRIEF**

The Medieval Institute will sponsor a lecture titled "After Notker: New Poets, New Composers, and New Poetry" today at 5 p.m. in the Eck Visitors Center Auditorium. The event features speaker Calvin M. Bower and is part of the 2005 Conway Lectures series, "Grasping the Wind: Words for Melodies in South German Liturgical Music, 800-1200."

1985 Notre Dame graduate Doug Began, chairman and CEO of Northern Trust Bank, will be featured in the presentation "Time, Talent and Treasure: The Contributions of the Arts & Letters Major to Society, Business and Global Relations" at 6 p.m. tonight in the McKenna Hall Auditorium. A panel discussion will follow. The event is free and open to students and faculty.

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, "Freedom and the Market: Why Antitrust Law Matters," at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Farley Auditorium of the Notre Dame Law School Courtroom.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) will hold its 2005-06 theater season with Arthur Kopit’s "Wings" Tuesday to Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Declo 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 obsnews@nd.edu.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

- **TODAY**
  - High: 86
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- **TUESDAY**
  - High: 88
  - Low: 66

- **WEDNESDAY**
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- **THURSDAY**
  - High: 60
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- **FRIDAY**
  - High: 57
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- **ATLANTA**
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- **BOSTON**
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- **CHICAGO**
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- **DENVER**
  - High: 80
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- **HOUStON**
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- **LOS ANGELES**
  - High: 84
  - Low: 62

- **MINNEAPOLIS**
  - High: 73
  - Low: 55

- **NEW YORK**
  - High: 73
  - Low: 54

- **PHILADELPHIA**
  - High: 68
  - Low: 50

- **PHOENIX**
  - High: 100
  - Low: 76

- **SEATTLE**
  - High: 64
  - Low: 48

- **SOUTH BEND**
  - High: 76
  - Low: 55

- **Tampa**
  - High: 84
  - Low: 64

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- **WEDNESDAY**: 57/49
- **THURSDAY**: 71/49
- **FRIDAY**: 68/50
New Notre Dame students are under an immense amount of pressure learning how to adapt to college life -- they must learn to navigate campus, courses and the Irish social scene. Most accomplish this successfully by the end of the first semester and by senior year can consider themselves professional homebodies. The area most students do not learn to navigate well, however, is dining on campus.

A 2001 study about eating disorders at the University indicated that the seriousness of high-risk eating behaviors and patterns is ignored. In an effort to combat unhealthy habits, Notre Dame Food Services provides a professional resource for students who want to learn about how to eat healthfully in college -- nutritionist Joie Antonelli.

Antonelli said students can see her if they want help regarding nutrition or daily practices. The information is no longer regulated by conditions from high school. The 2001 study found that Notre Dame's residential environment, coupled with extremely high-achieving students, can even cause the behaviors of some students to impact others significantly. The study also indicated that eating disorders on campus are largely unreported.

"I focus on general health," she said. "Antonelli said healthy eating is not calorie counting or extreme exercising -- it is a big part of a healthy lifestyle for everyone from varsity football players to sedentary freshmen who may be 25 pounds overweight.

She also said she attempts to help students avoid eating disorders through education.

"When a student goes to see Antonelli, she tries to get a general picture of the student's eating pattern and general lifestyle. Standard questions for students are, "What is your biggest meal of the day?" and "How often do you exercise?"

Antonelli said she also typically asks students who seek her help to keep track of their eating patterns for three days so she can get a better idea of their behaviors in order to come up with an individually specific plan for each student.

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requesting the information and declared that students should have access to it.

The information is taken from a large database provided by Sodexho, the food service supplier of Saint Mary's. It includes serving sizes, calorie content, sodium, protein and carbohydrate information. Bowles said that although this is the second year the information has been posted, the majority of students still remain unaware of this online feature.

"This information can be extremely beneficial for athletes and other students who are concerned about eating a healthy, balanced diet."

Kate Wallach

SMC Student Services Commissioner

Kate Wallach, the Student Services Commissioner for Saint Mary's, said she hopes that once students are aware of this tool, they will take advantage of it.

The information can be extremely helpful for athletes and other students who are concerned about eating a healthy, balanced diet," she said.

Although the information may be useful, some students are doubtful they will use the information. Many, like junior Kristin Kania, said they will not have time to look up the information.

"Although I would like to know about the nutritional information, I am too busy to look it up online," Kania said.

However, many students have positive responses to the availability of the information.

"I wouldn't look at the nutritional information everyday, but I would look at it every once in a while to see what's in the menu," freshman Rebeccah Drinkard said.

Senior Jennifer Robbins said she would probably consult the site "about every two weeks." Junior Kristin Heath, who already checks the dining hall menus online about twice a week, said she will start checking the nutritional information whenever she checks the menu.

Junior Molly White said although she is in favor of posting the information online, she worried it might enable students with disordered eating habits.

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Faced with a variety of food options, students opt to stand in line to get a taste of their favorite university food. Students can choose a menu that is low in calories, low in fat or high in protein.

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**Internet**

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... Weis was playing chess Saturday night and Tiller was playing Candy Land.

Sophomore Ryan Ruan, who attended the Purdue game, said he also attended the Michigan and Pittsburgh games this year. Ryan said he was quite impressed by the way the Purdue fans received the Notre Dame fans in attention.

"The fan were there pretty classy," he said. "They weren't giving us as hard of a time as they were at Michigan and Pittsburgh."

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Rugg said, "We work routinely with networks such as ESPN and so on." The collection contains primary resources for many different sports-related subjects, mostly dating back to the 19th and early 20th century.

"It's a collection of older, primary source, sports-related materials," Rugg said. "I think it's a collection really that's more appropriate for people doing advanced research, writing books, scholars and graduate students who are working in the history and sociology of sports, journalists and filmmakers.

Rugg emphasized that the collection exists not for sports fans, but rather for academic purposes.

"What it is, first and foremost, it's a research collection. It's not a collection of memorabilia, of autographs, or any items or sports equipment. It's here first and foremost as a research collection."

Within the collection as a whole, there are different groupings of items. One collection focuses on professional baseball, which includes signatures from almost 50 Hall of Famers. 7,500 boxing photos from the 1920s and '30s -- almost all unpublished -- comprise the Harry Winkler collection. There are also scrapbooks of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League that contain clip-pings, corre­ spondence and programs from the WWII league. However, the core of the collection comes from a purchase the University made in 1977. Rugg said.

"That really continues to be the core of the collection," he said.

But the biggest break for the collection came in 1987 when it was endowed, which enabled it to continue to grow.

"Not only was there money to develop the collection, but also the money to build a collection, with purchased acquisitions," Rugg said.

The collection was able to purchase something else recently with the purchase of a business ledger of the Birmingham Black Barons, a Negro League team. It contains all the finan­ cial information of the team, including players' salaries and the business records.

"Records of these leagues are extremely scarce, so this was really a wonderful item," Rugg said. "This is in a great research, it will be studied." And for those who don't use the collection for research, occasionally some of the archives are put on display in the library of the lobby.

"We did fan exhibit last winter on our boxing related col­ lections," Rugg said. "That's how another way people can experience the collections."

The reason these things aren't out in stacks and don't circulate is, because we're trying to make them available for research on the one hand, but we're trying to preserve them as artifacts on the other.

"Even with the opportunity to experience the display, Rugg said he would like more Notre Dame undergraduates to be able to utilize the collections.

"We certainly want to encourage undergraduates," he said. "It's just that most undergraduates writing papers don't use primary sources."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Storm weakens, heads for Mexico**

LA PAZ, Mexico — Hurricane Otto weakened to a tropical storm Sunday and headed north toward an unprotected stretch of the Baja California Peninsula, while a tropical depression generated what appeared to be a "cold mountain," Bell on property owned at the time by his father.

**National News**

**Suicide takes place near stadium**

NORMAN, Okla. — One person was killed in an explosion near a packed football stadium at the University of Oklahoma on Saturday night in what authorities said appeared to be a suicide.

**Firefighters make progress on blaze**

A 1,045-acre fire in Burbank was 67 percent contained, police said. A police bomb squad detonated explosives carrying the explosives.

**Second nomination awaits Bush**

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**INDONESIA**

**Alert level high after Saturday's attack**

*Video image shows bomber casually walking through diners before deadly explosion*

*Associated Press*

Bali — Police raised the alert level for Indonesia's second most-populous island following a deadly bombing Sunday as a chilling video image shows a suspected bomber clutch­ing a backpack and strolling past diners moments before one of three suicide bomb­ings killed 26 people on Bali.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Human remains to be examined**

BILOXI, Miss. — The remains of an unidentified woman Latinx escapee were ex­pected to be sent to the state medical examiner's office Monday for a detailed examination of her DNA, which could help establish her identity.

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"It's still working," White House chief of staff Andy Card said Sunday about the president's plan to choose a replacement for retiring Justice Sandra Day O' Connor. "Still considering lots of options."

The White House will not disclose who is on Bush's short list, or hint when an announcement will be made.

Legal experts who are in touch with administration officials say the pres­i­dent is most likely to choose a woman to replace O'Connor, even though many of the often-mentioned candidates are white men.

"Let's continue to be talk in legal cir­cles that he could pick one of three longtime Bush loyalists. White House counsel Harriet Miers, the first women to travel to Egypt's Sinai peninsula as a chilling video image shows a suspected bomber clutching a backpack and strolling past diners moments before one of three suicide bomb­ings killed 26 people on Bali.

"The near-simultaneous explosions on the island also injured 101 peo­ple, including six Americans.

The attacks apparently were planned by Southeast Asia's two most-wanted men, who are believed to be connected to a network of jihadis who planned answer the call to jihad by travelling to Iraq to fight for a hard­line group called Ansaruddin Mhaji, a top Indonesian anti-terror offic­ial.

"Fear of more attacks on tourism also worries its citizens Sunday not to travel to the island during the upcoming month of Jewish holidays, saying it has information that Arab militants planning strikes against Israelis already are located in the resort area.

The alleged masterminds of the Bali attacks were believed to be Azahari bin Isbain and Noordin Mohamad Top, both Malaysians who fled to Indonesia after a crack­down on militants following the Sept. 11 attacks, officials said.

The masterminds were not among the suspected bombers, whose remains were found Friday and Saturday, officials said. All three bombers were believed to be wearing body explo­sives, police said.

"All that is left is their head and feet," Mhaji said. "By the evidence we can conclude the bombers were carrying the explosives around their waists."

Supreme Court Justice Rambang Yudhoyono warned that ter­rorists could be planning more strikes in the world's most populous Muslim nation at Jakarta's police chief put the capital on alert, with two-thirds of its police force on standby.

"The terrorists are still looking for soft targets," Yudhoyono said at a news conference after viewing the devastation.

Western and Indonesian intelligence agencies have warned repeatedly that Jemaah Islamiyah was plot­ting more attacks despite a string of arrests.

Last month, Yudhoyono said the extremist network might strike Jakarta during September or October. He explained Saturday that his warning was based on intel­ligence the terrorists had already prepared the explo­sives.

There were no claims of responsibil­ity for Saturday night's coordinated attacks on two packed seafood cafes in the Jimbaran beach resort and the Raja Cafe noodle and steakhouse in the bustling tourist center of Kuta. Video footage shot by a vacationer at the three-story Raja Cafe captured a sus­pected bomber in a black T-shirt walking past foreign and local tourists eating din­ner, sipping drinks and chating at candlelits.

A police bomb squad was called to the scene Sunday to say whether he'd made up his mind about a second nominee. The man clutches his backpack, adjusts it slightly, then walks out of view. Moments later there was an explosion from his direction, followed by gray smoke and terrified screams. Police said the video, obtained by Associated Press Television News, was part of the inves­tigation.

A suspension for the blasts fell on the Southeast Asian terrorist group Jemaah Islamiyah, which wants to establish an Islamic state across Southeast Asia and has been linked to Osama bin Laden's terrorist net­work.
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Evidence of recession surfaces

Low home, car sales, high energy costs prompt concerns among economists

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Things are going so badly for President Bush and his fellow Republicans that it is hard to imagine what could come along and make it worse.

Think recession.

With long-term bond yields near a low point, he is running near empty on political capital himself presiding over a recovery. A recession could hasten his status as a lame-duck president ahead of the 2006 midterm elections and jolt the party that controls both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue.

The “R” word is being heard more often among economists, especially after recent reports showed tum­bels in consumer spending and corporate earnings.

New home sales are down. Auto sales have slowed. Higher energy prices — due partly to the hurricanes that damaged drilling and refining installa­tions along the Gulf Coast — have eroded consumers’ buying power. Inflation is trending higher. Interest rates, too.

“Rcession risks are rapidly rising,” said Mark Zandi, chief economist of Economy.com, an econometric analysis service in West Chester, Pa. The last recession was in 2001.

Zandi is not forecasting a recession. But he said a coal miner, a further pullback in consumer spending, a ter­rorist attack and other hard­cases could tip the scales.

“And if we are going into a recession this time, we’ll get around to figuring that out ,” it will be too late, he added.

Bush’s pledge to spend “whatever it costs” to rebuild New Orleans and the Gulf Coast after the high bill for the Iraq war will keep swelling the deficit and limit his options for fighting an economic down­turn. A recession would mean fewer dollars flowing into the treasury and force the government to pay out more benefits to the poor and those idled by the hurri­canes. If the economy slides into a recession because of infla­tion driven by energy prices, that could restrict the Federal Reserve’s ability to stimulate the economy with lower interest rates. The scenario could unfold just as the central bank’s chairman, Alan Greenspan, who has helped to keep the economy on an even keel during his 18-year term, nears his retirement in January.

Attention lately has focused on Bush’s filling out the Supreme Court. But his selection of a new Fed chief ranks right up there in terms of far-reaching conse­quences.

Private economists and market watchers are sug­gesting that Bush follow the pattern he set in naming John Roberts as chief jus­tice. Pick someone with solid credibility and experience to succeed Greenspan, in an effort to calm market jitters.

The betting is that Bush will not wait until January and will announce his choice in the fall. The post requires Senate approval.

Eventually, the economic damage from the hurricanes will wear off, replaced by a boost from reconstruction.

“We’re fortunate that the economy is very, very strong now. It will continue to be strong,” said Al Hubbard, chairman of Bush’s National Economic Council.

Wal-Mart employees unite efforts

Construction crews continued to work to clean up New Orleans Sunday. President Bush has pledged millions of dollars to help with economic recovery in the region.

The United States have been accused of everything from paying bounty wages and locking workers in overnight to discrim­i­nating against women, while foiling attempts by labor groups such as the United Food and Commercial Workers Union to organize workers.

The food and commercial workers union is among the sponsors of the new workers association, along with the Service Employees International Union, and Acorn, an advocacy group for the poor. Central Florida was chosen for the launch because of Wal-Mart’s aggres­sive expansion here.

The world’s largest and most prof­itable retailer has heard the employees’ complaints before. Stores around the

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.—It’s not a union, but some Wal-Mart workers say it might be the best thing.

Searching for a voice in their work lives, employees of some central Florida Wal-Mart stores have formed a workers group to collectively air complaints about what they claim is shoddy treatment by the world’s largest retailer.

About 250 employees and former employees from four central Florida stores have joined the Bedding Wal­Mart Workers Association, spurred by what they say is a reduction of hours and schedule changes recently that may jeopardize health care benefits for some. Organizers say the word-of­mouth campaign is attracting 15 to 20 new members every week.

The members say they hope their efforts will persuade the company to listen to its people and make some changes.

“Management seems like they don’t really respect the associates,” said Carl Jones, acting chairman of the new group, who makes $9.40 an hour as the lead cart-pusher at a store outside Orlando. “We don’t have a voice. We don’t have any rights at all.”

The company, however, says most of its associates are happy, and character­ized the effort in Florida as another attempt by the unions to get their hands in the pockets of some of its 1.3 million workers in the United States.

“It’s within (employees’) legal rights to do that, but this group is a wolf in sheep’s clothing,” Wal-Mart spokes­woman Chruti Gallagher said. “This is a labor organization attempting to mas­querade as something else.”

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Corporation to launch defibrillator

INDIANAPOLIS — Guidant Corp. said Friday it had received regulatory approval for a new model of implantable heart defibrillator.

The approval of the Vitality HE follows a string of announcements since June as the Indianapolis-based company has recalled or issued warnings about 9,000 heart defibril­tators — including its leading seller, the Contak Renewal 3 — and almost 200 pacemakers because of reported malfunc­tions.

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The troubles with Guidant’s devices have raised questions over its reporting of potential problems and a planned $25.4 billion acquisi­tion by New Jersey-based Johnson & Johnson.

Guidant shares closed up 72 cents at $68.89 in trading Friday on the New York Stock Exchange, after tum­bling on Thursday follow­ing a report that the medical device maker might be the subject of a criminal investiga­tion by the Food and Drug Administration.

Dollar rises amidst political limbo

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There’s a balance there you have. "Well, you have [in college]." he said. "You have to like what you’re doing to be motivated," he said. "You have to agree that the life of a student-athlete is more difficult for student-athletes..."

"Performing well in school and at a Varsity sport is [something] you just have to get through one step at a time, and when you look back at the bigger picture, it’s something to be proud of," Kegelman said. "Notre Dame is the highest level of both academics and athletics. That’s part of why Notre Dame is so unique." Bohn said although there is times when she feels overwhelmed..."I’m going to leave here with a degree from one of the top universities," she said. "And on the athletic side, all of my hard work has been rewarded in the greatest ways — being part of a great team and winning a national championship. I think the two worlds [of academics and athletics] can definitely coexist as well as you can manage both sides and work hard at both," Brown said he does not feel that much of a student-athlete often feels overwhelmed. "They thrive at both academics and athletics and enjoy doing it," he said. "The ability to deal with athletic and academic pressures might be the reason so many ND go on to uniformed success beyond graduation."

Setting the standard

Last March, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) introduced a new set of guidelines for major Division I sports programs to keep student-athletes academically scholarship on track for a degree. The Academic Progress Rate (APR) — which will go into effect December 2000 — will penalize schools unable to retain athletes.

The APR point system requires a school to score 925 or higher out of a possible 1,000 to avoid penalty from the NCAA. Each player begins with a worth of two points. If the student-athlete stays in school and maintains an adequate GPA, they lose no points. If a player’s GPA drops below a certain level or if he or she departs school early, one point is lost. Two points are deducted if both scenarios occur. Points for each athlete are tallied and added up to a team total, which is then divided by the total number of points possible and multiplied by 1,000.

Once the plan is implemented, penalties will go into effect immediately, and no school will be exempted unless it applies for a waiver. A March report on the PBS program NewsHour with Jim Lehrer said more than half of the 328 Division I schools affected by the plan would fail under the APR standards last year.

"We want to develop both the student-athlete and the athletic side and also to challenge," he said. "But despite its high standards, the board recognizes the rigors of the once-per-year requirement for our student-athletes, not only through the help available to all students, but also through the Office of Academic Services for Student-Athletes," Dutile said.

Student-athletes are provided with counselors who are regularly available to help foster effective study habits, enforce time management and academic performance. "Tutors are also accessible to assist students," said Academic Services for Student-Athletes Director and FBA member Pat Holmes said academic success is ultimately the responsibility of the student-athletes. "Our job is not only support, but also to challenge," he said. "We want to develop both the student and the athletic side and also to challenge our student-athletes and make sure they’re getting the most out of Notre Dame." Dutile said he is confident in the ability of Notre Dame’s student-athletes to flourish in the classroom. "I am continually impressed by the number of student-athletes who compete well both in their sport and in the classroom," he said.

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Recording industry wants to curb piracy

WASHINGTON — The recording industry and copyright experts urged Congress on Wednesday not to intervene with legislation to curb online piracy of music or movies after a recent ruling from the Supreme Court.

The unanimous decision from the high court in June cleared the way for the film and music industry to file piracy lawsuits against technology companies caught stealing copyrighted material.

At Wednesday's hearing, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter said some language in the Senate Judiciary Committee's new music piracy bill would not hurt piracy lawsuits.

Associated Press

Rapper's album tackles issues

 Slug takes on personal demons, earns 'emo-rapper' label and female fans

MINNEAPOLIS — The title of Atmosphere's new album is "I Can't Imagine How Much Fun We're Having." The rappers, it seems, are being sarcastic.

It's hard to think otherwise after a few songs of music that cover tormented father-son relationships, America's over-reliance on antidepresants and the 2003 murder of a 16-year-old fan after an Atmosphere show in Albuquerque.

"I thought I was making a happier record than I was," said Slug, the 33-year-old mastermind behind the Minneapolis-based group. "It wasn't until the end of the day that I realized, you know, this record is kind of dark."

A fixture for almost a decade in the underground rap scene, Slug's forays into hip hop's hottest zone have brought greater commercial success with millions of people for free. He said estimates suggest that Nashville has lost nearly half of its songwriters because of online piracy.

Prior to the Grokster ruling, copyright experts estimated that online thieves traded 2.6 billion songs, movies and other digital files each month.

"When it comes to dealing with kids that I don't know but they're making, I've learned that I'm into it — I have a thing for it," said Slug, whose real name is Sean Daley. "So I try to end up steering it, instead of into a fandom thing, into more of a faux mentorship or whatever."

Mainstream hip-hop is often criticized for glorifying violence and wealth and objectifying women. The first two are of little interest to Slug, who's more likely to be sporting a black T-shirt than bling. But when it comes to women, things get a little more complicated.

The topic of many of Atmosphere's songs, women to Slug are an alternating source of fascination, confusion, regret and scorn.

"I'm over 30, I can't maintain rela­tions, all these women wanna hurt me and I just don't have the patience. I can't trust 'em and they're not much help, when they start to push and pull the buttons I don't trust myself," Slug raps in the new song "Little Man."

Despite — or perhaps because of — Slug's professions of vulnerabil­ity, he has built up a large female following.

"Slug's interest in tackling his demons has gotten him labeled by some as an "emo-rapper," tying him to emo-rockers like Death Cab for Cutie and Dashboard Confessional, which have landed songs of teenage angst and young adult fans with their melodic confessional lyrics.

"It's real stuff, not trying to rap about a fake life," said Nate Kranz, road manager at the famed Minneapolis nightclub First Avenue, a regular stop for Atmosphere. "It's songs that me, you, anybody can identify with."

Atmosphere has also gotten a boost from being in heavy rotation on Minnesota Public Radio's new alternative music station, The Current, and its popular Webcasts. The station debuted in January with the band's "Say No." It's earning Atmosphere followers that diverge from the usual hip-hop fan base. Oly Pages, the Twin Cities' alternative newspaper, once put it bluntly: "Atmosphere is hip-hop for people who don't like hip-hop."

But, even though he eschews many of its conventions, Slug's relationship to hip-hop is nearly as complicated as his relationship with women. The son of a white mother and a black father who divorced when he was a teenager, Slug spent his youth idolizing rap artists like KRS-One and L L Cool J.

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**Boat over turns in lake, killing 21**

New York cruise capsizes, sends additional two dozen seniors to hospital

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**LAKE GEORGE, N.Y.** A boat carrying tourists on a senior citizens’ cruise over turned Sunday on a lake in broken New York, killing at least 21 people and sending more than two dozen others to a hospital.

Authorities were investigating whether a large passing tour boat created a wake that caused the accident. Warren County Sheriff Larry Cleveland said.

The 40-foot, glass-enclosed Ethan Allen capsized around 3 p.m. on Lake George about 50 miles north of Albany in the Adirondack Mountains.

The accident apparently happened so fast that none of the passengers was able to put on a life jacket, Cleveland said.

Patrol boats that reached the scene within minutes found other boats already pulling people out of the water. All passengers had been accounted for within two hours.

Twenty-seven people were taken to a hospital in nearby Glens Falls. All of the injured were cold and wet, some with broken ribs and some complaining of shortness of breath. Five people were to be taken to a hospital, hospital spokesman Jason White said.

"It's very unfortunate," said Jerry Thornell, a former Lake George Park Commission patrol officer and a lake enforcement officer for the county sheriff's department.

Representatives of Shoreline Cruises, which operates the boat, could not immediately be reached for comment.

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America's pastime heats up

As October rears its Jack-O-Lantern Head, we all realize what is coming up right around the bend: baseball playoffs. Yes, those 150+ games your team logged all through the long, hot summer? They don't really mean much, not when the playoffs are finally here. We actually learn a slot amongst the select few who will be shuffling flax as the leaves turn if they didn’t, you'd forget them next year, you always will. But if they did, it doesn’t matter if they won 148 or just a shade over half of them, because all bets are off when it’s time to play in October.

As always, the Braves are in the playoffs, winning their 14th straight division title. Of course, the Braves are only pecking their heads into the party that is the playoffs to say “Hi” before exiting in the second round; they’ve got a thing that they need to do. And then you’ve got the Padres, a team that everybody looks at and says, “Really?” These guys made the playoffs? But they almost lost more games than they won. Is this a joke? Where’s the hidden camera? Yes, the Padres are in the playoffs, and even they aren’t exactly sure why.

The Anaheim Angels at Los Angeles When did the Los Angeles Angels Desist rusty That They’re From Los Angeles clinched their division as well, with Vladimir Guerrero leading the charge. There are a lot of questions surrounding this baseball team. Will the pitching hold up? Can they score the runs when they need to? Why is the Dominican star of the team named Vladimir? But that’s the beauty of the playoffs, we always find answers to our questions, except that last one. That just doesn’t make any sense.

The White Sox have clinched their division finally preventing a meltdown that would make Three Mile Island look like a glow stick. Of course, with a playoff spot on the line they decide to start winning games, shouting down the “Indians” wildcard hopes like it is target practice. And as always, the St. Louis Cardinals cruised into the playoffs. If I’m not mistaken, I believe that they clinched their division sometime in the B.C. period, shortly after the Gennarte Era. They didn’t have a magic number to win the division because they hadn’t been invented yet.

Of course, nobody cares about those teams right now, we only care about the spots on the dance card that as of now are still unfilled. I as I pen this, the playoff chase has taken epic proportions, with the Houston Astros and the Philadelphia Phillies racing for the final spot in the National League. The New York Yankees clinched their division and wildcard spot. Conquering George Steinbrenner from bating, Joe Torre’s ear off, and the Red Sox and Indians are playing to grab that last wildcard spot. We Last Year That We Said Was The Biggest Ever will with the Houston Astros and the New York Yankees clinched their division and wildcard spot. Conquering George Steinbrenner from bating, Joe Torre’s ear off, and the Red Sox and Indians are playing to grab that last wildcard spot. We Last Year That We Said Was The Biggest Ever will.

I despise that in mind, I desperately need the Indians to grab that final playoff position like the last chicken wing at Buffalo Alleys. I can’t even imagine another year of “Red Sox-Yankees: This Series Is Bigger Than Every Other Series, Ever.” Playing The Last Year That We Said Was The Biggest Ever this One’s Bigger.” Whenever these two teams meet, it’s like the world stops

I'm more than willing to grant Jacob Zipfel's suggestion that there is no notion, then, of creating new rights for homosexuals. In the Cenozoic era, they didn't have a magic number to win the division because they hadn’t been invented yet. Religious justifications for discrimination are never adequate. The secular reasoning Mr. Zipfel hides in the middle of his discussion of demagoguery, however, leaves much to be desired.

Mr. Zipfel suggests that homosexuals do have the same exact rights as heterosexuals. A man can marry a woman, and a woman can marry a man. ... What the gay rights movement is attempting to do is to create a new class. Redefining marriage to allow same sexes is to change the very definition of what marriage has historically been. Certainly, however, this is equivalent to claiming before interracial marriage was truly traditional definition of marriage, that is, when you could only marry within your social class. Certainly, it is absurd to claim those who were attracted to members of a different social class had the same rights then. After all, everybody could marry someone of the opposite gender, provided that they were of the same race and same class. There is no notion, then, of creating new rights for homosexuals

here, merely extending marriage to allow greater equality under the law, just as so many other things have been done repeatedly in the past. Mr. Zipfel then suggests that the logical extension of the argument for same-sex marriage, that is, that there must be some check on the majority to allow for basic freedoms, is to allow NAMBLA the legalization of sex with 6 year old boys (I have to admit, a month and a half ago I never thought I’d be discussing NAMBLA in my first editorial letter). There are a few fundamental differences. Mr. Zipfel is right that majority rule in America, or any "democracy" is essential to stopping NAMBLA's claims. The exception to majority rule, however, comes when enforcing the will of the minority has such a disproportionate impact that it limits the fundamental rights of the minority. Allowing gay marriage has no significant negative social impacts, while disallowing it blatantly tells homosexuals they are inferior and treats them as such. NAMBLA’s claims, on the other hand, have considerable social impacts, certainly not a lead, no thing like that. Where it fully considers the impacts of having sex with a full-grown man.

So there you have it, Mr. Zipfel, respectful discussion of the issues at hand. Let’s have at it.

Quote of the Day

"There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for food." - Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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Will Write for Food
Put Delay away

The House of Representatives just lost its v:de.. Republican and former House Majority Leader Tom Delay. Delay, who represented Texas in the House, was charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering for corporate money. Republican candidates in a state election. The representative had to resign temporarily as the House majority leader.

CNN said Delay called this the result of a blatant political partnership. Fussy that he wouldn’ t get that, that Delay has a suspicion for his rigid conservatism.

Was $40 million is a hoax or not anybody’s guess right now, but when you look at Delay’s stances and his history, the evidence points to guilt.

Coincidentally, this man charged with using money illegally in an election has opposed attempts to reform campaign finance. The Texas Observer said he may be the staunchest opponent of campaign finance reform.

Not only that, Delay’s view of money takes away from his plea of innocence with his quote from the Congress Daily “Money is not the root of all evil in politics. In fact, money is the livelihood of politics.” When I read that, I couldn’t decide whether I had read the words of a man who loves his country or the wisdom of a goat.

Obviously, if Delay believes money must run politics and that evil can’t spring from it, we might see the congressman serving a couple in jail soon.

And if that does happen, Americans should rejoice because Delay is a man with a sweet personality.

Of course, I mainly laugh at his Neanderthal gargling of phlegm. CNN and FoxNews provided me with Delay’s gameplan in the court of public opinion in this case will be technical or legalistic. It will be categorical and absurd.

We liberal foot soldiers don’t matter what you believe in a court. Courts work within a legal system; you must be legalistic in your case. Delay should be lobotomized.

And if that doesn’t happen, Delay’s unfortunate dumberg, his arrogant statements and disregard for the American people shine through his expensive clothes as well.

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Who is Justice Roberts?

Who is Justice Roberts? The Reflector

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How to save Democrats

I’m jumping ship. No more Democrat or liberal bashers, no more endless criticisms of Republican presidents, and no more urges to throw things when you read my columns.

I’m becoming one of you — I am now a liberal Democrat.

My sister and her husband will now declare victory, and quite possibly throw a party or something.

But I’m not only just joining, I’m planning on being an active participant. To kick off, I’ve come up with a foolproof plan that will make us Democrats the dominant party in America.

My plan is a little complicated, so you might want to grab a crayon and a tablet and take some notes. The first and most fundamental change that we are going to make is that we are actually going to stand for something and abandon our long-time strategy of being against everything. I’m not just talking about the lip service we have always given — I’m talking about really standing for something. We have always pretended to be for the people, so let’s go with that. You can’t get much more fundamentally than being the people’s party.

We have always been bottom-up, or grassroots, fund-raisers, but unfortunately, we have been top down as far as the polities and politics we have claimed to stand for. Our leaders have been so far removed from the everyday person, it’s no wonder we have so much trouble being successful. Since we are now grassroots, we are going to build from the neighborhoods, our districts, our cities, our states and finally our country, and we are going to elect the people who best represent us personally in each respective venue.

We are going to make them explain exactly what is in it for us individually if they are elected and what it will cost us. As Senate taught, some people will always act in their best interest in the end. We, being the people’s party, are going to assume people are sane and know what’s in their best interest. The decision made by the majority of individuals, acting in their best interest is, by definition, in the best interest of the whole — put a little crayon star by that point.

No longer will the so-called elite put us, the people, on the head and tell us what is best for us. We are going to abandon the soft bigotry of low expectations that our former leaders practiced. We are going to be represented by the people who best represent us personally, not ambitious professional politicians. If I’m from New York, I want to be represented by someone from New York, not from California or Arkansas or wherever.

We are going to truly separate religion from government. This includes earth and animal worshippers. If we want to sit on leather chairs and eat fried chicken, we are damn well going to do it. If there is any credible non-faith-based evidence that the tales of impending doom being preached by earth worshippers is true, then of course, we will follow our best interests and go with their suggestions.

Until then, let’s drill for oil on our own property and build regional refineries for gasoline. Do we really need 40 different blends of regular unleaded? They say refined gas will kill sea turtles and the like, and I love sea turtles as much or more than the next guy, but I am not so arrogant as to think that anything that I do will destroy them. After all, they are pretty tough, and have been around a lot longer than us. Isn’t it more dangerous for us to try and control natural selection and the survival of the fittest?

Finally, since we are only going to elect officials at all levels that we believe are going to act in our individual best interest, we need to unsubscribe to all polling companies and fire the publicists. We don’t need them anymore. We can dismantle the political war room, because our representatives will be so busy doing stuff for us that there will no longer be the need for their failed partisan schemings.

Also, when we enter into political debates, we will first find out if the person with whom we are debating is an American citizen and if they are registered to vote. Frankly, if he or she is a non-citizen or not registered to vote, they are too irresponsible to have a credible opinion.

If my fellow Democrats will just follow my simple plan, I know it will change the world.

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Who is Justice Roberts?

John Roberts is the 17th chief justice of the United States, and most of us barely know him.

The weather headlines oversold Roberts confirmation hearings, and most people heard little about it. All of a sudden, William Rehnquist has been replaced before an uneducated public.

There wasn’t much of a disagreement between Senators on Roberts, which voted him in by a 77-22 vote. Half of the votes approved him.

Even if the hurricane hadn’t drawn our attention away from the confirmation hearings, we still probably wouldn’t know much about Roberts. He’s only been on the bench for two years, so he doesn’t have an extensive history that we can dissect.

Although he does seem to be more moderate than his predecessor, many of Roberts’ views line up with Rehnquist’s. In other words, don’t expect the court to change that much. We don’t know what direction Roberts will take the Supreme Court, but if he follows in Rehnquist’s footsteps, it will drastically affect the court.

However, the exciting norm will be the person who must replace Sandra O’Connor. Before that judge gets in, we should all try not to let anything dull us away from that appointment. Otherwise, we’ll be taken off-guard, and it will be far more serious than Roberts swearing in.

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UNCLE SAM.
The art of Celtic music

Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers blend tradition with musical innovation

By GRACE MYERS
Scene Writer

The performance of Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers was incredibly enjoyable.

The Leighton Concert Hall’s audience was a mixture of long-time Celtic music followers, musicians and aficionados, as well as many people who had almost no idea of what to expect. Tommy Makem and the Makem Brother’s highly energized performance was engaging, fun and interesting, even to the most inexperienced audience member. It was a lively and charming combination of music and story telling — a fine introduction to the Celtic music scene.

The Makem Brothers — Shane, Conor and Rory Makem — along with Mickey and Liam Spain, performed first. The quintet began with an upbeat number, which was similar to music that would be heard in a Celtic pub. They then introduced themselves formally and played a slower, more traditional song. Their sound was dynamic in that they each played different instruments and synthesized their diverse voices to fulfill each of the song’s particular moods.

Undoubtedly, the act’s greatest strength was their vibrant stage-presence. They obviously loved the music that they were playing, but also loved playing it with each other. They joked around about being brothers, about their hometown, alcohol, the Irish Catholics, the game against Purdue and Rudy. They essentially talked about things that anyone at Notre Dame can appreciate. It was evident that, despite their lineage of Irish musicians, they have established a new identity for themselves and have gained their own unique appreciation for the music.

One of the best songs performed was one written by Conor Makem. It was slower and more eloquent, dealing with the remembrance of one’s history and culture, despite the progression of life and technology. It was interesting to see him continue the making of and love for Irish music through a song that dealt with the continuation of tradition. It was particularly poignant in lieu of the fact that he is the son of a legendary Irish musician.

After intermission, Tommy Makem performed, with his son Rory on the guitar. From the moment he walked onto the stage, it was obvious that Tommy Makem is a legend and a pro. He also resembles his father. He is probably the best known classic singer, so that they could join in the singing. There were a few songs that the audience sang along with while he belted out the complicated lyrics or playing the banjo with great technical ability.

He played an array of traditional songs including drinking songs, songs about war, children’s songs and several well-known classic songs. He told a story or a joke before each song. He also made a point of giving a background to the song that helped to explain what the song addresses, which helped set the tone so that the audience could appreciate it to a greater extent. He also played numerous songs that he had written, which were equally enjoyable. They displayed his great pride for the history and culture of Ireland.

Celtic music is his means for spreading this pride and利息 interest, not only to his sons but also to every audience for which he plays.

Many times, he taught the audience the chorus of the song he was going to sing, so that they could join in the singing. There were a few songs that the audience sang along with while he stepped back from the microphone. It was an example of why Tommy Makem is a legend, and it showed his unique ability to pass on an interest and love for the music he makes.

Undoubtedly the act’s greatest strength was their vibrant stage presence.

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Tommy Makem embraces his Irish heritage by performing traditional songs and writing new songs that celebrate the history, people and culture of Ireland.

The Makem and Spain brothers opened for Tommy Makem. They played music and made jokes about being brothers, Irish Catholics and Notre Dame.

The Makem and Spain brothers joined together to form a Celtic music quintet. They perform at a wide variety of music festivals and Irish culture celebrations.
Notre Dame defeats Purdue 49-28 as Quinn throws for 440 yards and three scores

By KEVIN BRENNAN

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — The Notre Dame offense exploded Saturday, propelling the team to a 49-28 victory over Purdue as quarterback Brady Quinn orchestrated an Irish attack that amassed 621 total yards and had the Irish on top 28-0 at halftime. Quinn completed 29-of-36 passes for 440 yards and two touchdowns, setting a new Notre Dame record for most 300-yard games in a season.

"I thought [Quinn] had an exceptional game," Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis said.

Wide receivers Jeff Samardzija and Maurice Stovall were Quinn's primary targets. Samardzija hauled in seven passes for 135 yards and two scores, while Stovall added eight receptions for 134 yards.

The receivers made plays and made them miss," Weis said. "We got a lot of yards after catch. We're taking three yard passes and turning them into 10-, 15-, 20-yard gains.

Illustrating its offensive efficiency, Notre Dame's only punt in the first half came after its initial drive stalled at midfield. The Irish scored a touchdown on four of their six first-half drives.

Notre Dame pulled away in the second quarter after Irish defensive end Trevor Laws blocked a 44-yard field goal attempt by Purdue kicker Ben Jones. The block set up a 71-yard drive which ended in a 4-yard Samardzija touchdown catch. On Notre Dame's next possession, tailback Darius Walker, who finished the game with 80 yards rushing on 23 carries, scored on a 10-yard draw to put the Irish up by four touchdowns.

Notre Dame opened the game's scoring on its second possession, which started from the Irish 10-yard line and did not feature a single third down. Samardzija made an athletic diving one-handed catch on a 41-yard scrambling pass from Quinn that gave Notre Dame first and goal from the 1-yard line. On the next play, senior fullback Rashon Powers-Neal took a handoff from Quinn into the end zone for the touchdown.

Purdue responded with a long drive of its own. Tailback Kory Sheets carried the ball 38 yards down the sideline before being knocked out at the 1-yard line by Irish cornerback Ambrose Woidtke.

The Boilermakers looked poised to even the score, but the Notre Dame defense forced another red zone turnover when senior linebacker Brandon Hoyte jarred the ball loose from Purdue running back Jerrod Void on the following play. Cornerback Mike Richardson recovered the loose ball at the Notre Dame 2-yard line.

"I guess that was sort of their M.O. this year," Notre Dame tight end Anthony Fasano said of the Irish defense. "They really do well in the red zone when their team is up against the wall."

The Notre Dame defense has forced seven turnovers in the red zone this season.

The Irish offense capitalized on the takeaway with a 98-yard, 15-play drive that took 5:36 off the clock. Quinn completed 7-of-9 passes for 99 yards during the possession. On fourth and goal from the 1, Powers-Neal found the end zone for the second time, bringing his season touchdown total to six.

Weis was thrilled with the team's play in the first half.

"I think that one quick out early in the game to [Stovall] we'd like to have back," Weis said. "But other than that it was a hell of a performance."

"Weis came away impressed with the Boilermaker offense. Purdue has added an option running game this season to complement its traditional high-flying passing attack.

The Irish defense was proud of the way it handled Purdue's multi-faceted offense.

"We knew we had to step up with the versatility Purdue was going to show us," Richardson said. "And I'd say we did a pretty good job of actually getting the play that we actually made the plays when we needed to."

Late in the third quarter, Richardson recorded another takeaway for the Irish, intercepting Kirsch in the end zone.

"I think it gives us the confidence," safety Tom Zbikowski said. "And I think offensively they're going to be worrying about that. When they get down to the one-yard line, it's not going to be an automatic touchdown.

The Irish defense continued to roll in the second half. On Notre Dame's first drive, Quinn found Samardzija on a deep post that went for a 55-yard touchdown. After making the catch, Samardzija managed to stay in bounds and then break four tackles on his way to the end zone — his second score on the night.

"When you get those chances to make plays, you've got to make them when you get them going feed off into the coaches and the quarterback, and everyone is just going to have confidence," Samardzija said.

The Irish offense continued in the fourth quarter, giving Notre Dame's reserves a chance to log minutes and gain experience.

Backup quarterbacks David Wolke and Marry Monsey saw time, as did freshman offensive tackles Paul Duncan and Michael Turkowski.

With 6:17 left in the game, tailback Travis Thomas carried the ball 10 yards for a touchdown. Weis was impressed with the performance of the second-team offense.

"I think that sooner or later you are going to have to play those guys," Weis said. "I was as happy as anything to have that second offense go down and score a touchdown."

Notre Dame's other fourth quarter score came on a 22-yard pass from Quinn to tight end Anthony Fasano. The touchdown was the first of Carson's career.

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Irish defense best in red zone

The interception was big," Richardson said. "I know they were going to come back with a big play after they got their play on defense, and I just knew our defense had to make a big play first. They actually ran that play in a previous game and got a big gain on it, so I knew that it was coming.

With Purdue driving late in the third quarter, a crucial Boilermaker turnover on downs just inside the Notre Dame 30-yard line ended any hopes of a dramatic comeback. The true "bend but not break" defense hasn't gone unnoticed.

"Were starting to make a little trademark on it," Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said. "As long as we know we have a yard or two or stand with, were going to make something happen.

Yet, as effective as the Irish have been with their backs against the end zone, there isn't a single, overriding reason for their success in do-or-die red zone situations.

"It's hard to pinpoint what exactly it is," Zbikowski said. "I guess we're taking over a characteristic of our defensive coordinator (Rick Minter) teaching us and making sure we keep people out of the end zone." Richardson pointed to an intangible as the root of the gritty, backs-to-the-wall defense.

"It's just instinct," Richardson said.

Whatever the force behind the inspired defensive play, the Irish certainly expect to carry it the rest of the season.

"I'm going to try to be tough every time we come out," Richardson said. "You can never be happy when you give up a lot of passing yards like that, but our main goal is to win the game, and that's what we focus on.

And in the red zone, that's exactly what Notre Dame did.

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Quinn's solid play leads offense

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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Irish quarterback Brady Quinn commands the offense during Notre Dame's 49-28 win at Purdue Saturday. Quinn was 29-of-36 for 440 yards against the Boilermakers.

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Welcome to the upper echelon of college quarterbacks, Brady Quinn. After his arrival two years ago as a highly-touted prospect from Dublin, Ohio, he is completing 65.26 percent of his passes and is one of the elite passers in the nation.

And for good reason. His 13 touchdowns to three interceptions this season show that Quinn is playing with a new degree of confidence, almost willing balls into tight spots.

An interception last year is a 30-yard first down this year. Following Saturday's win, Weis spoke about the number of plays that Quinn changed with audibles when he got to the line of scrimmage. The mark of a mature quarterback, Quinn has shown leadership in his ability to take a run-out option from his coach and go with what the situation calls for.

"We have a lot of plays in there that were run-out option," Weis said. "We probably called 15 more runs in the game than we actually ran. And then Brady just picked them apart."

Quinn points to Notre Dame's offensive line, running backs and receivers for his development this season.

"You have to give a lot of credit to our wide receivers," Quinn said. "(Samardzija, Stovall, Shelton and Pasano, all those guys. Those are the guys who make me look good."

Everyone involved in the play of the offensive line. Every time there is a big statistical game like today you have to give the line credit.

He also pushes aside his own play in order to give credit to Weis, and his coach's lessons about playing quarterback.

"Think the biggest thing in his relationship," Quinn said. "He has taught me so many things about the quarterback position, how to run an offense, and he leader. I think a lot of the things that made him successful in the NFL, he kind of brought down."

But as quick as Quinn is to defer the attention away from himself and to credit those that surround him, his teammates are just as quick to throw the attention right back at the 6-foot-4 junior quarterback.

"He's shown great improvement," tight ends Anthony Pasano said. "He puts us in great situations on the line and in different calls. Our game plan going in each week is different and he really handles it well."

Maurice Stovall, a senior receiver who has improved this year with Quinn's emergence, feels that his quarterback has grown as a player, and takes pride in the fact that the team is somehow partly responsible for this development.

"We certainly take a lot of pride in it," Stovall said. "He plays a big part in our offense. We're going to be just as well as he is."

"If he's having a great game, then we're going to be more efficient," Weis commented that many could learn about the number of plays called Saturday was 65,491. It was the largest crowd in Ross-Ade Stadium since its renovation in 2003.

Game has record crowd

The attendance at the game Saturday was 65,491. It was the largest crowd in Ross-Ade Stadium since its renovation in 2003.

Captains

Saturday's captains were Quinn on offense, Brandon Hoyte on defense and Chase Anastasio on special teams.

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Clicking on all cylinders

Notre Dame knew that in many ways it was playing its biggest game of the season’s first half coming off a blowout win at Washington, and that is exactly what the Irish got as Brady Quinn completed 29-of-36 passes for 440 yards in the 49-28 victory over Purdue. Notre Dame linebacker Brandon Hoyte forced a big turnover when Purdue was on the Irish 2-yard line, which set up a 98-yard scoring drive. The 14-point swing was all the Irish needed to control the rest of the game, scoring 21 second quarter points and taking a comfortable 28-0 lead into the half. Jeff Samardzija continued his storybook season, totalling seven catches for 153 yards and two touchdowns, including one in which he broke four tackles before sprinting down the sideline into the end zone. Notre Dame again had trouble defending the pass, and Purdue was able to exploit that when quarterback Brandon Kirsch came out throwing in the second half. In the end, the Irish offense was too much, as the unit put up 621 total yards and won the time of possession battle 36:03 to 23:57.

Leo Ferrine makes a tackle on Purdue receiver Doreen Bryant, top left. Mike Richardson attempts to break up a pass, top right. Rashon Powers-Neal breaks a run outside, middle. John Carlson catches a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, bottom right. Brady Quinn throws a screen pass in Notre Dame's 49-28 win.
The Fondue! offers unique dining experience

By JESSICA STOLLER
Scene Critic

After visiting restaurant after restaurant, all eating establishments started to look the same. There was very little to differentiate one restaurant from another. If you have fallen into this restaurant rut as well, then The Fondue! is the place for you.

Located in the One Hundred Center off of Lincoln Way in Mishawaka, The Fondue! (formerly called the Fondue Place) is a unique restaurant featuring different forms of fondue. The Fondue! is nestled between two other restaurants in an old warehouse or factory setting.

The inside of the restaurant is composed of painted brick walls and served seating of booths and tables. Also, two levels are available for upstairs or downstairs dining in the noticeably dark restaurant. My friends and I were seated at a booth, and it is worth mentioning that it was quite possibly the most comfortable restaurant seating I have ever experienced. The seats were very cushiony.

The only unfavorable atmosphere was the smell of fried food and smoke that followed me out of the restaurant and remained on my clothes until laundry day. The total atmosphere score is about 4 out of 5 sporks.

The service at The Fondue! was a bit unpredictable at times. Though our waiter accomplished all wait tasks, the intervals between courses grew longer and longer, which inevitably caused a bit of frustration. Our particular waiter fruitlessly attempted to be humorous on several occasions, which did not persuade me to any more than his lack of punctuality. The waiter did, however, explain the fondue process to my friends and me in a very helpful and experienced way, which is necessary if you have no previous fondue skills. The service during our time at The Fondue! is worthy of 3 sporks.

The food at The Fondue! is more than just nourishment, but entertainment as well. With each fondue order, four courses are standard: an appetizer, a salad, a main course and a dessert.

The first course is an amazingly delicious cheese fondue with white wine and garlic that comes with a variety of breads and appetizers to dip in the fondue. After this portion of the meal has been completed, a small bowl of hot oil with fondue forks is served on the table. Meats and vegetables for dipping are served raw on plates and are to be cooked thoroughly in the hot oil with fondue forks. There are also about 6 dipping sauces served with which to eat the cooked food.

Not only is the food amazing, but it is also very entertaining to watch your friends lose their food in the fondue pots and use various techniques to retrieve the lost morsels. The dessert course involves a delicious chocolate sauce served with pieces of cake and fruit for dipping. The unique and extremely appetizing food at The Fondue! receives 5 sporks.

Though The Fondue! requires a substantial financial and time commitment (fondue meals range from $16 to $30 and take about two hours to complete), the experience is completely worth it. If you have fallen victim to frequent chain restaurant visits, give The Fondue! a try. It is a great alternative to campus food options and is sure to provide an unforgettable time with your friends.

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Running games lifts Oakland over Cowboys

Vick leaves Falcons' 30-10 victory over Vikings with ankle injury; McNabb leads Eagles to comeback win over Chiefs

Associated Press

Randy Moss burned Dallas early, catching a 79-yard pass on Oakland's second play. After that, his biggest contribution to the Raiders' first win came in the running game.

But the talented receiver didn't run a long reverse or throw a big downfield block. Instead, he preserved the keepings the Cowboys' safeties away from the line.

Enter LaMont Jordan.

The Raiders' other big acquisition on off-end run for a career-high 126 yards and a score. Sebastian Janikowski kicked four field goals and Oakland's defense mounted a late goal-line stand in a 19-13 win Sunday.

"I will forever look at it as a game saying we can't run the ball," said Jordan, who bounced back from a 19-yard performance last week against Philadelphia. "I encourage defenses to play that way. If you play two-deep defense against us with the way we're capable of running the ball ... we are going to run down the ball your throat. I think today was a true test of that."

A week after gaining just 21 yards as a team, Jordan and the offensive line took it upon themselves to fix the running game. They succeeded from the start, as Jordan frequently forced tough yards up the middle.

"We were determined to get running yards, especially after being shut down last week," Jordan said. "We really wanted to get LaMont going. And you can't go when there's nowhere to go, so we really wanted to get some lanes opened up for him."

Falcons 30, Vikings 10

Michael Vick felt good enough to go back in the game. No need. In about a quarter and a half, he did enough to lead the Atlanta Falcons past the hapless Minnesota Vikings.

Vick went down with a sprained right knee Sunday, turning it over to backup Matt Schaub and the Falcons' defense to close off a 30-10 rout of the Vikings.

"It feels fine. I just tweaked it a little bit," Vick said. "Vick said he had a good cushion, so it made sense to stay in the game.

Warrick Dunn rushed for 126 yards, including his 50th career touchdown on a 37-yard run, to lead a 285-yard performance on the ground. Vick ran for 58 yards and threw for four touchdowns before getting hurt. The ball fell out of his hand and Patrick Kerney recovered.

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**MLB**

**Astros take NL wild-card, move on to Playoffs**

HOUSTON — Once again, the Houston Astros waited to the final day. And once again, they’re going to the playoffs.

"That’s the Astros’ way," Craig Biggio said. "The only way we know how to get it done."

Roy Oswalt got his 20th win to lead the Astros over the Chicago Cubs 6-4 Sunday, clinching the NL wild-card berth and capping a historic comeback.

Houston started the season 15-30 and became the first team to make the postseason after falling 15 games under .500 since the 1914 Boston Braves.

"This one has to rank up there as maybe the best, coming from a long way back," said Biggio, part of five of the Astros’ eight previous playoff teams. "That just tells a lot about the guys in this club house."

Just like last season, when manager Phil Garner replaced Jimmy Williams at the All-Star break, the Astros waited until the last day of the regular season to clinch.

Oswalt became the first pitcher since 2001-02 with consecutive 20-win seasons, throwing six innings and driving in a run for the Astros (89-73).

Houston lost the first two games of the weekend series, but avoided a tie with Philadelphia for the wildcard, and having to go on the road for a one-game tiebreaker. The Phillies (88-74) won 9-3 at Washington and finished a game back.

"When I thought we were going to take off, we didn’t. When I thought we were going to crater, we didn’t," said Garner, who preferred to nip the championship rather than be doused by it. "We came down to the last game, and we did what we had to do."

Houston will play at Atlanta starting Wednesday in a rematch of last year’s NL division series, won by the Astros in five games for their first postseason series victory in eight tries. The Braves were 5-1 against Houston this season, including a four-game sweep in Atlanta.

"We know we have a daunting task," Garner said. Houston trailed 4-3 when Oswalt (20-12) threw his last pitch in the sixth. The game was tied by time. Jeff Bagwell pinch hit for him in the bottom of the inning.

**In Brief**

Choi gets first PGA victory since 2002 at Chrysler Classic

GREENSBORO, N.C. — K.J. Choi had the look of a champion from the start.

"You can tell when someone is in the zone by his eyes," said Choi’s caddie, Andy Proderg. "And you could see it in his eyes."

That determination — and four consecutive birdies to open the final round — helped the South Korean star win the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro on Sunday. He cruised to a two-shot victory over Shigeki Maruyama to snap a three-year losing streak.

"I really focused on my game," Choi said through an interpreter. "In Korea, in all the times, every since the last one, anytime I’m in the last group, I win it except once." It was Choi’s first PGA Tour victory since 2002, when he won two tournaments during a breakthrough season. He finished with a 6-under 66 for a 22-under 266.

Patriots’ home winning streak ends due to injuries

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Injuries finally caught up with the New England Patriots. San Diego’s explosive offense added to the misery.

After his Chargers beat New England 41-17 Sunday, the San Diego coach suggested the win may have had as much to do with who wasn’t playing for New England as the superior performances of Drew Brees, LaDainian Tomlinson and Antonio Gates.

"What they’ve done is remarkable," he said of the Patriots, who had their 21-game home winning streak ended. "But at what point in time do you keep responding when you have to keep putting in new players? They’ve done it wonderfully over the last four years, but there comes a time when it has to catch up with you."

Yankees clinch the AL East, Red Sox take Wild Card

BOSTON — The champagne had a brief wait and a short trip after the New York Yankees clinched the AL East at Fenway Park.

A day later, across the diamond, the Boston Red Sox joined their long-time rivals in the playoffs.

"Both of these teams went through a lot this year," said Curt Schilling, who shut the Yankees down long enough for the Red Sox to win 10-1 on Sunday and grab the AL wild-card berth. "To be where we are says as much about the people as it does about the talent."

Reigning World Series MVP Manny Ramirez hit a three-run homer and also threw out Derek Jeter from the outfield to put Boston in the playoffs for a franchise-record third consecutive year. The Red Sox open on Tuesday at Chicago with Matt Clement facing Jose Contreras.

New York’s loss meant it will start the postseason Tuesday in Anaheim.
Harrison and Manning equal record as Colts blast Titans

QB/receiver duo ties Young and Rice for most TD connections

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It's time to quit doubting the Indianapolis offense. The Colts showed they can be methodical and score lots of points at the same time.

Peyton Manning threw for 264 yards and four touchdowns, including two to Marvin Harrison that tied the NFL record for most TBs between a quarterback and receiver, and the Colts beat Tennessee 31-10 Sunday.

Harrison caught nine passes for 124 yards, setting an NFL record for the season. His 264 yards is the second highest of the year for Manning. Manning tied his 404-yard passing against Tennessee in the season opener. He now has scored four touchdowns four games.

Manning tied Don Jackson for most TD passes to a single player in a game. He threw four touchdowns Sunday with his 116th consecutive start, which ranks second all-time.

It didn't last long.

Manning was a perfect 4-of-4 for 64 yards on the opening possession and capped the drive with a 25-yard toss to Reggie Wayne, who was wide open with Titans safety Tank Williams late sliding to cover.

"Last week people were kind of making a big deal," Manning said after the first completion. "The real mindset is to get drives into the end zone, and we did that today. And that really was the difference."

Steve McNair did his best to carry the Titans as he scrambled four times for 40 yards, but he was the Titans' leading rusher. He was 28-of-37 for 220 yards, and his only touchdown pass came on a 6-yarder to rookie B.J. Saffle with 4:31 left in the game.

That ended the Colts' chance to become only the second team this season to hold four touchdowns in as many games. Manning picked up where he left off after last week's career-best 352-yard performance against San Diego.

His four touchdowns against the Rams were also a career high for the second-year quarterback, who now has a 9-6 edge in TD passes over older brother Peyton, who has been to the Pro Bowl five times in eight seasons and is a two-time league MVP for Indianapolis.

"It's our offense, and we have to start playing like it," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "We have a lot of playmakers, and I think we're just not executing when we have to."
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Indians' comeback falls short vs. Sox

Cleveland loses in must-win situation, will miss playoffs

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — In the end, the Cleveland Indians’ unexpected comeback came up a little short. With playoff baseball again in their sights, and when games mattered most, they simply collapsed.

Needing a win and then help from the New York Yankees to force a one-game playoff with Boston for the AL wild card, Cleveland dropped its season finale 3-1 to the Chicago White Sox on Sunday.

The loss concluded a disastrous final week for the Indians (93-69), who dropped six of their last seven games and missed the playoffs for the fourth straight season. The defeat also handed the wild card to the Red Sox — a postseason spot that appeared to belong to Cleveland just a few days ago.

"We played so well for so long, we were bound to hit a tough stretch," Indians pitcher C.C. Sabathia said in a somber Cleveland clubhouse. "It just happened in the last week of the season."

After the final out, several Indians lingered in the dugout, simply staring out to the field as the sellout crowd gave the team one last standing ovation, acknowledging a season few thought possible.

Rookie Brandon McCarthy (3-2) took a shutout into the sixth, Jermaine Dye homered and the White Sox tuned up for their first-round series with Boston. Game 1 is scheduled for Tuesday in Chicago.

The White Sox (99-63) had already clinched the AL Central by the time they arrived on Friday for a series that was mostly meaningless for them, and many wondered how hard they would play with their fate determined.

But beginning with a 5-4 loss to the Royals, a defeat that was sealed when center fielder Grady Sizemore lost a ninth-inning fly ball in the Missouri sunshine, the Indians played more like the team that went 9-14 in April, not the one that was baseball’s hottest team for the final two months.

Cleveland fans will look back and remember the clutch hits that never came despite countless chances in the past few days.

The Indians went just 7-for-56 (.125) with runners in scoring position in the final seven games — five of them one-run losses.

They’ll also remember the wasted pitching performances by starters Cliff Lee, Kevin Millwood and Jake Westbrook, who did their parts but didn’t get enough offensive support.

And sadly, the Indians’ surprising season — they were just 80-82 in 2004 — will be overshadowed by one week when it all went wrong.

"We ended like we started," said closer Bob Wickman, who is eligible for free agency. "We came up one game short. But the guys should be very proud of what they’ve accomplished."

Trailing by three, the Indians tried to rally in the sixth as Travis Hafner and Victor Martinez hit consecutive doubles to pull Cleveland to 3-1.
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Tennis

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12th-ranked Natalie Bravenae of Pepperdine, 6-3, 6-1. Thompson then finished her weekend up nicely by toppling 102nd-ranked Kelly Anderson 6-4, 6-0.

"He is going to be one match at a time, after every round she has gained a lot of confidence," said Irish assistant coach Michelle Higgen. "She is currently playing in front of 68,398 more fans." Thompson twins! are extremely talented and can compete with anyone in the country," Dennis said. "It's just a matter of having confidence in them and staying positive with them. Their athleticism and competitiveness are their two biggest assets.

The Thompson twins were not the only members of the women's tennis team to make this weekend special. The rest of the team traveled to Bloomington, Ind. to take part in the Hoosier Classic, put on by Indiana University.

Freshman Kelsey Tefft came through strong in her collegiate debut, after knocking off Indiana's Brianna Williams, 6-2, 6-2, in the 'C' Flight championship. Senior Kelly Nelson won her fifth straight match to take the 'D' Flight final against Kansas State's Viviana Yurrita, 6-3, 6-3. Nelson is returning after well over a year's absence from competitive tennis and shows no signs of stopping.

Tefft didn't slow down after taking the singles title in her flight, as she teamed up with junior Brook Buck to win the hoosier doubles championship. The two won partners in junior tennis prior to college, where they were formerly the top-ranked team in the 18-and-under bracket.

The Irish pair upset the 19th-ranked team in the country, Indiana's Sarah Baity and Laura McGaffigan, 9-7 in the championship match. Prior to that, the women knocked off another Indiana team, 8-4, in the semifinals.

Another Irish tandem of Kristina Statney and Lauren Connolly gained a consolation victory over Kansas State's Fernanda De Valle and Viviana Yurrita, 6-2, but not before falling to the Irish tandem that Back-Left defeated in the championship.

Back nearly won in singles play, in addition to doubles competition. Buck fell in the 'A' Flight final to Indiana's Batty 6-2, 6-2 after exhibiting solid play and victories over several fierce opponents. Freshman Katie Potts challenged for a title on the weekend as well, losing a nail-biter to Indiana's McGaffigan in the 'B' Flight final 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 (10-4).

The Irish women will next welcome the University of Southern California on Oct. 14 in an exhibition head-to-head matchup. The Thompson twins will continue All-American play on Tuesday and could finish with a singles and doubles victory in hand by Sunday.

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Cardinals down 49ers in first NFL game outside of U.S.

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY -- The NFL threw a Fiesta at Azteca Stadium on Sunday, drawing a large-season crowd in league history, tailgating fans wearing vibrant colors and singing raucous cheers.

Mexico's 103,467 fans created a thrilling atmosphere at the league's first regular-season game outside the United States — even though the Arizona Cardinals, which moved to the San Francisco 49ers, wasn't exactly the most savory version of it "foolish American.""

Josh McCown passed for a career-high 385 yards and two touchdowns against the Niners' pathetic pass defense, with three fringe NFL players. But the sloppy play and one-touchdown lead didn't slow down for the Niners, who fell one short of the NFL's worst team.

It was wonderful. They're great fans, really into the game, more knowledgeable than I thought they would be. It was probably the best crowd I've ever seen," said Cardinals coach Ken Whisenhunt.

The Cardinals (1-3) agreed to give another try to make history, and the NFC West rivals played in front of 68,398 more fans than they drew for last season's meeting at Sun Devil Stadium. The crowd topped the previous NFL record for a regular-season game, when 102,368 fans saw the Los Angeles Rams play the 49ers at the L.A. Coliseum on Nov. 10, 1957.

Derek Smith and Derrick Johnson scored on fumble recoveries for San Francisco (1-3) in the first quarter, with Smith scoring on the game's first play and Johnson returning his 78 yards. But Arizona scored the rest of the night's points, with Larry Fitzgerald catching two touchdown passes for scores as the Cardinals averaged two overtime losses to the NFL's worst team last year.

Rackers loved the mountain air in a city 2,000 feet higher than Denver, connecting from 40, 45, 48, 23, 24 and 24 yards — but the Cardinals decided not to kick one last, late field goal in the league record held by four players.

"I'd rather be a gentleman and not kick a field goal against a team we've got to play again this season," Rackers said.

Mexico's biggest city was a natural choice for this tradition-breaking game. The NFL is widely popular south of the border, with nearly one in five Mexicans claiming an interest in the league. The NFL opened an office in Mexico in 1998, with an eight-person staff overseeing its growing profile.

The league's popularity was evident to visitors arriving at Azteca, where the number of fans wearing replica jerseys — more Dallas Cowboys than Niners or Cardinals — nearly outnumbered the hundreds of police and security officials ringing the stadium.

Both teams took the field to wildly cheering crowds, but free safety Robert Griffith got the biggest roars when he led the Cardinals out of their giant inflatable hol­

Cardinals down 49ers in first NFL game outside of U.S.

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Belles dominate thin and outgunned Tri-State

Hinton scores hat trick, Logan nets two goals, Orr chips in two assists as Saint Mary’s blasts Thunder 9-1

By KYLIE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Sometimes being the better team isn’t always as rewarding as it sounds.

The Belles soccer team scored early and often in a dominating 9-1 defeat of the Tri-State University Thunder at home on Saturday. The Thunder were a drastic mismatch for a far superior Belles squad — Tri-State had no substitutes to fill in for tired starters and have yet to win a MIAA game thus far this season.

The win may prove beneficial to the Belles’ win column, but the lack of decent competition has senior Caryn Mackenzie worried that, once play resumes with solid opponents, her team will be off-speed.

“I think that basically you don’t like to play a lot of games like we just played, but it does boost morale a bit for people to put the ball in the back of the net,” Mackenzie said.

“Girls in the back tend to over-commit a bit so they didn’t pressure us,” Freshman Jenny Ferguson scored her first career collegiate goal in the win and was joined by Ashley Hinton, who tallied a lone goal amidst the Saint Mary’s dominance. By the end of the first half the Belles held a commanding 6-0 lead and began to substitute starters out of the game.

“We moved some people around and put some people in positions they don’t normally play in,” Mackenzie said, describing the re-organization of the Belles fielders. Every player on the Belles gained playing time and the crucial experience needed to field a contending soccer team.

The lone Thunder goal came midway through the second half on a fluke lob down the tenacious Saint Mary’s defense. It scooted into the corner of the net past Belles’ goalkeeper Jackie Bercaw.

Bercaw faced a diversified attack from all corners of the field, as the Belles maintained fluid ball control throughout the Thunder’s zone for the duration of regulation play.

Carolyn Logan followed Hinton on the scoring chart with two goals, while midfielder Carrie Orr contributed two assists. The Belles scored their first two goals within the opening three minutes of play, an act that set the tone for the remainder of the game.

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Schroeder-Biek was pleased.

"We weren't as strong in game three, but overall I thought we played well," she said. "I thought we really challenged them today. In past years we have go into Bethel and laid down. We didn't do that today."

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ND SOFTBALL

Two solid victories highlight fall play

Strong offense, good pitching bring wins

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame softball team concluded its fall schedule on Saturday with two victories over Southern Illinois and Wisconsin-Parkside in the first and last games of a four-team exhibition tournament. The Irish beat Southern Illinois by a score of 3-1 in the first game of the day and defeated Wisconsin-Parkside later in the afternoon in a lopsided 8-0 victory. Western Michigan University was also at the tournament but did not play against Notre Dame.

The Irish defense played well against the game's two opening opponents, making no errors in the field. Head coach Deanna Gumpf said the team has put much of its defensive work so far this year into its defensive play and has been pleased with the way that they players have responded.

"We've been focused more on defense this fall because of the weather," Gumpf said. "When we're outside, we like to work on a lot of defensive things. November through February is when we'll be working on hitting."

The second game of the day for the Irish was pushed back half an hour from its 4 p.m. scheduled starting time, as a game between Western Michigan and Wisconsin-Parkside went into extra innings, eventually resulting in a 3-1 victory for the Broncos.

Disheartened by its loss, Wisconsin showed little offense against the Irish and could not keep up with Notre Dame's batting line-up. The home team took advantage early in the game, scoring all eight of its runs in the first four innings.

Stephanie Browdf got the offense going in the first inning with a single and Katie Laing got the first RBI of the game shortly thereafter.

The Irish could have made a third out at that point and still had a good inning, but when junior Gesica Hufnagel got up with one runner on, she drove in a two-run homer, which gave Notre Dame a comfortable 3-0 lead after only one inning of play. The Irish kept on coming for the Irish, who scored another run in the second inning.

Laing gave the team a last burst of offense in the fourth inning with a three-run home run over the left-field fence.

Notre Dame's pitchers gave another strong performance throughout the day, allowing only one run in each of the first two innings. Britney Bargar, a freshman out of Corona, Calif., credited a lot of the success on the mound to the fundamentally sound defense.

"It's so nice to know that even when you do make a mistake the defense is there to back you up," Bargar said. "(The defense) backed up all the pitchers yesterday. It was awesome."

Bargar threw a no-hitter for the first four innings of the game and was relieved by junior Kenya Fuemmeier.

With four exhibition games under their belts, the Irish are off now for the next five months. Regular season play for the team will begin on Feb. 17, 2006, when the Irish kick off their schedule on Saturday with two victories over Southern Illinois and Wisconsin-Parkside later in the afternoon in a lopsided 8-0 victory. Western Michigan University was also at the tournament but did not play against Notre Dame.

The Irish offense appeared poised to explode, as several golden chances to get a game-sealing goal were missed. The lead didn't last long, however, as a messy goal-line situation resulted in the Mountaineers tying the game for the first time since play began. After a shot deflected off the crossbar, Chris Cahill attempted to punch out the ball, but West Virginia's Zak Boggs put it in the net.

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Tie

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thought we played well throughout with the exception of a 15 minute spell through the first half," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

Joe Lapira led the Irish out of the gates with a goal in the fifth minute. Lapira collected a free kick from John Stephens and put the Irish ahead 1-0 early in the game.

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The lead would stand for nearly 40 minutes, until Cahill gave up the Mountaineers' second goal on a corner kick.

With less than five minutes remaining in regulation, midfielder Nate Norman sent home his third goal of the season to give the Irish their last point. But the Irish attempt to bunk down for four minutes of defense failed, as the Mountaineers found the net for the final time. West Virginia's Jared Smith tallied a goal of the contest only 27 seconds after Norman's score.

Throughout two overtime periods, neither team was able to gain a game-winning advantage. The contest ended in a 3-3 tie.

"You make your own luck," Clark said. "(But) having been ahead three times in the game and losing the lead on each occasion, we maybe should have done a better job at that — at holding onto the lead."

The tie takes some momentum out of Notre Dame's play in the middle of the conference season. However, Clark thinks the team can rebound on the road against Marquette on Wednesday.

"It's disappointing not taking all the points, but at the same time I think we've got to keep in mind it's certainly one of our better performances of the year," Clark said. "Hopefully we can take some of the quality play into Wednesday's game with Marquette."

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or like they've finally done better.

Over the weekend, Notre Dame beat its two opponents by a combined 6-1 game score. The defense dominated Friday, recording 68 digs and 10 blocks in just three games, while the offense took over Sunday. The Irish swept the Syracuse Orange 30-17, 30-23, 30-20 for their 13th consecutive victory over their Big East rival and then eased past the Marquette Gold 30-24, 28-30, 30-21, 30-21 to improve to 11-1, 3-0 in Big East play.

But coach Debbie Brown still isn't satisfied.

"The offense was balanced against Marquette ... but we didn't play one of our best matches. We didn't play great," she said matter-of-factly. "We still feel we can play a lot better."

The Irish traveled to Syracuse, NY Thursday evening, played Friday night, flew to Chicago Saturday morning, bussed to Milwaukee later that day and played Marquette Sunday afternoon.

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Representatives from over 70 law schools will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and provide information to students about their law schools.
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Carron, who was 37th in 24:37, rounded out the scoring
runners for Notre Dame.

The next Notre Dame runner to cross the finish line was
junior Todd Placek, who clocked a time of 25:02 and finished 61st.

Sophomore Brett Adams rounded
out the lineup for the Irish, crossing the line in 25:08 and
finishing 68th.

Waldrum said the meet, led by
Obie Mutanyi's second place
finish. Florida and Florida State
took third and fourth, respec-
tively.

Mallory and Huddle led the
women, finishing first and sec-
ond with times of 17:14 and 17:31,
respectively. The Irish had two more runners, sopho-
more Sunny Olding (ninth place
with a time of 17:14) and freshman
Ramsay Kavan (eleventh place with a time of 17:16), fin-
ishing 91st and 92nd.

Unfortunately for the Irish,
man Mark Moore, freshman
Karas was in contention for the
gold medal but didn't force her
team to make the biggest
demand on her, Waldrum said.

Terra Connelly said he was disap-

dized with the Irish's performance in the Gold race, in which
the Golden Eagles used that
to their advantage.

"The Golden Eagles used that
costly mistake and had a remark-
ably efficient night. They
had a few missed
opportunities that we could
have taken the lead on. Every
mistake we made, they
pounced on." Waldrum
said.

"Once they believed they
could hang with us and stay
in the game, you can see their
confidence growing."

Waldrum said.

"I knew our top four would be
very good, but that we'd need to
pay a little more attention to
our defense, leading to a
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ND Women's Soccer

Up and down

Team splits two games on road this weekend

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

The Irish took care of business Sunday, but Friday was another story for the No. 5 team in the country. After taking a 1-0 lead on No. 15 Marquette, Notre Dame allowed four unanswered goals to the Golden Eagles, and the Irish suffered their first loss in Big East play since Oct. 6, 2002 — a 3-0 loss at the hands of West Virginia. Marquette's Ali Loughrin scored the go-ahead goal for her team at 37:51. Loughrin had an other story for the No. 5 Eagles, and the Irish suffered their first loss in Big East play by a 3-0 loss at the hands of West Virginia.

ND Cross-Country

Madia and Huddle lead the Notre Dame pack

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Together, Stephanie Madia and Molly Huddle sprinted towards the finish. They are two of Irish seniors edged Michigan's Aly Kohlmeier by four seconds and one second, respectively, to take the first two spots in the women's Blue race to lead their team to a third place finish in the Notre Dame Invitational Friday at the Burke Memorial Golf Course. On the men's side, senior Kurt Benninger led the Irish with a time of 21:42 and a fifth-place finish, as Notre Dame took second. Irish men's head coach Joe Piane was pleased with the result but said his team will continue to improve. Frontrunners Benninger and Tim Moore were competing in their first race of the season after Piane sent young lineups to the Valparaiso Invitational and National Catholic Championships. "They looked a little bit flat because they haven't raced, but in this sport you can't race every weekend," Piane said. "They'll get better."

ND Women's Tennis

Thompson twins move ahead in All-American Championships this weekend.

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Christian Thompson has it all. A mean baseline attack, a nasty drop shot and bitta-aye accuracy all mixed in with a natural flair for the game of tennis. And now she has three crucial All-American wins under her belt. The Notre Dame junior on the women's tennis team completed a clean sweep of the pre-qualifying draw in the Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championships this weekend. The Championships are the first of three events on the collegiate grand slam tour, where Thompson will join her sister Catrina in qualifying draw play on Tuesday.

ND Volleyball

Irish take two road matches

By TOM DOWDART
Sports Writer

It's been said before — the No. 10 Irish know they can do better. At times, they know they make mistakes they shouldn't and aren't aggressive when they should be. They know they can be more consistent. Still, after each nearly flawless-played match, it might seem as if the Irish are finally going to be happy with themselves — like they'll finally give themselves a pat on the back, "We could consider ourselves a little unlucky not to see all the points, because I see SPLIT/page 26

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