Experts debate universal health concerns

A thunderous round of applause greeted Farmer, the first to take the stage. Focusing on the results made possible by the United Nations Millennium Project, Farmer laid a fine foundation for Sachs, the director of that initiative.

Farmer said "vertical funding" — that is, money designated for a specific area, like AIDS — can and must be used to treat other diseases like malaria and tuberculosis, since the diseases often coincide.

Farmer, the director of non-profit international healthcare organization Partners in Health, and his colleagues recently applied that thinking to an HIV-positive, tuberculosis-afflicted Rwandan man who, in the photograph, Farmer flashed, looked like a skeleton.

He was hungry, as he put it, and "the other physicians might have said he had a consumptive disease, but we knew better; we listened to him." In the corporal works of mercy, there is a radical notion that we ought to treat hunger with food," Farmer said. "We fed him and gave him antiretrovirals and tuberculosis medicine."

"Now look at him." A gasp was audible as a Rwandan man with an almost Santa Claus-like belly appeared on the projector, grinning at the audience.

Sachs bowed to Farmer when he stepped onstage, then steered the discussion in a more serious direction. Pummeling the audience with statistics — a result of his self-professed "economist's"

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Jordan Hall officially dedicated

Jenkins blesses new $70 million science building during ceremony

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER

An official dedication of the Jordan Hall of Science drew members of the University community Thursday in a celebration of Notre Dame's commitment to scientific inquiry.

"May it become a center where our students discover the truth," University President Father John Jenkins said as he blessed the building with holy water before a crowd of benefactors and officials.

He prayed that students would use their scientific knowledge to strengthen their

By EILEEN DUFFY

The overwhelming global health crisis might not be as complicated as most Americans — Notre Dame students included — think, said three distinguished panelists at the University's academic forum in the Joyce Center Thursday.

Gwen Ifill of "Washington Week" and "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" moderated as humanitarian Dr. Paul Farmer, economist Dr. Jeffrey Sachs and Ugandan Dr. Miriam Opmwonya educated the audience, then prodded it to take action.

"Education is key," said Sachs, who has been home on leave since August, served as a Marine Corps sniper platoon commander during an eight-month tour of duty in Iraq. "I was on a ROTC scholarship while I was at Notre Dame from the Marines, so right after I graduated I [went] into my training," he said, noting that three of his housemates during his senior year are also currently in the military. He was deployed to Iraq at the beginning of this year.

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**Gallivanting abroad**

I was originally going to share these thoughts via email with family and friends shortly after arriving home from my semester abroad in Dublin, but lack of a deadline has kept them confidential until now.

**Tim Sullivan**

Things I’m thankful for after my semester abroad: Mass in the vernacular. Being lucky enough to attend Mass five consecutive Sundays in five different languages — German, Irish, French, Italian and English — is something I will never forget. Though it was initially confusing, I was surprised at how (relatively) easy it was to follow along with the Mass by picking up on cognates and other cues. The standardization of the Catholic Mass is quite wonderful.

Secondly, the European train system, especially those of Switzerland and Germany, think, time and precision. It would be difficult to imagine an easier way to travel. Like the train stations in many U.S. cities that saw their prime decades ago, train stations of Europe are located smack in the city center, and one step outside puts you within walking distance of anything you need. This is especially true with Ryan Air flights that put you a two-hour bus ride, prices not included with flight, outside of town. The convenience is multiplied with overnight trains that get you to your destination well rested with the whole day ahead of you, and the scenery is second to none.

Moving on, something I never thought I would be thankful for — Notre Dame finals week. Not knowing my finals schedule until less than a month beforehand and having exams drag on for more than three weeks made me appreciate Notre Dame’s whirlwind schedule.

Next, Dublin’s 1998 smoking ban which prohibited smoking in pubs. How great it was to be able to spend a night out and come back not smelling like you’d been in a chimney all night.

**MLB: Don’t get me wrong, I’m a huge soccer fan. I’ve played it my entire life and even traveled to Germany to see a pre-World Cup match between the U.S. and Poland. Rugby is also intriguing, especially when playing in a pub with people who actually understand what is going on.**

But there is a point when enough is enough. British announcers for the Super Bowl don’t cut it and you just need to watch some baseball. Baseball, even when your team is the Kansas City Royals, whose winning percentage was a poor batting average and whose long ball was监管于MLB — Reggie Sanders’ grand slam against the AS — was forever erased in history by a rainbow.

I’ll close with the recommendation to capture any opportunity to travel. For in the words of John Locke, “The last part usually in education is travel, which is commonly thought to finish the work, and complete the gentleman.”

**The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Tim Sullivan at tullivan@nd.edu**

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What is your favorite college mascot other than the leprechaun?

Andrew Winslow

Candace Montgomery

Brian Lasky

Cedric Joint

Ben Mertz

Dan McGowan

**“Washington Huskies...Ty not?”**

**“Berkeley Bears because they have no sting.”**

**“Yellow Jackets because they have a fitted hat.”**

**“Rose-Hulman Fightin’ Engineers because, come on, who doesn’t like engineers?”**

**IN BRIEF**

Tonight’s pep rally will be held at Notre Dame Stadium and will begin at 6 p.m.

Actors from the London Stage will perform "Hamlet" in Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Tickets are $18 for the general public, $16 for seniors/Notre Dame faculty and staff and $12 for students.

The traditional marching band step-off will be at 4:30 p.m. today in front of the Main Building, heading through campus to its practice in the Joyce Center parking lot.

Student Union Board will present the film "United 93" tonight at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall. Admission is $3 and is open to all Notre Dame, St. Mary’s, and Holy Cross students, faculty and staff.

Director Patrick Creadon (’89) will be present for screenings of his film "Nordplop," which will be shown at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. tonight in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets will be $3 for students, $5 for faculty and staff and $6 for the general public.

Campus Ministry will hold the Daily Rosary, open to the public, at 6:45 p.m. tonight at the Grotto.

Legendary Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian will be signing copies of the book, "Notre Dame's Greatest Coaches," by Edward Moose Krause and Stephen Singular from 9 a.m. to 11 Saturday at the Hammes Bookstore.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Thousands of female graduates write about coeducation at ND

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

What started out as a birthday present for University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh from the "women of Notre Dame" is being turned into a book by a few ambitious and extremely grateful Notre Dame alumnae.

After the first ever Notre Dame alumna-only event, a luncheon, held in Chicago in May, Amy Therese Darin Palmer, Esq, ’73 BA and ’75 MBA joined with four other Notre Dame alumna to form the Thanking Father Ted Foundation. Palmer is president of the foundation.

The foundation is currently working on a book commemorating and documenting the history of coeducation at Notre Dame, highlighting “Father Ted’s” role in bringing women to Notre Dame.

Palmer said she was pulled onto the steering committee for the luncheon event last March by Illinois Appellate Court Justice and Notre Dame graduate Sheila O’Brien.

The Alumni Association decided to bring alumnae together at the luncheon at the Chicago Club on May 11 to discuss how wishes that were expressed in a survey that had been issued to Notre Dame Business College alumnae could be best fulfilled.

The steering committee for this event asked Hesburgh to give the keynote address because “if it hadn’t been for Father Ted, we wouldn’t have had our degrees,” Palmer said, in reference to Hesburgh’s leadership in making Notre Dame coeducational.

“When Father Ted agreed to come speak to us, I suggested that we do something that, to my knowledge, hadn’t been done before — thank Father Ted,” Palmer said.

As Father Hesburgh’s 89th birthday fell just a couple of weeks after the luncheon, Palmer thought a collection of thank you letters from Notre Dame alumnae would be a perfect birthday present, she said.

She requested the Alumni Association e-mail all of Notre Dame's undergraduate alumnae, about 17,000 women, and ask them to send her letters thanking Hesburgh for the gift of co-education and telling him the difference that a Notre Dame education has made in their lives.

At the luncheon, the women in attendance surprised Hesburgh with a birthday cake to celebrate his 89th birthday and four three-hour workshops filled with letters of thanks from alumnae, Palmer said.

“Your strong leadership and ethics have set an example for all of us. And we, the loyal sons and daughters, are especially glad of every opportunity to see you and hear your words of wisdom. You are a beacon of love for the Notre Dame family,” one anonymous Notre Dame alumna wrote.

As the first woman to earn her degree, Mary Davey Billey received her diploma from Notre Dame in 1972 by a wave of fate. Billey said she began her college career at Notre Dame-Saint Mary's in 1968 as a math and history major. In 1970, when there were not many options at Notre Dame-Saint Mary's, she transferred to Notre Dame and began taking classes in the business school.

When the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's merger was called off on Dec. 1, 1971, Billey was in a tough spot. She had been working on her Bachelor's of Business Administration at Notre Dame, a major not offered at Saint Mary's at the time.

“I went to the head of the business school, Dean Raymond — I didn’t know what to do. I had no school to graduate from,” Billey said. “Dean Raymond told me ‘we’ll take care of you. He did, and called me into his office in April of ’71 and told me that I would graduate from Notre Dame.”

Billey said she will be writing the foreword for the book and will focus on “the vision of Father Hesburgh.”

She said she hopes the book will enable current and future Notre Dame women “to see the history and vision of the person that made it all happen — that they understand the history and vision behind co-education at Notre Dame.”

Palmer is accepting letters for the book through Oct. 15. Alumnae who would like to participate can contact her at ATPalmer42@aol.com or call 847-234-9223 for further details.

Contact Meghan Wons at mwsons@nd.edu
SONGS of IRELAND

"Neili Ni Dhomhnaill and the West Donegal Song Tradition"
A public performance/lecture by Ireland’s renowned performance artists:

Maighread Ní Dhomhnaill
& Cathal Goan

No opportunity to hear this unforgettable voice should be missed. Maighread Ní Dhomhnaill-- one of Ireland’s foremost singers -- offers a rare opportunity to hear her unique vocal style and repertoire of folk songs. The recipient of the highest honor in Irish music, TG4’s Traditional Singer of the Year in 2005, Maighread will perform songs celebrating the history, culture and people of Donegal and Ireland. The sound of her voice will linger long in your memory. This performance – her only North American concert this year - will celebrate the traditional repertoire of Rann na Feirste’s legendary singer and oral intellectual, Neili Ni Dhomhnaill. Cathal Goan, Director General of Raidió Teilifís Éireann, will introduce the songs and provide a historical and cultural context.

Hesburgh Center Auditorium
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Friday, 15 September 2006
Reception to follow

All are welcome to this free public event.
Michigan and Irish Football fans welcome
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran revives uranium plan in secret

NEW YORK — Iran has secretly revived a program to enrich uranium using laser technology, reportedly with favorable results, an Iranian lawmaker said Thursday, citing information from members of the resistance inside the country.

Ali Reza Jafarzadeh said information about the laser enrichment program at Lashkar Ab'ad, 30 miles northwest of Tehran, came from the same sources that led to his revelation in May 2003 that Iran had a clandestine nuclear program.

Jafarzadeh, who heads the Washington-based Strategic Policy Consulting think tank, is credited with having aired Iranian military secrets in the past. He is considered one of his past assertions inaccurate.

Tropical Storm Lane batters Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Tropical Storm Lane lashed Mexico's Pacific coast with winds and rain on Thursday, flooding streets in Acapulco before setting on a course to hit the hurricane-battered tip of the Baja California Peninsula.

The storm was centered about 95 miles southwest of Manzanillo and was moving north at 8 mph. It had maximum sustained winds growing during the afternoon to 60 mph.

A tropical storm warning and hurricane watch were issued for a stretch of coast southeast of the resort of Puerto Vallarta.

The storm was expected to strengthen to a hurricane on Friday, then hit land near Cabo San Lucas late Saturday.

NATIONAL NEWS

Missing woman found after 10 years

PITTSBURGH — A woman who ran away as a teenager and lived for a decade as a school security guard sued the city and school district Thursday in a case her lawyer said was to keeppeople from eating it," Acheson said.

Acheson of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

"We're advising people not to bagged spinach. "We're advising people not to others were also sickened, said Dr. David Miller, a spokesman for the Lake County Emergency Management Agency.

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E. coli outbreak leaves one dead

60 others sick, federal health officials said Thursday. The death occurred in Wisconsin, where 20 people died from E. coli O157:H7 infections in 1993.

The death happened in Wisconsin, where a woman died from E. coli. It was the second death in the outbreak, which has been ongoing since May 2003.

The woman was a 25-year-old woman who lived in Washington state. She died Thursday while waiting for surgery to remove a colostomy bag.

She was among 60 people who were sickened in the outbreak, which has been ongoing since May 2003.

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NYU's Morgan speaks about historical prejudice against women

By MANDI STIRONE

While the slave trade dehumanized a race of people, women were especially objectified, a visiting professor said Thursday.

Jennifer L. Morgan, an associate professor of Social and Cultural Analysis at New York University, presented a lecture entitled "Accounting for Women in Slavery, Demography and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade" in crowded McKenna Hall rooms 210-214 Thursday afternoon.

Morgan discussed the dehumanization of slaves and, more specifically, female slaves, whom she described as being "invisible" to their masters.

The slave trade "reduced humans into mercantile units," Morgan said. She gave the example of the Dutch Colonial New York City. The original Dutch settlers brought only male slaves, bringing just three women a little later.

This demonstrates, Morgan said, the prejudice that women slaves were only sexual outlets for the males. While female slaves were originally outnumbered 4-to-1, they eventually outnumbered the population of Dutch settlers in New York City.

In the aftermath of her first book, Morgan said she began to think about the process of dehumanization, which went on in the colonies and their parent countries during the slave trade. One idea she focused on was that Englishmen of the time viewed being counted — taking a census — as an objectifying action. They had done this to the Irish and did the same to the Africans they were enslaving.

"Wraith, I think, is intimately connected in the transformation of a human being into a commodity," she said, citing the cause for dehumanization of Africans.

At the time, taking a census gave those being counted a specific value, Morgan said. Along with the idea of being counted, the ideas of difference were in the process of being articulated. Science played a key part in this, introducing the idea of race being in a person’s blood. English colonists were — extremely reluctant to consider intermarrying with natives.

This was the first in a series of three lectures, according to American Studies Professor Heidi Ardizzone. As the organizer of this lecture, Ardizzone explained that the series would concern different aspects of race and gender in African-American and African culture.

The reason for the lecture series, as well as the choice of Morgan as lecturer, was primarily a feeling of growing momentum building in the departments, Ardizzone said. That momentum began when the Gender History Reading Group read Morgan’s book. The departments of American Studies and History along with the Gender Studies and African Studies Programs are involved, Ardizzone said.

Morgan earned her Ph.D. in History in 1995 at Duke University and her B.A. in 1986 at Oberlin College. She is the author of the book "Laboring Women: Gender and Reproduction in New World Slavery" in addition to several other publications. She is currently in the beginning stages of a new project.

The lecture will not be Morgan’s only event on campus. She will meet with graduate students at an informal dinner and will attend an African-American literature course.

Jennifer Morgan
NYU professor

What’s on the agenda?

This is a question asked often on campus, with Notre Dame’s unified, Web-based calendar system that lists events for all segments of the University community. It’s the one place where students, faculty, staff and the general public can find out about all the major events scheduled on campus.

Agenda organizes events by category, such as Arts & Entertainment, Academic Dates, Student Life, Lectures & Conferences, Health & Recreation, Religious Life, and Service, as well as by day, week, month and even year.

Come visit our multipurpose calendar for your one-stop scheduling experience.

The calendar link is on ND’s home page or directly at http://agenda.nd.edu

Swedish scholar named chair of peace research

Wallensteen will head Kroc Institute projects

Special to The Observer

Peter Wallensteen, the Dag Hammarskjold Professor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University in Sweden, has been appointed the inaugural holder of the Richard G. Starmann Sr. Research Chair in Peace Studies at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at Notre Dame.

The endowed chair is named after Richard G. Starmann Sr., a member of the Kroc Institute Advisory Council and a trusted friend and colleague of the late Joan B. Kroc. The Institute is named in honor of Kroc, its principal benefactor, who was one of the world’s leading philanthropists, a passionate advocate for the poor and underprivileged, and an ardent supporter of nuclear disarmament and nonviolent conflict transformation.

The Starmann professorship is a named chair held for a three-year renewable term by a senior peace studies scholar who has built a distinguished research and publication record in one or more of the sub-fields of peace research. Wallensteen will consult and collaborate with Kroc faculty on institute research projects, supervise graduate students in peace studies, make a major presentation on research in progress, teach a graduate seminar in peace studies research, and offer a series of lectures to undergraduates on the core concepts and methods of peace research.

One of the world’s leading peace researchers, Wallensteen is director of the Uppsala Conflict Data Program and leader of the Special Program on International Targeted Sanctions.

The Conflict Data Program, established at Uppsala in the mid-1980s, continuously collects information on armed conflicts. The definitions and categories used by the project have gradually been refined to reflect scholarly requirements of global comparability, so that the data is useful for systematic studies of the origins of conflict, conflict dynamics and conflict resolution. With the creation of the global conflict database, this information is now available to anyone in the world.

The Special Program on International Targeted Sanctions was initiated as the "Stockholm Process" by the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University in November 2001. The Stockholm Report was delivered to the United Nations Security Council on Feb. 25, 2003. The program deepens academic research on targeted sanctions with systematic studies and policy-related reports, and it keeps a Website continuously updated on developments on sanctions issues in the UN.
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- Palladium (Pall): -8.39

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**International Monetary Fund (IMF)**

International Monetary Fund Managing Director Rodrigo de Rato, left, shakes hands with Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong Thursday.

**In Brief**

**Gold and silver prices fall sharply**

NEW YORK — Gold and silver prices fell sharply late Thursday, pulled down by plummeting energy prices.

December gold fell $10.30 to settle at $586 a troy ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange. December silver tumbled 25 cents, to finish at $10.95 an ounce. "It seems that on new focus is that natural-gas prices have fallen," Hunter added. "They’re below 5$. It’s a significant drop in the natural gas price and that has put gold under some pressure.

"If there was a move to the downside," said the report, released in Singapore, where the IMF and World Bank will be holding their annual meetings next week.

The Washington-based fund also suggested that further U.S. interest-rate rises might be necessary.

The Federal Reserve "faces a difficult situation of rising inflation in a slowing economy," and the importance of keeping inflation expectations in check, some further tightening may still be needed," it said.

In August, the Fed decided to keep its key short-term lending rate — at 4.75 percent after 17 straight hikes dating back to June 2004.

The IMF also said there would be a premium on the Federal Reserve clearly communicating its policy intentions and suggested that it state more explicitly its medium-term inflation targets. It also said the U.S. could help reduce global imbalances by setting a more ambitious deficit reduction path and putting the budget in a stronger position to respond to future economic downturns.

It projected the U.S. current account deficit would rise further to 6.9 percent of its GDP in 2007 — with large surpluses continuing in Japan, parts of emerging Asia, and oil-exporting countries in the Middle East, the report said, adding the potential for "a disorderly unwinding" of global imbalances remained a concern.

"Boosting national saving in the United States — through fiscal consolidation and increased private saving — is a key component of the multilateral strategy to reduce global imbalances," the report said.

Japan, the world's second-largest economy, will likely grow 2.7 percent this year on the back of solid domestic demand, but should ease next year to 2.1 percent, the IMF said.

It also said Japan should be careful to raise interest rates gradually to avoid a "costly" reemergence of deflation, or falling prices. "In the euro area, stronger corporate balance sheets have helped bring about increased investment, rising employment and a more balanced expansion to the 12 nations that use the common currency, the report said.

Growth would rise to 2.4 percent in 2006 before moderating to 2 percent in 2007 largely due to subdued tax increases in Germany, the report said.

Singapore's slowing economy will probably steam ahead with 10 percent growth this year and next, propped up by surging exports. But the region could be hurt if China's investment boom sours, it warned.

**Ford offers buyouts; tries to cut costs**

Associated Press

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. will offer buyout and early retirement plans to all of its hourly U.S. employees in an effort to avoid a strike — as part of a broad restructuring plan aimed at cutting its costs in light of slumping sales.

Ford confirmed the plans Thursday after several details dis­ closed the company would make the offer, which would cost up to $140.6 million to workers.

The automaker has about 82,000 workers represented by the United Auto Workers at the end of last year, but about 6,500 have taken previous buyout and early retirement offers made mainly at plants slated for closure, company spokesman Marrey Evans said.

The news came a day before the nation's second-largest automaker was to reveal details of a restruc­ turing plan that likely will include massive job cuts and additional plant closures.

The buybacks are aimed at helping Ford cut costs as its sales shrink under fierce competition from more fuel-efficient models from Asian automakers.

The UAW announced the propos­ al in a statement to its members Thursday, saying that the offers are available to all active Ford workers represented by the union.

"Once again, our members are stepping up to make hard choices under difficult circumstances," UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said in a statement. "Now, it's Ford Motor Co.'s responsibility to lead this company in a positive direction — which means using the skills, experience and dedication to quality that UAW members demonstrate every day in order to deliver quality vehicles to customers.

The buyouts are part of a larger restructuring plan approved by the Ford board of directors during a two-day meeting that ended Thursday. Ford said Thursday that it would announce details of the new plan Friday morning.
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BOOK SIGNINGS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

11am-1pm
Fr. Monk Malloy
Monk's Notre Dame

Cappy Gagnon
Notre Dame Baseball Greats

Tom Pagna
The Phantom Letters

3pm-5pm
Ted Mandell
Heart Stoppers and Hail Marys

Sharon Bui
Future Domers
A Child's Guide to Notre Dame

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9am-11am
Signing by Ara Parseghian
Notre Dame's Greatest Coaches
by Stephen Singular
Total sales of this title are donated to the Parseghian Foundation for the cure of Niemann-Pick Disease.

11am-1pm
Angie Jurkovic
Notre Dame Coloring and Activity Book

Jason Kelly
Mr. Notre Dame

Gerry Faust
Tales From the Notre Dame Sideline

Digger Phelps
Tales From the Notre Dame Hardwood

Connie McNamara
Go Irish

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Executive Director of the Alumni Association

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love of long division" — Sachs said, he
understands market theory. But
when countries are so poor and
people are so poor that they are
struggling just to feed themselves,
market theory and globalization
concepts are just not applicable.

People are dying because they
do not know exactly what is happening in
Africa. Knowledge is power. We’ve all been given enough
that we should be able to distribute it.
I look around," Opwonya said,
gazing at the rafters of the JACC.
What “corruption” is often simply the face of extreme
poverty. When you bring in practical
solutions, you find, lo and behold, results can happen," Sachs said, citing the eradication
of smallpox — which took the combined efforts of African gov-
ernments — as proof that corrup-
tion in Africa is a myth.

A journalist from a radio station
which Farmer refused to iden-
ty, saying only that “it’s national,
and it’s public” — asked him
about corruption as well. Farmer
explained that “corruption” is simply “extreme poverty
and health care is secured, he said,
By thinking that because the
current public health care system
is problemat. Public health care systems
work better — the public system isn’t working because the governments are

Once guaranteed access to
care health care is secure, he said,
then it is feasible to apply busi-
ness logistics and work on
depoliticizing health care.

“The Impact of the Dead
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Eugene Ulrich
Rev. John A. O’Brien
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Mary Rose D’Angelo, Associate Professor of Theology
Charles Barber, Associate Professor of Art, Art History, and Design

9/16—Michigan "The Impact of the Dead Sea Scrolls on Our Bible”
Eugene Ulrich, Rev. John A. O’Brien Professor of Theology

9/20—Penn State "Successful Aging"
Cindy Bergemann, Chair and Professor of Psychology

10/7—Stanford "The Bone Collector"
Susan Sheridan, Associate Professor of Anthropology

10/21—UCLA "Completing the Constitution: The 14th Amendment"
Michelle Zucker, Nancy Bosco Drew Professor of Political Science

11/4—North Carolina "The Role of Religion in Race building" Screenplay
Kirk Johnson, Assistant Professor of Peace Studies
A. Rashied Omar, Assistant Professional Specialist, Kroc Institute

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Georgine Resick, Professor of Music
John Blacklow, Chairman of the Department of Music

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30, but her kidnappers remained at large.
"Over the next couple weeks (fol-
lowing Carroll's release), I started
getting some different intelligence
that she might have been held in
our area," Cusack said. "Then in
May I got another piece of intelli-
gence that made me pretty confi-
dent that she had been held in our
area in a specific place."
Once Cusack and his team locat-
ed the house where they believed
Carroll had been held, they planned
a mission to confront the
 kidnappers at a time when intelli-
gence indicated they would be
there.
"We hit a couple of ... roadside
bombs and took a little bit of small
arms fire," Cusack said of the trip.
When they arrived, they found
and questioned the house's owner
while Cusack searched the premises.
"There was a trap door in the
shower room," he said. "[During
the search] I found Jill Carroll's e-
m ail address and a lot of money —
crushed hundred dollar bills."

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faith.
The private dedication cer-
emonies began with a Mass in
the Basilica at 3:45, fol-
lowed by J e n k i n s's
blessing of J o r d a n.
For the remain-
der of the e v en-
ing, benefac-
tors
University
Trustees and officers and
the Advisory Councils for the
colleges of Science, Engineering,
and Architecture had the oppor-
tunity to meet with one
another and explore the
facilities.
The event was held to coincide with the Notre
Dame Forum in the Joyce
Center, where scholars and
students met to discuss the
world health crisis.
"This is where we're going to
train students to be the
scientiffc leaders of tomor-
row," said Bill O'Hayer, busi-
ness manager
College of Science.

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topics — the current state of our national security, the restructuring of the intelligence community and the role of foreign policy in achieving national security.

"With the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11 just behind us, there couldn't be a more appropriate time to talk about this," Roemer said.

Both Republicans and Democrats have been talking about progress, Roemer said, and questioning how the U.S. is doing.

He said the Commission has suggested 41 reforms, and the White House has passed about 20.

"We're halfway there, but it's not good enough," Roemer said.

"Our lawmakers are not acting on our ideas."

In December 2005, the Commission, a bipartisan organization, issued a report card to the government to assess the progress the government had made on their recommendations.

The government received twelve Ds, five Fs, and two incompletes, Roemer said.

"Does that make you feel safer?" he asked the audience.

Roemer cited the growth of al Qaeda, the 60 percent growth in the Afghan opium trade and the continued loss of U.S. troops as indicators of a disappointing lack of progress since Sept. 11.

"The metrics, don't look good," he said.

Roemer said the 9/11 Report suggested the need for a more direct line of communication between the intelligence community and politicians.

"The restructuring of our intelligence community needs to occur with strong congressional oversight and balance," he said.

He questioned whether Homeland Security was truly fit for taking on the threats of the 21st century?" Roemer said. "... We need to elevate this debate. If the candidates don't do it ... we need to. Your vote really matters.

The U.S. needs to reexamine its foreign policy and let allies know "we care about their ideas."

"We need to let the Middle East know we care about them as people," he said.

Ultimately, the U.S. must try to build new connections, not just building military and intelligence, protecting the homeland and raising to conquer the jihadists.

We need to convey to the rest of the world that America's priorities and ideas are so much better than bin Laden's," Roemer said.

Roemer spoke of the importance of moving forward and taking action. He promoted micro enterprise loans for the poor and education and cultural exchanges. He spoke of the inspiration he drew, and hoped all Americans would draw, from the "Sept. 11 families."

They didn't stop. If a congressman wouldn't meet with them, they'd go to the local district ... they wouldn't let it go because they love this country so much," he said. "What a great example to us, Republicans and Democrats, of how we can get involved."

Roemer's talk was followed by a question and answer session that expanded the discussion from national security to other issues such as U.S. involvement in Egypt, the U.S. detainee policy and the Israel-Palestine debate.

"We've got a lot to do, a lot of problems to take on. And we can't do that because we are Americans," Roemer said.

Roemer served the 3rd District of Indiana from 1991 to 2003 in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was appointed in 2002 to the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, more commonly known as the 9/11 Commission.

But before that, he was a member of the Notre Dame family — literally.

Roemer earned masters and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame, his mother worked at Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns and his father served as Dean of Students. professor R. Scott Appleby, director of the Kroc Institute, said in his introduction Thursday evening.

"If you cut him, he very well may bleed blue and gold," Appleby said.

Roemer said he was "privileged to be back home at Notre Dame with people who do such fine research and academic work and endeavor to support peace and justice."

There are so many good memories here and I'm so proud of the teaching here — the teaching of values."

Tim Roemer
former U.S. representative

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Spokesman defends Pope’s jihad remarks

Associated Press

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Student tickets deserve respect

In the months after Sept. 11, 2001, Lynne Cheney joined a host of conservative pundits in calling for the renewed study of American History. She argued that, if Americans had a proper knowledge of the facts of their history, they would fall in love with the unparalleled greatness of our nation and become more committed to patriotism than they are in our present milieu of "political correctness," "white guilt," and liberal relativism.

Cheney must hold a more optimistic opinion of the self-evident conclusions that follow from facts than do I. The leftists who have exacerbated an already shocking system of thought seem committed to the life of students and professors to scalp the their tickets in the highest bidder. That's fine in most places in America, where capitalistic rules.

But here, a different set of rules should apply. Attending this University offers many privileges, one of those being discounted tickets. Notre Dame charged students $207 for admission to all seven home games this season.

When face value for the average one-game ticket is about $60, that's kind.

I wish, first, to draw the vast field, which now looks like a waste land, where the facts of our experience are disputed in the name of any number of systems of thought. I have no hope of setting out "plain and honest truths" only to presume they necessitate one conclusion or another about the various questions many of us face as students and professors committed to the life of learning, as citizens of the most powerful country on earth, or as Catholics in a world torn by religious (and anti-religious) strife.

I only wish, first, to draw attention not to idle facts taught in classrooms, but to the complex but fascinating theories that increasingly make university teaching seem a crude oppositional activity. Often, university curricula seem committed to platitudes of "transgression," "liberation" and "diversity," which boil down to little more than the politicization of knowledge for a relativistic or hedonistic end.

The sad worst of universities, such as that which has been called the "system of thought" by those who have adopted hiring practices to guarantee candidates with conservative, or in one instance, pro-Israeli sympathies will not find their way to the faculty, requires reform. It seems appropriate to revive in more intelligent form the "culture wars" of two decades ago that sought to destroy the absurdities of an academy that has become the patron of a narrow regime of "post-humanist" ideology hunting and token political gestures. These things hurt the communal quest of the intellect for which end universities were founded in the first place. When a fair portion of our professors believe that knowledge is a mere tool of power that must be used to "liberate" subjects from "oppressive discipline," the purpose and identity of the university must either be accepted or defended and reconstituted.

Second, however, we must confront those intellectuals who capitalize upon the foibles of the academy simply to silence all criticism of the United States' role in the world as a sometimes violent, frequently concupiscent, empire whose professional commitment to private ownership and equal justice is only skin deep. If too many academics believe knowledge is a tool, too many of these tub-thumpers try to con us that the "facts will set us free." What a hard claim to tolerate in an age where left and the right alike dismiss supposed facts to justify the slaughter of innocents both at home and abroad.

Most of us appreciate that what I have called the "system of thought" by which we interpret our experience is not merely a delusion projected onto that experience. And most of us understand that the truths we discover in this life will be determined, in part, by the way we enter into the tradition of a better or worse system, and how we develop it.

That said, many bark at the notion of a right system, against which none other can stand. And yet, this is the necessary consequence of the left's preeminent, in the same way that truth follows from the discovery of what is false.

The caricatures I have drawn of certain conservatives suggests that they are more than willing to proclaim the reality of truth and falsehood, but they even refuse to labor the reason them out. This has led to horrible arguments for the good causes, and, finally to a small error of method in the beginning leads to a grave one in the end.

Likewise, my caricatured academics delude themselves and us alike by clearly condemning certain acts and policies as unjust, when their system's thought agrees only that "justice" is one among many virtues.

In this space, we cannot puzzle out the reasons behind the venom expressed by members of the left and right. With nothing to lose in the end, in the same way that truth follows from the discovery of what is false.
One of the traditional functions of a university is to promote and disseminate worthwhile ideas, either due to high costs or limited interest, would never have survived the demands of commercialization. The market for philology, for instance, is vanishingly small but its impact on our culture is nonetheless significant (ask, for instance, if Spanish was your major language). English as the dominant language of the U.S. and now you are dealing with very controversial and important philology.

Recognizing the value of these unpopular works, universities have long subsidized literary and academic books by running a profit-making publishing house: the university presses.

It is apparent on the face that the goal of a university is to build a future where very few presses do better than break even -- but rather historical and social. One function of a press is to preserve the ideas of those who would not otherwise be the talk of the town.

Lance Gallop
Tidewater Blue

Letters to the Editor

Honoring student tickets

As a recent graduate in May, I didn’t expect to get all the tickets to the big game against Penn State. Especially being from the Philadelphia area, and with all the hype, I knew I would travel back to the Bend to cheer on the whole student section, prevent scalping or offer a helping hand, one person can make a difference.

Brandon Burke senior
Siegfried Hall
Sept. 14

Exchange limit fails aims

Unfortunately, I will be out of town for an interview this weekend, but I have found a friend who has been with the University of Notre Dame (ND alumni) is going to be visiting and needs a ticket.

Upon having my ticket exchange request denied, I was surprised. I was told that there is a limit of 5 tickets (way above face value), she also treated it like a silent auction to get the best profit!

She never inquired whether I would be cheering for the Irish or not. She went to the ticket office and had my name printed on it. When I entered the stadium, I passed several ushers, not one of which asked for my ticket. They all assumed that it is a pity that a better one needs to exist. It does happen. Many students do sell their tickets for profit, and it is a shame that they would risk hurting their team’s home advantage.

At Notre Dame, justices should respect the fact that this is a student's transcript a second thought.

Dan Williamson alumna Class of 2014
Sept. 14

Reasoned discourse

I find myself agreeing with the sentiments of the final paragraph of Ryan Davidson’s recent letter (“Stop printing toxic letters,” Sept. 14), exhorting the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 2.5 License. The views expressed in this column are those of the author alone and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Brandon Burke senior
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The incredible shrinking university press

The university presses, in the wide dissemination of information, in the educational mission of a university and the close relationship of all three.

Gary Nijak student
Knoert Hall
Sept. 13

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AFTLS brings singular ‘Hamlet’ to campus

By LAURA MILLER

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Ghosts have long haunted the realm of the theater, but none so famously as the Ghost in “Hamlet.”

“Hamlet,” performed by the Actors from the London Stage (AFTLS), draws the audience into theater in its purest form. Now in its 13th year, the AFTLS represents one of the oldest and most well-organized Shakespeare troupes in the world. Not only do their actors have a diverse experience from degrees from Oxford, The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, roles in Royal Shakespeare Company’s productions and even a semi-professional rugby player — but they also embody the essence of a traveling troupe.

While the company tours in America each semester, the actors are in constant flux — some are returning, some are new, all are very qualified. Each production brings together a unique combination of people through a common love for William Shakespeare’s work.

While in the United States, the AFTLS visits colleges and universities that include Notre Dame, Wellesley, the University of Texas and the University of North Carolina. Not only do the Actors put on a show, but they visit classrooms, attend lectures and give workshops as well. These lectures typically aim to help students better connect with and gain a depth of understanding of Shakespeare’s work. They prove knowledgeable in their domains and have a good rapport with students. These actors are not just playing the roles — they are living the art.

AFTLS has performed in two different venues at Notre Dame — both the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s Leighton Concert Hall and Washington Hall. Although still organized through the DPAC, the AFTLS performs in Washington Hall this week. Students might not be as dazzled by Washington as they are by Leighton’s new-fangled technology, but it is really a far better stage for AFTLS. Because Washington’s seating is so much more compact, it is easier for the actors to interact with their audience — it is this interaction that allows Shakespeare’s plays to come into their truest form. The fourth wall that typically exists in other plays is supposed to be frequently interrupted by the actors — they jest with the audience, play off the audience’s emotions and many of the characters’ monologues are meant to provoke the audience into thought.

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‘Hamlet’ sports 26 separate roles, AFTLS uses only five actors. Geoffery Beseyrs (Polonius), Anna Northam (Gertrude, Ophelia), Robert Moundford (Horatio, Laertes, Rosencrantz, Guildenstern), Richard Stary (Hamlet) and Terence Wilton (Claudius, Ghost) shift from role to role with ease. One of the primary goals of the AFTLS is to reflect Shakespeare’s original company. The Lord Chamberlain’s and then the King’s Men, which is a very worthy cause in the present day.

So much of Shakespeare’s work has been remodeled to quell a stubbornly close-minded audience. Baz Luhrmann’s “Romeo + Juliet,” starring Leonardo DeCaprio and Claire Daines, is just one example of this unfortunate trend. Watered-down versions of Shakespeare’s works rarely do justice to the works of the arguably best playwright to have ever lived. As a result, his witticisms and poignant commentary on the human condition are frequently overlooked and under-appreciated.

The AFTLS further emphasizes Shakespeare’s text by minimizing the presence of distractions. The stage in Washington Hall is completely without backdrop and costumes. The actors and audience wear simple, versatile clothing and have only a few props to indicate a change in character (e.g. Ophelia always carries a white scarf while Gertrude — played by the same actress — carries nothing). This is an extremely unusual experience for the typical American audience. Most have never seen a Shakespearean play without elaborate costumes. Most companies imitate a Franco Zeffirelli style of costuming with a montage of colors accompanied by expensive sets and props.

Like the loss of Shakespeare’s original text, the overstimulation of the audience through ornate period costuming is also unfortunate. In avoiding this, the AFTLS accent their ability to differentiate characters by their acting skills rather than a change of costume, and this makes the audiences more aware of the differences in how Shakespeare tailored speaking styles uniquely to each character.

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By MARTY SCHROEDER

The "Star Wars" cash cow just seemed to grow "bigger" because Lucas had been milking the franchise since "A New Hope" was released in 1977. Not that anyone blames him — the series has been wildly popular and if you can make the money, go for it.

However, with the release of the original theatrical petitions of "Star Wars" on individually rented discs after Lucas supposedly released his definitive versions in a box set two years ago, a major question arises that can be applied all over Hollywood and the American film industry — where does the artist's role end and when does the audience become the determiner of what a film should be and continue to be?

The question does not stop with Lucas. In 2001, Francis Ford Coppola released "Apocalypse Now: Redux," which added many scenes to the well-known 1979 "Apocalypse Now." Certain scenes that were deemed too politically charged were cut in "Star Wars." All in all, 49 minutes of extra footage were added in this re-release, not only on home formats, but also in cinemas, which was very similar to what Lucas did with his special editions of the original "Star Wars" trilogy in the late 1990s. This allowed the director to give the audience what he considered to be the true story of the film. Some audiences liked it; some didn't.

Orson Welles was known for being a director with a personal vision. He often clashed with studio producers and hired actors (some say he was temperamental). He buttressed this vision by editing and the screenwriting of his films. He, alone, had full control of his films — he was a "director's director."" His line: "I am the face of American cinema.

However, with his "Blade Runner," Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner." The only available DVD is the director's cut. If we had seen this movie in theaters when first released and wanted to have that experience again, it would be impossible to do. Scott says that's not a problem. We should be seeing, but instead, we should see this version. Where do directors get the gall to do this?

Part of it could be the studios trying to make more money. The strategy of releasing a barebones DVD right away and then releasing a super-deluxe DVD with all the whistles and bells afterwards is going to bring in much more money than just one DVD release. Again, going back to "Star Wars," Lucas released the original trilogy in its original form on VHS tapes. Then came along the Special Editions in the late '90s on VHS. Then we had the box set a few years ago and now we have the 2004 versions plus the original theatrical cuts on three separate releases — and no box set.

Which one is the definitive version and who says so? It all depends on what you grew up with. The generation that saw "Star Wars," "Jaws" and the "Indiana Jones" trilogy in theaters probably gobbled up the chance to get these versions again. However, for a younger generation it may be another version their parents got for them because they could not get the original version. The new "Jaws" DVD has a different sound mix than the original — which mix is better is left up to the audience.

For the cynical mind, all it comes down to is money. A brand spanking new version of the "Apocalypse Now" DVD was released, not a few weeks ago by Paramount Home Video. They are calling it "The Dossier Version" and it includes both the 1979 and 2001 version of the film, much the same way as the "Star Wars" DVDs that were released this week.

The studios are finally heeding the voices of audiences saying they are sick of all the changes and just want one version that they can enjoy and remember. The studios, bearing their plans seem to be going through a phase where they are releasing all the versions in one package. It is everything — watch the disc you want.

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Reds playoff hopes end in another loss to Padres

CINCINNATI — With an other, we've had some awful times, Reds manager Grady Little said. "This was just another one today. We just have to put it behind us, come back tomorrow and start all over again with San Diego and see what happens." San Francisco, Colorado 0

Matt Cain has dominated every opponent and inspired comparisons tobaseball's greats during an incredible month stretch for the San Francisco Giants.

The precocious right-hander is more interested in keeping his club in the playoff race, his 22nd birthday - which happens to be the last day of the regular season. Cain allowed two hits in eight superb innings to win his fourth straight start, and the Giants gained ground in the NL West race with a victory over the Colorado Rockies on Thursday.

San Francisco Rockies scores on a Moises Alou sacrifice fly in the second inning of Thursday's game. The Giants beat the Rockies 5-0 to pull within 3 games of the division lead.

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NFL

Texans still looking for first win over Manning

Houston defenders confident they can handle Indianapolis

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Peyton Manning's pointing, waving and gesturing at the line were so confusing to Houston Texans cornerback Dunta Robinson the first time he faced the Indianapolis Colts quarterback as a rookie that he thought about calling a timeout.

Three years later, Robinson is used to the theatrics, though the Texans are still looking for their first win over the Colts. Houston is 0-8 against Indianapolis, the only AFC South foe the Texans haven't beaten.

If they want any chance to do it this week, Robinson and the rest of the secondary will have to bounce back from a subpar Week 1 performance. Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb threw for 314 yards and three touchdowns in a 24-10 win that left the Texans ranked last in the league in pass defense. The secondary gave up completions of 31, 37 and 42 yards.

"It was shocking because we expect a lot more from ourselves than what we put out as a secondary," Robinson said. "We're going to move on. We still feel comfortable and think very highly of the ability we have on the back end."

Joining Robinson in the secondary are second-year pros C.C. Brown at free safety, strong safety Glenn Earl and cornerbacks Lewis Sanders, Earl and Sanders have both struggled with injuries and have played sporadically before this year.

Though only 24, the hard-hitting Robinson feels a responsibility to be a leader of the young group. The runner-up for defensive rookie of the year in 2004, Robinson started every game for Houston in his first two seasons, totaling 142 tackles, seven interceptions and four sacks.

"That's one of the things I've thought about for a long time," he said. "How can I get my team to follow me? Working hard and going out there and performing is the way to do that."

He said discussing what happened against Philadelphia wasn't necessary because they simply wanted to move on and focus on Manning and the Colts.

"Everybody knows they have to be accountable for their own actions, and so it wasn't much to be said," Robinson said. "Any mistake that was made, the guy knew he made a mistake so there was no need to go jump all over him. We can play better and we will play better so we're not worried."

While acknowledging that there is room for improvement in the secondary, coach Gary Kubiak believes some of the problems could be fixed with help from the rest of the defense.

"We've got to get more pressure up front to help those guys on the back end so they don't have to hold up so long," he said. "I think if we do that we'll play well in the back end."

Manning has averaged 268 yards passing against the Texans in the eight meetings and has been held to fewer than 200 yards just once — throwing for 190 in a 19-3 win in 2002.

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West Virginia running back Steve Slaton, center, celebrates his first touchdown versus Maryland with fullback Owen Schmitt, right, and teammates in the first quarter of the Mountaineers' 45-24 win over Maryland Thursday.

Mountaineers cruise past Terrapins

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Steve Slaton's speed and Maryland's slippiness turned No. 5 West Virginia's first anticipated test of the season into a laugh.

Slaton rushed for 195 yards and the Mountaineers forced two turnovers in a 24-0 first-quarter blitz on the way to a 45-24 victory over the Terrapins on Thursday night.

Slaton, a sophomore, scored twice in the opening quarter of his first career action against Maryland, the school that offered him a scholarship, then withdrew.

"He's a great player. What more can I say?" Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen said. "He's got great speed. He's a fine young man and I hope he wins the Heisman."

Pat White throwed for a TD and ran for another while Darius Reynaud scored twice, including a 96-yard kickoff return, for the Mountaineers (3-0), who extended their winning streak to 10 games, second in the nation to TCU's 12 in a row.

With scouts from the Orange and Fiesta bowls and 15 NFL teams in attendance, West Virginia took a 38-10 halftime lead in beating Maryland (2-1) for the third straight year, the first time that has happened since 1996-98. The teams have met ever year since 1980.

Maryland, which had won over Division I-AA William & Mary and under­sized Middle Tennessee State, watched the Mountaineers compile more than 300 yards rushing for the third straight game.

West Virginia's young defense, pressed to force more turnovers, also delivered, finishing with five takeaways.

Mountaineers compile 11 turnovers, also deliv­ered, finishing with five takeaways, Maryland's Sam Hollenbach was intercepted twice and the Terrapins fumbled the ball away three times, twice by Josh Wilson on kickoffs.

West Virginia has outscored opponents 139- 37 in three home games, and heads on the road for four of its next five games. Slaton has 503 yards this season, exceeding 100 yards in the first half in all three games. The Mountaineers opened with wins over Marshall and Eastern Washington.

"Steve looked like a young man and I hope he wins the Heisman," West Virginia center Dan Mozies said.

Slaton had 149 yards in the first quarter against Maryland when West Virginia scored on all four possessions.

In Brief

Liriano's MRI reveals same light strain from before start

CLEVELAND — Francisco Liriano and the Minnesota Twins are some­what relieved, yet mostly mystified over the rookie left-hander's latest test results.

"The MRI came back exactly the same as the previous one," Twins general manager Gerry Ryan said Thursday. "He has a ligament strain, but there is no structural damage. That's the good news."

"Now we have to find out why he's having pain. We're not going to mess around with his future." Ryan said the Twins will take an ultra-conservative approach with Liriano, who made only 28 pitches Wednesday against Oakland in his first start in more than a month — then walked off the mound, saying he heard a pop in his elbow.

Liriano, 12-3 with a 2.19 ERA, is done for the season, even if the Twins make the playoffs.

Man convicted of bribing 8-year-old to bean autistic kid

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — A youth base­ball coach accused of offering an 8-year-old money to bean an autistic kid was convicted Thursday of two lesser charges against him, and evaded more serious charges.

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IRVING, Texas — Terrell Owens has had six months to come up with a memorable way to celebrate his first touchdown at Texas Stadium as a member of the Dallas Cowboys.

Of course, it's got to involve the midfield star logo he stomped on six years ago.

Polling a marker out of his sock and signing the logo would be quite a spectacle. As would borrowing pom poms from one of the famous Cowboys cheerleaders and shimmying on the 50-yard line.

Or he could just plow down and do some midfield sit-ups.

But Owens prefers to be an innovator, not a copycat, even if those would merely be digging into his own repertoire.

So, T.O., what's it going to be?

"I don't really know what I am going to do," he said. "I'm just going to go out there and try to wing it, try to have fun with it."

Owens will get his chance Sunday night against the Washington Redskins, providing he reaches the end zone.

The game itself should be a good one. The Cowboys and Redskins are division rivals that came into this season with playoff hopes, but made too many mistakes and lost their openers. The loser will be 0-2, adding urgency to this battle of wits between coaching greats Bill Parcells and Joe Gibbs, and providing taunt-worthy material for team owners Jerry Jones and Daniel Snyder.

Yet those aren't the reasons NBC got this game for its second prime-time showcase. It's all about the guy wearing No. 81 on his shirt and a star on his helmet — and what he might do after a touchdown.

Owens is well aware a national television audience will be watching. And he knows they'll be waiting for something outlandish, ideally one that invokes his look-at-me antics on the logo in 2000, the move that launched him from quality receiver to A-list personality.

"I'm going to have to figure it out. I just haven't figured it out yet," he insisted this week. "I've about run out of touchdown dances and celebrations, as far as something creative."
SMC Soccer

Sal Vaccaro Invite will kick off this weekend

Belles look to return to winning ways in two big matches

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will play two games this weekend at the annual Sal Vaccaro Tournament hosted by North Central College in Naperville, Ill. The Belles will play Saturday against Mount Mercy College and again on Sunday against the hosting Cardinals.

Saint Mary's enters the tournament still in search of the season's first win. The team dropped their first two games to Albion and Manchester in very similar fashion. Both games were close 2-1 losses as Lauren Hinten provided the lone goal in both contests.

Against Manchester, she scored with two minutes remaining in the first half to take the lead, but the young defense could not hold the lead and the Spartans were able to score on one of nine second-half shots.

"We are still trying to get used to each other and I feel that we don't have the right connection yet. Once we figure out that, we will be able to score," senior forward Colleen Courtney said.

Courtney, one of three captains, finished last year with two goals and two assists.

The Belles first opponent, the Mount Mercy Mustangs, have had an offensive explosion since ending their first game of the season in a 0-0 tie. The Mustangs have put up 16 goals while going 2-2 in the past four games. Last Saturday, the potent scorers struck eight times in a dominant win over Crossroads.

Senior forward Keri Ludwig had a hat trick in the game while sophomore Kateri Rose led the team in points with assists on all three of Ludwig's goals as well as two of her own. Rose is only one goal and one assist away from matching her production for her freshman season. The experienced Mustang offense could cause problems for the Saint Mary's young defenders.

"We will have to play with a lot of intensity and win as many 50/50 balls as possible," Courtney said.

The Mustangs will start off the tournament facing North Central College (1-3) Friday at 5-00 p.m. North Central comes into the tournament with a full head of steam, having won their first game in overtime last Saturday.

Junior Michelle Daly scored on a penalty kick in the 94th minute to beat Marantha Baptist College 2-1. Daly, who also scored earlier in the game, was named College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin Player of the Week for her effort. Daly had eleven goals for the Cardinals last year.

"I think [win] would be extremely helpful to get us out of a losing mode especially with a big game coming up on Tuesday," Courtney said.

The Belles will take on defending MIAA champion Calvin next week. The game will not count towards the team's conference record, but a victory over a conference foe would be a huge step in building the young team's confidence.

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PGA

Tiger loses in match play

Wooden will need to rebound quickly for next week's Ryder Cup

Associated Press

Some of Tiger Woods' countrymen awake to the news Thursday that he lost for the first time in two months and chased their morning coffee with a few aspirin.

No one needs reminding how painful a Ryder Cup hangover can be, least of all Woods. But getting hammered 4 and 3 by Shaun Micheel at the World Match Play Championships - matching Woods' worst loss in match play - will shake El Tigre's confidence for about as long as it takes to read this sentence.

The Ryder Cup is still a week off and nobody on the other side is suddenly licking their chops at the thought of playing Woods head-to-head. Or Jim Furyk, for that matter - despite how vulnerable they looked on yet another damp, cloudy afternoon in the British Isles.

Then again, for U.S. captain Tom Lehman and all those already keeping score at home, those first-round results won't count until the weekend that augurs poorly for the Americans.

On European captain Ian Woosnam's side of the ledger, four of the five Europeans who will turn up at The Belfry Club outside Dublin next week won their opening matches. And the sole loser, Englishman David Howell, was beaten by team-mate Colin Montgomerie - Scot whose brave heart will be front and center once the matches begin in earnest.

Coincidence?

Maybe.

Momentum is everything at the Ryder Cup. Anyone who's watched the scoreboard change colors like the temperature gauge in an overheating car knows how quickly a cushion can become a hot seat.

Think of how fast the Europeans slid down the drain just ahead of American Justin Leonard's putt on the final day of singles at Brookline in 1999. Or, conversely, how the knees of one American after another buckled at Oak Hill in 1995, when four pivotal matches went to the 18th green and the Euros won them all by chocking less.

So what to make of Thursday's little dress rehearsal?

Nothing.

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**IWU Fall Classic tees off in Illinois Saturday**

Saint Mary’s to join 24 other colleges this weekend at tourney

By BECKY SLINGER
Sports Writer

After a rainout Wednesday, the Belles will compete against 23 teams this weekend when they attend the IWU Fall Classic hosted by Illinois-Wesleyan in Normal, Ill. Forming the lineup will be junior captain Katie O’Brien, sophomores Alex Sei, Meredith Fantom, Perri Hamma and Katie McInerney, and freshman Kate Doornbos.

The entire squad — save for freshman Doornbos — has played the “fair” 5,400-yard Ironwood Golf Course before, Sei said. And Doornbos, she said, will be very capable to handle the par-72 layout.

The 18-hole course is surrounded by homes, but McInerney said that wouldn’t be a distraction.

“‘Our team is very focused on improving and playing our best,’” she said. “Nothing will distract us.”

A deep lineup ensures that distractions won’t trouble the rest of the team, either.

“Our lineup reflects our capabilities of raising the team’s ranking,” Sei said. “We’re very focused on our ultimate goal of winning another MIAA Championship.”

Head coach Mark Hamilton was also confident the team would shoot a low round this weekend.

The only obstacles the course poses to the team are several swamps, which Sei said would not be problematic if the team stays on the fairways and hits accurate shots.

“The key to shooting a low round is to focus and to take one shot at a time.” Sei said. “We have a good chance of being the best in this tournament.”

After the Fall Classic, the Belles will attend the rescheduled MIAA Jamboree hosted by Albion on Sept. 22-23.

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Pass-happy Badin hopes to start title run against Pyros

By VINCE KENEALLY and ROB GALLIC
Sports Writer

As the smallest woman's dorm, Badin放在 itself under-dog, and this Sunday's contest with Pasquerella East is no excep­tion.

"I know they are a bigger dorm," senior quarterback Charlebois said. "Of course, every dorm is bigger than Badin, so that's always tough for us."

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The reigning Interhall champi­
on begin their title defense
Sunday against the Knight
Juggernauts at 3 p.m.
Zahn beat Keen in the
team’s last regular-season game
in 2005 in a closer game than
their final records would indicate.
Keenan, which finished 0-5, lost a
hard-fought battle to the unde­
feated soon-to-be champions, 8-4.
“It was probably our toughest
year,” Zahn captain Sean Wieland said.

For Keenan, the early-season
rematch means the chance at
revenge.
“We’ve been excited about the
game,” Keenan captain Matt
Crosson said. “We felt like we
played our best football against
Zahn. Hopefully we’ll have a
good shot to knock them off.”

To do that, the Knights will have
to slow down Zahn’s explosive
offense would be able to
score big.

“Keenan’s out there and they’d still
play us,” Wieland said.

“Don’t kid yourself, we’re in for a
difficult battle,” Crosson said.

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Debbie Brown will travel to Tempe, Ariz., this weekend not only to see the Sun Devil Invitational but also back home to where she began her head coaching career.

The Notre Dame coach landed her first head coaching job at Arizona State in 1983 — she was the team’s assistant coach from 1980-82, after being a co-captain for the U.S. National Team. She led the Sun Devils until 1988 when she left to become an assistant coach for the U.S. team, eventually joining the Irish in 1992.

In 1986, Brown coached the Sun Devils to a 27-7 record and was named Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year. But Tempe will not be as welcoming a place this time around for Brown when Notre Dame enters the desert for a three-game tournament.

The Irish (4-4) will open Friday against Butler, play Saturday against Arizona State and conclude with a Sunday main event against the Sun Devils. This will be the fifth time overall and the second consecutive against the Sun Devils. This year that the Irish have faced will be the fifth time overall and the second consecutive against Butler, play Saturday against the Big East rival DePaul.

Brown and the team were unavailable for comment Thursday as they were traveling.

The two teams met in the Shamrock Invitational Sept. 4, 2005 and played a close five-game match. The Irish prevailed in the fifth game, taking the match 30-26, 28-30, 21-30, 30-23, 15-10.

Notre Dame is looking to rebound after a two-loss weekend in the three-match University of Northern Iowa Invitational, where the Irish earned a 3-1 win against Alabama.

Arizona State (6-2) lost to No. 14 Purdue and No. 15 Ohio State and is undefeated in three home matches this season.

The team is led by outside hitter Margo Giardano — the sophomore has 107 kills on the season for an average of 3.96 kills per game.

Butler (5-5) has a strong start to open the season — the team has struggled as of late, losing four straight matches, including one to Notre Dame’s Big East rival DePaul.

The Irish and Bulldogs were formerly adversaries in the North Star Conference prior to Notre Dame’s inception into the Big East. Butler now plays in the Horizon League. The teams last met in 1994 — an Irish win — and Notre Dame holds a 12-6 all-time advantage.

The Blue Devils have parlayed a strong finish in the 2005 season — a NCAA Tournament berth and second-round loss to No. 1 Nebraska — into a 5-1 record to open this season.

Duke’s only loss was a 3-0 loss Sept. 2 to No. 2 Penn State. The Blue Devils have defeated Marquette and West Virginia by 3-1 and 3-0 margin respectively, both 2006 Irish opponents and conference rivals.

Junior Carrie DeMange is averaging 4.33 kills per game. She has 27 kills per game for the Blue Devils with 78 kills total. The Irish have won the last four meetings between the two teams and hold a 5-1 edge all-time.

The Irish fell out of the rankings after a strong finish in the Gopher Invitational in Wayzata, Minn., the Irish stormed back to finish fifth in the tournament. This year, the Irish will look for a second — or similar — or better — result.

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Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said he’s happy allow­
ing just 33 goals per game, but said the Irish won’t be able to sustain that statistic unless they communicate better on defense. "We’ve been good in terms of the end result — we’ve kept the ball out of the net," Waldrum said. "If, at the end of the year, the stats still look good I’ll be fine with it, but we’re giving the ball away out of the back too often. Sometime, we might turn the ball over and some team might punish us for it."

One player who might help Notre Dame improve defensive communication is sophomore defender Carrie Dew, who, along with fellow sophomore midfielder Brittany Bock, will return to full­time action this weekend after missing the first few weeks of the season to compete in the U-20 World Championships in Russia. "It was just kind of a calming effect," Waldrum said. "She’s very calm and composed on the ball and very skillful."

Bock and Dew arrived on campus Sept. 5, but Waldrum eased them back into the lineup so they could catch up academ­ically. The sophomore got signifi­cant minutes off the bench last weekend against TCU and SMU, but neither started either game. Bock scored her first goal of the season against the Horned Frogs. "Over the weekend they weren’t supposed to play that much, but we needed them to come in and help us out," sopho­more forward Kerri Hanks said. Hanks scored two goals against the Mustangs, pushing her season total to five and passing junior Amanda Gianelli, who has scored four, for the team lead. The sophomore said teamwork is the reason the Irish have hit the back of the net an average of 3.5 times per game this season. "It’s not just one of us individ­ually — it’s all of us combined," she said.

Notes: • Freshman Michele Weissenhofer leads the NCAA in assists this season, picking up her seventh and eighth of the season against the Horned Frogs Saturday, employing both skill on crosses and her paten­ted flip throw-in technique to set up Irish goal scorers. "The flip throw-ins work because not every team does them," said Hanks, who scored a goal Aug. 27 against Ole Miss on one of Weissenhofer’s throws. • DePaul’s home field features brand­new FieldTurf, so the Irish practiced inside the Loftus Center Wednesday to prepare for the artificial surface. "The ball’s got a little bit more bounce to it and the pass­es are a little faster," Waldrum said. "The turf gives an advantage to the team that plays on it a lot."

The field does not, however, feature flood lights, meaning kickoff on Friday will be at 4 p.m.

The Blue Demons are 2-1 at home this season. • Notre Dame will return to campus after Friday afternoon’s game, then head out-on-the road again Sunday to face the Wolverines in a 1 p.m. game in Ann Arbor.

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Justin McGee, who have five goals and three goals this season, respectively. The Cardinals will be led by midfielders David Guzman, who has tallied four goals and two assists in five games played for Louisville this season. Guzman scored Louisville’s lone goal when the two teams met last year, a 2-1 Notre Dame victory.

Throughout the week, the Irish have not tailored their approach to either of their specific opponents. "We focus on our system, and we practice on it," Clark said. "We don’t change our system from week to week. It’s not rocket science – soccer – it’s pretty simple stuff. It’s getting the execution right and working."}

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Bobby Clark
Irish head coach

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front of some Irish fans would probably help. Those are the two main advantages," Head men’s coach Joe Fiane decided to have his team run the race in a pack again this week, a strategy that led the Irish to a win last week in the Crusader Invitational. "I want to go out there and run with the big pack of guys we’re going to have out there. I don’t know if we’re going to have a standout runner," Hagerman said. "But we’re definitely looking to have a pack of five to nine runners and as motivation." A strong race, said, "You can make a statement that’s pretty rich tradition of winning. If the team [were] real upset about losing the National Catholic Championship because we should win this thing every year. So we’re going to go after it and dominate the field. We want to show everyone at the meet what we’ve got and go out there and really make a statement that’s going to carry us through the rest of the season."
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Home runners

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Notre Dame will feel right at home this weekend.

Hosting the National Catholic Championships, the Irish will compete on the familiar grounds of the team's practices at the Burke Memorial Golf Course.

This year's race, which will begin at 4:15 p.m., will include 27 teams from across the country, from schools representing every NCAA division and the NAIA.

The Irish have the clear advantage going into the race, since they've been able to practice on the course all week.

"We definitely know the course, we know the footing, know how to run the course and make the times a little better," freshman Brock Hagerman said. "Running in their Big East slate next week makes sense, too."

Irish runners, from left, sophomore Mark Moore, sophomore Patrick Smyth, junior James Millar and junior Brett Adams close in on a Duquesne runner in last year's National Catholic Championships.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Squad looks to stay perfect

Top-ranked, 6-0 ND has two non-conference contests this weekend

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Non-conference play has treated Notre Dame well. The No. 1 Irish are 6-0 this season with games Friday and Saturday at DePaul and Michigan before they begin their Big East slate next weekend.

Top-ranked Notre Dame has dominated its competition so far, outscoring its first six opponents 21-2 and posting four shutouts.

Although the Irish back wall has been statistically good, senior captain Kim Lorenzen said there is still work to be done.

"Part of not allowing goals is luck, and part of it is excellent goalkeeping," Lorenzen said. "Our defense as a team and our back line, we're looking to continue being good."
Notre Dame middle linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. has succeeded in his first year leading the defense — but not without a little help from his father.
Role reversal sets stage for upset

A national championship contender. A fully loaded arsenal of players. A team that’s ripe for an upset (from a regional rival.

In what recent history would consider a role reversal, this is Notre Dame’s promise with a win, a 17-10 victory — this is Notre Dame, this is role reversal.

Notre Dame’s unselfishness has been known to hand out an upset or two, the balanced Wolverines didn’t give it a chance last weekend, handing the Commodores a 41-17 loss. The next week, Central Michigan was an appetizer to the regular season. Now, it’s the main course.

Michigan needs this win to prove that it belongs in the polls with the big boys again. And nothing would be sweeter than knocking off Notre Dame, summertime’s media darling.

Winning this game will go home with the winner of the game will go home with the defense — that’s what Notre Dame is known to have. Notre Dame’s defensive coordinator, Tom Zbikowski calls “smash-mouth football.” The defense — that’s what Notre Dame does.

Michigan has played what it considers a defensive cap­

This year, it’s different. The seniors — including Brady Quinn, Ryan Harris, Jeff Samardzija, Chinedum Ndukwe and Rhema McKnight — remember the 38-0 pasting at Ann Arbor in 2003.

In 2004, the Irish validated their 2002, 2004 and 2005. In 2002, the Irish validated the “Return to Glory” theme. In 2004, students rushed the field during one of the season’s few bright spots. In 2005, Charlie Weis’ second win, a 17-10 victory — which wasn’t as close as the scoreboard flashed — showed Notre Dame’s promise with Weis at the helm.

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In 2005, Charlie Weis’ season was trimmed until USC in November. The offense is trimmed down, although it only returns two starters. Their receivers don’t get the attention that the McKnight—Samardzija duo garnered, but Steve Breaston is dangerous every time he touches the ball.

This is a game where emotions run high. Geographic proximity and a history of hatred from past Michigan coaches mean that a lot of pride rides on the outcome. The face of college football could be different today had Michigan not opposed Notre Dame’s entry into the Big Ten so long ago. No NBC contract? Less national exposure? No storied history that many consider premier among sports? Perhaps the Big Ten did Notre Dame a favor. But the anti-Notre Dame bent of past Michigan leaders has left a sour taste for decades.

This year, the winner of the game will go home with the defense — that’s what Notre Dame is known to have. Notre Dame’s defensive coordinator, Tom Zbikowski calls “smash-mouth football.” The defense — that’s what Notre Dame does.

Michigan is the most balanced team the Irish have faced so far — certainly the most balanced team they face until USC in November. The offensive line is trimmed down, although it only returns two starters. Their receivers don’t get the attention that the McKnight—Samardzija duo garnered, but Steve Breaston is dangerous every time he touches the ball.

“Hart could be the best running back Notre Dame sees this year, and it’s hard to tell if the Irish are ready for him. Add Grady into the mix and Michigan could run the ball every down. Milk the clock, keep the offense off the field and fire the defense — that’s what Michigan wants to do. It’s a recipe for a Notre Dame disaster.”

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Maurice Crum, Jr. leaps over a blocker to tackle Michigan running back Mike Hart in the 17-10 Irish win Sept. 10, 2005.

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

For Maurice Crum, Jr., it didn’t matter that he had 10 solo tackles, four assists and a forced fumble that would return for a touchdown in Notre Dame’s win over Penn State last Saturday. The Irish middle linebacker already knew exactly what his dad would say when the two talked later that day.

“Every game, I never hear anything good from him,” Crum Jr. said. “He said I did okay. He said I was around the ball. But he pointed out everything I did wrong.”

The younger Crum wouldn’t have it any other way.

“I think, it can only help me and make my game better,” he said. “I’ve got my teammates, my coaches, my father, and I’m hard on myself, so I think that’s the only way I can continue to elevate my game.”

Maurice Crum, Sr., has the credentials to back his words. The elder Crum was an All-American middle linebacker for Miami in 1980 and led the Hurricanes in tackles from 1980-82.

“He’s comfortable telling me things because he played linebacker that you can tell,” said the junior. “So he tells me every little thing that could make me better.”

For Notre Dame, Crum, Jr.’s acceptance of his father’s criticism has been key.

The 6-foot, 225-pound junior started at the “Apalone” linebacker position (one of the two outside linebackers) as a sophomore after red-shirting as a freshman. After back surgery in the offseason, Irish coach Charlie Weis had Crum study all three linebacker positions while the surgery kept him out of spring workouts.

“Even though he wasn’t playing, he gave me an opportunity to mentally rep and physically rep all three positions,” Weis said. “He really studied all three positions. He was going to be ready to put in wherever we needed.”

“Whatever the team needs”

Before fall camp began, Weis told Crum he would be moving to middle linebacker to replace the void left after fifth-year senior and middle linebacker Corey Mays graduated — a challenge Crum embraced.

“I’m a guy who prides myself on whatever the team needs me to do; I do for the team,” he said.

Crum’s willingness to help the Irish hasn’t been lost on Notre Dame defensive coordinator Rick Minter.

“It’s fortunate for us for we’re around guys like that who are playmakers and producers and take their jobs serious and their roles very seriously,” Minter said. “[Crum has] really stepped up and accepted the challenge we issued to him back in the spring and into the summer about really asserting yourself and taking control of the huddle.”

That was one of the biggest hills for Crum to climb in his transition to middle linebacker. The once-quiet Crum now has the responsibility of relaying every defensive play from the sideline to his 10 teammates in the huddle.

“Young your middle linebacker has got to be the guy that runs your defense,” Weis said.

Once again, Crum’s steadfast dedication to do whatever is best for the team pushed him to succeed.

“My biggest thing is doing whatever the team needs me to do,” Crum said. “If I want to, it’s what I take — me being vocal — that’s what I’ll do.”

Irish safety and defensive captain Tom Zbikowski gave Crum high praise.

“[Crum is] making all the plays,” Zbikowski said. “I think he’s kind of the kid of a Miami All-American, Maurice Crum Jr. has matured into the quiet leader of the Notre Dame defense.

Weis said there were some errors in their first two games, so obviously he’s doing something right.”

Crum said he puts a premium on the unit like fifth-year seniors Hoyte and Mays did in 2005.

“I watched them every day in practice get everybody started, when everybody was down get everybody up,” Crum said. “That’s the biggest thing I’ve learned from them and applied to my game this year.

But Crum brings a better physical aspect to linebacker for Notre Dame than either Hoyte or Mays did in 2006.

“I watched them every day in practice get everybody started, when everybody was down get everybody up,” Crum said. “That’s the biggest thing I’ve learned from them and applied to my game this year.

“Just watching him last year for his first season, you know there’s a great deal of talent that he has,” Zbikowski said. “Week in and week out, he makes my job a lot easier, just coming over with some clean-up tackles and trying to get some position while he’s making most of the plays.”

Weis said there were some initial questions about Crum’s physique when taking on fullbacks in a game when stopping the run is so important.

“You go ahead and put him in the middle, and everybody says, ‘Well, he’s only 225 pounds.’ But 14 tackles later... he’s still 225 pounds. The thing is, he’s got a knack for making plays.”

Crum said he knew going into the transition that offensive linemen are always looking to get a solid hit on the middle linebacker and that would be part of the challenge of converting positions.

“Being in the middle, everybody knows where you are,” Crum said. “So you’ve got to step up.”

After Crum’s performance against Penn State, Weis said Crum proved he had the ability to play his new position — and play it well.

“Could he be suited well at [outside linebacker]? Absolutely,” Weis said. “But we like the fact that our best player is running the defense. So, therefore, for us at this time, that’s the best place for him.”

Maurice Crum, Jr., front, and Chinedum Ndukwe wait for the snap in a 41-21 Irish win over Tennessee Nov. 5, 2005. Crum had five tackles — three for loss — against the Volunteers.

Crum said much of the credit for his strong fundamentals and technique trace back to his childhood, growing up with a father who instilled a library of football knowledge in him.

“That’s just something that comes from playing football for a long time, again coming from my father, teaching me fundamentals and techniques from day one,” he said. “Since I started playing, I’ve always been a linebacker.

While the elder Crum never coached his teams, his son said, he sometimes “helped out” with the squads.

That gave the younger Crum a great advantage in football but was also difficult for a kid growing up in south-central Florida.

“Growing up was kind of tough because I was always in the shadows of my father,” Crum Jr. said. “But now I’m growing into my own.”

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by the numbers

All-time matchups between Notre Dame and Michigan. Michigan holds an 18-14-1 lead in the series.

34

0

Times Lloyd Carr has won a game at Notre Dame Stadium as Michigan’s head coach.

5

2

Kickoffs returned for touchdowns (by Raghib Ismail) in then-No. 1 Notre Dame’s 24-19 win at then-No. 2 Michigan on Sept. 18, 1989.

Total return yards Steve Breaston has recorded in his career — a Michigan record.

2,874

68:16

Duration the Irish defense held opponents scoreless, from the second quarter Sept. 2 against Georgia Tech through the third quarter Sept. 9 against Penn State.
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 at Ga. Tech — W
Sept. 9 PENNSYLVANIA — L
Sept. 16 MICHIGAN — W
Sept. 23 at MSU — W
Sept. 30 PURDUE — L
Oct. 7 STANFORD — W
Oct. 21 UCLA — L
Oct. 28 at Navy — T
Nov. 4 UNC — L
Nov. 11 at Air Force — W
Nov. 18 ARMY — L
Nov. 25 at USC — L
**MICHIGAN**

**2006 Schedule**

- Sept. 2: VANDERBILT 
- Sept. 9: CMU — W
- Sept. 16: at Notre Dame
- Sept. 21: WISCONSIN
- Sept. 30: at Minnesota
- Oct. 7: MICHIGAN ST.
- Oct. 14: at Penn State
- Oct. 21: IOWA
- Oct. 28: NORTHWESTERN
- Nov. 4: BALL STATE
- Nov. 11: at Indiana
- Nov. 18: at Ohio State

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**Michigan Wolverines**

**Wolverines Rushing**

Mike Hart could be the best tailback the Irish face all season. Kevin Grady is a workhorse and Brandon Minor averages six yards per carry. Hart and Grady have recorded five rushing touchdowns, and Hart is ready to avenge last year's injury against the Irish.

**Wolverines Passing**

Henne's completed barely 50 percent of his passes this season, for just 248 yards and two touchdowns. But Steve Breaston could be poised for a breakout year and tight end Tyler Ecker is a huge target. Marquis Teague is a consistent deep threat.

**Special Teams**

After going 0-2 against Georgia Tech, Carl Gipson hit a pair of then-crusial 35-yard field goals against Penn State. Geoff Price has been a strong punter, and kicking off and receiving are major strengths for the Irish. Tom Zaiowski is always a dangerous punt returner.

**Intangibles**

The Wolverines have two of the nation's best specialists in kicker Garrett Rivas and punter Ross Ryan. As a returner, Breaston is deadly with the ball in his hands. Field position could be huge, putting pressure on the kickoff and punt team coverage.

This team needs a big win and needs it badly. It would go a long way to legitimizing Michigan after last year's 7-5 debacle, and after playing two cupcakes to start the season, Michigan has a lot to prove. Carr will do everything in his power to get the team up for this win.

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**NOTRE DAME**

**Analysis**

This is a must-win game for both teams. Michigan needs this win to make the season a success and it wants this win for the satisfaction of beating a No. 2 Notre Dame. Not enough of the Wolverines remember the 38-0 pasting in 2003. They're excited to be underdogs and eager to prove that they're the better, more balanced team on both sides of the ball. The Irish will try valiantly but Michigan's emotion won't let it lose.

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**Final Score: Notre Dame 27 Michigan 20**
Sizing up the Irish and the Wolverines

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Mike Hart reaggravated a hamstring injury in last season's loss to the Irish. He's been a workhorse for the Wolverines, averaging 25 carries per game. Backup Kevin Grady has only carried 17 times in two games but is averaging a respectable 4.5 yards per carry with two scores.

The possibility of a strong passing game makes the Wolverines that much more dangerous on the ground, because the Irish can't pick one side to focus on. Running the ball effectively is Michigan's best shot at controlling the clock and winning the game.

Notre Dame surrendered nearly five yards per carry against Penn State. The Irish can't allow that to happen against an explosive Michigan backfield if they hope to have success Saturday. The Irish rush defense must stop Mike Hart and force Michigan into passing downs so the Notre Dame defense can be prepared.

This will be especially important in containing versatile wide receivers Steve Breaston and Mario Manningham, both speedy weapons who are dangerous every time they touch the ball.

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Hold the history, Quinn anticipates progress

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame and Michigan will review their annual rivalry Saturday — and Irish quarterback Brady Quinn couldn't care less.

That's not to say Quinn isn't focused on beating the Wolverines. He's just focused on winning — regardless of the opponent.

"Every game right now is just the same to us," Quinn said. "We look at this game like we did all the others.

Notre Dame and Michigan share one of the biggest non-conference rivalries in the country. The two schools are top-two in overall winning percentage, and this year they have the best combined ranking — No. 2 and No. 11, respectively — in Quinn's four years.

But as far as hype is concerned, Quinn is looking elsewhere. While he's prepared for important games against Michigan in the past — a four-year starter, the senior quarterback has three starts against the Wolverines and saw time during his freshman year — Saturday is just another game on the schedule.

And another chance for the Irish to improve upon mistakes made earlier this year.

"Right now our biggest focus is just individually trying to make ourselves better," Quinn said during his press conference Wednesday. "Sticking with working on your fundamentals and techniques but also just really focusing on how to get better as a unit, whether offensively, defensively, or special teams, as well.

That's tough to imagine given what's at stake. With a win, Notre Dame would be 3-0 and have two victories over ranked Division I opponents. A loss, and the Irish are, at best, in the one-loss club heading into December.

And in order to avoid this reality, and concentrate on execution Saturday, Quinn is looking at how much the Irish have grown offensively heading into this season — and what they are capable of once they find their groove.

"I think we've improved a lot," Quinn said. "We've got a different group of players this year, so I think we're still trying to figure out what type of offense we have, and I think the team faces that every year obviously with different personnel changes, people graduating."

Part of Quinn's preparation this week has been watching film to anticipate how the Notre Dame offense will attack Michigan's new defensive scheme of first-year coordinator Ron English. The quarterback is not so caught up in what the Wolverines might do, but rather how the Irish will handle the pressure.

"Obviously it's going to be tough, but at isonnol point in time we're not focusing on what Michigan will do," he said.

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis agreed that the Irish have not played their best game. He said it usually takes a few games for an offense to find its rhythm — something Notre Dame did against Purdue last season.

"You might have spurts where everything seems to go well, but... trying all that stuff together with cohesion takes a little time," Weis said Wednesday during his press conference.

"The learning curve has been greatly pushed along, so it shouldn't take as long to get into that groove as it did last year.

"I wouldn't say we're there yet, but it shouldn't take as long.

Part of finding a rhythm will be the continued effort for Quinn and senior wide receiver Rhema McKnight to find a cohesive connection. McKnight leads the Irish in catches (13) and receiving yards (167) this season — but Quinn is still working on being on the same page more consistently.

"Rhema is one of those guys that sometimes he's shifting and hard to read, and it's really tough to just get that cohesion together," Quinn said. "Again, that's another thing that obviously we work in and week out we're putting in different situations and different types of things we're trying to do."

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Defense keeps quiet on tactics to tame Wolverines' offense

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame defensive end Victor Abiamiri strode into a typical interview session Wednesday without a worry.

There was no need to give answers to any tough questions about Notre Dame's upcoming game against No. 11 Michigan — he would barely speak.

"Fire away, you know what I'm gonna say," said Abiamiri as he stood in the corner of the room of about 25 reporters.

Repeating that all he was worried about this week was "fundamentals and technique.” Abiamiri showed that Charlie Weis is trying to curb the annual hype that leads up to every Michigan game.

Everyone interviewed seemed to do their best to avoid giving Michigan any bulletin-board material. The Irish weren't as quiet as Penn State last week, when coach Joe Paterno wouldn't let any Nittany Lions even speak to the press.

But they might as well have been silent.

Defensive coordinator Rick Minter — normally a media favorite with his native-Texan demeanor — gave short, abbreviated answers and spent no more than five minutes in the interview room. Despite several questions about the Wolverine offense, he never mentioned Michigan.

The players were the same.

"Do you have any thoughts on Michigan?" a reporter asked Abiamiri.

"Working on fundamentals and techniques, trying to get better," he responded.

"If you guys could speak your mind, you'd probably say something different, wouldn't you?" another reporter asked defensive tackle Trevor Laws.

"I dunno," Laws laughed. "All I know is that we've been working a lot on fundamentals and techniques, that's pretty much it."

It was even hard to get Ronald Talley to talk about tomorrow's game.

The thickly voiced Irish defensive end and Detroit native was reminded Wednesday about comments — attributed to him a few months after he signed a letter of intent with Notre Dame — that he "wanted to knock off the head of the Michigan quarterback.

"Asked if he still felt that way. Talley toed the company line.

"Right now?" he smirked. "I'm just trying to work on fundamentals."

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Finding rhythm is main goal for Notre Dame's quarterback

Offensive coordinator Jeff Quinn is surrounded by fans rushing the field after a 28-20 win over Michigan Sept. 11, 2004. Below, Quinn runs in a 41-17 win over Penn State last Saturday.

Above, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn is surrounded by fans rushing the field after a 28-20 win over Michigan Sept. 11, 2004. Below, Quinn runs in a 41-17 win over Penn State last Saturday.

Irish center Bob Morton, left, and defensive tackle Trevor Laws, right, lead the team to raise their helmets before the student section in a 17-10 win at Michigan on Sept. 10, 2005.
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