Donnelly tries to drum up campus support

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

With the days until the national election ticking down and races across the country heating up, double Donnelly, the democratic candidate for Congress in Indiana's Second Congressional District, visited campus Sunday night to speak about his goals for the country and to encourage political activism among students at Notre Dame.

Donnelly, who graduated from the University in 1977 and from the Notre Dame Law School in 1981, is currently engaged in what he called a "razor-close race" with Republican incumbent Chris Chocola, to whom he lost in the 2004 election 55 percent to 45 percent. The race has been singled out for national attention by The New York Times, which used an attack ad employed by Chocola as an example of the trend in negative political campaigning.

Sponsored by the Notre Dame College Democrats (NDCD), the event drew almost 50 interested audience members to LaFortune — the majority of whom were students involved with the NDCD. Helen Adeosun, co-president of the Congressional candidate Joe Donnelly speaks to students on the importance of political activism and his own political goals.

Dorm changes uphold tradition

Goal is to create more space for students, not luxury housing

By JOE PIARULLI
Assistant News Editor

Students at DePaul University in Chicago might just be laughing at Notre Dame right now.

No, they didn't beat any Irish sports teams or outperform Notre Dame students academically. But they might be laughing at Notre Dame because of what they have that Notre Dame students don't — in-room bathrooms and kitchens. Or maybe because of their lapping and hair salons. Or perhaps it's just their satellite television service, their designer furniture and available personal maid and grocery services. Compared to such luxurious housing, Notre Dame's dorms can start to look like Walkmen among iPods. But for now, the University is turning out the laughs — Notre Dame likes its older dorms, and the only changes planned for soon-to-be-constructed residence halls are of the spatial variety, said Jeff Shoup, the director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH).

ORLH recently established a committee to discuss the future of residential life and decide what kind of campus living environment is best for Notre Dame. "There are all kinds of places that have things like climbing walls and hot tubs ... but I think everyone on the committee believed that we need to compete on price and quality with the other places that have things like that," said Juliana de Sousa Solis, a University in International Studies, who helped plan and organize the event. "It's a very lively culture that draws a lot of people," said Julianna de Sousa Solis, a member of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, who helped plan and organize the week. Events run from Monday through Thursday and begin with a showing of the movie "Favela Rising" on Monday night. The film, which has won 24 national and international film festival awards, documents social revolutionaries Anderson Sá as he rallies against the violent oppression in his Rio de Janeiro community. Irene Rizzini, visiting chair in the Study of Brazilian Culture, will introduce the film and will lead a discussion of Professors believe that we were both in high
INSIDE COLUMN

Woe is the castigated smoker

Perhaps it is just my own personal background, but I had never been exposed to true prejudice in my life, at least not until I came here to Notre Dame. Recently, though, I have become aware that I myself am part of a minority group that suffers great persecution at the hands of others. I am a smoker.

At a school that is constantly trying to become more accepting, it always amazes me that so many people can be so closed-minded about something. As a smoker, it is rare to go more than a day without at least one person telling me how awful my habit is and list a plethora of reasons for me to quit.

I find it hard to believe that there are many people in the country today who are unaware of the risks and consequences of smoking. After all, it is hard to ignore the flood of anti-smoking propaganda in every form of media. Every smoker knows the inherent risks, and has made a choice to keep smoking in spite of them. So when a random passerby feels it necessary to criticize my lifestyle choices, it leaves me dumb-founded and with no response besides to light another cigarette, of course.

If I were the only problem I ran into as a smoker, I realize I would not have much to complain about. The real problem, though, is not as simple as having to face dirty looks from people I don’t know. Rather, it is the fact that my rights are slowly being taken away from me by the government that is supposed to protect them. There is a public smoking ban in place already in St. Joe County, and in my hometown of Columbus, Ohio, as well. On the bal­lot this November will be a proposal to make all public places in Ohio smoke-free.

The real issue here is not clean air for non-smokers, but the rights of every smoker in Ohio, as well as the owners of every sort of business and establishment throughout the state. There has never been a law saying that non-smokers must patronize a establishment throughout the state.

OFFBEAT

City official says sterilize bad parents

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A City Council member, reacting to a video store holdup believed to have been carried out by children, says parents that can’t properly care for their kids should be sterilized.

"We pick up stray animals and pay them," Larry Shirley said in a story published Saturday by The Post and Courier of Charleston. "These mothers need to be spayed if they can’t take care of theirs. Once they have a child and it’s running the street, to let them continue to have children is totally unacceptable.”

Shirley’s comments come after police say a video store was held up by a group of children, including a 14-year-old girl suspected of wielding a BB gun that looked like a pistol.

Alleged burglar does laundry, gets pizza

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — A burglar who made himself at home after a break-in overstayed his visit, police said.

Larcuelles Angelo Scott, 23, had ordered a pizza and was doing a load of laundry Wednesday when Denor Bealissio returned home from work. Bealissio, 51, arrived just as the pizza did. She turned the delivery driver away and was met inside the door by Scott. Scott attacked, but Bealissio was able to escape unharmed.

There will be a public screening of “The Unforgiven” with a question and answer session with director Yoon- jong-Bihn at 7 p.m. today in Browning Theatre, Delfarto Performing Arts Center. All are invited, but tickets are required. To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information to the Observer at obsnews@nd.edu.

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

Corrections

Due to an editing error, the story “NO court neutral role put online” in the Sep. 28 edition of The Observer did not mention the director of the OpenCourtWiki project. The Observer regrets the error.

The Local Weather

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In Brief

All are invited to a public forum, “Decade Past, Decade Future: Journalism Copes with Constant Change” which will be hosted by The Gallivan Program today at 3 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies auditorium.

Alexander Tzonis, professor and chair emeritus of architectural theory and design methods at the University of Technology of Delft, Netherlands will lecture on “The Discovery of Classical Architecture: Its Background, Principles and Civilizing Force” today at 4:30 p.m. in room 104 Bond Hall.

"Performance and Analysis – or Synthesis: Theorizing Gesture and Texture for Performers" a lecture by Dr. Robert Raitzen, professor of music theory at Indiana University will take place today at 5 p.m. in room 115 of the Crowley Hall of Music.

All students are invited to attend an informational meeting on funded internships available in Latin America, Africa and the United States. Summer 2006 interns will speak about their experiences and answer questions. The meeting will take place in C-103 of the Hesburgh Center at 6:30 p.m.

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Media intake scrutinized

By AMY BARKER
News Writer

The endless stream of media from a variety of sources can actually pose a problem to politics in America, Dr. John Pauley said in a talk at Saint Mary's Stapleton Lounge last week. Chair of the Saint Mary's communication department Dr. John Pauley spoke on the complications media poses for politics in America last week at Saint Mary's Stapleton Lounge.

Entitled "What does it matter what media we consume?" the speech began with a presentation of American media and its coverage of American politics. Pauley, who chairs the communication department at Saint Mary's, compared the media of 50 years ago - when there were major and minor newspapers streaming the news - to today's innumerable resources of information, which Pauley actually called a serious problem. He pointed out that anyone with an opinion can potentially publish it on the Internet.

The line between fact and opinion is continually becoming blurred," Pauley said.

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Pauley also discussed the dangerous "Selected Exposure" phenomenon, which creates factions full of like-minded citizens.

"We are reaching a point where people consume the media that matches their own prejudices," he said.

For example, 86 percent of people who watched Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9-11" already disapproved of President George W. Bush's administration, Pauley said - and 88 percent of Rush Limbaugh listeners already approved of President Bush.

According to Pauley, in the trend of reinforcing and re-orienting the prospect of collaborating with an opposing opinion in order to find common ground is lost.

The broader the spectrum of people a person is talking to or collaborating with, the sounder their reasoning must be in order to best reach out to the audience.

"In my opinion, the net result of selected exposure pervading our environment is disconcerting," he said.

Pauley moved into the second point of his speech by defining politics as a system for distributing scarce resources to a collective for programmatic reasons, and questioned the media's presentation of politics. For example, 33 percent of citizens switched their initial presidential vote after listening to the Howard Stern show.

"Howard Stern, Oprah, etc. are not reporters or journalists," Pauley said.

"How can they be a substantial source of political information?"

He encouraged students to seek and decipher all the available information and to avoid the cultural fixation with personality, an obsession that is not a part of his political definition.

Three techniques for preventing the problem in media consumption are listening, reasoning and dialogue, Pauley said, and students should focus on "conscious consuming of political and in fact, all information."

Saint Mary's senior Rachel Sokolowski recognizes a problem in media consumption.

"A lot of youth are influenced by the wrong outlet," she said, "and if they can't decipher between thought and opinion then we are at a loss."

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Fund created to draw pros

Special to The Observer

University of Notre Dame board chairman emeritus Donald Keough, his wife, Marilyn, and their children have made a gift to the University for an endowment in support of chaired faculty positions for scholars who are both world-class leaders in their field of expertise and demonstrate a commitment to the Catholic mission of Notre Dame.

"The generosity of Don Keough and his family has made an indelible difference in the great gains of Notre Dame in recent decades, and we are deeply grateful," said Rev. John J. Jenkins, C.S.C., the University's president. "We asked that the faculty chairs be named after Mr. Keough, a great lay leader at the University, and Father Hesburgh, a great Holy Cross priest president. These two individuals worked together on behalf of Notre Dame, and the name of these chairs expresses the fruitful collaboration between lay leaders and Holy Cross religious that has so enhanced the University."

The goal of the Keough-Hesburgh Professorships is to attract outstanding faculty members to Notre Dame who may be early or late in their careers, visiting or tenured, and traditional academic scholars or individuals whose intellectual preeminence has been demonstrated in other settings.

Thomas G. Burish, Notre Dame's provost, explained: "The two essential characteristics of those who will be appointed Keough-Hesburgh Professors are that they truly are among the best in their area of expertise, bringing both uncommon talent and broad visibility to the University, and that they will enhance Notre Dame's Catholic character and mission. It is our preference that such individuals be Catholic themselves, able to give witness to faith in their lives as well as provide intellectual leadership in Notre Dame's Catholic mission to the University community."

Part of the gift from the Keoughs has been used to create an office under the leadership of Rev. Robert Sullivan, associate professor of history and director of the Erasmus Institute, to identify Catholic scholars who are academically suitable candidates for positions at Notre Dame.

Keough is chairman of the board of Allen & Company Inc., a New York investment banking firm. He retired as president and chief operating officer of The Coca-Cola Company in 1991 and serves on the Erasmus Board. A member of the University's Board of Trustees since 1978, he served as board chair from 1986 to 1991.
NDCD, introduced Donnelly, emphasizing his Notre Dame connections. "(Joe Donnelly) is a double Deacon, one of the University's inaugural female class, his son and daughter are both attending Notre Dame — and Chocola, who Donnelly claimed said in 2004 that he "help President Bush," as well as securing his re-election in 2004 that he was going to get this done, which we don’t seem to have right now.

In closing, Donnelly again expressed his gratitude to the Fighting Irish spirit and team — well, this is bigger to a football gang game, a lot bigger than the game against Stanford next week. If you want to get to the president, you can say to them that you got yourself. "It’s all been a confidence in them, he said.

"You need to know when you look at your Congress that you can have absolute and complete confidence in them. They shouldn’t be rubber stamps for the president," Joe Donnelly congressional candidate.

"Darius Walker finally stepped up," Anthony Bencivenga said. "If he can play like that, the rest of the season, Notre Dame will be tough to beat."

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Rumsfeld faces new criticism

Secretary of Defense, under renewed fire for Iraq policies, says he will not resign

Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, coming under renewed fire for his management of the Iraq war, said Sunday he is not considering resignation. But he said he was not surprised by reports in a new book that White House staff had encouraged President Bush to fire him after the 2004 election.

"It’s the task of the chief of staff of the White House — and having been one, I know that — to raise all kinds of issues with the president and think through different ways of approaching things," Rumsfeld said. "So it would be a paradox if that subject had come up.

Asked by reporters if he had recently considered resigning, Rumsfeld said, "No."


Card on Friday did not dispute that he had talked about a Rumsfeld resignation with the president but said he was his job to discuss a wide range of possible recommendations, including his own.

Rumsfeld on Sunday also denied that he had ever told Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld that the ongoing debate doesn’t detract from his work with other international leaders.

He said he had spoken to Bush about the book’s allegations that White House staff had encouraged President Bush to fire him after the 2004 election.

"That book was made public," Rumsfeld said. "Bush called me personally," said Rumsfeld, to voice support.

Rumsfeld has previously acknowledged that he twice offered Bush his resignation, but it was not accepted.

The defense secretary and Bush have faced growing criticism for their handling of the Iraq war as violence there has escalated, U.S. casualties have mounted and public support for the conflict has declined.

Fueling the debate in recent days was the release of a classified intelligence report that concluded that the Iraq war has helped fuel a new generation of extremists and increased the overall terrorist threat.

Just back from a five-day trip to the Balkan region, which included a NATO defense ministers meeting in Slovenia, Rumsfeld arrived in Nicaragua Sunday afternoon for two days of meetings with defense officials from more than 30 South and Central American countries.

The talks here — in one of the Western Hemisphere’s poorest countries — are expected to focus on counter-narcotics and counterterrorism efforts, peacekeeping missions, humanitarian and disaster relief and the removal of land mines from the region.

The meeting of the region’s defense ministers follows a tense period in which Venezuela’s leaders lashed out at the U.S. and President Bush during a U.N. meeting in New York City. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez called Bush "the devil" and slammed U.S. leaders for trying to block his country from taking a seat on the U.N. Security Council.

Rumsfeld said Sunday he did not expect to meet privately with the Venezuelan defense minister, although he will see him during the regular meeting.

U.S. officials have long considered Chavez a destabilizing force in Latin America. And they have suggested that Venezuela would make the U.N. Security Council unworkable if the nation were to win its bid against U.S.-backed Guatemala for a rotating council seat.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld listens to a question as he speaks with reporters aboard a military aircraft Oct. 4 en route to Managua, Nicaragua.

U.S. detained indefinitely

Associated Press

KABUL — Capt. Amanullah, a former mujahedeen commander, smiled as he shook back heard his palm and gives a deep and ironic laugh as he recounts his 14 miserable years in Bagram, the U.S. prison for terrorist suspects in Afghanistan.

"There were lots of stupid questions and accusations with no proof," said the 38-year-old former veteran of combat against the Soviet occupation. "He insisted he was there because of his correct position and knowledge of the war," he added.

"Kid looks at the Internet as today’s rest-room wall," said Steve Dillon, director of student services for Carmel Clay Schools. "They need to learn that some things are not acceptable anywhere."

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were better off sticking to traditional kinds of things," Shoup said.

Though students are not likely to see lavish living changes, they will see improvements in the dorms — especially when new residents are built, which Shoup said they hope "will be in the next five or ten years." According to Shoup, one of the biggest improvements will affect the issue of tight quarters. Based on recent surveys of room size, dorms like Dillion, Alumni, Sorin, Zahm, Cavanaugh, Farley and Breen Phillips are most likely to see substantial changes.

"Once we get new residence halls ... the goal is actually to take down some of the occupancies," Shoup said. "Those are the kinds of things that the committee talked about as a group rather than some of the kind of amenities I'm reading about ... which to me don't seem like traditional Notre Dame things." Although one of the goals is creating more space for dorm living, maintaining and repairing dorms continues to be a high priority.

In recent years, Dillon, Alumni and Farley have seen serious repairs. According to Shoup, ORLH is always looking at what repairs and changes are necessary. He's heard the rumors about Morrissey being considered one of the worst dorms in America, but is confident that Notre Dame is working forward.

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Shoup said the number of students moving off campus has been consistent in the past few years, but he believes the benefits of the new dorms may lead to more students staying on campus.

"Right now we're just trying to make the residence halls more livable," he said. "If that means more people stay on then that's great, if more people move off then that would be their choice."

Architecturally, Shoup said the new buildings will be designed with a gothic style — in the model of Zahm or Alumni. "I don't know that there's going to be significant amenities or luxuries in new buildings — I think our goal would be that there would be lots of different room sizes," he said.

A variety of room sizes would allow upperclassmen to obtain better rooms, perhaps even some with bathroom.

The system of progressing to bigger rooms is not unknown at Notre Dame — in fact, it is somewhat similar to the system for football tickets in which older students sit closer to midfield — but Shoup said he hopes the system becomes more pronounced.

Though new dorms may seem to be on a higher level in terms of standards of living, Shoup said the pricing system would not change.

Right now there are only two possible rates, the difference being between singles and other occupancies. Shoup said he is still surprised to find that most incoming students seem to want to live in older dorms. "It's still one of those things that ... if we let students pick, they're still saying Sorin, Alumni, Dillon, Morrissey," he said. "Every once in a while somebody will say 'well I have bad allergies, I really would prefer air conditioning.'"

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**NEW YORK — Fox News Channel will mark its 10th anniversary this week in an unusual position: knocked back on its heels.** The network is in the midst of its first-ever ratings slump. Cable news’ most stable property is being underachieved.

And the blow-up over President Clinton’s interviews with Chris Wallace suggests that Democrats are attacking Fox primarily because it receives the same vulnerability in the public mind as it does in the Bush administration.

Maybe some of this was on Fox News chief Roger Ailes’ mind one day last week when he rode the elevator to the 22nd floor of News Corp.’s office tower for an 8 a.m. stroll through the network’s ad sales department.

No, what is your doing up here, someone wonders aloud.

"Taking attendance," the hard-charging motivator explained.

Message delivered.

Fox has been jolted, lashed by others, Fox News Channel has been the biggest success in the cable industry and profoundly changed television since its signal turned on Oct. 7, 1996.

Ailes can still remember a reporter’s laughter during the news conference to introduce the network. He had to laugh. Fox, he thought, would beat by a year his plan for overtaking CNN and grow to more than double its rivals in viewership. It made stars of Bill O’Reilly and Sean Hannity and put “fair and balanced” into news history textbooks.

“I watched CNN for a week before I went on and I wasn’t trying to wake myself up,” Ailes told The Associated Press. “I kept nodding off and I realized they are boring, they are balanced.”

Ailes, a Republican political operative, said simply presenting different points of view made Fox seem like a contrast to left-leaning news coverage elsewhere.

Before Fox, many in the media scoffed at the notion of a liberal bias and figured only a handful of people really believed that, said Erik Sorensen, former MSNBC president.

“Fox proved it’s a much larger group than anybody realized,” he said.

Their success clearly made others respond. The very network that Bush Limbaugh would appear on a “CBS Evening News,” segment called “Free Speech,” heavily promoted on Katie Couric’s first night as anchor, would have been unthinkable a decade ago, Sorensen said.

“I’ve had many people say to me we have forced people to think differently in their own newsrooms,” Ailes said. Fox critics consider “fair and balanced” camouflage for an agenda. Whatever the truth, news-watching became increasingly partisan: more Democrats watched CNN, more Republicans watched Fox, according to a 2004 study by the Pew Research Center for the People in the Press. The year Fox started, CNN had more Republican viewers than Democrats.

While unscientific, it introduced the network. He’d thought Fox’s popularity, suggested industry sensitivity to Fox’s popularity, coupled with shock after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, combined to dampen aggressiveness in questioning the government’s assumptions leading up to the Iraq war.

Ailes dismissed that theory with an epithet.

Less attention has been paid to the look of Fox News. During its peak, it appeared more colorful, more graphically innovative and more urgent. It made CNN look stodgy.

But the years of explosive growth have ended at Fox. Viewership over the first eight months of the year was down 2 percent compared to 2005, with a steeper 13 percent decline in prime-time, according to Nielsen Media Research. For 12 straight months, Fox’s prime-time audience has been smaller than the year before.

Roger Ailes, chairman and chief executive officer of the Fox News Channel, speaks during the Summer Television Critics Association Press Tour in Pasadena, Calif., on July 24.

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**Fox News losing market share**

Network faces challenges from ratings, Democrats as 10th anniversary approaches

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Lilly said it is “disappointed” with the FDA’s request and is weighing whether to conduct a new three-year clinical trial for Araxant, which many had seen as the company’s next blockbuster drug. If approved, it would be the first oral treatment for diabetic retinopathy, a leading cause of blindness in people under the age of 60.

The Indianapolis-based drug maker said the additional research could take up to five years to complete, including the time needed to enroll patients and analyze the data.

“We are certainly disappointed with this communication from the FDA,” Lilly’s president and chief operating officer, John C. Lechleiter, said in a statement.

Deutsche bank analyst Barbara Ryan predicted Lilly would drop development of Araxant because of the additional time and expense of new testing. The drug, she said, had been shown to be only marginally effective.

Companies struggle with pension rules

**NEW YORK — Now that corporate America’s pension promises will be thrust into the spotlight by new regulations, investors should watch for accounting tricks companies may use to reduce their benefit obligations.**

New rules from the U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board will force companies to the reporting of their pension-related obligations.

Some say this means they are understated on their balance sheets than they have used in the footnote to the financial statements. That means huge liabilities could suddenly drop like a bomb onto balance sheets, putting any deficits squarely in the public view and possibly threatening some lending agreements into question because it may lead to sharp drops in corporate stock value.

Figuring out if any maneuvering is going on won’t be an easy task. Investors will have to closely watch companies’ assumptions for such things as health care and wage inflation that are used to determine the costs of defined benefit plans, which promise retirees a monthly check.

Some companies have not only a handful of people of a liberal bias and figured against other major currencies. Gold prices fell. Crude oil futures rose.

In economic news, the Commerce Department said consumer spending dropped in August by the largest amount in nearly a year and core inflation for August, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, was up a worrisome 2.5 percent compared to a year ago.

**Third quarter ends with stock slide**

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WASHINGTON — The FBI's top counterterrorism official harbors lots of concerns: weapons of mass destruction, undetected homegrown terrorists and the possibility that old-fashioned mobsters will team up with al-Qaida offshoots.

Though there is no direct evidence yet of organized crime collaborating with terrorists, the first hints of a connection surfaced in a recent undercover FBI operation. Agents stopped a man with alleged mob ties from selling uninsured trailers to municipalities, nonprofit groups or American Indian tribes.

Organized crime syndicates could facilitate money transfers for terrorists, human smuggling, identification fraud or explosives and weapons acquisitions, officials said. The options are many for terrorist groups.

“Everybody’s just trying to regroup,” said Teresa Thorne, head of the New York FBI's organized crime unit. “They will sell to a terrorist what they can of their crops, too big for the processors who had ordered them under contract, farm bureau spokesman Ken Kranz said. “Farmers are just waiting to see if they’ll have orders,” Kranz said.

Growers are trying to salvage what they can of their crops, but many say a loss of public confidence is the biggest threat to the industry. Before the E. coli outbreak, health-conscious Americans had driven up demand for spinach in salads and other healthy meals.
Unhealthy ads riddle youth shows

Marketers could be contributing to increasing rates of childhood obesity

Associated Press

CHICAGO — When Susan Connor's 3-year-old son started humming the McDonald's jingle, she decided it was time to pull the plug on the TV in her living room. "He had absorbed that from watching TV," said Connor, whose study on food ads aimed at toddlers appears in the October issue of Pediatrics. "It would be a marketer's dream to know they were that successful."

Messages for high-fat, high-sugar foods permeate programming for preschoolers on Nickledeon, the study found. On the Disney Channel's shows for the youngest children and even on Public Broadcasting Service shows such as "Sesame Street," the companies won't total loyalty by linking logos, licensed characters and slogans with fun and appealing shows.

Disney and PBS promote their programming with food, a practice that led to a recent study of food companies dominated sponsor messages during programming for toddlers. Connor found, making up 82 percent of sponsor messages in a sample of school programming and 36 percent of messages on Disney's toddler programming.

The clown character Ronald McDonald appears on TV for shows for toddlers on Disney and PBS. And the cartoon mouse Chuck E. Cheese pops up alongside junk food to children too young to understand the commercials. "It's frightening to think what would happen if they were exposed to advertising from a young age," said Levin, who was not involved in the study. "We see that as a public health problem that needs to be addressed immediately." For example, he said, to let families know what the real problem is.

Levin, who is also a co-founder of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, said, "It's very concerning when childhood obesity is a major public health problem that preschoolers are still being exposed to by food ads."

American children from infancy to age 6 watch an average of one hour of TV daily, and 8- to 18-year-olds watch an average of three hours. They see roughly 4,000 TV ads a year.

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During the "Real McCoy" block of programs for preschool-age children, ads for junk foods and sugary beverages make up 82 percent of the commercials, according to a study by Columbus Children's Hospital researchers. The study was published in the journal Pediatrics.

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The study by Columbus Children's Hospital researchers shows that the most common foods advertised to children under 4 years old include sugary snacks, fruit-flavored drinks, and high-sugar foods. The researchers found that children who woke up to the voice alarm differently, or the frequency at which the alarm was heard, varied depending on the type of sound used in the study. For example, children who woke up to the voice alarm with a loud, high-pitched sound were more likely to wake up quickly, while children who woke up to the voice alarm with a lower, softer sound woke up more slowly.

The study also found that children who were preterm, but whose cause of death is often attributed to one of the several specific problems that can occur in preterm babies. The study concluded that preterm birth, as a cause of death, to the kind of level that we think it deserves," said the CDC's Dr. Bill Callaghan, the lead author of a study appearing Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

The revised statistic may leave children's safety and health advocates concerned about premature birth rates. The March of Dimes is advocating to expand federal research into preterm labor and delivery and the care and treatment of premature infants.
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You, me and the death penalty

American soldiers come home in body bags from Iraq on a morbidly regular basis. AIDS and civil strife tear apart Africa with ruthless impunity. Fresh lines are being drawn in the sand of the Middle East, dividing Israel and the Arab world.

Unequivocal violence dominates round-the-clock news and taking heads yell louder than ever at each other about anything that can be categorized as blue or red. So why in this world of mounting tensions, violence and casualties do I champion the abolition of the death penalty in the United States, which only claimed 60 lives in 2005—over all these other issues?

My simple answer to this: states are killing incarcerated criminals on behalf of its citizens and the execution can stop whenever their respective governors say so. It’s going to take a lot more than a simple phone call to stop Irbazollahi from hangi Israel (contrary to President Bush’s comments at the Great Eight summit). It will take decades to counter the damage that has been done by poverty, racism, disease and civil wars in Africa, and it will take more than interim election promises by challengers and incumbent allies to solve the quintessence of Iraq. In contrast, all it takes is to slow down the execution, to keep the killing of an incarcerated person, is a phone call by a governor. That, to me, is what makes this issue constantly relevant: the degree of control and consent over the killing of an individual expressed by the public and state governments. The concept is startling; state governments are taking these people out of cells where they are locked up and killing them as an agent of U.S. citizens. Think about that for a moment. Sixty times last year, a person was taken from their controlled confinement, escorted to the waiting method of execution and killed. For you and for me. The states do this because this is what they think we want to have happen. Therefore, they are enacting our wishes as citizens.

That being said, many of you are already formulating extremely reasonable questions and arguments in response to this line of thought: “Why should we have sympathy for these convicted murderers and rapists? Why is it our responsibility to speak for those who have committed heinous crimes against other human beings?”

A good portion of you are likely in support of the death penalty and are internally reciting arguments based on the merits of execution as a legitimate means of delivering justice to those who have so brutally carried out these acts.

I understand. I’ve had these thoughts many times and have held varying opinions until I really studied the topic and found myself with a steadfast stance against the death penalty. This stands on grounds of human rights, racism, disease and civil wars in Africa, and it will take more than interim election promises by challengers and incumbent allies to solve the quintessence of Iraq. In contrast, all it takes is to slow down the execution, to keep the killing of an incarcerated person, is a phone call by a governor. That, to me, is what makes this issue constantly relevant: the degree of control and consent over the killing of an individual expressed by the public and state governments. The concept is startling; state governments are taking these people out of cells where they are locked up and killing them as an agent of U.S. citizens. Think about that for a moment. Sixty times last year, a person was taken from their controlled confinement, escorted to the waiting method of execution and killed. For you and for me. The states do this because this is what they think we want to have happen. Therefore, they are enacting our wishes as citizens.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Walk the walk?

Are we walking the walk? I'm an '88 Notre Dame graduate and keep asking myself this question over and over. A midlife crisis, perhaps; growing wiser, certainly not; finding the importance in life, huh?? I would ask everyone in the Notre Dame community to ask yourselves this question: "Are you walking the walk, are you wearing your faith on your sleeve and in your actions or are you hidden behind societal pressure?"

We are ND. Notre Dame is a Catholic community, which was brought together by our faith. This faith should be leading us in everything we do and be demonstrated on and off the football field. Is it?

Last week, I watched the Notre Dame vs. Michigan State football game with my young children. We watched with the same passion we always do, and with a family new to our area who happened to be Michigan State fans and devout Catholics. Unfortunately, we were bombardied with repeated commercials for nearly naked women "desperate" to cheat on their husbands. Not one commercial, but several throughout the game. I could not believe it. The Notre Dame community would take action. I am amazed that this would outrage Notre Dame and that they would make a statement on Monday. I was sure the Notre Dame community would take action. I am amazed nothing has come of this. Despite contacting high-ranking Notre Dame administration, ABC sports, ESPN and writing a letter to The Observer, the publicity was not published, silence continues. Instead we hear of people not getting tickets, Notre Dame selling season tickets to raise more money, the book store making big money, a need for stadium improvements and the need for new running backs. Have we become so numb to our surroundings that we do not see the messages being pushed on our society?

Have we become complacent, and feel we can't make a difference? Are we really so focused on winning or losing a football game that we cannot see the devil lurking? Does the "entertainment" of these type of shows overshadow our moral judgment? You may see this as a minor deal and in the big picture with the state of our world, it is. However, if we are not willing to step forward, raise objection, walk the walk on issues such as these, how can we begin to attack the bigger threats to our future and our children's future? The myriad of issues which need moral leadership in our world are too numerous to count.

We are ND. But what truly is Notre Dame? Is it a football team like most folks around our country think? Or is it a faith-filled community willing to take on the tough issues, no matter how big or how small? Next time you are in the stadium screaming, "We are ND" ask yourself what this means. Ask yourself what Notre Dame truly means and stands for. Notre Dame is much more than a football team. Notre Dame is a community of students, professors, alumni, athletes and alumni who are willing to "walk the walk" of their faith. We are a community that demands more of our society and ourselves.

I don't have the answers, am not attempting to be righteous, and am far from perfect. However, I have a strong faith and know that together as a community, Notre Dame can and should make a difference. We need to repair much more than Notre Dame Stadium in our world.

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Stumping, not serving

Republican candidates wary of associating themselves with an unpopular president are finding lower-profile ways to raise money through the Fundraiser-in-Chief.

One strategy has been to close President Bush's fundraisers off from the press. Before May 2006, when Bush's approval ratings hadn't yet reached the Fahrenheit freezing point, 34 percent of his fundraisers were closed. Since then, 59 percent have been closed, according to the Associated Press.

This week, a second and more innovative strategy began. White House press secretary Tony Snow announced that the fundraising circuit has been graced by a more PR-safe White House star: himself. In his White House press briefing on Wednesday, Snow said he was the first White House press secretary he knew of to participate in fundraisers. His participation, he said, was "unplowed ground." At first, I admit, I found the unplowed-ness of this ground surprising; the White House press secretary seems to be the perfect person to fundraise in the President's place. Who's better to present the President's face and agenda to eager, deep-pocketed donors than the guy who's so good at talking him up? Why hasn't anyone in this position, seemingly designed to defend the White House, gone on the stumping circuit?

Because it's unethical.

Firstly, Snow's participation in fundraisers may constitute a misuse of taxpayer dollars. White Snow has said that the Republican National Committee will pay for his travel and accommodations at fundraising events, it's unclear whether the RNC will remunerate taxpayers for salaried time Snow is using to stumper rather than serve as White House press secretary.

More importantly, the White House press secretary is a nonpartisan civil servant whose employer is the state and not the President or the President's party. His job is to collect information about what's happening inside the White House and dispense it to the media. Sure, at daily press briefings with the White House press corps, he also fields questions about White House policy and plans. Sure, he may spin this information to appease the man who hired him, but his primary responsibility, like that of the Cabinet members, is helping the government run more effectively, not glossing the President or his party.

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Catherine Rampell, Princeton University Daily Princetonian

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Yes, the earth is getting hotter than ever and yes, it's probably due to human activity but I'll let you in on a little secret no other adult will ever tell you...we actually don't care about our kids' future.
Dear Must See TV, I will never abandon thee

Western reflects changing times of the late 1960s

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Editor

The Wild Bunch signaled the end of an era — the passing of the classic Western. Symbolically arriving at the end of the 1960’s, its violence was underpinned by an elegant tone that rippled with the fumes of inevitability.

Easy rider Sam Peckinpah’s (Straw Dogs) finest film, "The Wild Bunch" follows a ragtag group of aging cowboys trying to recover their money from a failed payroll robbery. Led by Pike Bishop (Warren Oates) and Dutch (Ben Johnson), the Bunch includes Dutch (Ernest Borgnine), Angel (Jaime Sanchez) and Lyle and Tector Gorch (Warren Oates and Ben Johnson). When one of the members is caught, the Bunch is faced with a difficult decision.

When first released, "The Wild Bunch" was controversial for its ferocious violence. Taking cues from Sergio Leone’s Spaghetti Westerns and other counter-cultural pieces like "Bonnie and Clyde," the bloodshed is far more prevalent than in the average Western film — by no means does "The Wild Bunch" contain the subdued, implied violence of John Ford pictures. Instead, the film opens and closes with visibly memorable fireworks, the latter of which has become one of the most famous scenes in cinematic history.

While the violence seems relatively tame by today’s standards, it was revolutionizing in 1969.

The film is anchored by Holden’s quiet dignified performance as Pike. In fact, "The Wild Bunch" may be the actor’s finest work, which is no small feat considering his resume, which includes classics like "Sunset Boulevard," "The Bridge on the River Kwai," "Network" and "Stalag 17," for which he won the Oscar for Best Actor in a Leading Role. Ernest Borgnine is almost as good as Dutch. Pike’s right-hand man. Pike and Dutch are men who have been through a great deal together, and both recognize that their glory is coming to an end.

Much of the credit for the film’s success must be attributed to its director because of the violent content of its films, but violence is not the defining factor of "The Wild Bunch."

Peckinpah became known as a controversial director because of the violent content of his films, but violence is not the defining factor of "The Wild Bunch."

Before you know it, "The Wild Bunch" is above all, a film about changing times. A reflection of the late 1960’s turmoil in which it was made, the movie communalizes Pike’s dire existential hand and is evident throughout the picture.

"The Wild Bunch" tells the story of an aging gang of cowboys as the glory days of the Wild West are coming to a close. Its rampant violence was controversial in 1969.

The Observer
Charlie Weis finally got his wish.

Notre Dame confounded the Purdue defense with a variety of straight runs, passes and play-action fakes — something the Irish had failed to do in the past two games — en route to a 35-21 victory over the Boilermakers Saturday.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn completed 29 of 38 passes for 316 yards with two touchdowns, and running back Darius Walker pounded, ducked and weave his way to 146 yards on 31 carries — both season highs for the junior.

Weis's six tackles on Notre Dame's opening, seven-play drive set the tone for the rest of the game. After keeping Purdue on its heels with four runs and two screens to Walker, Weis called a play-fake and freshman wide receiver George West took the end-around 14 yards to the end zone for the game's first points.

Notre Dame moved the ball with relative ease throughout the game, finishing with 169 yards on the ground. Although the team gained in its last two games combined, Weis said, "I just made a commitment, along with my staff and my players, that we were going to make the running game go no matter what happened."

But that commitment to the running game showed no signs of slowing down the explosive Irish air attack.

Irish wide receiver Rhema McKnight sliced through the 140-ranked Purdue secondary, and Quinn found him time after time. McKnight had 10 catches for 120 yards — both season highs — and two touchdowns. Walker was second in the receiving column with nine catches for 73 yards.

"It's important to come away with points in the red zone," Boilermakers coach Joe Tiller said. "It's not always critical to score a touchdown when you're down there, but you need points."

The Irish responded to those points with a continued commitment to the run in their next possession. And Walker's gains early in the drive set up big-yardage plays downfield. Tight end John Carlson caught a pass over the middle for 25 yards, and wide receiver Rhema McKnight caught one for 11. Walker capped the drive with a 14-yard touchdown run, aided by a Carbon block five yards past the line of scrimmage.

"Obviously (Walker) was getting a lot of work in, and you get to see how productive he is, and how special he is," Quinn said.

For the second straight season, Quinn torched Purdue in a 28-point first half for the Irish. He entered the break 18-of-22 for 190 yards, including a 6-yard touchdown pass to McKnight that gave Notre Dame a 21-7 lead with 8:50 left in the second quarter.

"Working with the wide outs in practice played a huge part in it," Quinn said. "Rhema and I were able to communicate. If he saw something, if I saw something [and] we made a big play out of it.

The Irish scored their final points of the half on a Jeff Samardzija 6-yard run on a fake field goal with 1:22 remaining before the break. But Purdue cut the Notre Dame lead to 28-14.

By comparison, Purdue converted just 4-of-14 third-down attempts. Notre Dame's defense forced a turnover for the third time this season, this time a fumble both forced and recovered by cornerback Terrail Lambert. With Notre Dame ahead 21-7 but Purdue driving, Lambert jarred the ball loose of Purdue tight end Dustin Keller at the Notre Dame 31-yard line and fell on the ball. The ensuing series ended with Samardzija's touchdown run.

Lymon caught his second touchdown pass of the game to cut the Boilermaker deficit to 14 with 7:16 left in the fourth. But Purdue didn't have a comeback in store.

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Observation: The Irish running back gained 146 yards on the ground and 73 through the air as his effectiveness opened up the passing game for Notre Dame.

Charlie Weis called a fake field goal run with less than two minutes left in the first half and Samardzija's score put the Irish ahead by 21.

"I think that for the most part that the game looked like it was pretty well under control at 35-14," Charlie Weis Irish coach

player of the game

Darius Walker

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Notre Dame first downs against Purdue. The Irish had 22 in the first half alone.

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Jeff Samardzija's touchdown run

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Irish running back Darius Walker leaps over Boilermakers cornerback Terrell Vinson in Notre Dame's 35-21 victory over Purdue at Notre Dame Stadium Saturday. Walker rushed for 146 yards on 31 carries and added 73 more on nine receptions.
Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, right, hands the ball off to running back Darius Walker in Notre Dame's 35-21 win over Purdue. Quinn threw for 316 yards while Walker rushed for 146 and added 73 receiving.

Balanced offense finds identity

Over the next seven weeks, Notre Dame plays Stanford, UCLA, Navy, North Carolina, Air Force and Army — not exactly a murderers row of talent. The six teams are a combined 12-4.

What happens in these six games should make Notre Dame fans forget about its early season struggles. Written off by many experts as the front-runner for the Heisman Trophy, Quinn will build on his 13 touchdowns quickly in this time. Thirty-five touchdowns in 11 games (an additional 22 in the following six) won't be out of reach.

Jeff Samardzija — who has been limited to some extent this season — should get his reception totals up from the 27 he has so far in this season.

And Walker, who looked slow and indecisive in his first game against Purdue, this weekend, suddenly has put himself in position to have another 1,000-yard season. With weaker defenses than the Irish saw against Georgia Tech, Penn State and Michigan, Walker has the tough assignments behind him.

Why is all this important?

Because once this six-game stretch is over, Notre Dame will face its biggest challenge of the season — a trip to Southern California. The Trojans are getting better each week, and using the momentum from their tight win at Washington State, they'll likely roll through the rest of the Pac-10 season.

But Notre Dame, following its offensive execution against Purdue, could also enter the game with the same confidence that comes from eight straight victories. And if the Irish can muster the same type of balance it found Saturday, that game could get interesting.

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Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, right, hands the ball off to running back Darius Walker in Notre Dame's 35-21 win over Purdue. Quinn threw for 316 yards while Walker rushed for 146 and added 73 receiving.
Walker runs all over Boilermakers

Tailback shows no sign of slump, gains 219 total yards

By ERIC RETTER
Associated Press

Brady Quinn threw for 316 yards and two touchdowns, and Iheoma Mc Knight caught a career-high ten passes for 146 yards. But running back Darius Walker carried the offense Saturday.

Walker touched the ball on the first play from scrimmage and didn't stop getting it until the end of the game, by which point he had racked up 41 touches and accounted for 219 of the Irish's 454 total offensive yards. "It's nice, it's really nice to get so much ball," he said. "At the same time, it's a lot of work, running the ball, blocking, all of that, but it's definitely a running back's responsibility and I definitely welcomed the challenge.

Walker's success changed the fortunes of an Irish ground game that had struggled, he said. "It's very important to me to have a strong ground game, to be able to control the ball, and it was something that Notre Dame really wanted to make a conscious effort to start fast so we could work on our running game and our offense in general, which we achieved that.

Walker is the primary reason the Irish got off to a strong start on Saturday, as he got the ball in 11 of Notre Dame's first 12 plays from scrimmage during Notre Dame's initial drive. Walker accounted for every yard except the final 11 that freshman George West picked up on an end-around that went for a score.

But Walker was not upset that he wasn't allowed to finish the drive. "To be honest I always want the ball, but that's the great thing about our offense, anyone can get it," he said. "Iroh coach Charlie Weis said he planned to run the ball as much Notre Dame did on Saturday every week.

"I think that when it's all said and done, every time you play the game, you like to have balance," Weis said. "When you come out there and say you're going to establish the run and run it on 40 of your 60 snaps, you usually have a good chance.

"Defense, Notre Dame's strength this year, recognized the great ground game entering Saturday's contest. Purdue coach Joe Tiller wasn't surprised that Notre Dame elected to pound it away and he said, "As a by-product of Walker's success, the pressure on the Notre Dame passing game abated, and the Irish air attack excelled. "It opened the (air) game up tremendously," McKnight said. "Darius having a big game definitely set me, Jeff Smaradjevic and Chase (Anastasio) up a whole heck of a lot," Weis echoed McKnight's remarks. "When you're going to look to stop the run, your play actions and your field blocks like that, now they become a little easier to complete," he said.

Walker credited his teammates for his individual accomplishments. "I really give kudos to my offensive line," he said. "I'm really just a guy who gets the ball and runs through space." He also understood that success of the Notre Dame offense relied on more than just him improving. "It has to be the focus of 11 players out there," he said. "Each player knows that they have to do their job and do it right." Walker took a brief moment to celebrate the performance. Asked if the Purdue defensive unit hit him harder than the gauntlet the Notre Dame running backs run through during practice, he had a quick answer. "Definitely the gauntlet," he said.

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The Irish sit after injury in MSU game

Brockington replaces senior lineman, Anastasio and Walls fill in for missing Grimes

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Irish senior lineman Joe Brockington started in place of Travis Thomas Saturday. Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said Thomas injured his left knee during the first half of Saturday's game versus Purdue.

"We felt that the safest thing to do would be we would start Joe Brockington, he knew with him, but he knew he just didn't feel right," Weis said.

Lymon has record day

Selwyn Lymon's 238 receiving yards was the most by any Irish opponent, and the second most in Purdue history, behind only former Boilermakers receiver Chris Daniels. Daniels caught 22 passes for 301 yards against Michigan State in 1999.

"Selwyn had a nice game," Purdue coach Joe Tiller said. "He was not featured going into the game (that he was open and he caught the ball)."

Grimes out with injury

Irish sophomore receiver and kick returner David Grimes missed the game with an injury suffered in practice and was replaced by Chase Anastasio as the No. 3 receiver and Darrin Walls as the kick returner.

"I think that it all depends on how the coverage goes to where the ball ends up going. But I don't think you noticed him in a negative vein either," Weis said.

But Weis said he is sticking with Grimes as the kick returner and No. 3 receiver. "I told (Grimes) I would go with him, that he deserves to be a No. 3 receiver and an elite kick returner," Weis said.

Buckhart makes debut

Freshman kicker Ryan Buckhart made his Notre Dame debut on the kickoff following Notre Dame's first score of the game. Filling in for kickoff specialist Bobby Renko, who strained a muscle in his calf during practice this week, Buckhart said off the field every time the Irish were kicking with the wind, and senior Carl Goki kicked off the one time Notre Dame went into the breeze.

McKnight moves up all-time reception list

Rbhma McKnight's 10 catches Saturday give him 135 for his career, good for fourth all-time for the Irish.

The Irish officially honored the 1966 National Championship team before the game.

The 1966 Irish team finished with a 9-0-1 record with the year that only tie coming against Michigan State Nov. 19. The team gave up just 38 points in 10 games while averaging 36 points per game on offense.

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Notre Dame 7, Purdue 0

Drive: 6 plays, 47 yards, 1:36 elapsed

Notre Dame 14, Purdue 7

Drive: 7 plays, 76 yards, 2:53 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 21, Purdue 7

Rbhma McKnight 6-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 5:53 remaining. (Gioia kick)

Notre Dame 28, Purdue 7

Anastasio 9-yard pass from Curtis Painter. (Summers kick)

Notre Dame 35, Purdue 21

Lymon 8-yard pass from Painter. (Summers kick)

Third quarter

Notre Dame 14, Purdue 7

McKnight 5-yard reception from Quinn. (Gioia kick)

Notre Dame 28, Purdue 14

Summers 23-yard field goal. (Summers kick)

Notre Dame 45, Purdue 21

McKnight 10-yard reception from Painter. (Summers kick)

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 35, Purdue 21

Lymon 8-yard pass from Painter. (Summers kick)

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Beating The Drum

Brady Quinn tore through the Purdue secondary for 316 yards and two touchdowns en route to a 35-21 Notre Dame victory. It was the third straight year Quinn threw for over 300 yards against the Boilermakers. Darius Walker also got in the mix, gaining 219 yards — 146 rushing and 73 receiving. The Irish secondary had a hard time containing quarterback Curtis Painter and wide receiver Selwyn Lymon, who hooked up for two touchdowns and 238 yards — the most yards ever by an opposing wide receiver. But it wasn’t enough for the Boilermakers, as The World’s Biggest Drum went home with a loss.
Downloading ruins full album experience
Songs and cover art ignored with steady spread of digital music

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Writer

Getting music is so easy nowadays it doesn't even take the effort of standing up. Whip out a credit card, connect to the internet, click a button and there it is — downloaded and ready for you listen to.

Downloading has changed the face of the music industry — the famous Billboard magazine has adjusted its rating system to account for digital sales, pleasing of music still puts music producers on edge, and even Wal-Mart has launched a system for buying digital music (sorry Apple aficionados, its 88 cent songs are not compatible with your iPod).

Consumers can get music faster, cheaper and much more conveniently by downloading instead of purchasing an actual CD. But this has also changed the way we experience and how we listen to music. Our auditory culture seems to be regressing to a time where hit-singles dominated sales and determined the music industry’s direction. People are listening to albums less and less, instead buying single songs.

Even cover art is losing its importance as music loses its tangibility. Downloading is making the acquisition of music easier, but it's also denying many artists the ability to present a unified and multi-sensory vision to their audience.

Not all of the fallout from digital downloads has been negative. Downloading has improved many facets of the music industry. Obviously, it makes purchasing music faster and easier. The convenience can theoretical­ly encourage more diversity in music selection simply because there is less of a cost to buying something unfamiliar.

Downloaders are in many ways cheaper. Producers of downloadable music save on many of the costs of packaging and delivering the item, so they can cut the price. Currently, at least three of the traditional Big Four music labels — EMI, Sony BMG and Warner Music — have been pushing Apple to convert its iTunes to follow tiered pricing — instead of simply charging one dollar per song — in order to compete more equitably with their sales. And though Max Hole, an executive vice president of marketing at the last of the Big Four — Universal Music — has been reported by Macworld to say that 90 percent of what they sell is “material goods,” downloading is only increasing its competition with the standard music producer. Soon, it will dominate more of the market.

It's wonderful that a single click is all that separates listeners from that song on the radio that has been stuck in their heads for days, but people don't seem to buy albums anymore. Downloading has worsened the insidious that started with radio stations constantly playing the same songs over and over again.

In general, people are not using the cheaper cost of music to try something new or even pick up an album that includes a song they like.

iTunes has made accessing legal music even easier, but instead of trying new music, consumers download and listen to the same songs over and over.

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In turn, this convenience can theoretical­ly encourage more diversity in music selection simply because there is less of a cost to buying something unfamiliar.

It can't be denied that downloading has had a positive effect on many aspects of the music industry. The current ease of getting music is such that it seems to outweigh many of its more sub­tle disadvantages. Still, it seems unfortu­nate that music production and consumption is changing in a way that seems to devalue the experience of investing in an album and gaining an appreciation of its complete vision.

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Atlanta — Only two weeks ago, the Houston Astros were such a long shot to make the playoffs that it didn’t seem even they had a chance to finish .500.

The Astros then took off on a determined comeback attempt that was so impressive manager Phil Garner couldn’t believe his team fell short of the playoffs with Sunday’s 3-1 loss to the Atlanta Braves on the last day of the season.

“I really got to believing we were going to carry this out,” Garner said after the defending NL champion Astros were eliminated from the Central race.

Added Garner: “I am a little disappointed and a little surprised we didn’t win today.”

The Astros outhit the Braves 9-3, but they left 11 on base and committed two errors that led to two unearned runs.

John Smoltz pitched six shutout innings and relievers Tyler Yates and Bob Wickman finished the game with 2 1/3 perfect innings to end any comeback hopes.

The Astros’ loss clinches the division title for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Houston trailed the Cardinals by 8-1 when a late Rally led to a nine-game winning streak that ended Friday night at Atlanta.

The Astros went into the final day trailing St. Louis by 1-1-2 games and finished at 82-80. If Houston had won and St. Louis had lost to Milwaukee, the Cardinals would’ve had to play a makeup game Monday against San Francisco.

Some Houston players had difficulty accepting there would be no postseason.

“It’s a little bit like somebody swept the rug out from under you,” said reliever Brad Lidge.

“It’s a little shocking.”

Royals, Tigers

The Detroit Tigers head to Yankee Stadium for the playoffs, knowing all too well how close they were to winning the AL Central title and opening at home.

Needling one more victory to clinch the division, the sagging Tigers lost their final five games of the season. They wound up with the wild card after Sunday’s disappointment — wasting a six-run lead and then watching All-Star starter Kenny Rogers lose in relief to the last-place Kansas City Royals in 12 innings.

“We got beat,” Tigers center fielder Curtis Granderson said. “Kansas City played great. They outhit us, they outscored us and we ended up getting swept by them.”

Detroit will open the playoffs on the road Tuesday night against the Yankees.

“Once we get to New York, we’re going to be good,” first base man Sean Casey said. “It’s a new season come Tuesday night.”

Nate Robertson will start for Detroit in Game 1 and rookie Justin Verlander (17-9) is scheduled to pitch Game 2.

“It’s a lot easier to beat them three out of five than four out of seven,” Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. “We needed our pitchers to give us more than we got in the last five days. If we kept pitching like this, nothing else is going to matter.”

Rogers (17-8) will start Game 3 at Comerica Park and Jeremy Bonderman (4-8) will pitch Game 4, if necessary. Rogers and Bonderman both worked the season series 11-8 against the Tigers.

About 35 minutes after Minnesota’s game ended, the Kansas City Royals completed a big comeback and beat the Detroit Tigers 10-8 in 12 innings — giving the Twins their fourth division title in five years.

After starting the season just 25-33, they will play the playoffs at home Tuesday against AL West champion Oakland with ace Johan Santana on the mound.

When asked if there could be a better script written, Michael Cuddyer said, “Yeah, we win the Series. That’s a good script right there.”

The Twins huddled in the dugout after the final out to watch the end of Detroit’s game. When Esteban German got the go-ahead hit in the 12th for the Royals, Minnesota players leaped from the bench, spilled onto the field and starting hugging and bugging in a mass celebration.

More than 30,000 fans at the Metrodome stayed to watch the end of the Tigers’ game and cheer in a euphoric scene.

“They said we couldn’t do it!” Todd Rundgren exclaimed and over again in a champagne and beer-soaked clubhouse. “I’m going to buy the whole Kansas City team a bottle of champagne! Everyone of them! Dom Perignon.”

The Tigers began the day tied with Detroit for first place, but they needed a victory AND a Tigers loss to win the division title because Detroit won the season series 11-8 against the Twins. The Tigers get the AL wild card and will begin the playoffs Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium.

They went 2-4-for 4 to finish the season at .347, beating out New York’s Derek Jeter (.343), for the batting crown, and Hunter hounded for the Twins, who trailed the Tigers by 10-2-1 games on Aug. 7.

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Seahawks can't get off ground against Bears

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears showed how serious they are about contending for the NFC title, dominating the defending conference champions.

Rex Grossman threw for 232 yards and Ricky Manning Jr. intercepted two of Matt Hasselbeck's passes to lead Chicago to a 37-6 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday night.

Grossman had another solid performance, completing 17 of 31 passes with two touchdowns and no interceptions, and the Bears improved to 4-0 for the first time since 1991. Bernard Berrian had three receptions for a career-high 108 yards and a touchdown.

The Bears also got their running game going after three sluggish performances, with Thomas Jones rushing for 98 yards and two touchdowns.

And the league's fourth-ranked defense shut down a Seahawks team that was missing injured running back Shaun Alexander.

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Devils make trade with salary cap in mind

New Jersey sends Malakhov, first rounder to San Jose for Fahey, Korolyuk; saves organization $3.6 million

The New Jersey Devils made a major move to get under the NHL salary cap Sunday by sending suspended defenseman Vladimir Malakhov and a conditional first-round draft pick to San Jose for defenseman Jim Fahey and the rights to left wing Alexander Korolyuk.

The deal will save the Devils $3.6 million on their cap — Malakhov’s salary — and it probably won’t cost New Jersey much because Korolyuk will play in Russia again this season and Fahey might not make the roster.

With the NHL season scheduled to open this week, Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello has been desperate to make some moves to get under the NHL’s $44 million salary cap.

Lamoriello would not say whether the Devils will have to make more moves before the season opens on Friday in Carolina against the Stanley Cup champion Hurricanes. However, he still has to sign right wing Patrik Elias, who scored a team-record 48 goals last season, defenseman Paul Martin, and back-up goaltender Scott Clemmensen. So there might be another deal in the works.

“We’ll take it one thing at a time,” Lamoriello said in a telephone call from his office in East Rutherford, N.J.

The Devils were pushed over the cap limit this summer when they signed forward Patrik Elias to a seven-year, $42 million contract — a $7.5 million contract this season — and center Scott Gomez was awarded $5 million by an arbitrator.

The Devils, who also signed Jamie Langenbrunner in the offseason, also owed Malakhov and forward Alexander Mogilny some $7.1 million this season, even though they will not be on the team. They were signed as free agents last season, but they were dropped from the roster for poor play.

Mogilny was sent to the minors, and Malakhov first retired and then was suspended by the team.

Since they were both over 35-years-old when they signed last year, their salaries counted against the Devils’ salary cap.

Lamoriello has petitioned the NHL to have Mogilny’s salary removed from the cap because of a long-term hip injury.

The 30-year-old Korolyuk had 19 goals and 15 assists in 45 games for Vityaz Chekhov in Russia. He last played in the NHL for the Sharks in 2003-04.

“We’re getting an exceptional hockey player,” said Lamoriello, who refused to reveal the conditions placed on the first-round pick sent to the Sharks.

Fahey appeared in 21 games for the Sharks last season and had two assists.

“We’ll have to take a look at him,” Lamoriello said of Fahey.

The 38-year-old Malakhov had four goals and five assists in 29 games with the Devils. He has played in 712 NHL games with the New York Islanders, Montreal, New Jersey, the New York Rangers and Philadelphia.

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Emotional MacPhail resigns as Cubs CEO

President apologizes for lack of success over his twelve years

Associated Press

CHICAGO — An emotional Andy MacPhail resigned Sunday as president and CEO of the Chicago Cubs after failing to get the team to the World Series during his 12-year tenure.

"This is the first thing I've ever done in baseball that I didn't have a high level of success at," MacPhail said, his voice cracking.

The Cubs have made just two playoff appearances since MacPhail joined them in 1994 after he spent nine years with the Minnesota Twins, leading them to two World Series titles.

Chicago finished its season Sunday at 66-96, the worst record in the NL.

The clock on the MacPhail o-meter has run down to zero," said MacPhail, who told reporters he bruised the subject of resigning during a team review with Tribune Co. executives in midseason. "It's not just that we had a terrible season. I've been here 12 seasons and only two postseason appearances in midseason. "It's not just that we had a terrible season. I've been here 12 seasons and only two postseason appearances in midseason. "It's not just that we had a terrible season. I've been here 12 seasons and only two postseason appearances in midseason.

The Cubs, who had a payroll of approximately $50 million this season, haven't been to the World Series since 1945. They haven't won one since 1908.

"This is a baseball decision. It's an issue of making sure our fans know that we are committed to winning," said Tribune Co. chairmanship, president and CEO Dennis Fitzsimmons, adding the company has no plans to sell the Cubs. "Andy MacPhail has been committed to winning. For whatever reasons, it didn't work. Andy said it best, we both felt we needed a change."

MacPhail couldn't repeat his baseball success from Minnesota despite a bigger payroll and a big-market team whose shrine-like home field is nearly always sold out or close to it. MacPhail was instrumental in a bleacher expansion project and a number of improvements that were completed for the 2006 season. Injuries played a big role the last several years, especially to the pitching staff, most notably Kerry Wood and Mark Prior. And 2005 NL batting champion Derrek Lee played in only 50 games this season after breaking his wrist and then attending to his daughter's health issues.

Too much payroll has been sitting on the sideline. Nobody's had enough rounds, either. And 2005 NL batting champion Derrek Lee played in only 50 games this season after breaking his wrist and then attending to his daughter's health issues.

"I'm getting away for a little bit," Woods said. "As far as golf, I've had enough of it for a while.

This might have been his most dominating performance since the streak began at the British Open in July, and not just because the eight-shot victory was his largest margin since winning by 11 at the 2003 Bay Hill Invitational. Woods had such control over his game that he was third in driving distance and fifth in driving accuracy, missing only 12 fairways all week.

And during one stretch, he hit his 36 consecutive greens in regulation, a streak that ended when his approach on the 567-yard closing hole at The Grove. His chip from just short of the green settled the cup and stopped a few feet away for a tap-in birdie that put him at 23-under 261.

"This was a fun week," he said. "I hit the ball really well all 72 holes, really. It's fun when you can control your golf ball that well."

In a week remembered for the death of Byron Nelson, it rekindled curiosity whether Lord Byron's record in 1945 of 11 consecutive victories is really unbreakable. Woods wasn't ready to touch that one yet.

"It's still a long way away," he said with a laugh. "If you look at it, I'm barely halfway. What he did was absolutely remarkable, and I'm just thrilled that I've been able to win six in a row twice. That to me is a pretty neat accomplishment in itself."

Woods won the final four PGA Tour events in 1999 and his two first two weeks in 2000 to match Ben Hogan (1948) for the second-longest winning streak on the PGA Tour.

He passed Nelson, Hogan, Sam Snead and Arnold Palmer with his third PGA Tour season of at least eight victories. Woods won eight times in 1999 and nine times in 2000.

And he has at least one tournament left - the Tour Championship.

Woods probably won't decide until the last minute whether to play Disney in three weeks. Skipping that tournament, which has never been his favorite, would leave him one round short of being eligible for the Vardon Trophy for lowest scoring average.

Asked how much that award meant, Woods replied, "Not much.

"I've had a good year," he said. "But if you don't play enough rounds, you don't play enough rounds."

He might come up short because of missing the cut at the U.S. Open for the first time in a major. That was his first tournament back since his father died of cancer in May, and Woods has been nearly unstoppable since then.

The only two tournaments he didn't win was the Western Open (a tie for second) and the World Match Play Championship two weeks ago at Wentworth, a European Tour event that does not count toward his PGA Tour streak.

Woods successfully defended his title for the fifth time this year, and he is 10-0-2 in World Golf Championships that are stroke play.
Manning's late QB sneak gives Colts victory

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Peyton Manning watched the fourth-quarter lead his Colts had just taken vanish in a flash when the Houston Texans had a 13-yard touchdown pass with 34 seconds left to defeat the San Diego Chargers.

In years past, the Ravens depended on their defense to squish the opposition, leaving the offense to do little but punt and give the ball back to McNair, who was at quarterback. Now, McNair is at quarterback, late-game heroics are becoming more standard.

There was no doubt in my mind that he would win this game when No. 9 went out there," said Ravens cornerback Samari Rolle, who played with McNair in Tennessee. "He's been through everything you can be through as a quarterback. McNair's been MVP. He's been in the ball game every play, but he's just got it.

Showing precisely why they obtained him in an offseason trade with the Titans, McNair went 4-for-5 for 43 yards and ran once for 12 yards during the final drive, which began after San Diego intentionally was penalized with 3-12 to go.

McNair never faced a third-down situation during the march. After a 17-yard pass to Mark Clayton got the ball to the San Diego 35, McNair ran for 23 and pal­e­ted a 13-yarder to Clayton. On second down, McNair found Heap for the game-winner, leaving the Ravens at 4-0.

"If we don't make enough plays to win early, we can make up for it in the game," said left tackle Ryan Lewis said. "That's what I'm confident about.

But Thomas had trouble con­tain­ing Smith.

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Saint Mary’s takes third

Belles finish behind Olivet, Tri-State on Blackthorn course

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

The Belles continued their early run of success this season with a third-place finish at the MIAA Jamboree on their home course, South Bend’s Blackthorn Country Club, Saturday.

The Belles placed behind first-place Olivet (334) and Tri-State (356), firing a 76-over par 364, but stayed ahead of five other teams in the conference-wide competition.

Saint Mary’s freshman Kate Doornbos said of her performance, “That’s more than I normally do so I think that helped.”

Saint Mary’s sophomore Katie McNerney and Meredith Fantom and freshman Joanna Dick, who shot 93, 95 and 99 respectively, also contributed to the Belles’ third-place showing. Freshmen Theresa Toneyan (115) and Caroline Dusbek (134) entered the tournament as individuals.

Belles sophomore Perri Hamma was forced to withdraw after sustaining a minor injury.

A 30 minute rain delay forced a late start to the tournament. Doornbos said the delay made it hard to “get going” after the rain delay. “It did give the team a chance to rest though,” Hamma said.

The Belles were still able to put in their home course, South Bend’s Blackthorn Country Club, Saturday.

Saint Mary’s freshman Kate Doornbos led the team, posting an 87 (15-over par) en route to a sixth place finish. Sophomore co-captain Alex Sei posted the second lowest score on the team, shooting an 89 to place eighth overall.

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Belles sophomore

Belles were still able to put in strong performances to improve their finish by one place from the last Jamboree tournament, the Comet Classic.

“We worked really hard on our weaknesses in practice,” Hamma said.

During last week’s preparations, the team played the course several times instead of holding their practice at the driving ranges.

The Jamboree’s individual medalist was Olivet senior Kristy Latimer of Olivet, who shot just six-over par for a total of 78. Olivet led the tournament with the top four golfers of the tournament participating on their team.

“Realistically speaking, the team can definitely finish in the top-3 finish in the conference if we continue our improvement,” Sei said. “I don’t have any doubts about our team.”

The Belles will play in their third MIAA Jamboree tournament hosted by Hope Tuesday.

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Saint Mary’s Volleyball

Belles split conference matches at Triangular

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s played two strikingly different matches Friday at the Adrian Triangular.

The Belles came out strong against Albion, winning in four games (30-24, 24-30, 30-23, 30-23). Senior Kristen Playko led the Belles with 17 kills, and freshman Lorna Slupczynski added ten more of her own.

The second match was lot tougher for Saint Mary’s and ended in a frustrating loss to Adrian. The host Bulldogs posted a 3-1 victory (24-30, 30-19, 30-21, 30-14), led by 18 kills by Lindsay Eshelman. Slupczynski posted ten kills in the match for Saint Mary’s.

Senior Libero Anne Casaccia tallied a combined 49 digs in the two matches.

Saint Mary’s record now stands at 12-5 overall and 5-3 in MIAA play.

The Belles will play again at Calvin on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

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Wetzell posted an even-par 72 last week and is averaging 78.50 per round through the first two tournaments of her collegiate career. Junior Jane Lee will compete in her first event as a member of the team this year. Lee competed in last week’s Notre Dame Invitational, but as an individual entrant. Her score did not count toward the team’s total.

Freshman Annie Brophy will occupy the fifth team spot Monday and Tuesday, while senior Stacy Brown will play as an individual entrant. Brophy is third on the team with an average of 77.33 in six rounds of play this year, while Brown has a career mark of 78.85.

Throughout the first two tournaments, the Irish have yet to break 300 in a round of play, a goal which they hope to attain this week. Holt said she is confident that the Irish can prevail in a competitive field of 15 other teams from the Midwest region of the country.

The first two rounds of the tournament will take place Monday with the third round coming on Tuesday.

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By the finish, Michigan junior Erin Webster had a huge lead over the rest of the field, winning the race in 16:36 — 16 seconds faster than her next closest competitor. Webster helped lead the way for the Wolverines who won the race with 57 points. Michigan also boasted three runners in the top ten finishers with Alyson Kahlemeier (16:54) and Nicole Edwards (17:02) joining Webster at the front of the race.

As runners from Florida State and Providence continued to cross the finish line, the Irish had only one runner in Sonni Olding, whose 17:15 time was only good enough for 18th place. The Irish did not have another finisher until 17:44 when Julie Opet crossed the line for 47th place. Despite the low finish for the junior, Irish coach Tim Connelly was most impressed with Opet’s performance.

"We had one kid run well and that was Julie Opet," he said. Rounding out the top five for the Irish was Lindsey Ferguson (18:04), Heid Rocha (18:12) and Becca Bauman (18:20). Connelly said he was very disappointed with his team’s performance other than Opet.

"I don’t know if we’re that bad or if we just had a bad day," Connelly said. "Overall it was a wasted effort."

The women’s team will look to rebound and improve in practice before the Pre-National Meet Oct. 14 in Terra Haute, Ind. But with only one runner with NCAA experience — Olding — the Irish will have to work hard to improve their race-running soon.

For as disappointing as the women’s team was, the No. 16 men’s team came out that strong, finishing third for the Irish. One of six ranked teams running against the Irish. One of the most important factors in the result was the return of Notre Dame’s top two runners for 2006 — Kurt Benninger and Patrick Smyth.

Smyth led the Irish across the line with a third place finish at 23:46 — 22 seconds behind event champion Chris Bolick from No.1 Wisconsin.

"I was extremely happy with my finish," Smyth said. "I’ve been training all season and I definitely expected to be up front."

The Badgers would eventually win the meet with 86 points, but coach Joe Piane was pleased with his team’s finish since it helped them gain at large points in the NCAA. Piane also noted he was more pleased with his team’s performance Friday than two weeks ago in the National Catholic Championship since they were able to compete with some of the best teams in the country.

"We were much better this race," he said. "There were seven ranked teams in this meet and that means we beat a few. "We can be a whole heck of a lot better."

Piane was also satisfied with his two freshmen runners — Brock Hagerman and Jake Walker — who finished sixth and seventh for the Irish, respectively. Walker could have finished even higher, but he was knocked down in the first 200 meters of the race. But Piane does think Hagerman has room to improve.

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**Irish midfelder Susan Pinrack fights for the ball during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Pittsburgh Sunday at Alumni Field.**

The Irish were able to control the game out of reach.

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Bobby Clark downplayed his team's victory.

"It's a good game to win, but I don't think I'll read anymore than that into it right now," Clark said. "There will be other big games to win. [Saturday] was an excellent win, and now we move on to the next game."

As usual, it was junior forward Joseph Lapira providing the spark for the Notre Dame offense. Lapira tallied goals in the 17th and 21st minute to give the Irish a 3-0 lead. The senior added another goal in the second half, ending Notre Dame's five-game shutout streak.

"We made a mistake and left [Cicchinelli] unmarked," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said of the goal. The Mountaineers had several other first half chances but couldn't convert.

"We worked hard in the first half," freshman forward Michele Weissenhofer said. Waldrum knew he had to make some changes.

"We didn't have patience," Waldrum said. "We weren't holding it long enough for the forwards to get their feet free. In the second half, we tried to get to ball to [sophomore midfielder] Brittny Bock and let her take the ball and distribute.

Waldrum said the offensive adjustment was a play the Irish had practiced during the week. "If you did a great job in that spot for us tonight," he said.

After totaling 34 goals and 16 assists last year, the forward entered the game with seven goals and seven assists this season and just one assist. According to Hanks, that relative lack of productivity had started to eat at her. Now that she helped Notre Dame keep its record unblemished, that tension has eased.

"I was getting a little down on myself because as a goal scorer I'm supposed to score goals," she said. "But I realized as the season goes on, I don't care if I score anymore as long as we're still winning. If we're undefeated that's all you can ask for. So if someone else scores that's perfectly fine as long as we're still winning."

In the 31st minute, Pittsburgh midfelder Corina Bebosta fired a direct kick into the arms of Karas. The shot ended an Irish streak of 106 minutes without allowing an opposing shot on goal dating back to Friday's game.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Brown gets 500th career win as squad beats Seton Hall

By KYLIE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame head coach Debbie Brown earned her 500th career win Saturday with a victory over Seton Hall—a team to whom Brown and the Irish have never lost.

The Irish (9-5, 3-0 Big East) swept the Pirates (9-7, 1-2 Big East) 30-22, 30-22, 30-24 Saturday to win their third straight match.

Notre Dame is now in a three-way tie for first place in the Big East with St. John’s (4-0) and South Florida (2-0). Junior co-captain Adrianna Stasiuk blasted a match-leading 12 kills and also recorded 10 digs.

It was Stasiuk’s tenth double-double of the season and she now has 169 total kills—four behind team leader Christina Kaelin.

Senior co-captain Danielle Herndon tallied 19 digs—the 12th time this season the libero has led the Irish in that category.

The Irish defense stifled the Pirate attack and held them to a .091 hitting percentage—the lowest Notre Dame has held an opposing offense to since Nov. 19, 2005 against Cincinnati.

Notre Dame shot .225 for the three games.

Notre Dame parlayed a late Seton Hall comeback in the third game to take the match on a kill from freshman Megan Fee that was assisted by freshman Jamel Nicholas.

The Pirates went on a small run to reduce the Irish lead to 23-19, but Notre Dame went on a 7-2 run to close out the match.

Seton Hall had a strong start to the first game, opening up a 9-5 lead before the Irish could respond. Consecutive kills from Stasiuk put the Irish back in the lead in a big way. The score climbed to 21-12 before the Pirates recovered and moved within four points.

A 6-1 run closed out the opening game with a kill from sophomore Justine Stremick as the game-winner.

Irish strategic timeout salvaged the second game for the Irish.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish struggle against top-ranked opponents

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame ran hard, but in the end it wasn’t enough. Both the Irish men’s and women’s teams faced tough fields Friday at the Notre Dame Invitational, but only the men were satisfied with their performance, finishing tied for fourth.

Notre Dame’s women’s team came in hoping to run well, but fell behind early and had little chance of catching the seven nationally ranked teams and finished 12th.

The women’s field featured seven teams ranked in the top 20—including No. 3 Michigan—lining up against the Irish. By the first mile, these top teams had taken control of the race, pushing Notre Dame’s runners back in the pack. This trend only continued at the second mile with the Wolverines leading the pack followed by No. 12 North Carolina State and No. 29 Florida State.

ND WOMEN’S GOLF

Team hits sunflower state

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Coming off a disappointing second-place finish in last week’s Notre Dame Invitational, the Irish will travel to Lawrence, Kan. to compete in the Marilyn Smith Sunflower Invitational today and Tuesday.

Notre Dame will be without junior Alejandra Diaz-Calderon and freshman Julie Kim, who are out with injuries.

“It’s kind of a week by week thing for both of them,” Irish coach Susan Holt said. “Realistically, though, I expect them to be out for the remainder of the fall season.”

Fifteen other teams will take part in the invitational Alvamar Golf Club. Holt said the event has a “very strong field” with a majority of top-20 individual finishers who has started the year with top-20 finishes. Holt is looking for the team to take a step forward this week.

In the No. 1 slot for the Irish will be senior Noriko Nakazaki, who tied for eighth at last year’s tournament. Nakazaki is Notre Dame’s all-time leader in scoring average and is averaging 75 per round this year.

Sophomore Lisa Maunu, who has started the year with two top-20 individual finishes, will be in the second slot.

Freshman Kristin Wetzel will be in the third slot.

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