University Club closes after 49 years

By JENN METZ and MEG MIRSHAK
News Writers

Last spring, when the University announced the upcoming construction of a $63.4 million engineering building in the exact location of the University Club, members and employees expressed their discontent.

Now that plans have been finalized, the Club, which was founded in 1958, is saying goodbye to its on-campus location, and its future remains unclear.

Joanne Johnson, whose husband is on the University faculty, moved to South Bend in 1993. Her family went to the University Club for lunch for many years.

For the Johnsons, the University Club was both an on-campus restaurant and a comfortable place with a personal touch.

“We knew the people who worked there and they knew our family,” she said.

The Club building, next to McKenna Hall along Notre Dame Ave., was donated by former Indiana governor Robert Gore and designed by Robert Schultz, a former architect with the School of Architecture. The private, not-for-profit organization is a not-for-profit organization.

Members said goodbye to the University Club after dinner Saturday night. Many were sad to lose a traditional gathering place.

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Students prompt recycling efforts

Tailgaters encouraged to dispose of gameday waste at new stations

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
News Writer

While many of their peers tailgated or shopped before the Michigan State game Saturday, a number of Notre Dame students spent their pre-game hours setting up recycling stations around campus.

The 65 volunteers handed out blue recycling bags and manned recycling stations to collect any recyclables from the tailgates and concession stands that litter campus. Their efforts, which involved working shifts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., were part of the University’s “It’s easy being green at ND” environmental campaign.

Students gather before the football game Saturday to organize a campus-wide recycling initiative.

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Energy events promoted

October week will address environment

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Responding to an advocacy group’s report card that graded the University poorly for its sustainable policies, Notre Dame is aggressively promoting the upcoming Energy Week, which begins Oct. 7.

In Fund for the Sustainable Environmental Institute gave Notre Dame a D-minus — the lowest grade of 100 schools measured — for the University’s green- and endowment policies.

The Student Senate on Sept. 19 voted 24-0 to endorse a commitment to promote carbon neutrality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions on campus.

The measure was a “strong gesture to work towards [those goals],” Stanford senator Ryan Bredthun said.

“The first step is to improve measures carbon emissions,” he said.

Doing so would be an “eye-opener” that would encourage students to take small steps to reduce their environmental impact, such as using more efficient light bulbs and turning off electronic appliances when they are not in use, he said. Bredthun also said that the University’s off-campus efforts, such as planting trees in Uganda, would move Notre Dame towards carbon neutrality.

Frank Incropera, former dean of the College of Engineering, will promote ecological awareness by leading a discussion on Thursday.

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Students look to move past ordinance

Common Council members ask University to control student partying off campus

By MADIE HANNA
News Writer

When the South Bend Common Council votes tonight on an ordinance intended to curtail raucous student parties in neighborhoods near Notre Dame, it will make a statement about the historically complex relationship between the University and the city.

University leaders have said they do not think an ordinance requiring students to pre-register off-campus parties is the best way to solve a problem they acknowledge exists.

Since he introduced the ordinance in July, Council member Buddy Kirshits has called for a more constructive way to work with the local community and the city to improve the legitimate concerns that people have — and they are legitimate," University President Father John Jenkins told The Observer. "I think there are instances where Notre Dame students have not behaved as they should, and people feel that the quality of their life has been not so good because of that.

"I believe we can find a way to work constructively and on campus without ordinances."

In its earlier form, the proposed ordinance required houses with two or more unrelated residents to apply for a permit 10 days in advance before hosting a party with 25 or more guests with access to alcohol. Now, the Council is considering a modified version that would create a list of homes from the city and local colleges, including Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s.

While the current version of the ordinance still contains rules for party registration, they would not be implemented unless the Council voted to do so in the future — an action that city officials say could be necessary if students continue to host rowdy parties off campus.

It would not be the first time the behavior of Notre Dame students off campus spurred action by South Bend residents and officials.

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Expert: Irish language on verge of extinction

By PUJA PARikh
News Writer

The Irish language is in danger of dying in part because no well-established body had led the fight to revive it, a historian said Friday.

(The Irish language appears to be on the brink of extinction," said Gearoid O Tuathail, professor of history at the National University of Ireland, Galway. "No sustained organization has made a stand against the abandonment of the language until recent times.

The talk, part of the annual "Why Irish?" lecture, was sponsored by the Department of Irish Language and Literature to discuss this "language problem" in Ireland — the threat between having both the Irish and English language as a large part of Irish culture.

"English has become the language of power of the 17th century," O Tuathail said in his speech, which was titled "Language Change, the State and National Identity in Ireland Since the Great Famine."

In the 18th century, 45 percent of the Irish population spoke the language. In the mid-19th century, that percentage dropped to 30. In the late 1800s, learning the Irish lan-
INSIDE COLUMN

Andrew, we need to talk

Andrew, please know that we Donners may or may not follow current events in the shining golden bubble-world that is Notre Dame, and that not everyone reading this knows your harrowing tale. Here's what happened: Andrew Meyer, who is a student at the University of Florida, got 70,000 volts in the chest during a Q & A session with John Kerry.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE WISH GRANTED, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Laura Dively
freshman
McGlinn

"For everyone in this world, myself and my loved ones to be happy."

Ben Davies
freshman

"A win."

Luke Stavole
freshman
Fisher

"Brownies to win the Super Bowl."

Jacob Nelson
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O'Nei11

"Erena."

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IN BRIEF

A panel forum called "Confidence in Journalism: Regaining Public Trust" will take place today at 3 p.m. in 104 McKeena Hall. The forum is hosted by the Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy. The event is free and open to the public.

"Between Figurative and Abstract," will feature paintings by Tao Xingjian. The exhibit will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in O'Shaughnessy Galleries West in the Heslin Museum Tuesday. The exhibit will end Nov. 11.

Solid Flame: Fundamentals and Applications" seminar will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in 129 DeBarrolo Hall. Alex S. Mukasayan, research professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, will speak about the fundamentals and applications of solid flame (SF).

The rosary will be said Tuesday night at 6:45 at the Great Hall. The rosary is said daily.

There is a Post Graduate Service Fair Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 8 at the Joyce Center. Representatives from over 70 service programs will be present for students who wish to commit to a year or more of full-time service after graduation. The event is sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns.

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

OFFBEAT

Man beheads tame duck behind hotel

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A man was in custody Sunday after police said he ripped the head off a tame duck that lived in a hotel lobby's ornamental pond.

Scott D. Clark, a guest at the Embassy Suites Hotel in St. Paul, cornered the duck early Saturday morning, grabbed the bird and ripped its head from its body while a hotel security guard and others watched, police said.

Clark then turned to onlookers and said: "I'm hungry. I'm gonna eat it," St. Paul police Sgt. John Wuorinen said.

"He was allegedly drunk," Wuorinen said.

Clark, 26, of Denver, was detained by hotel security guards until police came to arrest him.

He remained jailed Sunday on suspicion of felony animal cruelty and was scheduled to appear in court Monday to be charged.

A phone message left for Clark at the jail was not returned Sunday.

"God" gets attorney in lawsuit

LINCOLN, Neb. — The mystery of one response to a lawsuit against God has been solved. Eric Perkins, an attorney in Corpus Christi, Texas, said Friday he filed a response to the lawsuit from Nebraska State Sen. Erin Chambers. "It's kind of a turn on "What would Jesus do?" Perkins said, "I thought to myself, 'what would God say?'"

"Defendant denies that this or any court has jurisdiction... over Him any court has jurisdiction over the wind or rain, sunlight or darkness," according to Perkins' response.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Migration center director seeks to promote cultural understanding

Special to the Observer

Migration is a global economic process; not a new problem, according to anthropologist Karen Richman, director of the year-old Center for Migration and Border Studies at Notre Dame’s Institute for Latino Studies (ILS) and fellow of the Kellogg Institute.

Migrants, a source of cheap labor, always will gravitate to areas where the cost of living is higher. It was true of Irish and Polish immigrants in the 19th century, just as it’s true of Mexican, Haitian and Salvadoran immigrants today.

“Mexico is not always going to be a migrant-sending country,” Richman said. “Another will take its place. It’s a process that transcends national policies.”

The challenge, she says, is to help people understand that, rather than making immigrants scapegoats, current policies, Richman argues, have the perverse effect of forcing migrants to stay in the U.S. longer than they intended, and forcing them to bring their families along, because of the difficulties of going back and forth to visit.

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ND Press publishes Latino poetry winner


An expansive examination of language and landscape, voice and memory, where experimentation and tradition coexist, the book features poems that realize a dialogue between two worlds that employ an equally paradoxical imagery of the American Southwest and the marshes of southern Louisiana.

“The Outer Bands” concludes with its namesake poem, a 28-day chronicle of the period of time between Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which together devastated the Gulf Coast region in 2005. It is a re-contextualization of images, news stories and political rhetoric that Gomez completed during a two-month emergency residency at the Santa Fe (N.M.) Art Institute after his home in New Orleans was destroyed.

Also a playwright and music journalist, Gomez, who now lives in Santa Fe, has taught English at the University of New Orleans, Tulane University, College of Santa Fe and the Institute of American Indian Arts.

The Montoya Poetry Prize, which is one of the first of its kind in the United States, recognizes a full-length manuscript by a Latino/a poet who has yet to publish a book. It honors the late Andrés Montoya, the author of the award-winning collection “The Ice Worker Sings” and the son of the renowned Chicano artist Malaquías Montoya, who was one of the first 135 pueblo Indians arrested during a protest against the construction of the Three Gorges Dam and who later became a featured artist at the Santa Fe Indian Market.

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serves faculty, alumni, community members and staff who pay a membership fee. Its dining room contains a unique display of the steins and tankards of the Gore Collection.

The struggle to preserve the University Club has been going on for many years. According to the Club's Web site, in 2004, University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy appointed a committee to determine the future of the Club. Members were notified of the University's intent to use the Club's location for its expansion at that time.

The Club then formed the Committee for the Future of the University Club, which gathered more than 400 signatures to petition against the relocation of the club, including that of University President Father Theodore Hesburgh.

Now, the Club's efforts seem wasted for disappointed members like alum Jack Sekula, Class of 1972, who goes to the Club once or twice a year when he gets a chance to visit campus.

"It's a nice welcoming place to come to," he said Friday during lunch at the Club. "People have a lot of memories here. This is a place that holds those memories for alumni, benefactors... We need to hold onto the old." Dr. Kevin Poupore, Class of 1975, is one of the Club members upset by the clos-

ing. He said he was told the Michigan State home weekend was the last game for which the Club would be open.

"It was kind of nice to be able to go in there and eat dinner after the game, it was kind of a luxury," he said.
He only eats at the Club once or twice a year—for example, after this year's home opener against Georgia Tech—but he said the members who use it every week are the most affected by the closing.

The University just said, "We're going to put a bigger and better building there," I guess that's their right. They really haven't said they were going to build a new club on campus in the future, so the people that used the Club won't have a place on campus anymore," he said.

Poupore said the Club put out a newsletter to its members that contained articles about the University's questionable future as a part of the University campus.

"There were letters and protests, but they didn't really give much credence to the group of people that frequently use the Club," he said.

When he was a student here, Poupore recalls meeting professors for lunch at the Club to talk about class. "It's too bad we're losing this place so full of memories," Sekula said.

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gUAGE became more grudging than toleration," Ó Tuathaigh said.

In order to discuss the problem within Ireland, Ó Tuathaigh has focused his role as a historian and gatherer evidence to build his case.
In doing so, he has written "Ireland Before the Famine" and "Thomas Drummond and the Irish Administration 1832-1841," "Community Culture and Conflict in Ireland," "Éirí Amach 1798 in Éirinn," and "The Development of the Gaeltacht as a Bilingual Entity." In addition, Ó Tuathaigh is the co-author of two books: "The Age of de Valera" and "Irish Studies: A General Introduction."

Ó Tuathaigh is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society, former member of the USA-Ireland Fulbright Commission, visiting profes-

or at the University of Toronto, University of Cambridge and New York University.

Ó Tuathaigh said the Gaelic League attempted to train teachers throughout Ireland who can teach young Irish children the language. The Gaelic League has sponsored the recruitment and training of these teachers.

Freshman Rachel Witty attended the lecture and found Ó Tuathaigh's conclusions disturbing, and she didn't realize that there was a language problem in Ireland to begin with.

"But it's clear that there is a conflict of culture within Ireland," Witty said. "It seems very hard for the Irish to find a proper balance between preserving their culture and adapting to a modern way of life."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Monks lead march for democracy

YANGON, Myanmar - The Buddhist monks and nuns gathered at a golden hilltop pagoda to lead 20,000 people in Myanmar's biggest anti-government protest in two decades. Plainclothes police trailed behind without intervening.

But when a small crowd of about 400 people was asked who was head of state, one of the leaders of the protest, a monk, replied: "Aung San Suu Kyi, whose name was spelled correctly by a police officer who asked him who was leading the crowd.

The march raised both expectations of possible political change and fear that the military junta would try to stifle the demonstrations with violence, as it did in 1988 when thousands of pro-democracy protesters were killed nationwide.

On Saturday, more than 500 monks and sympathizers were allowed past barricades to walk to the house where Suu Kyi is detained. The Nobel Peace laureate greeted sympathizers were allowed past barricades at which they were among senior diplomats and officials from Iraq's neighbors, including Iran and Syria, who want future assistance to Iraq.

Earlier, the State Department's Iraq coordinator, David Satterfield, said that he could not speak to any one-on-one contact. Satterfield testily told reporters that the issue of the incident was not on the agenda. He told reporters after the meeting that Rice had already spoken in phone with al-­Maliki about the matter.

The U.N. meeting came as a senator Iraqi official in Baghdad said Iraqi investigators have a videotape that shows employees of Blackwater USA opening fire against civilians with­out provocation on Sept. 16.

At the same time, Iraq's Interior Ministry said it had expanded its investigation of the shooting to include six other incidents involving Blackwater guards over the past seven months.

The developments added to rising U.S.-Iraqi tensions, which shut off following last Sunday's shooting that killed at least 11 Iraqis, including civilians.

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'Occasional crises'
"You know, universities are not quiet places," said Father Theodore Hesburgh, who served as University president for 35 years. "Every so often, students get carried away, generally due to too much drinking. And that causes a crisis when it happens." Hesburgh oversaw the University through occasional but repeated complaints from South Bend residents frustrated with their unruly student neighbors—like in 1986, when 65 people from the area south of campus signed a petition protesting off-campus parties.

"On numerous occasions the South Bend Police Department has been called to disperse large and sometimes unruly crowds which have assembled for the sole purpose of getting drunk," the petition read. "The University does not allow this kind of behavior on campus, why should it allow it in our neighborhood?"

These "occasional crises," Hesburgh said, "come and go, but they're not important."

"You've got to remember, we have been here since 1841," he said. "That's a long time. And as South Bend has grown over the years, we've grown with it. That's been a concurrent growth, but it's not unrelated. Like you took Notre Dame out of the picture, you wouldn't know much about it."

The Notre Dame and South Bend communities necessarily overlap, former University President Father Edward Malloy said.

"Any university, we can't live in isolation," said Malloy, who served as president for 18 years. "We're not a fortress on a mountain. It's not a castle where you can pull the moats up. The quality of life on campus is going to always be impacted by the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhoods. It's self-evidently clear."

Malloy noted that tensions between students and local residents are widespread in college towns.

"These issues are not peculiar to Notre Dame," he said. "If you went down to Bloomington, if you go to Evanston—just name all the places where there are campuses with large numbers of undergraduate students—and you're going to find this is going to be an ongoing debate."

The debate continues through tonight's vote—and it's largely because Council members say student parties have grown louder and messier in recent years.

Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk said the University has "consistently enforced" Notre Dame's student handbook, duLac, when violations involved alcohol.

"What has changed is the frequency of it," he said. "But while the South Bend Police have received "more reports" of incidents involving students off campus during the past few years, "there is some behavior that may not amount to a violation of the law," Kirk said.

Those problems, he said, are "difficult for us to address if no police action was taken."

Though Notre Dame asks its students to be good neighbors off campus, Jenkins said, the University is limited in its control.

"There are expectations for students' behavior, it's pretty clear. I don't think any of our students are unsure about that," Jenkins said. "We cannot, obviously, police their behavior 24 hours a day, wherever they go. But we can work with others in a collaborative effort to address this situation, and I'm optimistic this is an opportunity to do so."

A relationship in progress
Council members said they were also optimistic about the chance to develop a closer relationship with Notre Dame. But they said the city needs continued input from University administrators.

"Obviously, when people at the level of Vice President for Student Affairs Father (Mark) Poorman and [Vice President and General Counsel] Carol Kaescheier are involved... I think that indicates a positive and proactive movement toward the end," said Council member Tim Rouse, who co-sponsored the ordinance, "I think that indicates with any organization, there's always room for increased communications. Council members questioned the University's oversight of its off-campus students two years ago, when the city amended its disorderly house ordinance to crack down on noise violations. The measure resulted in six student evictions.

In February 2006, when student government representatives asked Common Council members to rethink their changes to the disorderly house ordinance, the city had passed during the summer, while few students were in South Bend—Rouse praised then-student body president Dave Bacon for his presentation.

But he criticized the University's handling of the situation, citing "reluctance from Notre Dame's administration to assume its responsibility both in the area of students and the neighborhood."

Last week, Kirits, the other sponsor of the current ordinance, said Notre Dame administrators have taken a more active role in the debate.

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But as a resident of the neighborhood just south of campus, she said she experiences problems caused by "drunken students" on a regular basis.

"I wish that [University administrators] understood the situation much better than they do," she said. "It's important to us that Notre Dame, if they're going to work with students concerning problems, that we have some idea what they're doing, that it's useful and helpful—because in the past it just hasn't seemed helpful."

Karen Langleby contributed to this report.

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Women from old East go west

Youth leave eastern Germany to go to school, find work elsewhere in the country

Associated Press

These young girls are part of a larger exodus of women from eastern Germany who attend college and find jobs in the west.

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Helga Berger, who works for the town's youth services office, said she finds Wittstock's young men promising. "The guys in rural East Germany are real mama's boys," she said. "If they don't have a strong alpha mothers  and female teachers are hardly just a German phenomenon — the shortage of women is palpable."

The mayoral of the small eastern town of Freital, near Dresden, is offering $2,800 and help finding a job and an apartment for any woman aged 18 to 39 who moves there. And the town of Strehla had only one contestant this year for the title of Strehla Nixe, or Mermaid — the town's tourism ambassador.

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"They may be approaching a resolution, but if that's in the next two hours or the next two days, it's hard to say. There are a lot of complex issues yet to be resolved," said Harley Shaiken, a professor at the University of California at Berkeley who specializes in labor issues and has been closely following the talks.

"They are getting improved libraries, public transportation, and help finding a job and an apartment for any woman aged 18 to 39 who moves there. And the town of Strehla had only one contestant this year for the title of Strehla Nixe, or Mermaid — the town's tourism ambassador."

More than 1.5 million people have left eastern Germany since the Berlin Wall came down in 1989 — most of them to the former West Germany. In the early days more men left, but that changed quickly after German unification. Since then, two-thirds of those leaving were female, according to Krosnert.

The government recently promised a $5.5 million emergency program including improved libraries, public transport and medical treatment to stem the flow, but critics say what's needed is long-term investment to create new jobs.
The Woman Who Changed the Face of the Hemisphere

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"The fact that 62 students were willing to wake up early and give up their time on a Saturday really shows the kind of dedication students have to this issue," said Colleen Kelly, one of the project's coordinators.

A proposal for the program was submitted the first week of August; and the University responded to the idea. The program was a combination of student and University efforts, with activities coordinated by the Energy and Environmental Student task force and the Recycling Center and Business Operations office.

Amy Amoni, director of Project Management for Business, and Patrick O'Hara, manager of Warehouse Service, worked with the students throughout the Saturday efforts, making sure they had all necessary supplies. The students were recruited through Notre Dame's various environmental groups and dorm environmental commissioners.

Junior Lourdes Long, a student leader of the program, said the recycling efforts set a new standard for University environmentalism.

"This weekend's effort was the first time the University and students have come together to implement such an ambitious environmental strategy," she said. "Four dorms [Regnery, Pangborn, Dillon and Welsh Family] even implemented recycling stations at their concession stands at various spots on campus.

In addition, blue bags accompanied by fliers detailing what could be recycled, were handed out to all tailgaters in the library parking lot.

"The response from tailgaters was positive and cooperative," Long said. "They followed the fliers and were just genuinely happy that this issue was being addressed at Notre Dame. Actually, because of them, the program has been recommend ed for expansion."

Past student environmental groups have tried to organize similar projects only to receive lukewarm University support and hostility from many of the tailgaters.

"This time, the number of students organized, in addition to the support we received from Amy Amoni and Pat O'Hara, really helped legitimize the project," Long said.

When they meet today, the program's organizers will analyze the data collected and try to decide how to best expand the program for Notre Dame's next home game.

"Saturday's effort was really just a test to see how people would respond and whether or not this program would be feasible," Kelly said. "Based on the preliminary data, we hope to eventually expand the program across the campus."

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an award to the best 30 second and two-minute submission that "motivates and informs viewers" about environmental issues. An Inconvenient Truth will be one of the environmentally themed films screened on campus during Energy Week.

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Shakespeare and Catholicism
Cracking the Shakespeare Code
Peter Holland
President of the Shakespeare Association of America and Professor at the University of Notre Dame

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Hate is hate, no matter what color

I was deeply disheartened to read that Liz Brown openly supports the Jena Six protests this Thursday. For our student government to openly support the brutal, racially-motivated beating of a high school student is inexcusable. Don’t let me wrong; the three white students who hung nooses under the “white tree” at Jena High School engaged in despicable and cowardly behavior, and ought to have been punished to the fullest extent of the law. There is no excuse for racial hatred, especially when it is displayed in a threatening manner. Americans should be working to promote racial equality and fair treatment for all, both in the legal system and in society at large.

But since when do African-Americans get a pass on promoting good race relations? When six black students jump a white student and beat him so badly he ends up in the emergency room, isn’t that crime also racially motivated and cowardly? If it went unpunished, wouldn’t white students feel threatened?

Whether racial violence is perpetrated by white people or by black people, it ought to be punished as harshly as possible. Hate is hate, no matter what the color of your skin. The Jena Six deserve to go to prison for what they did, but I’m all for a protest to produce the noose-incident perpetrators.

The lack of concern for the environment at this university is disgusting. We are among the top universities in this country, yet we are embarrassingly behind the times when it comes to such a serious subject as recycling.

This is even more surprising given the fact that we are a prominent Catholic symbol.

Along with a Catholic identity should come a level of respect for all of God’s creation. We all need to consider how our actions influence our relationships with each other, with future generations, and with God. This includes a level of respect for the environment. We were not granted absolute power and discretion to do whatever we want with what God gave us. Rather, we were entrusted to cultivate and watch over all of creation, including the natural world. (GEN 2:15-16).

This being said, there are many ways to take action on campus. First, we need to reinsure our extremely inadequate recycling system. The easiest way would be to simply place recycling containers next to every trash receptacle around campus. Easy access to recycling is needed at campus-wide events and on game days as well, during which large numbers of people throw things away.

Initiatives for dorms to recycle should also be considered, due to the abundance of aluminum cans that end up in the garbage every weekend.

A serious effort to take advantage of green architecture on campus must also be made. Green architecture is designed to become a very profitable industry in the coming years. Why not save the world and get rich at the same time? Not only should this field of study be taken seriously within our amazing Architecture program, but every new structure that is built on campus should be constructed using green architecture standards.

Plenty more action can and should be taken on this campus to get up to date with the changing world and enact our moral obligations as responsible Catholics. We need to start by changing our mindset as a university and by realizing that all of our actions have consequences within God’s Kingdom.

Don’t ignore environment

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Deliberate role of University, Catholic identity

Notre Dame more than just Catholic

Lately there has been a lot of talk about just how Catholic Notre Dame is and what constitutes being OK in the realms of the mission of Notre Dame (i.e. the debates over the CJA and Raytheon, and Greg Yartola's article "I'm Not Catholic—don't be surprised," Sept. 15). I think it's good to have differing opinions about different things, but I also think that it's pretty clear what Notre Dame stands for.

Notre Dame always has been and will be Catholic. From our founders to the recent good-puppieboi rector, we can readily see that the Catholic tradition will always be a part of Notre Dame. Notre Dame has grown from its days in 1842, and is now a great university filled with students from varying religious and cultural backgrounds.

Notre Dame isn’t just Catholic. If you didn’t catch the word "very" or "more" when I talked about the students here, let me reiterate: The religious and cultural diversity here is essential for the university's growth. It helps open all our eyes to different ideas and perspectives, therefore probably finding who will be for and against many different issues facing the University.

From Mr. Angulo to Mr. Ponzi to Mr. Clary about the CJA and Raytheon debate, there are plents of merit with each of them brings up. Then, between Mr. Yartola and Miss Williams there is valid points out Catholicism at the University. But I don't think any singular idea is completely right. What they all do is bring more to the table of these debates, and if the University pays attention to these viewpoints and letters, I think we would have to at least rethink some of the things that each person is saying and maybe come to some conclusions about these ideas.

However, I think that the character here at Notre Dame goes beyond all of these extreme ideas. Yes, it is Catholic, but it's about being more than just Catholic or just conservative — it's about being a family and opening our eyes and arms to the different ideas, not just us and a part of who each of us are.

Amanda Bell 

junior

The Observer Sept. 23

Use moral values to analyze society

God, Country, Notre Dame. When Nic Ponzi (“Keep the career fair unrestricted,” Sept. 15) discusses the role of Catholicism at the University, he brings up an interesting point: "We are all students of knowledge and truth in the world. Notre Dame is a university dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and truth in the world. Notre Dame is a Catholic university, and is now a great university, filled with students from varying religious and cultural backgrounds."

That Catholicism is true." This is what Catholics have always believed about the Church, put into colloquial terms. Of course, you can accept or reject Mr. Ponzi’s assertion, or perhaps claim an inadequate understanding of the truth, but it defies reason to say that you are ambivalent about it. If you work to improve something, you must as a matter of course do so in a manner that reflects values. We cannot, as Mr. Ponzio does, assert any singular idea is completely right.

We fail as students if we accept information without critically evaluating it in light of our values. We cannot, as Mr. Ponzi does, equate a university dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and truth in the world with failing to support our troops. To question whether actions of the CJA and Raytheon are morally enough to deserve continuous presence in the market, our preparation in the world is factual. We are not living the university's purpose. I think that we should consider any university affiliation with companies in light of its actions.

Brennan Bollman

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Loyo Hall Sept. 20

Understand, don't dismiss

I must admit being a little puzzled by Stacey Williams’s Letter to the Editor (“Catholic character more complex,” Sept. 20). She seemed to posit that Notre Dame’s Catholicity is unknowable, irreconcilable and damaging all at the same time — quite an accomplishment for nothing more than the subject of a “lived debate.” But the letter only dramatizes that writer’s idea that she doesn’t understand Catholicism, not that the rest of us can’t or shouldn’t understand it.

The letter’s closing exhortation to “make Notre Dame a better place, Catholic or not,” demonstrates a complete lack of understanding not only of the Church, but of the dictates of reason. English author G.K. Chesterton once observed, “The difficulty of explaining why I am a Catholic, is that there are 100 different all amounting to one thing: That Catholicism is true.” This is what Catholics have always believed about the Church, put into colloquial terms. Of course, you can accept or reject Mr. Ponzi’s assertion, or perhaps claim an inadequate understanding of the truth, but it defies reason to say that you are ambivalent about it. If you work to improve something, you must as a matter of course do so in a manner that reflects values. We cannot, as Mr. Ponzio does, assert any singular idea is completely right.

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My morning began like most in my college career. I woke to my alarm, showered and sat down at my computer while waiting to eat breakfast. I opened my computer while waiting to eat breakfast. I opened the thing for a change, I double-“  .

As you grow older, the steps grow larger. You get a little more responsibility with failing to support our troops. To question whether actions of the CJA and Raytheon are morally enough to deserve continuous presence in the market, our preparation in the world is factual. We are not living the university's purpose. I think that we should consider any university affiliation with companies in light of its actions.

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U-Wire

Source up with a comforting reality

Kevin Nicholls

Clemson University

September 20

Instead little, itty-bitty reminders of your age. The steps are small. They begin with simple things, such as an allowance that you get as a 5-year-old for doing chores. You vacuum the living room and mop the kitchen floor, and your parents reward you with five dollars and a pat on the back.

As you grow older, the steps grow larger. You get a cell phone, your driver’s license, and you probably find yourself facing the daunting task of applying for college or a job. Eventually you might find yourself in a serious relationship, talking about politics over coffee and wondering where the time went. Unfortunately, this passage to adulthood isn’t marked with something that I think many people in this world could do with myself included (I’m sure). The passage into adulthood, in my opinion, should be marked with a maturity test. Personally, I think we should all think a lot of problems in this world could be fixed with a simple test. In my mind, the test would be nothing more than a series of situations designed to determine whether you can handle living in the real world with the rest of us.

The first, easiest and most important test of all would be designed to test patterns of abuse. In this test, you have a cute, fuzzy puppy placed before you. If you pet or play with the puppy, you pass the test. If you kick, eat, or in other ways mutilate the puppy, you don’t. It’s simple: Don’t hurt an animal.

The second test would be designed to test morality. Get up a situation where an old lady drops two bucks and a pack of gum. If you return the money and the gum, you’ve deemed relatively competent to exist in normal society. If not, well, perhaps we can just stick you in prison for a few years and let you sort things out. The final test is a bit more complicated. The test is designed to measure your ability to act appropriately in social situations. A stand-in spouse steps before you. The spouse is told to make a mistake, and observers watch closely as you are forced to deal with the mistake. If you scream at, beat, or in other ways abuse the stand-in spouse, you are not permitted back to society with the rest of us.

So, in all honesty, the idea of a maturity test is as realistic as these people who say today that anyone in their right mind possibly abuse a spouse, hit a child or steal another person’s money? Why do people have such strange feelings of hate that they decide to kill another person? While we can’t possibly track down on all of these problems, we should at least take an interest in helping to correct the big problem of the world’s problems.

If I am personally involved in counseling that help these people turn from their abusive and destructive ways, it is important to learn to recognize when problems are complex. In order to do this, we must realize that the comfortable reality we live on inside the campus dorms or apartments is something that the real world doesn’t care about. We must grow up; we must become adults; we must find a way of dealing with just as well as any other student in the system. If we can’t possibly track down all of these problems, we should still take an interest in helping to correct the big problem of the world’s problems.

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By ELLEN COSTA  Scene Writer

Perez Hilton. Haven't heard of him? Well, then you probably haven't heard of Eric Hutchinson, either.

Perez Hilton, arguably the most famous of bloggers today, writes a gossip blog (www.perezhilton.com) that receives over three million unique visitors each day. Though we may not be quick to admit, quite a few of us can be counted among those three million.

So what does any of this have to with Eric Hutchinson?

Quite a bit, actually. Earlier this month, Hilton posted a link and some fervent commentary on his site about Hutchinson's album, "Sounds Like This." It seems like Hilton's readers agree with his opinion — within days, Hutchinson had reached No. 2 on the iTunes best-sellers chart without even having a record label. Simply, the instantaneous success was well deserved.

"Sounds Like This," released a little under a month ago, boasts a great collection of wondervul music. While Hutchinson's sound is a new and modern mix of pop and soul, his musical influences — the prime of pop's days gone by — are quite evident.

The melodies are easy to pick up, sticking with listeners long past the end of each track. Hutchinson's lyrics catch you by surprise, though, at every changing line. The songs "Rock & Roll" and "Food Chain" are a great example of this. At first they seem innocent, in a Jason Mraz-type way, but the songs' meanings are much more plausible than what you can imagine. His lyrics are well thought out and meticulously placed, and they are packed with Hutchinson's personal sarcasm and wit. Once his listeners realize this, they instantly feel a connection to Hutchinson. More than just feeling his passion for music, they can get to know his personality and sense of humor.

Though "soul" might best describe Hutchinson's style, "Sounds Like This" works for anyone, anywhere — it is a rare occurrence for any artist's full-length album, but Hutchinson pulls it off with the strong emotion of his tracks.

Even more than the emotion, though, Hutchinson is bringing something new to the scene. Notice another singer-songwriter in his twenties strumming his guitar and basking on his green eyes, Hutchinson shines because of his strong, soulful influences. "You Don't Have to Believe Me," particularly echoes classic 1970s soul music. Hutchinson's simple melodies and cleverly catchy lyrics, though, are what really make this album stand out among the multitude of other talented artists.

Hutchinson mixes guitar, piano, other vocals and more to achieve a diverse sound. This makes the tracks layered and much more exciting to listen to because they don't get repetitive too quickly. Some describe Hutchinson's style as "intelligent pop," and while this is a popular music, the instruments and vocals are layered and the music attains a certain depth that few pop artists achieve.

The album starts off with the sugar-coated "Ok. It's Alright With Me," an instant pick-me-up tune filled with anecdotes of silly love and everyday occurrences. Just as Hutchinson gives listeners a taste of his humor wth his lyrics, each of the tracks tells some personal story.

While each song is unique and lovely, the last two tracks of the album become a bit tedious. They slow the album's pace, causing listeners to start losing the interest that the liveliness of earlier tracks held. But, given that "Sounds Like This" is Hutchinson's first album, some blips and errors are almost expected.

Leaving credit due and crude yet hilarious comments? Go visit Perez Hilton. Credit a couple of lines from a song that sounds like funky folk rock with wonderfully clever lyrics that leave you feeling great? Eric Hutchinson's your guy.

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By NICOLE EGGENBERGER  Scene Writer

"The O.C." has officially moved to New York. The high-drama, comedy, fast, fresh music and racy storylines are in the C.W. series "Gossip Girl."

The first of 13 episodes of "Gossip Girl" premiered Wednesday night at 9, and the series is already being touted as the best new show of the fall. The show's motto — "You're nobody until you're talked about" — is true to its ratings. Based on the hit series of young-adult novels by Cecily von Ziegesar and created by the producers of "The O.C.," "Gossip Girl" promised to be the new guilty pleasure for teens.

Drama swarms the lives of pristine prep-school teens on Upper East Side, and all of the inside dirt is revealed through the all-knowing narrator of the show, Gossip Girl (Kristen Bell). Gossip Girl's identity is unknown, but she blogs the latest news on her Web site and texts vital information to the student body, keeping all the characters in the show connected. Gossiping, shopping and partying are what the young heart-throbs do best, giving past "O.C." fans a great on-the-go track list. This is a rare occurrence for any artist's first full-length album, but Eric Hutchinson pushes the album's tracks with the strong emotion of his tracks.

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Not unlike a music video, the stars are dressed in sexy school uniforms and extravagant party dresses and suits. The famous, world of the wealthy Upper East Siders demands high fashion, glamorous teens with perfect complexions and supermodel bodies.

Of course "Gossip Girl," like "The O.C." has its fair share of complaints, most of which frustrate some viewers. One slight problem is that the high school prep students are shown at bars drinking martinis. The point of the soap opera-like show, though, is to entertain, and giving Serena a slight drinking problem does just that. Here, reality is not overly exciting as fantasy.

The gobs of gossip revealed in episode one of "Gossip Girl" leaves many questions unanswered. Why did Serena return to boarding school? Why did she leave in the first place? Will Blair get revenge on Serena for having a past with Nate? Will Serena choose Dan, or will Nate get in the way?

"You know you love me. XOXO, Gossip Girl."

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Michigan State's running backs combined for 257 yards on 46 carries and killed any chances the Irish had of coming back in the second half.

"The bad news is I still think we had some problems, some fundamental problems in blitz pickup, which discouraged me because they weren't outnumbered situations," Weis said.

The Spartans took the lead for good at the start of the fourth quarter. A 26-yard carry by Ringer set up a three-yard play-action touchdown pass from Filer to senior tight end Kellen Davis. For Davis, it was the first of two receiving touchdowns in the game.

"Our scheme is built around pressure, so we pressure a lot," Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said. "And I think that's, you know, that's a start."
Not as complicated as it seems

When a team is 0-4, usually there are a lot of problems. That isn’t the case here. Notre Dame has talented running backs, a serviceable freshman quarterback, a big offensive line and receivers with good hands. It also has athletic defensive backs, linebackers with a nose for the ball, and hard-nosed defensive linemen. So why are the Irish 0-4? It’s very simple. Almost every time a Notre Dame player is in a one-on-one physical situation, he is a block or a tackle, the Irish player loses. Notre Dame is getting pushed around. Michigan State ran for 219 yards Saturday, but it wasn’t because the Spartans were gashing huge holes on every play. What happened was the Irish front seven struggled to get off blocks and then when they did hit Spartan running backs Jehuu Caulcrick or Javon Ringer, they were driven backwards for an extra three yards. It “wasn’t so much their athletic ability as we didn’t do our job,” Irish nose guard Pat Kuntz said. Notre Dame managed 117 yards on the ground, a major improvement over previous games, but on multiple occasions the Irish had third or fourth-and-one and could not pick up the first down. On one possession, they had two plays to get less than a yard and couldn’t do it.

Why is this happening? Every member of the offensive line was a highly regarded recruit, and while the defensive linemen weren’t quite as sought after, they still have talent. The problem doesn’t seem to be effort. The players are clearly going all-out on the field, and they seem upset when they lose but why can’t they block and tackle? Partially the issue may be scheme related. Coach Charlie Weis likes to confuse opposing defenses, but right now the offensive line looks confused about who to block. On defense, the Irish defensive line is undersized and not quick enough on the outside to run the 3-4. But those schemes can both work and will work once the current players get older and next year’s recruiting class comes in. But right now the Irish defense isn’t doing enough and are in need of help from the defensive line. Winning is all about proper blocking and tackling. "We want to be there as fast as possible," he said.

The problem is that the Irish should have “been there” before Georgia Tech. But 0-4 is the reality they have to live with, and it’s time to start hitting people like a Division I team should. Sometimes, football really isn’t that complicated. Winning is all about blocking and tackling. Notre Dame isn’t doing those things right now. And until they do, they won’t start winning.

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Aldridge, Hughes lead ground game

Aldridge has 106 yards to lead resurgent running attack

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Running back Travis Thomas burst around left end and freshman Robert Hughes pounded the ball up the gut to score Notre Dame’s first offensive touchdowns of the year and give the Irish one bright spot in an otherwise lopsided 31-14 loss.

The Irish entered the game against the Spartans with a running game that was nonexistent, churning up a grand total of 14 yards in its first three games. While yardage lost on sacks was partially responsible for the grisy numbers, so was Notre Dame’s inability to run behind a porous offensive line.

“We went into this game saying regardless of what was going to happen in this game, we were going to try to run the ball and run the ball with some power,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said. “I tried my best to respond,” Aldridge said. “Coach calls my number, that’s when I go in and I go on my number called today, and I did my best to take advantage of it.”

James Aldridge
Irish running back

“Coach calls my number, that’s when I go in. I got my number called today, and I did my best to take advantage of it.”

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

The running game also powered the second Irish touchdown, extending a three-play drive of the Spartans and capitalized on the situation.

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Weis said he was encouraged by the production of the running game behind the improved but still shaky offensive line.

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Freshman Armando Allen also had a positive impact in his short stints of playing time, rushing three times for 14 yards and first downs in the third quarter before a 17-point deficit forced Notre Dame to switch focus to the passing game.

While Notre Dame had its best game running the ball so far this season, scoring drought at Notre Dame Stadium.

Gaining momentum
Saturday’s matchup marked the 71st meeting between Notre Dame and Michigan State. The Irish have a 44-26-1 record against the Spartans. Only Navy, Purdue and USC have faced Notre Dame more times than Michigan State.

Bruton gets his first pick
Junior free safety David Bruton intercepted the first pass of his career Saturday. Bruton picked off Michigan State quarterback Brian Hoyer in Notre Dame’s end zone in the second quarter.

Scoring drought
The Irish have scored 27 points through four games. This total is the third-lowest ever in school history.

Mrs. Parseghian honored
Katie Parseghian, the grand daughter of Ara Parseghian, was presented with an honorary monogram by the Notre Dame Monogram Club.

The presentation was made by Monogram Club president Mark Kelly in the Monogram Room of the Joyce Center at the conclusion of Mass that was part of the dedication of a statue of Ara.

Irish freshman running back Robert Hughes carries the ball in Michigan State’s 33-34 win over Notre Dame Saturday. Hughes had his first career carry, an eight-yard run on second and goal from the Michigan State 9-yard line.

Michigan State wins sixth straight at ND

By FRAN TOLAN and CHRIST HINE
Sports Writers

Michigan State became the first opponent to win six games in a row at Notre Dame Stadium.

Infamous record
Notre Dame is now 0-4, the first time the team has ever dropped its first four contests.

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Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 0
Travis Thomas 5-yard run with 10:01 remaining (Brandon Walker kick).

Second quarter
Michigan State 14, Notre Dame 7
Travis Thomas 7-yard reception from Brian Hoyer with 7:05 remaining. (Brett Swenson kick).
Kellen Davis 3-yard reception from Brian Hoyer with 0.22 remaining (Swenson kick).

Third quarter
Michigan State 24, Notre Dame 14
Mark Dull 18-yard reception from Brian Hoyer with 12:05 remaining (Swenson kick).
Kellen Davis 3-yard touchdown run with 1:34 remaining. (Walker kick).

Drive: 4 plays, 5 yards, 1:24 elapsed.

Motor: 17, Notre Dame 14
Robert Hughes 3-yard touchdown run with 10:41 remaining. (Walker kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 80 yards, 1:38 elapsed.

Motor: 17, Notre Dame 14

Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 0

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Total yards

| Michigan State | 354 |
| Notre Dame | ND 203 |
| Rushing yards | 219 |
| Passenger yards | 135 |
| Return yards | 86 |
| Time of possession | 33:29 |
| 26:31 |

Key: 6

passing

| Classon | 13-0 |
| Hoyer | 11-24-0 |
| Sharpay | 4-7-0 |

Rushing

| Aldridge | 19-104 |
| Hinger | 26-144 |
| Hughes | 1-13 |
| Cate | 2-102 |
| Allen | 3-10 |
| Thomas | 1-1 |
| West | 3-25 |
| O’Malley | 2-23 |
| Carlson | 1-18 |
| Karama | 1-15 |
| Spell | 1-16 |

tackling

| Cork | 16 |
| Wilson | 16 |
| Davis | 16 |
| Autry | 16 |
| Smith | 16 |

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Thursday, September 24, 2007
Baby steps

After last week’s demoralizing 38-0 loss to Michigan, coach Charlie Weis said he failed to create a “niche” for his offense. The Irish were able to gain 117 total yards rushing Saturday against Michigan State, but were outplayed in every other aspect of the game. The Spartans ran inside and outside Notre Dame’s 3-4 personnel scheme at will, and Spartans quarterback Bryan Hoyer threw for four touchdowns to lead the Spartans to a 31-14 win — their sixth straight in Notre Dame Stadium. Michigan State’s pass rush was able to generate pressure even without sending extra rushers, while the special teams did little to help Notre Dame win the battle for field position. There were positive signs in Saturday’s loss, but they cannot conceal the fact that Notre Dame is 0-4 for the first time in school history. Next week, Notre Dame hits the road to take on Purdue (4-0).
Superman: Doomsday
Warner Home Video / DC Comics
Directed by: Lauren Montgomery, Bruce Timm and Brandon Vietti
Starring: Adam Baldwin and Anne Heche

By DAMON JASON
Scene Writer

"Superman: Doomsday" is DC Comics' entry into a recent series of animated films based on some of the comic book industry's most popular characters and stories. This particular film is based loosely on a number of storylines collectively known as "The Death and Return of Superman." While production values obviously aren't as high as last year's "Superman Returns," the film does a solid job at creating its own identity.

In an attempt to boost sales in the lagging comic book industry in the 1990s, DC crafted the "Death of Superman" story arc. In this storyline, an unkillable alien named Doomsday terrorizes Metropolis after taking out the entire Justice League. Superman goes to face Doomsday and a lengthy battle ensues. In the end, Superman fights until his dying breath, but not before killing Doomsday first.

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Superman fights for his life in the new animated film "Superman: Doomsday." The film is based on the DC comic series "The Death of Superman." But in the words of brave King Leonidas from the hit film "300" as he and his soldiers go about the business of finishing off wounded enemy soldiers, "there's no reason we can't be civilized.

In fact, as disturbing as this thought is, we may actually share something in common. Apparently we both harbor a love for Harry Potter, although yours is more with the presentation of various members of the Superman creative team, giving viewers a sense of the passion and emotion that went into creating "The Death and Return of Superman." It's a great job of creating an intelligible storyline that can be appreciated by all. However, this is not a summer blockbuster like "Superman Returns," so "Superman: Doomsday" is unlikely to attract a lot of casual fans.

The DVD has excellent special features. Perhaps the best extra feature is a vignette called "Inaugural and Rebirth: How the DC Comics Team Decided Superman's Fate." The short highlights various members of the Superman creative team, giving viewers a sense of the passion and emotion that went into creating "The Death and Return of Superman." It makes the DVD a must-have for any hardcore Superman fan.

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Dear Rover,
First off, I'd like to say thanks for getting the paper. Your editorial publication took so long to respond that I wasn't sure if you guys even existed anymore, or if general apathy and widespread ignorance of your publication caused you to hibernate for too long. These events conclude with the eventual and triumphant return of the original Superman.

As with many comics, through various machinations, DC does not allow its hero to stay dead for too long. These events conclude with the eventual and triumphant return of the original Superman.

You're welcome, Rover.
You'll notice that in my generosity, I haven't charged you a commission for spiking record new numbers in your circulation. Consider this an act of goodwill.

As I sat in the dining hall on Friday, I read your Cheers and Jeers section and, as expected, I noticed your spirited, if weak, counter fire. However, as I continued perusing your paper, sifting through the layout and pixelated graphics, what did I witness but a full-page piece on none other than Harry Potter, the very topic which incurred your wrath and my subsequent return-fire in the first place. Apparently if you add a picture of a unicorn and toss in some "Harry Potter is Jesus" discussion of Christ-like metaphors in HP it's okay, but otherwise, it's not.

"Let's Lower Our Wands," you're right; Hypocrisy, thy name is Rover.
As you write in your newspaper masthead, it behooves a good watchdog to bark, but it behooves a bad, toothless little doggy to stop barking, roll over and play nice. Or perhaps play dead. Down, Rover, bad dog.

Also, it might behoove you to notice that the word "September" is traditionally spelled with one letter b and not two as you had it printed on the cover of your paper. (And by the way, if you're going to imitate our awesome football writers please use proper grammar and refer to the four of them as "gentlemen." It would make you look covetarly, instead of both dim-witted and cowardly. It's not that I mind so much; it's just that this is America and we speak English here, and so it pains me when you butcher my native tongue.

But in the words of brave King Leonidas from the hit film "300" as he and his soldiers go about the business of finishing off wounded enemy soldiers, "there's no reason we can't be civilized."

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Harry Potter debate prompts raised wands on campus

Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) has been a recent subject of debate.
McNabb throws four TDs in Eagles blowout

Arizona’s comeback falls short with Stover’s game-winning kick; Addai runs for two TDs in Colts win at Houston

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb, Brian Westbrook and Kevin Curtis treated Detroit’s defense like a soft target.

McNabb threw for 381 yards and four touchdown passes, Curtis had 221 yards receiving and three scores and the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Lions 56-21 on Sunday for their first win.

In a stunning offensive display, the Eagles (1-2) scored touchdowns on their first five possessions and had a franchise-record 42 points in the first half. It was their most points scored since a 56-17 victory at the Chicago Cardinals in 1952.

Brian Westbrook had 110 yards rushing, 111 more receiving and scored three TDs before leaving in the third quarter with injured ribs. X-rays were negative.

“I’m not surprised by what we were able to do,” Westbrook said. “It’s a matter of guys continuing to connect. We’re an explosive offense when things work out the way we want. We didn’t have too many incomplete balls in practice and that rolled over.”

Join Kitna threw for a franchise-record 444 yards and two TDs and Roy Williams had nine catches for 354 yards, including a 91-yard 10 for Detroit (2-1). Just six days ago, the Eagles were bounced off the field after losing 20-12 to Washington on Monday night. A day later, it was clear when McNabb said on HBO that black quarterbacks face more scrutiny than their white counterparts.

McNabb spent a lot of time this week answering questions about his comment he made in August that aired Tuesday. He came under heavy criticism for his statement and heard a mixture of hos in pregame introductions.

It didn’t help that the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback played poorly in his first two games since tearing a knee ligament in Week 11 last year. Some were calling for rookie Kevin Kolb or backup A.J. Feeley to replace him.

Kolb made his NFL debut in the fourth quarter, while McNabb rested after an outstanding performance. McNabb completed 18 consecutive passes at one point, and finished 21-for-26.

Ravens 26, Cardinals 23

Steve McNair was calling Matt Leinart was awful. So Kurt Warner and Kyle Boller engaged in a quarterback duel that wasn’t decided until the final seconds.

After Warner rallied the Arizona Cardinals from a 17-7 halftime deficit, Boller moved the Ravens into position for a 46-yard field goal by Matt Stover as time expired giving Baltimore a victory Sunday.

The Ravens (2-1) led 20-3 at halftime and 23-6 entering the fourth quarter, but wilted in the final 15 minutes in a second straight game. Although the New York Jets never did pull even even one week earlier, Warner rallied the Cardinals (1-2) to a tie at 23 with 1:50 left.

Leinart was sacked only once and threw only one pickoff. The second-year quarterback was almost every throw. The second-year quarterback went 9-for-20 for 53 yards before leaving with a groin strain in the fourth quarter.

The Cardinals had useable weather to practice in practice, and first-year coach Ken Whisenhunt decided the veteran was the best man to engineer the comeback.

“The Cardinals played three scores and we knew that was the best way to move the ball quickly,” Whisenhunt said. “It wasn’t a situation where Matt lost a job. It was Kurt did better with this production in the first half.”

Boller entered in the fourth quarter for an ailing Steve McNair. After the Cardinals pulled even, Boller went 5-for-5 for 32 yards and got the Ravens in position for Stover’s winning kick.

“You just try and put your mind in a place where hey, it’s showtime,” Boller said. “I’m warm, the body is warm. Just go through it and take one play at a time.”

The Ravens benefited from a questionable call on safety Adrian Wilson, who was called for a high hit on Todd Heap at the end of a first-down pass.

“We had an airborne receiver hit by a defender, who we called launched into him, and he had a blow above the shoulders into the head area,” referee Jerome Boger said.

Colts 30, Texans 24

The Indianapolis Colts lost all three AFC South road games last season.

So winning two straight this year is encouraging, even if they didn’t play as well as they’d like on Sunday.

Joseph Addai ran for two touchdowns and Adam Vinatieri added three field goals to lead the Colts (2-0) to a win over the injury-ravaged and mistake-prone Texans to remain unbeaten after beating Tennessee last week.

“As long as we’re getting the wins, we can still correct that kind of stuff,” receiver Dallas Clark said. “We’ll take advantage of it down the road. That shows that kind of team we have here. We haven’t played great — it’s always been something here and there — but we’re still finding ways to win.”

Houston (1-2) entered the game with star receiver Andre Johnson, who sprained his knee last week, and lost running back Ahman Green to a knee injury on the first series of the second quarter. Backup Ben Dayne was inactive because of bruised ribs, so the Texans had to rely on third-stringer Saniquke Gado for the rest of the game.

Rookie Jakey Jones, who started for Johnson, left in the third quarter with a separated shoulder, and coach Steve McKinney left with a knee sprain in the fourth quarter.

And defensive tackle Cedric Killings was taken off the field on a stretcher after a headfirst collision with Indianapolis receiver Roy Hall. The 310-pound Killings, playing special teams, hit Hall on a block as Jerome Mathis was returning a kickoff in the second quarter. The Texans said Killings suffered a neck injury and coach Gary Kubiak said he was moving his arms and legs and talking on the field.

Killings was taken to a hospital. He was placed in a neck brace after being carted off the field. That shows what kind of team we have here. We haven’t played great — it’s always been something here and there — but we’re still finding ways to win.”

Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb passes during Philadelphia’s 56-21 win Sunday over Detroit at Lincoln Financial Field.
Cleveland's Grady Sizemore and teammates celebrate their American League Central Division title after the Indians defeated Oakland 6-2 Sunday. Cleveland finished 18 games out of first in 2006.

**Indians wrap up AL Central crown**

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — From shoveling snow to spraying champagne.

The Cleveland Indians, who slipped and slid around April's home opener during a freakish spring storm, capped an unforgettable season at Jacobs Field on Sunday with a sun-soaked championship.

Jake Westbrook struck out a career-high nine and Grady Sizemore had four hits as the Indians, fourth-place finishers a year ago, clinched their first AL Central title since 2001 with a 6-2 win over the Oakland Athletics.

The Indians became the second team in the majors to clinch. The Boston Red Sox assured themselves of at least the AL wild-card spot Saturday night.

When reliever Rafael Betancourt struck out Oakland's Mark Ellis for the save, the crowd of 40,250 erupted as one and the right-hander jumped into catcher Victor Martinez's arms as the Indians poured onto the infield to celebrate.

Moments later, led by ace C.C. Sabathia, the club walked in center field and watched as a 2007 championship banner was hoisted atop the center-field scoreboard.

**MLB**

Overlooked as a contender in one of baseball's toughest divisions, the Indians overcame a strange start and recaptured a crown they won six times in seven years from 1995-2001.

But for these Indians, little went as planned.

Their first homestand in April was postponed by snow, forcing the club to play three "home" games in Milwaukee's Miller Park against the Los Angeles Angels. Three other games against Seattle were made up at the Lake.

Technically, Cleveland still has one "home" game remaining — on Wednesday, 2,000 miles away at Seattle's Safeco Field as part of a doubleheader with the Mariners.

The Indians, who finished 18 games behind Detroit last year, began 2007 with question marks around the diamond. They moved into first place on Aug. 15, stayed there by going 27-9 and running away from the defending AL champion Tigers, and now have a chance to finish with the best record in the majors.

And while much of their lineup looks as it did in April, the Indians made some major changes to snap them out of a middle-season slump that threatened to spoil a season filled with thrilling comebacks.

**IN BRIEF**

Melee erupts over victory celebration

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Moments after North Carolina Central claimed victory over rival North Carolina A&T, the Eagle players decided on a celebration that would lead to a bench-clearing, helmet-owning brawl.

The fight so enraged A&T athletics director DeLores "Dee" Todd that she said the two schools likely would take a "cooling-off period" from continuing the series.

"I'm disgusted. It's very disgusting," Todd told The News & Observer of Raleigh after seeing the Eagles players jump on the Aggies' midfield logo. "It's a game, why do that?"

The fight lasted several minutes and left dozens of players lying on the field. Police from both schools ran in after several minutes and broke up the fight using pepper spray. An NCCU player lay on the ground outside of the locker room somthing after the fight as trainers worked feverishly to wash his eyes.

Landis stripped of Tour de France title

MONTREAL — Floyd Landis' defense that his drug tests weren't handled properly doesn't negate the findings, World Anti-Doping Agency chairman Dick Pound said Sunday.

Pound said that despite Landis' contention that the test procedures were less than perfect, there was no escaping the fact that banned substances were found.

By a 2-1 decision Thursday, an arbitration panel upheld Landis' positive doping test from the 2006 Tour de France. The decision means Landis is no longer the race champion and faces a two-year ban from cycling, retroactive to Jan. 30.

In its 84-page decision, the majority found the initial screening test to measure Landis' testosterone levels — the testosterone-to-epitestosterone test — was not done according to World Anti-Doping Agency rules.

Roddick leads U.S. to Davis Cup finals

GOTEBORG, Sweden — Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe couldn't beat Sweden in the Davis Cup in this city 23 years ago. Andy Roddick delivered this weekend.

Behind a roaring serve, Roddick defeated Jonas Bjorkman 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-4 Sunday in a clinching victory over Sweden that carried the United States into the finals.

The U.S. will play defending champion Russia for the title Nov. 30-Dec. 3, with the Americans hosting the finals for the first time since 1992. Russia defeated Germany 7-2 in the other semifinal in Moscow.

Roddick didn't drop serve in two singles matches, winning both in straight sets as the Americans ended a three-match losing streak against the Swedes dating to 1984.
Bradley hurts knee in Padres loss to Rockies

Brewers fall to Braves, Mets eke past Marlins

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A wild-card race that was already wild turned absurdly bizarre Sunday, and Miller Bradley was right in the middle of it for the San Diego Padres.

Bradley was ejected and then hurt the right knee when Padres manager Bud Black spun him to the ground in an attempt to keep him from going after an umpire.

The Padres were livid, claiming that first base umpire Mike Winters batted Bradley in the eighth inning, leading to a confrontation that overshadowed the surging Colorado Rockies’ 7-3 win and an impressive three-game sweep of the wild-card-leading Padres.

Bradley, whose volatile temper has overshadowed his talent during his career, called it "the most unprofessional and most ridiculous thing I’ve ever seen."

"It’s terrible. And now, because of him, my knee hurts," said Bradley, a second-half catalyst for the Padres who was in his third game back from an injury that sidelined him for nearly two weeks. "If this costs me my season because of that, he needs to be reprimanded. I’m taking some action. I’m not going to stand pat and accept this because I didn’t do nothing wrong."

Asked about his knee, Bradley said: "I’ve got to get an MRI. It’s killing me, though."

The punchless Padres retained their half-game lead over Philadelphia, which lost 5-3 at Washington, while the Rockies pulled within 17 games by winning their season-high eighth straight.

San Diego stayed 27 games behind first-place Arizona in the NL West with seven to play. Colorado is four back of the Northwestern Division-leading Rockies with six games remaining.

And before Bradley was hurt, the Padres lost center fielder Mike Cameron after Bradley stepped on his right hand while the two pursued umpire Chris Guccione.

That allowed the Milwaukee Brewers to score their lone run in the sixth inning of Colorado’s 7-3 win Sunday at San Diego.

Rockies catcher Yorvit Torrealba knocked an RBI single in the sixth inning of Colorado's 7-3 win Sunday at San Diego.

Corky Miller gave the Braves’ 1-0 lead with an RBI single in the second.

Mets 7, Marlins 6

First baseman Carlos Delgado secured the final out and pumped his fist. Players watching on TV inside the New York Mets’ clubhouse leaped from their chairs, and even manager Willie Randolph couldn’t help but talk about celebrating soon with fans at Shea Stadium.

"This was a big one," Moises Alou said. "Sure was."

It was far from pretty, but the Mets got everything they hoped for Sunday. David Wright singled home the decisive run in the 11th inning to help New York pull out a win over the Florida Marlins, pushing them a giant step closer to the playoffs.

"I wasn’t trying to get a big hit," said Wright, whose bases-loaded walk in the 11th scored Delgado and Phillip Huskie and gave the Mets a 7-6 lead.

The Mets now return home for their last seven games of the regular season with a magic number of five for clinching their second consecutive division title.

"The way we’ve battled is very pleasing, to pick it up game, knock another day off the schedule and just get back home," Randolph said. "We’re looking forward to it. We get a chance to hopefully celebrate with our fans."

Delgado’s three-run homer highlighted a four-run eighth that gave New York a 6-3 lead, but Florida rallied against Aaron HeIlman and closer Billy Wagner to force extra innings.

Das Uggla’s long leadoff homer against Wagner in the ninth tied it at 6, the latest late-season flup for New York’s over-worked and ineffective bullpen.

But the Mets regrouped. Jose Reyes drew a leadoff walk in the 11th from Harvey Garcia (0-9) and went to second on Luis Castillo’s single before scoring on Wright’s single to center.

New York failed to tack on, though, and still needed three outs from shaky relievers Keith Foulke and Kiyoshi Nakahata.

Wright got the game-winning RBI on a wild pitch by Peter Moylan in the eighth.

"I felt good out there throwing the ball. I’ve been working on stuff lately. I’ve been having problems all year missing spots and keeping the ball up, so I’ve been using my time in the bullpen to try and kind of get my mechanics going good," said Wright, who went 3 for 4 Sunday. "I feel like I made a little progress.

Brandon Mazzey Acosta (1-3) pitched a scoreless seventh for his first win in the majors.

The lefty, who was obtained from the Chicago White Sox on July 29 in a deal for Corey Hart’s RBG grounder that made it 4-1.

Rockies catcher Yorvit Torrealba knocks an RBI single in the fourth inning of Colorado’s 7-3 win Sunday at San Diego.

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Washington plays final game at RFK

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — It was a day for a bit of nostalgia at the old ballpark. Well, for some people, anyway.

The fans sure turned out Sunday to say goodbye for the season to the Washington Nationals and goodbye forever — when it comes to baseball, at least — to RFK Stadium, with an attendance of 40,519 making it the team’s largest crowd of 2007.

And when D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, backed by a group of city council members, called for a pregame round of applause for the stadium, the spectators obliged, loudly.

The players, however, did not. They were thrilled to be going from the team’s largest crowd of 2007.

“I’m not going to say we’re going to miss it, because we won’t,” third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said before Washington beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 in the Nationals’ last home game of the season.

“But it’s been a great place for baseball to come back to. They did a great job with what they had here to make it, I guess, as good as they could for three years.”

This was a day to say farewell to the park originally called D.C. Stadium, then renamed in 1969 to honor the late Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. A multipurpose stadium, it hosted baseball’s Senators until 1971, and football’s Redskins until 1996.

And it was the first home of the Nationals, who brought baseball back to Washington in 2005, sharing the place with Major League Soccer’s D.C. United, which will continue to play at RFK.

The Nationals went 122-121 at home the past three seasons, and first baseman Robert Fick called Sunday’s victory “some kind of goodbye award or something that I can take with them.”

Indeed, whatever complaints players or spectators might have about the stadium, it was a site for some eyes when the ex-Expos moved from Montreal. Nationals rookie manager Manny Acta, who was given a model replica of RFK by one of the team’s owners, won’t forget the place, either.

“It’s always going to be a special place for us,” Acta said, “because regardless of whatever I do or how long I’m going to stay on this earth, this was my first big league managing home.”

He and players noticed and appreciated the larger-than-usual crowd. The Nationals averaged 24,217 fans this year, down from 33,728 in Year 1, and 26,381 in Year 2.

“I really, really wanted to win today,” Acta said.

Did he sense that a farewell victory Sunday matters to the fans?

“It does. I could tell,” he said.

“Because all these people didn’t show up to every game. Today was a very special day for them.”

Seven former Senators took part in pregame festivities, walk­ing out on the field alongside Nationals. The loudest ovation was for Frank Howard, the face of the Senators, who walked out to third base alongside Zimmerman, the face of the Nationals.

Standing on the infield dirt, Howard took a mock swing, drawing even bigger cheers. He was the slugger responsible for hitting balls so far that they were painted white in the upper deck to mark where his homers landed. Zimmerman put one up in that section, too, and the stair his shot hit was recently painted red.

The past and present of D.C. baseball talked shop for a bit.

“If it’s a big guy. You don’t really realize how big he is,” Zimmerman said. “Now I can kind of believe those white seats a little bit more.”

Zimmerman knows what RFK meant to local baseball fans, and he’s glad it’s going to remain to players who were with the Expos when they played before sparse crowds in Montreal and were forced to travel to Puerto Rico for “home” games.

He also is well aware what Nationals Park — or whatever it will be called once naming rights are sold — will mean.

“Not only is it going to be better for us, but it is going to be better for the fans. That’s the bottom line. It’s going to take our organization to the next level,” said Zimmerman, who has visited the still-in-progress new place.

“Everything’s so much nicer. So we’re going from, well, I don’t know if this is the worst in the majors, but it’s pretty bad, to one of the best.”

On Sept. 30, 1971, when the Senators played their last game at RFK before leaving for Texas, spectators stormed the field during the ninth inning to rip out chunks of grass or bases. The game was declared a forfeit.

No such problems this time, although Bob Short, the owner of those Senators, was not forgotten Sunday. Someone unfurled long banners that read, “Short Still Stinks.” And there was property removed again, although this time it was supposed to go.

Acta helped Nationals owner Ted Lerner dig out home plate, which will be moved to the new ball­park.

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Wakefield struggles in loss to Tampa Bay

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joba Rules were made to be broken.

Toronto was threatening in the eighth inning, pulling within two runs and putting two men on. Even though Yankees manager Joe Torre had said Joba Chamberlain was unavailable, the self-out crowd of 54,983 started chanting "We Want Joba!"

Chamberlain jogged in from the bullpen on his 22nd birthday, threw five nasty sliders to strike out Adam Lind, then followed with a perfect ninth inning. With his first major league save, the rookie sensation preserved New York's 7-5 victory over the Blue Jays and Mike Mussina's 250th big league win.

Harlan Chamberlain, the reliever's polo-stricken father, watched from his motorized scooter and remembered back to his newborn son's bassinet at Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center in Lincoln, Neb.

"Twenty-two years ago today, I put a glove with a Velcro ball in the palm of the glove," he said. "If that glove could have spelled victory over the Blue Jays and the palm of the glove," he said. "I thought his ball was bouncing, moving," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "I thought he limited damage. A lot of pitches for five innings, but he pitched pretty good."

Wakefield threw 95 pitches. Young put the Devil Rays up 2-0 with his homer in the second. The rookie right fielder, who had 0 with his homer in the second. The rookie right fielder, who had

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Women’s World Cup

Brazil, United States square off in semifinals

Associated Press

TIANJIN, China — U.S. coach Greg Ryan is bracing for Brazil. He knows the semifinals will be rough, smoothed a bit by the artistry of Marta, the game’s best female player.

Brazil won its quarterfinal Sunday at the Women’s World Cup, defeating Australia 3-2 on Cristiane’s goal in the 75th minute, a rising drive from 20 yards off rapid-fire passes from Marta and Daniela.

The Americans have ambitions for a third World Cup title, following ones in 1991 and ’99. Brazil is in the semifinals for the second time, matching its run in 1999.

“I believe finally we will add one more star on our jersey,” Daniela said, a reference to the men’s team, which has won a record five World Cups. “We will finally get the World Cup.”

The Americans, top-ranked and undefeated in 51 games, advanced Saturday by defeating England 3-0 on goals by Abby Wambach, Shannon Boxx and captain Kristine Lilly.

Germany defeated North Korea 1-0 on Sunday in Wuhan before a crowd of 52,000 that stayed until the end, waving flags and lighting flares as the Chinese made a last offensive push. Brazil figures to be quick and tricky Thursday when it meets the Americans in Hangzhou, the last step to the final Sunday in Shanghai.

The U.S. defeated Brazil 2-0 three months ago in New York, a physical game played without Marta. The Americans also defeated Brazil in the 2004 Olympic final — 2-1 in extra time — and 2-0 in a group game in the Olympics.

“Brazil’s primary tactic was fouling us to break our rhythm,” Ryan said. “The concern isn’t peaking; the concern is winning the next game. I think they can play even better but whether we see it or not just depends on the game, our opponents.”

The United States is undefeated in 51 games, winning mostly in this tournament with defense, set plays and four goals from striker Abby Wambach.

Every game we’ve been rising and rising,” Boxx said. “We’ve defended so well in this tournament and now the possession part is coming.”
Irish defender Kerry Inglis clears the ball against DePaul in a 4-0 victory over the Blue Demons Friday at Alumni Field.

Hanks

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Cinalli was pleased with the Belles’ second-half play and felt the players were better able to keep the Irish within reach. Cinalli’s assist leaves her one shy of becoming the 12th Irish player to score 100 goals. The Irish were good all of Friday.”

Hanks, who also scored DePaul’s only goal of the game, said, “It was a great day of Defense.”

Belles rally to beat K’zoo

**BY SAMANTHA LEONARD**

Facing a 2-1 deficit against Kalamazoo Friday, Saint Mary’s battled back with a hard-fought fourth game win featuring three ties and lead changes.

Saint Mary’s took the fifth game easily to defeat the Hornets 3-2.

The Belles split the first two games of the match 28-30 and 30-22. In game three, the Hornets were in control of the match, stinging the Belles with a 20-30 win. The Belles (6-7, 3-3 MIAA) would not give up in the fourth game, which they won, 30-26.

A kill by freshman outside hitter Jacci Watson gave the Belles their first lead in the fifth game at 3-2, and they didn’t trail the rest of the way as they knocked off Kalamazoo.

The win is the Belles’ fifth consecutive victory over the Hornets.

The Belles were determined to win, coming off a painful loss Wednesday to last-place Albion.

“Our experience at Albion was very fresh in our minds, and we did not want a repeat of that night,” Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. “A win is worth the fight.”

Saint Mary’s had four different players post a double-double in the win over the Hornets.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Stasiuk helps lead Irish to weekend series split

Senior libero now fifth place in career digs in Notre Dame's history

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame lost its Big East opener Saturday against Pittsburgh in four tough games but rebounded to beat West Virginia the next day in Morgantown.

The Irish forced every losing game against the Panthers into extra points in the 3-1 (33-31, 32-30, 23-30, 42-40) loss.

The fourth game included 27 ties and 15 lead changes — and 82 points between the two teams.

Irish senior Adrianna Stasiuk, starting the game at the libero position, tied her season best with 21 digs to go along with 14 kills. Freshman middle blocker Kellie Sciacca and sophomore outside hitter Serinity Phillips also added 14 kills each. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis paced the Irish with 45 assists and sophomore setter Jamel Nicholas added 21 helpers of her own.

Junior outside hitter Kelly Campbell's 30 kills led the Panthers offense. Senior outside hitter Diané Andreyk also played a major role in Pittsburgh's win, with 21 kills and 19 digs. Junior setter Nicole Taurence paced the Panthers with 47 assists; she also added nine digs.

The Irish (5-7, 1-1) beat West Virginia 3-1 (30-19, 23-30, 30-27, 30-27) Sunday.

The game against the Mountaineers saw Stasiuk climb to fifth in career digs in Notre Dame history. She recorded 17 in another start at libero to put her total at 1,268.

But Phillips and Tarutis were the stars in the match. Phillips recorded a career-high and 23 kills and 11 digs, while Tarutis aided the effort with 44 assists, 13 digs and six kills. Sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesi added seven kills and nine digs of her own. Junior middle blocker Justine Stremick and Sciacca notched 8 kills each while Stasiuk also had nine.

West Virginia (9-4, 1-1) was led by the stellar play of senior outside hitter Abby Tevis who recorded 18 kills and 21 digs. Senior setter Kailee Goold also played well with 43 assists, 16 digs and 6 kills while freshman libero Ronnie West added 16 digs.

Notre Dame continues its Big East schedule at home Sept. 29 versus Seton Hall and Sept. 30 against Villanova.

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Matt Vanbeks to put the Irish on the scoreboard.
Miller added a goal of his own 30 minutes later. He received a pass from the forward Joseph Lapira on the right side, beat one of the
Scarlet Knight defenders, and then snuck a low shot into the far corner for his first strike of the season.

"He is one of the best players in the country," Clark said. "He has pace, he has ability, and he is dangerous."

The entire Irish offense looked dangerous Friday night in Piscataway, N.J. Notre Dame outshot the Scarlet Knights 22-10 in the game and 12-1 in the
first half. The team was able to keep constant pressure on Rutgers that led to a relatively easy night in net for Cahill. The senior had four saves in the
game, which was shown on Fox Soccer Channel.

"I think we've built up a great reputation of being a very good team and everywhere we go we will play in front of a full house," Clark said.

Notre Dame 1, Villanova 0

The Irish ended the Wildcats' six-game winning streak Sunday in Philadelphia.
Notre Dame once again dominated the opening 45 minutes, holding a 14-3 advantage in shots on goal, but failed to score.

"We totally dominated both teams in the first half," Clark said. "We didn't do quite as well in the second half. We have to sit down with the video
and come up with some answers for that."

The Irish scored their lone goal in the 51st minute when sophomore Jeb Brovsky took advantage of a chance sparked by Lapira.

Lapira pushed the ball forward to Donohue on the left side. Donohue passed up a shot of his own and fed the open Brovsky on the far side. The
sophomore took his time then drilled a low shot past Wildcat keeper Jason Friel.

Brovsky saw a lot of action in the second half because senior forward Kurt Martin was nursing an injury from the Rutgers game. The team's depth has been
clutch on many occasions so far this season.

"Key guys are out but the great part is that the younger guys have all been prepared to step up," Clark said.

Martin is expected to return to action next weekend when Notre Dame comes home to face Cincinnati at Alumni Field Friday night. The Irish will also
play Sunday against another Big East opponent, Louisville.

The only two games Notre Dame has not won this season
**ND Women's Soccer**

**The Lions' roar**

By BILL BRINK

Sports Writer

After winning a conference match Friday with DePaul, Notre Dame lost its fourth game of the season Sunday to Penn State at Alumni Field.

The Irish hung tough with the Nittany Lions for most of the match, but mental mistakes cost them the match in a 2-1 loss.

Sophomore forward Michele Weissenhofer and sophomore defender Haley Fort missed both games because of injuries.

Penn State 2, Notre Dame 1

The Nittany Lions avenged last season's loss to Notre Dame in the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals thanks to sophomore midfielder Melissa Hayes' penalty kick to the right of Irish senior goalkeeper Lauren Karas in the 55th minute.

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**SMC Soccer**

Pair of late goals beats Kalamazoo

By MEAGHAN VESELIK

Sports Writer

Saint Mary's freshman midfielder Julia Gragtmans entered the game in the seventh minute to fill in for the Belles' injured leading scorer and helped the Belles to a 1-0 shutout of Kalamazoo.

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**Belles place fourth at MIAA Jamboree**

By MATT GAMBER

Sports Writer

Saint Mary's entered Saturday's MIAA Jamboree with dreams of making this season the best in school history. It left with its goal one-third accomplished.

The fourth-place finish was the Belles' best in their nine years in the MIAA, and because the Jamboree determines a third of the conference championship standings, the Belles are on the fast track to beating the program's best-ever fifth-place finish from a season ago.

"It was amazing," third-year coach Jackie Bauters said. "I think it was especially rewarding for our returners who understand how huge it was to see that jump in the rankings."

Senior Megan Gray, an all-conference runner, paced the Belles and finished sixth overall with a 20:00 time for the 5K course. She was the first runner not from Calvin — who swept the meet with the race's five fastest times — to cross the finish line.

The Belles had two other runners finish in the top 20 — sophomore Megan McClowry (17th place, 21:10) and freshman Sam Wierczerski (20th, 21:23). Freshman Catie Salyer (25th, 21:51) and senior Okenna Bilyk (29th, 22:13) rounded out the scoring.

"I'm thrilled that we were able to run as well as we did and accomplish our goal of finishing fourth," Bauters said.

After Calvin's 15 points, Hope was second with 38 points and Albion (17) captured third. Saint Mary's 57 points were far clear of fifth-place Kalamazoo, which finished with 168 points.

"Many of the girls ran in strategies of packing together to overtake their competitors."

**Men's Soccer**

Irish claim pair of road shutouts

By DAN MURPHY

Associate Sports Editor

No. 3 Notre Dame improved to 3-0 in the Big East with a pair of shutouts over Rutgers and Villanova on the road this weekend.

Irish goalkeepers Chris Cahill and Andrew Quinn have allowed only one goal since a 3-0 loss to Maryland at the adidas/US Credit Union Classic on Sept. 2. Notre Dame (3-1-1) has yet to give up a goal in conference play.

"You can't really ask for a lot more than that," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "That is a perfect way to start."

Notre Dame 2, Rutgers 0

Fifth-year senior Ryan Miller picked up goals in the second half to lead Notre Dame past Rutgers Friday night in front of 2,309 fans.

Miller got things started 35 minutes in when he crossed the ball to sophomore midfielder Dave O'Leary, who hit it home to put the Irish ahead in the first half.

"After the meet, we did talk about how we can try to close the gap at our next conference meet," Bauters said.