Honor code violations increase

Notre Dame Code of Honor Committee attempts to make students, faculty aware of rules

By JENN METZ Assistant News Editor

A total of 89 violations of Notre Dame's honor code were reported and resolved during the 2006-2007 academic year, said Dennis Jacobs, the associate provost and faculty co-chair of the Notre Dame Code of Honor Committee.

Notre Dame students and faculty are expected to adhere to the simple code — "as a member of the Notre Dame community, I will not participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty" — that lays the foundation for the University's high standards of academic integrity.

The number, which includes all cases resolved by June 7, is an aggregate approximation of the violations committed in the last academic year. Some additional cases may have occurred in the spring semester that were not fully resolved at the time of the year's report — "but that's a small number," Jacobs said.

Two years ago, the number of violations resolved was 28. Jacobs gave two possible explanations for the increase in violations.

First, it could be because the faculty understands the process better than they did, "he said. The process for reporting and resolving violations changed in 2005; before

then, all cases went to a hearing."

"There has been an increase in the number of cases since we instituted the new report," Jacobs said. "Faculty are more likely to pursue a case if they feel they have a mechanism that's efficient and that leads to an appropriate resolution."

The other possibility, he said, is that there is more cheating going on now than in the past.

"It could be a combination. It could be less cheating and more compliance. We just don't know," he said.

Jacobs said students accused of academic dishonesty sometimes claim ignorance, in cases of plagiarism and unauthorized collaboration on homework.

Jacobs said he is working with faculty to ensure guidelines for a specific class are laid out clearly for the students so the number of times ignorance is used as a defense will decrease. He encourages faculty to put their expectations in writing, either in the syllabus or on a hand-out sheet, so the students fully understand how the honor code applies to their class.

Upon entering the University, all students receive a book about the Notre Dame honor code. They must see CODE/page 4

University looks to boost recycling

Greater student, faculty involvement needed to increase waste reuse percentage

By MAUREEN MULLEN News Writer

Student environmental activists and University administrators say they want to improve and extend recycling at Notre Dame by implementing new initiatives and organizing educational campaigns this year.

Many departments and individuals at the University expend great effort to recycle, said Amy Amoni, director of Project Management for University Business Operations.

But, she said, "there are also many opportunities for improvement."
INSIDE COLUMN

‘We delivery’ woes

There’s something wrong with this season. When the sign says “Sorry, We’re Open,” what could be causing all of this? What evil curse has descended on this campus? Like most of you, I was extremely confused by all of this. I couldn’t find the life of me figure out what was going on at Notre Dame. And then, in place of the beautiful, reassuring neon sign announcing to the world that “We Deliver,” Golden Dragon had an awful monstrosity hanging from its window. In my depressed, post-loss stale, I looked at the establishment as one of the first signs that I was home, safe in South Bend, far away from the evil of Ann Arbor. I had learned to look for the beacon of life, liberty and green, reads: “We Deliver.” That was something I had learned to count on for three whole years under the home was gone. I don’t know when Golden Dragon changed its sign, but I do know this. Bad things have been happening on this campus, and it isn’t a coincidence. Ever since “We Deliver” has been gone, life at Notre Dame hasn’t been the same. Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant. Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant. Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant. Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant. Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant.

A question of the day: Would you ever go skydiving? Why or why not?

Yeifany Walsh

“’I’ll never do skydiving because I’m deathly afraid of heights.”

Jordan Brooks

“’Yes, but only if I’m strapped with Zach.”

Eddie Velazquez

“I believe, if I can taste the rainbow...oh, wait.”

Mary Claire Sullivan

“’No, because I’m grounded.”

Brendan Ryan

“I’d love to go skydiving, because it is out of this world.”

OFFBEAT

Two-headed turtle goes on display in Pa.

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — A two-headed turtle captured by a turtle collector is a rare example of a joined-twin birth, its owner said. The turtle would have likely died in the wild because it swims awkwardly and would be an easy target for predators, according to Jay Jacoby, manager of Big Al’s Aquarium Supercenter in East Norristown.

The store bought the tiny turtle from the collector for an undisclosed price and will keep it on display, he said. The 2-month-old turtle, known as a red-eared slider, fits on a silver dollar. It has two heads sticking out from opposite ends of its shell, along with a pair of front feet on each side. But there is just one set of back feet and one tail. The turtle is seemingly healthy, and the species can live 15 to 20 years, Jacoby said. The turtle has not yet been named.

N.C. man charged with ‘coughing’ assault

A Charlotte man has been charged with assault on a government official after an officer said the man coughed into his face during a traffic stop.

Officer Chris Gill said in his report that Kent Kaufman looked into his eyes before “hacking” in his face three times, according to a Charlotte Observer spokesman.

The information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Francois Truffaut’s French language film “Jules and Jim” will be shown today at 7 and 10 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students.

The men’s tennis team will compete in the Tom Fallon Invitational Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion/Courtney Tennis Center. Matches will take place at various times throughout the weekend.

Kwame Anthony Appiah and Martha Nussbaum provide keynote speeches at the “Cosmopolitanism: Gender, Race, Class and the Quest for Global Justice” conference today at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in McKenna Hall.

Chinese Ink Paintings by Gao Xingjian will be on display this weekend at the Snite Museum of Art as part of the “Between Homeland and Heartland” celebration, spotlighting Xingjian and Julia Alvarez.

Thirteen rare 1950s automobiles designed by Virgil Exner will be on display during a book signing of his biography, Virgil Exner: Visionary by Peter Grist, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

As part of the “Worldview” film series, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show “From a Silk Cocoon,” a Japanese American remembrance story, Saturday at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students.

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

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Immigration film presented
Award-winner shows work; only audience is Observer reporter, photographer

By LINDSAY SENA
News Writer

Award-winning filmmaker Stephanie Black presented her first film on Jamaican immigration, "H-2 worker," a documentary about the migration of Jamaican men to southern Florida sugar cane plantations, at the Hesburgh Center Thursday.

The only two people to attend were an Observer reporter and an Observer photographer. The film, which won the 1990 prize for Best Documentary and Best Cinematography at the Sundance Film Festival, follows the men as they live in poor housing conditions and work at jobs that call for intensive labor.

The film includes interviews with U.S. senators and farmers, and it includes a scene from an American Workers Union meeting, in which a speaker argues that Jamaicans are stealing work from American workers.

Black estimated that, at the time it was filmed, the Jamaican men were supposed to be earning $5.32 per hour, or close to $40 per day.

"But in reality," Black said, "they were only paid $20 a day, which was subject to further deductions by Jamaican law."

One problem Black illustrated is that the United States labor laws are not being enforced on the plantations for the lives of Jamaican workers and explores how many choose to leave their homes and migrate to North America to pursue work.

Black appeared as part of the Kellogg Institute's Lecture and Seminar Series.

She got her start in the documentary industry as a student at New York University's film school. Her most recent film is called "Africa Unite." It documents the celebration of Bob Marley's 60th birthday in Ethiopia.

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ND psychology scholar studies spatial cognition

Special to The Observer

At one time or another, we've all been lost and sought out a relative, friend or gas station attendant for directions. Flat while "Take Cleveland west and turn on Lilac, just before the bank" seems simple enough, there's a lot that goes into that advice.

Laura Carlson, associate professor of psychology at Notre Dame, says spatial cognition -- the way we represent and remember objects and their locations -- is intricately tied to other cognitive processes, like attention, memory and language.

"If you're walking on a path and there's a landmark right in front of you, it's pretty easy to say 'Proceed until you get to the fountain.' But if there's a landmark that would be sort of diagonally to you instead, the person might relate to describe ... So I may forego that landmark altogether because the other one is much easier to express."

One way Carlson, who is assisted in her lab by both graduate and undergraduate students in spatial cognition is by doing experiments in which participants are asked to describe an object's location on a computer screen, in a photo or on a table.

Say the object is a set of keys, and it's placed on a black table with several black objects as well as a red stapler. The idea being that the person you want to describe the stapler stands out much like a notable landmark would. In what Carlson describes as a baseline configuration, the keys are set close to this "landmark," typically leading people to describe their location relative to it, as in "The keys are in front of the stapler."

But what happens when the keys are moved closer to the stapler? "It turns out that participants pick [the black object] overwhelmingly," Carlson says. Further, when the keys are diagonal to both the stapler and another object, the stapler is not selected significantly more from this pattern of data suggests that reference objects are chosen more for their proximity to items of interest than their defining physical characteristics.

Carlson also explores this process through more natural interactions, having one of her students call out "Can you tell me where my keys are?" and seeing how the participant, who thinks the experiment hasn't started, responds. The results have been consistent with the more controlled experimental tasks, even when the experimenter uses the stapler before leaving the room, thereby drawing the participant's attention to it.

"All the claims in the literature are that you pick a landmark that is really easy to find, or it's presumed that the other one is the correct one to know where it is and can find it," Carlson says, making her results somewhat surprising.

The next step is to see if these findings translate to a larger environment. In a related experiment, participants fill out packets in which they give directions from one campus spot to another. They're also asked to put the objects in a set with which they use certain landmarks and how easy various landmarks, such as Notre Dame Stadium, are to imagine visually. Carlson plans to look at how often buildings participants use are landmarks and how easy such landmarks are to visualize, which includes seeing "the prediction would be that they will pick out a path first based on spatial relations," Carlson says, "and the ones that are particularly notable (the easiest to imagine) show up in their directions."

"If you want to generalize from the lab data," Carlson says, "the prediction would be that participants will figure out a path first based on spatial relations and also be able to express, then they will pick out landmarks that fall along the path."

Unfortunately, understanding why people pick specific routes still can't guarantee they'll remember if a road is closed for construction.

New book on feminism published by professor

Special to The Observer

"Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men? A Debate."

By WARREN FARRELL and JAMES P. STERBA

Sterba, professor of philosophy at Notre Dame, was published this month by Oxford University Press.

According to its publisher, the book's co-authors offer "a sharp, lively, and provocative debate on the impact of feminism." Warren Farrell -- an international best-selling author and leader in both the early women's and current men's movements -- praises feminism for opening options for women but criticizes it for demonizing men, distorting data, and undermining the family. In response, James P. Sterba, an acclaimed philosopher and ardent advocate of feminism -- maintains that the feminist movement gives a long-neglected voice to women in a male-dominated world and that recent men are not "oppressed gender in today's America."

Praising the book in an early review, author and scholar Tom Digby wrote that "the relationship between men and feminism has never been described in such an exciting and accessible way, or with such extensive and engaging evidence and debate."

A member of Notre Dame's philosophy faculty since 1973, Sterba also is a fellow of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. He teaches courses in ethics, social and political philosophy, and contemporary moral problems, including war and peace issues. He has published numerous other books including, most recently, "The Triumph of Practice Over Theory in Ethics."
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of forgetting a spontaneous conversation with a local, a breath of fresh air or cultural insight you have gained away from home, all of which involve a certain amount of sharing with others, he said.

Anderson said there are students who travel abroad to explore the idea of blogging. They miss out on inspirations when they don’t document their thoughts and experiences.

Some students said it will probably take a few more years before they feel comfortable posting opinions online. 

Junior Apurva Asleskar, who is from Mumbai, in India, Spain, said he keeps a daily journal of what he discovers online. He sought a safer means of communicating with friends and family.

“The dangers of the non-private nature of a blog are precisely the reason why I prefer sending out a mass e-mail to posting a blog,” Asleskar said. “I don’t include any details that I consider personal within the context of my mass e-mail, but if I were to post even impersonal things on an Internet blog, it might bother me if people I don’t know were reading what I’m going through.”

While Anderson and Asleskar are not bothered by any presumed dangers, both state that the type of information they post online are on their sites, “don’t attach my full name to the blog,” Anderson said. “I don’t want employers to see it.”

Arseniladis said he feels like it is kind of a necessary thing to do, so I don’t spend more than 20 minutes per day updating our site, just to keep it as a hobby.

Anderson said he keeps in mind that blogs are different types of public audiences.

“With all other forms of speech, just be cautious of your content,” he recommended to students considering their own blog. “Don’t think those stories of your personal lives will be adapted and adaptability will get you into trouble. Rather, when posting on the same post of your late-night arrest at that local pub.”

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take an online quiz, which tests students on eight hypothetical situations of academic dishonesty, Jacobs said.

Senior Desiree Zamora, the student co-chair of the Notre Dame Honor Code Committee, gave a presentation to freshmen and parents during orientation this year.

“We emphasized a commitment to academic integrity,” Jacobs said. “Academic integrity is an important value for the University. Our core quest as a University is the pursuit of truth, and so to misrepresent one’s thoughts or ideas or work files in the face of that.”

Assistant Dean of First Year of Studies Kenneth Delfner said becoming a member of the University community is about academic integrity, about learning how to do work well as a University student. “We’re teaching students to be good students.”

“She said the position of First Year of Studies is always to support the student and help them learn as we do in all cases. "We turn first-year students into first-year Honorable students. Part of the process is becoming comfortable with the honor code," Delfner said.

First Year of Studies released a statement that said they “cannot speculate on the numbers” of first-year students who commit honor code violations.

“If in fact the occurrence of honor code violations is higher among first-year and sophomore students, we might attribute to this the overall adjustment that students make from high school to the University," it said.

Becoming an academic citizen of Notre Dame, Delfner said, is a learning process. He said First Year of Studies is “teaching students how to be good students,” and part of that is conveying information about the code.

“It’s not a dishonor code, not a cheating code—it’s the honor code,” he said.

The Code of Honor Committee’s membership is a balance of students and faculty, Jacobs said.

A dialogue about potential honor code violations begins between professor and student, he said. If the situation is deemed in violation of the honor code, two paths are available for resolution.

A committee of faculty and students must become priestly mediators and are made up of faculty and students, Jacobs said. The majority of the committee are students.

The second option is a discussion between professor and student about an appropriate penalty for the violation that conforms to certain principles that are listed on the Honor Code Web site.

“If someone chooses to commit an honor code violation in order to gain advantages, the penalty should leave them worse off than if they hadn’t chosen to cheat at all,” Jacobs said.

If an agreement is established, an honor code violation report is filled out and signed by both parties.

Upon completion, the report is sent to Jacobs’ office, where he reviews the agreement to ensure it is consistent with the honor code and signs it.

By signing the form, the student waives his or her rights to a hearing but has seven days after it is submitted to revoke the agreement, he said. In that case, the matter will be resolved in a hearing.

“We try to establish a process for resolving honor code cases that is fair and equitable,” Jacobs said.

Next week, Jacobs and Zamora will meet with student body vice president Mari Brum to discuss student government’s initiative to reduce the amount of cheating that takes place at the institution.

“I’m a big believer in students stepping forward on this issue,” Jacobs said, “so I hope that Mari and other students can think about ways to have a dialogue around this topic and that in the end we all work together to promote academic integrity.”

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International News

British toddler remains missing
ZANU-MORITZ: The parents of missing British 3-year-old Madeleine McCann had their hopes dashed again Wednesday when a girl resembling their daughter who was photographed in Morocco turned out to be the child of an olive farmer.

Two countries named most corrupt
LONDON — Myanmar and Somalia have been ranked as the most corrupt nations in Transparency International's 2007 index, released Wednesday — adding pressure to the Southeast Asian country's military regime as it faces the biggest anti-government protests in modern history.

Transparency International's 2007 Corruption Perceptions Index ranked 180 countries based on the degree to which corruption is perceived among public officials and politicians.

Myanmar, also known as Burma, and Somalia received the lowest score of 1.4 out of 10.

Denmark, Finland and New Zealand were ranked the least corrupt — each scoring 9.4.

National News

Rape charges filed against Utah man
SALT LAKE CITY — Prosecutors have filed a rape charge Wednesday against the ex-husband whose marriage was at the center of a polygamous-sect leader Warren Jeffs' trial.

The charge against Allen Glade Steed came a day after Jeffs was convicted of rape by accusation.

Steed was 19 and his bride — also his first cousin — was 14 when they were married in 2000. Prosecutors said they had sex with the girl against her will after the arranged marriage.

Steed, now 26, testified at Jeffs' trial that he did not force himself on the girl and said she was an active participant in their sexual encounters.

He said he believed marrying the 14-year-old was right under "God's law."

Trial of Spector ends in mistrial
LOS ANGELES — The murder trial of music producer Phil Spector ended in mistrial Wednesday after the prosecution decided against retrying the enigmatic mogul.

The jury reported for a New Palestine woman who they think was abducted by her estranged husband.

Sporadic tearful outbursts interrupted the woman's three children — all under the age of 4 — were adept when Thomas left the room and were not harmed. Relations are now caring for the children.

Local News

Indiana woman possibly abducted
NEW ALBANY — Police are searching for a New Palestine woman who they think was abducted by her estranged husband.

An arrest warrant was obtained this morning for a 35-year-old woman's husband.

Police say the 35-year-old woman's husband, identified as 35-year-old Robert Bonn, was last seen driving into his silver-colored Chevy Trailblazer this morning. The couple's three children — all under the age of 4 — were adept when Thomas left the home and were not harmed. Relations are now caring for the children.

Community News

Iowa senator will try to reverse plea
Messenger Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Sen. Larry Craig's lawyer is in search of a rare legal prize — a do-over. And getting it won't be easy.

"He's already gotten lots of justice and fairness. A court will view the second trial as a second bite at the apple, but a fourth and fifth bite is highly unlikely." 

Craig won't be attending the hearing, according to Judy Smith, a spokesperson for Craig attorney Billy Martin.

Craig has said hisfoot-tapping, hand gestures and feet going into a bathroom stall were misconstrued by the police officer who arrested him. His attorneys say that he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor because he feared his June 11 arrest would trigger a story by an Idaho newspaper that had been investigating his sexual orientation.

Craig denied that he was gay.
Recycling
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in a single bin. Long said the convenience of single-stream recycling should increase participa-
tion, as well.
"The easier we make recy-
ing, the more people will recy-
cle," Long said.
Long and Amoni stressed the impact individual participation can have on Notre Dame's recy-
cing rate. Student and faculty behavior can overwhelmingly affect the University's recycling statistics, Long said. It is the minimal recycling in many dor-
mitories and offices that requires serious improvement, she said.
"We want people to realize it is easy to be green — very simple changes can help," Amoni said.
Long hopes her generation has been raised to understand the importance of recycling.
"This isn't my cause," she said. "It's humanity's to cause."
Long has teamed up with other environmentally concerned stu-
dents to encourage their peers to recycle.
This year, Notre Dame will participate in Bicyclemania, a nationwide recycling competition for universities. Bicyclemania will last for three months during the spring semester and will be a dorm competition. Notre Dame will compete in a per capita con-
test. Long said and each dorm with the most chal-
 lenges will be the leader in recy-
cling.
"I think education is the key," she said. "There are stu-
dents who are not environmentally commis-
sioned for anything every dorm now."
Students are not the only envi-
ronmental activists on campus. Long said. A host of University employees are working to increase environmental awareness within the Notre Dame community.
This summer, Amoni said, the University hired a student to do an audit of the prevalence and placement of recycling bins in every building on campus.
The student drew up blueprints of every floor of every building and indicated where recycling bins were located. Amoni said this data will help the University assess where more bins are needed.
"In a lot of older buildings," Amoni said, "it can be hard to find a location that is not in the way but still in the midst of everything."
Long said Notre Dame recy-
cling procedures are not well known.
"There is the myth that the Uni-
versity isn't actually recycling what it collects in recycling bins," Long said.
While she encourages stronger efforts to recycle, Long applauds the University's role in helping students with the Michigan State Game day recycling effort.
Long was a student leader in the ini-
tiative that provided recycling bins to tragedy-stricken Hesburgh Library parking lot and encouraged fans to properly recycle.
"All credit has to go to business operations and also Building Services," Long said.
Long and Amoni also said Notre Dame's Food Services does a great deal to incorporate envi-
ronmentally friendly dining hall operations. Food Services has made an effort to purchase and dispose of biodegradable bags to tailgaters in the Hesburgh Library parking lot. In addition, Food Service employees altered energy efficiency training programs, Long said.
bulk purchases, the reduction of packaging materials, and left-
over food donations are all ways Food Services protects the envi-
ronment.
Investigating the value of biodegradable items and the pos-
sibility of composting or pulping food are two measures Food Services wants to gain. Patrick O'Hara, the manager of recycling, said the pick-up and hauling of all recyclables from Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Ball State. O'Hara said the only member of his staff is responsible for the pick-up of campus recy-
clables. One person was also responsible for the pick up of recyclables in 1996 when Notre Dame's recycling program began.
"I believe that O'Hara said as he perused the program has grown, so has the strain on his staff."
"I'm blessed with a great staff," O'Hara said, "but we need help. It is a lot of work for one
person to sort this, empty trucks and get back on campus to do it again."
With the move to single-stream and with other initiatives under-
way that could increase amounts of recycling waste, O'Hara said additional staff might be necessary.
Amoni said the University has had the idea of creating an off-
line office of sustainability for the future, which would lead to a continual expansion of environ-
mental efforts on campus. It is likely that within a year, the University will hire an employee dedicated solely to developing programs to help efforts at Notre Dame, Amoni said.
"Green is not a trend. It is here to stay. It is how we must do business."
Amy Amoni
Project Manager
University Business
Operations director

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Berries does not have tickets, but he plans to purchase them at Purdue or, if he cannot find any tickets, to watch the games with some Purdue friends. As of Wednesday night, Purdue had nearly 300 tickets available, including 235 that were reserved by Notre Dame, according to Purdue's official athletics Web site.

Michelle Perone
sophomore
Music studies major

"I would definitely consider going to an away game, even now."

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WASHINGTON — Congress approved legislation Thursday adding 4 million children to a popular health care program, setting up a veto fight that would goad the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates further.

Dozens of Republicans in the Senate lined up with Democrats a campaign issue for next year's elections.

The bad news was compounded by a report from the National Association of Realtors that sales of existing homes declined for a sixth straight month in August, pushing activity to the lowest point in five years. The Realtors showed a rise in median home prices, but a separate report done by S&P/Case-Shiller said home prices fell 3.9 percent in July in its 20-city index. Economists said that decline was probably a better reflection of where the market stands now.

The New York-based Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index fell to 99.8, an almost 6-point drop from the revised 105.4 in August. The reading was below the 104.5 that analysts had expected.

It marked its lowest level since 98.3 a reading in November 2001, before the attacks of Sept. 11, and oil prices soared after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast.

"Weaker business conditions combined with a less favorable job market continue to cast a cloud over consumers and brighten their sense of uncertainty and concern," said Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center, in a statement. "Looking ahead, little economic improvement is expected, and with the holiday season around the corner, this is not welcome news."

The Present Situation Index, which measures how shoppers feel now about the economy, declined to 121.7 from 130.1 in August. The Expectations Index, which measures shoppers' outlook over the next six months, declined to 85.2 from 89.2.

Economists closely monitor consumer confidence since consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of U.S. economic activity.

The National Association of Realtors reported Thursday that sales of existing single-family homes dropped 4.3 percent in August, compared to July. Sales at a seasonally adjusted annual rate dropped to 5.5 million units, the lowest pace since August 2002.

The S&P/Case-Shiller report, also released Tuesday, showed that the decline in U.S. home prices accelerated nationwide in July, posting the steepest drop in 16 years. The index of 10 U.S. cities fell 4.5 percent in July from a year ago. That was the biggest drop since July 1991.

Company to pay $50 million fine

WASHINGTON — Mortgage finance company Freddie Mac on Thursday agreed to pay $50 million to settle Securities and Exchange Commission charges that it fraudulently misstated earnings over a four-year period.

Four former Freddie Mac executives settled against conduct charges by agreeing to pay a total of $15 million in civil fines and to make restitution totaling $275.348. They are former president and chief operating officer David Glenn, ex-chief financial officer Vaughn Clarke, and former senior vice presidents Robert Dean and Nazar Dossani.

We take these charges seriously, and the decision by Freddie Mac of today is a very different company than the Freddie Mac of the past," said Richard Syron, Freddie Mac's chairman and chief executive officer.

Freddie Mac neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing in the accord but agreed to refrain from future violations of the securities laws.

An accounting scandal erupted at the government-sponsored company in June 2001 when it disclosed that it had misstated earnings by some $5 billion over a five-year period. The SEC and the Federal Housing Board fined Freddie Mac $400 million in 2002 to smooth quarterly volatility in earnings and meet Wall Street expectations.

The company's top executives — Glenn, Clarke and then-chairman and chief executive Leland Brendt — were ousted. The events shocked Wall Street, where Freddie Mac, the nation's second-largest lender and guarantor of home mortgages, long had enjoyed a reputation as a steady performer and reliable corporate player.

McKean, Va.-based Freddie paid a then-record $125 million civil fine in 2003 in a settlement with the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, which blamed management miscoun-
duct for the faulty accounting.

In September 2004, an equally stunning accounting scandal came to light at No. 1 mortgage finance company Fannie Mae. Regulators eventually imposed limits on the two companies, and several mortgage debt killings, which they have been seeking to have lifted as a way to provide cash to the mortgage market in the recent turmoil.

Fannie was fined $400 million in May 2006 in a settlement with the SEC and the Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, which blamed management misconduct for the faulty accounting.

Fannie and Freddie were created by Congress to make mortgages affordable and pump cash into the market by buying blocks of home loans from lenders and funneling them into securities for sale to investors worldwide.
Because he believed Bell had a criminal record, and an adult because he already charged with attempted murder. Walters has said he anticipated the attack.

The charges have been dropped to aggravated second-degree battery in four of the cases. One of the defendants is still in jail. Bell’s lawyer, Carol Powell, said a new hearing is set for Tuesday.

Critics accuse Walters, who is white, of aggravating blacks more harshly than whites. But Louisiana law does not file no charges against three while those suspended from school over allegations they hung nooses in a tree on campus not long before fights between blacks and whites, including the incident in Jena.

An estimated 20,000 to 25,000 protestors marched in Jena last week in a scene that evoked the early years of the civil rights movement.

Walters said the demonstration had no influence on his decision not to press the third-degree battery charges, and ended his news conference, declining to comment on whether God kept the prison that is set for Tuesday.

"The easy way — let me stress this — is the only way that I believe that me or this community has been able to endure the trauma that has been thrust upon us. Through the prayers of the Christian people who have sent them up in this community," Walters said.

"I firmly believe and am confident of the fact that had it not been for the direct intervention of the Lord Jesus Christ last Thursday, a disaster would have happened. You can quote me on that.

The Rev. Donald Sibley, a black Jena pastor, called it a "shame" and a "hoax" that Walters' decision to abandon the teen's case was set for Tuesday. He said he knows Lombardo will likely spend the rest of his life in prison, but "he's had a lot of fans.

"They are on board with what I decided," Walters said at a news conference.

Bell faces juvenile court charges of aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy to commit that crime.

He is one of six black Jena High School students arrested on Aug. 28 in the beating of a white teenager, leading that left Barker unconscious and bloody, though the suspect told a school function later that day that the four defendants were "laughing at" him. The defense made them adults under Louisiana law.

Those four and Bell, who was 16, were all initially charged as suspects. Sibley, who has joined Calabrese, said he strangled victims with a rope, then cut out the throats to make sure they were dead.

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Campuses adopt alert changes

E-mail, Facebook become main communication form after Tech shootings

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — In an age of Al-Qaida-inspired Los Angeles killing and the threat of nuclear terror, the United States is dusting off its Cold War manual to create the nation's most ambitious fallout-shelter plan, featuring an abandoned mine used as fallout shelters.

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After Sept. 11, Homeland Security created a metropolitan protection program that includes nuclear-attack preparedness, but it's better than nothing, Huntsville's project, developed with $70,000 from a Homeland Security grant, goes against the grain because the United States essentially scrapped its national plan for fallout shelters after the collapse of the Soviet Union, Congress cut off funding and the government published its last list of approved shelters at the end of 1992.

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Bookstore’s gouging must stop

Everybody knows that the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore is expensive. It’s almost not worth complaining about. Customers know it’s something they have to tolerate, and, for the most part, they do. People don’t expect competitive prices at the Bookstore. If customers really want that “Play Like a Champion Today” sign, there’s only one place they can get it, and it’s understood that the price won’t be reasonable.

What’s not understood is the recent spike in course packet prices. Last year, a theology packet was $30. This year, it was $93 — up 210 percent. People might tolerate paying 210 percent more for Notre Dame-branded apparel, but not for photocopies.

Still, the Bookstore knows it’s the only supplier, and it shows no sense of obligation to adjust its (undisclosed) markup — like the markup it applies to other course materials. Instead, it cites increased copyright and production fees as primarily responsible for the new prices.

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Viewpoint

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Nobody realizes that some people expend tremendous energy merely to be normal.”

—Albert Camus

French existentialist
Tragically, the number of American troops killed overseas surpassed the 3,800 mark this week while we at home sat fat as marshmallows. For nearly six years now, we remain shrouded by fear-mongering and removed from the reality of combat. Americans cower in trepidation of an attack on our homefront, but fallow without so much as sacrificing a gallon of gasoline to aid the war effort. Even our once-celebrated and renamed "Freedom fries" at congressional cafeterias have reverted back to the French. Within our world of not knowing the details thrives the shortcomings of our current war operations. We are at one point, Jane Fonda bought more armor for our troops than the Pentagon. This week, the war's cost surprisingly jumped by an additional $42 billion without warning. We are oblivious to the security actions of our government done in the name of us. It is time to involve every citizen and to ask for sacrifice. This week marks the 38th time the number of our dead surpasses another increment of one hundred. That milestone really marks another hundred parts of America lost, another hundred lost fragments of what we know as American life but now have lost forever. Those hundred have given the ultimate while we ate potato chips, drank beer and watched professional sporting events. Nearly five years ago when our troops invaded Iraq and Republicans claimed all branches of government, Americans were not asked to partner with the troops. We could have changed our flat, lazy lives by reducing our oil consumption through less driving and smaller vehicles. We should have been asked to buy victory bonds to pay for this war. It was the ideal time to enact an energy policy that removed our oil dependency. We have lived peacefully behind the steering wheels of such large, wasteful and unnecessary super-sized "look-at-me" luxury SUVs like Escalades, Navigators and Avalanches. Ironically, most principal owners of companies awarded military contracts, both large and small personally own, rent or share at least one luxury SUV within their families. Instead of collecting revenue and involving the public, our free-market governmental leaders turned to entrepreneurs who grew rich selling "support the troops" ribbon magnets still displayed on so many vehicles. Someday we will fund this trillion-dollar war through war bonds. Ronald Reagan called "revenue enhancements." Until then, we look back on what Americans have actually funded thus far—a silly vehicle magnet. Our lessons learned should be rooted in an appreciation of past wars. The debut this week of "The War," a PBS documentary by Ken Burns, dramatically underscores the tragic and sacrifice Americans endured throughout World War II. It reminds us of the hundreds of thousands of sons, brothers and fathers who were asked to gamble their lives for victory and who consequently were slaughtered in foreign lands. The documentary offers us guidelines on how to really support our troops. Americans dedicated themselves to the World War II effort when automobile producers produced hundreds of planes a day. Yet, today we wait for the production of only 1,200 of 9,000 new "M"-wrap armored vehicles while American blood is being shed at a rate of nearly 100 per month. Everyday life in World War II included "victory" goals such as cultivating victory gardens, constructing victory bins to fight waste and even collecting two billion pounds of wasted kitchen fat with enough glycerin for 10 billion rapid fire cannon shells. A skillet of bacon grease was known as a little munitions factory. Perhaps we need such reminders of "victory" today or vivid images of dead and wounded American soldiers televised each evening to snap us awake. Once we were awakened in a personal attack on a September day. But now, most of us remain in an arm chair. Rather than each of us representing a unit of freedom, of personally changing our lives to better our nation, we let "them" do it for us in our uniquely spoiled way. The "them" has just suffered their 3,806th death. The challenge now goes out to the fat, the lazy, the loud and the certain—give your best to America by sacrificing for the war. Burns ends his segments with an inspiring song that each of us should strive to make our own theme: "America, America, I gave my best to you. America, America, I gave my best to you." Gary Caruso, Notre Dame '73, is a communications strategist who served as a legislative and public affairs director in President Clinton's administration. His column appears every other Friday. He can be contacted at hottline@aol.com. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Sometime it is disappointing to spend my money on and review for all I've already seen every one of the movies I want to see. I discern what movies I want to see. Time is sitting in front of my computer, one of my favorite ways of wasting entertainment. I admit with pride that their movies to lure audiences into the theater, and I can make sure everyone with me is paying attention to the movie stars. So, despite the fact that I would not see, but then let you know it will only be a limited release (in other words, it will not come to South Bend. There are movies I still have not managed to catch.)

The rest of the time, they take you on a whirlwind tour of everything that everyone should comment on global war. Of course, no video game can encompass all the inclusive experience that is college football, but NCAA comes pretty close. Pretty much the only things missing from the current game are the fans doing student cheers and the band's halftime show, although you can put on a show of your own with all the new high-octane hijinks available at your disposal. For rookie gamers and seasoned veterans alike, NCAA '08fixes to impress.

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Movie trailers. They’re like the mini candy bars you steal out of jars and eat too many of at Halloween—delicious and bite sized. They let you know what’s coming up on the movie world. Take a peek at the film adaptation of your favorite book, watching a few seconds of your favorite actor or actress, and keep you up to date on the preferred political sentiments of the moment, all without taking more than a few minutes of your time. What more can a busy college student who wants to do nothing more than procrastinate ask for?

Studies manufacture the trailers for their movies to lure audiences into seeing the advertised film, and as such they can often stand alone as entertainment. I admit with pride that one of my favorite ways of wasting time is sitting in front of my computer, watching the diverse lists of trailers off of Yahoo! or Apple. Time flies away as I discern what movies I want to spend my money on and review for all my favorite Observer readers. Sometimes it is disappointing to realize I’ve already seen every one of the trailers in the previews before the movie I’ve gone to see, but I cannot resist. Besides, there is something to be said for the excitement of seeing it in the theater, and I can make sure everyone with me is paying attention to the movie stars. So, despite the fact that I would not see, but then let you know it will only be a limited release (in other words, it will not come to South Bend. There are movies I still have not managed to catch.)

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By MARK WITTE
Scene Writer

If we had Viggo Mortensen on the line for pocket protection, Jim my Clausen would never get sacked.

In Eastern Promises, director David Cronenberg ("A History of Violence," "The Fly") reunites with Mortensen to draw us into the violent world of under­ground London crime, where throats are slit, people disappear and a bench­man mysteriously helps a damsel in dis­trress.

When Anna Khitrova (Naomi Watts) stumbles upon the diary of a dying prostitute while delivering the girl’s daughter, she enters a world of trouble. Attached to the child for personal reasons, Anna becomes intent on discovering more about the history of the baby’s mother. She tries to have the diary translated, ending up on the history of the baby’s mother. And, the dead prostitute’s baby suddenly disappears.

Cronenberg only lets us get so close. To take us any further might be to grapple too much in the dark.

Cronenberg’s latest work is not an action movie, but the film is not short on violence. There are no shootouts, but Cronenberg’s uncanny ability to make his violence brutally realistic causes the few short scenes of killing we do witness to be more disturbing than many recent World War II epics. There is one partic­ular scene in which Niko­lai fights his way out of a sauna, that is so viciously startling, audiences’ redness may never recover.

While the plot seems to resolve itself a bit too easily, the acting per­formances are a treat.

The transformation Mortensen makes for his role is so convincing that it may take you twenty or thirty minutes to realize that it is actually him you are seeing on the screen. The true delight he brings to his ruthless­ly stupid son, Kiriłl (Vincent Cassel). Kiriłl is not only playing human being, and he does an excellent job of complicating the plot by whacking a family associate Sooky (Aleksi­ndar Mite). Luckily for him, he has Nikolai (Viggo Mortensen) as his driver and bodyguard.

Nikolai is undoubtedly one of the most mysterious, badass characters you may ever see on the big screen. He becomes acquain­tied with Anna and helps her throughout the film, but it becomes dif­ficult to tell whether he is helping her for her benefit or manipulat­ing her other reasons because he keeps such a mysterious cool. At one point Anna asks him how he can do what he does. His causal response: “I’m just a driver.”

The film climaxes when Sooky’s family comes to town looking for retribution, Semony starts making demands of Anna, and the dead prostitute’s baby slowly disappears.

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Eastern Promises

Directed by: David Cronenberg
Starring: Viggo Mortensen, Naomi Watts, Vincent Cassel

We have until midnight October 15.

Less than three weeks, AT&T is putting on a contest —

The World’s Loudest Pep Rally. The college that sends the most invites in relation to its population will have the Dave Matthews Band come to campus. For right now, Notre Dame is at No. 6. Which means if we are to get Dave to play here, we need to maxi­mize fast. The best way?
The follow­ing two-step process:

First step: Join the Facebook group "Bring Dave Matthews Band to Notre Dame!" It changes the invite process, helps you if you run into problems and makes you look a little cooler on the social networking site.

Second step: Invite Dave. You need to follow the link provided by the Facebook group to blue­room.com and register. You will then have to give your e-mail address and phone number. Do not be afraid. AT&T will not send you any­thing unless you go through the trouble of actually checking some boxes to ask for information to be sent to you. Very simple.

But the simplest way in the invite process is to send text messages. AT&T is currently offering invites up to 50 times per day, a fact of which Notre Dame needs to take full advantage. It may seem somewhat excessive, but it means being able to tell your kids that you saw Dave Matthews Band in concert at Notre Dame, wouldn’t you be grateful for the opportunity? To send a text message, simply text "DMB" to 959.

The four other methods involve a little more work but give the added bonus of being entered concurrently taking part in their own awards. These contests are for individuals rather than schools, and each competition sup­plies a winner with a trip for two, hotel accommodations and two VIP tickets to the concert. So even if Notre Dame does not win the over­all competition, by no means is seeing Dave in concert out of reach for a talented student.

These individual competitions are photo, movie, essay, and audio invites. Each entry will be judged on creativity (40 percent), humor and entertainment value (30 per­cent), and quality of delivery (30 percent). Submitting photos is an easy and fun way to enter, but choosing another medium might mean less competition and a higher chance of winning the individual competition.

Whatever the ideal means of invitation, the fact remains that Notre Dame is still farther down the list than preferred and we would not want to lose to Baylor, the U.S. Air Force Academy or the University of Tulsa who currently top the list.

So here’s the game plan: One, join the Facebook group; two, register; three, text "DMB" to 959 as many times as you can. Let’s bring Dave Matthews to campus.

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PHILLIES top BRES, tie Mets for 1st in NL East

Associated Press

The Philadelphia Phillies are in the driver's seat.

Philadelphia 3, New York Mets 2

The Phillies held off a late rally by the Mets to win Friday night and clinch the NL East for the first time in six years.

Three games left: The Phillies hope Washington, which is coming off a three-game sweep at St. Louis, will lose to make it a first-place tie among the three NL East teams. The Mets host the Giants on Saturday and Sunday.

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Women's Interhall

Welsh Family down the defense champions, Lyons rolls

By ERIC PRISTER and MEGHAN McMAGOHN Sports Writers

Welsh Family 6, Pasquerella West 0

Two seemingly unstoppable offenses were overshadowed by two stifling defenses as Welsh Family defeated Pasquerella West 6-0.

The Whirlwinds, who had scored four touchdowns in each of their first three games, were held to only two first downs by an aggressive Purple Weasel defense.

Welsh Family's defense enjoyed success of its own, recording five interceptions, including two by senior Angela McKenzie, and held Pasquerella West scoreless.

"Our defense really stepped up and played a great game," Welsh senior and quarterback John Smoltz said. "We picked up five interceptions — that was the game plan."

The Whirlwinds scored the only points of the game during their first drive of the second half. Junior quarterback Jarrick Gargula completed a fourth-down pass to put Welsh Family in the red zone. Gargula capped off the drive with a touchdown pass to senior captain Kelly Bushelle, who made a fingertip grab in the back corner of the end zone.

Pasquerella West threatened on its next drive, but Welsh's defense stepped up again, sacking freshmen quarterback Greece Orans three times and forcing a turnover.

Weasels offensive coordinator Justin Betz isn't worried about the offense, though. "We just didn't execute when we had to," Betz admitted. "We're still going to win the championship." The Whirlwinds have championship aspirations.

"We plan to go undeated and go to the Stadium," Carlson said.

Lyons 27, Breen-Phillips 0

The Lyons' defense was finally at the division's top level.

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**MIAA Women's Volleyball Standings**

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Adrian | 5-1 | 8-6
Hope | 5-6 | 18-5
Tri-State | 4-2 | 6-8
Saint Mary's | 3-4 | 6-8
Albion | 2-4 | 5-10
Kalamazoo | 1-5 | 5-9
Alma | 1-6 | 5-14
Dolivet | 1-6 | 3-13

**New York Knicks president and coach Isiah Thomas leaves Manhattan federal court during the second week of his sexual harassment trial on Sept. 18 in New York.**

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**American League East**

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**Umpires refuse to oppose Winter's suspension**

**NEW YORK** — The owner of the New York Knicks dismissed a top female executive solely in retaliation for accusing head coach Isiah Thomas of boorish behavior and to scare other unhappy employees, a lawyer said Thursday in closing arguments at the sexual harassment trial.

Madison Square Garden "completely fabricated its reasons for firing" Anucha Browne Sanders, the plaintiff in the $10 million lawsuit, said her attorney, Anne Vladcek. In their closing arguments, defense lawyers argued Brownie Sanders was doomed by her own failure to adapt to an organizational shake up that began with Thomas' hiring in 2004.

Vladeck argued the firing was meant "to impose fear in every Garden employee who may want to complain, particularly about a star" and send the message, "You will be attacked on every level: your integrity, character, honesty and competence."

At the trial in Manhattan federal court, Brownie Sanders leveled accusations — denied by Thomas — that he routinely addressed her as "bitch" and "ho" during private meetings. Such conduct "may be OK at the Garden, but it's not OK under the law," Vladeck said.

MSG and its chief executive, James Dolan, should be forced to pay punitive damages because money "is the language the defendants understand," the lawyer told a jury of five women and three men. Earlier Thursday, MSG attorney Ronald Green claimed a series of clashes with Thomas and star guard Stephon Marbury, poor job performance and personal financial woes put her in a precarious position that prompted her to make false claims.

"That's not about sexual harassment," he said. "That's about team politics."
Weasels
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their opposition off balance, but for the most part, they are sticking to what they do best.
On defense, the Weasels will be looking to sophomore linebacker Cynthia Corley and senior linebacker Line
man Steve Town to stop the Pangborn attack.

The defending champions have high expecta-
tions for the rest of the season.
"I think we are going to win it all again," Tate said. "We have been as good if not better than we were in the last two years. We have really good chances."

Pangborn is hoping to play the spoiler, as they enter the game with momentum on their side. The Phoens are coming off a 1-6 win over Lyons. The team has a 2-1 record, with its one loss coming to Welsh Family.

Sophomore quarterback Gabby Tate hopes to carry over her performance against Lyons last week. Tate and sophomore cap-
tain Tiffany Stupish connected for two touchdowns on the day, and hope to find the same holes in the Weasels defense.

Pangborn's defense has also stepped up as of late. The Phoens hope that their shutout of Lyons is a sign of good things to come the rest of the season.

Farley vs. Howard
In a matchup between two potential title contenders, the Howard Dorks face Farley's Finest on Sunday at 3 p.m. in a fight for second place in the Blue
League.

Both teams are coming off strong showings, and both feel that they can be highly competi-
tive in the upcoming game. Not only is Farley going to have to deal with a rejuvenated defense, but they will also have to face off against a highly potent offense.

The Farley defense has proved to be up to the challenge of this task. The Finest have yet to allow a touchdown this season.

Passerella East vs. Cavanaugh
Passerella East and Cavanaugh look to get their sea-
sons on track after slow starts against each other Sunday after-
noon.

The Pyros come into the game at 0-1-2, but P.E. senior captain Megan Becker is hoping that star players — co-captain and senior wide receiver Caroline Nally and sophomore wide receiver Tara Pillai — will continue to con-
tribute to the PY offense.

"Our defense is pretty strong and our offense is improving," Becker said. "We just need more consistency. It's been one or two plays in every game that have really hurt us."

Becker said the team is looking to eliminate those mistakes and come out with a win over Cavanaugh.

The Chaus (1-2) hope to contin-
u e their winning ways after beat-
ing McGlinchey to pick up their first victory of the season in their last game.

"This season has been rough so far," senior captain Tahra Brown said. "But we're coming off a win last week and things are coming together for us in practice."

Brown is confident in her team as they head into the game this weekend.

"Our defense is solid as always and our offense is making progress on picking up our momentum on offense," she said.

Lyons vs. Welsh Family
Playoff contender Lyons will take on the undefeated Welsh Family Whirrwind Sundays at 1-0-3.

After a devastating setback at the hands of Pangborn last Sunday, Lyons rebounded but were defeated by seven points in their first two games.

"We want to build upon all the good things we have been doing in the past weeks. We expect to keep improving and to keep focusing on our goals," senior captain Kelly Bushelle said.

This mentality seems to have been taken to heart by her team, as they have not shown any signs of weakness this season.

"I think that the strength of our team is how well we work together," Bushelle said.

"We have the potential to make plenty of big plays on offense, but they have played inconsistently. Dropped passes have often stymied good drives, but Meagher said he still put some points on the board by "getting lucky."

"It will be a tight match because Lewis has a lot of talent," Meagher said. "I think we will pull out the win."

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SPORTS
Friday, September 28, 2007

Mets squander NL East lead in loss to Cardinals

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Top Schumaker's RBI single gave St. Louis a 1-0 lead in the first inning, and the Cardinals pushed across five runs in the third in a double by Albert Pujols and a sin-
gle by Ryan Ludwick.

Marlins shortstop Hanley Ramirez (3-1) allowed seven hits and three runs in six innings.

"There's two choices: Roll over and start making plans for the off-season, or battle like hell and win this thing," David Wright said.

Mets first baseman Carlos Delgado walks back to the dugout after striking out in the seventh inning of New York's 3-0 loss to St. Louis Thursday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Mets fell to the New York Yankees on Sunday, 3-0, in their final game of the regular season. In a 3-0 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday night that dropped them to 3-6 in their last nine games, the Mets failed to hold on despite their victory over Philadelphia in the division.

"We're tied now, so now we've got three games to get it done," manager Willie Randolph said. "That's what this season's all about, it's just that the time we've got to fight through this." Not even Pedro Martinez could save New York, which had led the division alone every day since May 30, quickly tried to lift the players' spirits after the game, delivering what he called a positive message during a brief team meeting.

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ND VOLLEYBALL
Stasiuk breaks records despite new position

Tie injury forces captain to play libero

Senior outside hitter and libero Adrianna Stasiuk goes for a block during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Bowling Green Aug. 26, 2006.

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

As the Irish went 1-1 last weekend, senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk continued to break Notre Dame records despite an injury that prevented her from starting in her normal outside hitter position.

"Every team in the Big East is improving a lot," said Debbie Brown, Irish coach.

"We weren't as consistent as we needed to be, and we kept getting leads but failed to close out close games."
SMC Cross Country

Belles head to non-conference meet

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

A fourth-place finish at last Saturday's MIAA Jamboree may have put Saint Mary's in position to accomplish its goal of making this season the best in school history, but what it didn't do was give the Belles a week off.

Not that they were counting on one.

"It was right back to business this week," coach Jackie Bauters said. "I don't feel like the season is over. We have to take it each meet and believe we're able, but we take each meet seriously." Bauters said. "Every weekend we can learn how each girl can race to her potential, as we work toward getting better, we'll start putting all the pieces together."

There's no doubt that the pivotal piece of the puzzle is senior captain Megan Gray. The all-conference returnee led the Belles again last weekend by taking sixth overall. What will make or break the Belles' season, though, is the progression of a young supporting cast.

Bauters said freshman Caitie Salyer, who is still recovering from a case of mononucleosis this summer, has begun to assert herself. She was named captain of the Belles "warrior of the season" award.

"It was a waste of a plane trip," Bauters said. "She didn't make the playoffs."

"Believe it or not, as bad as this was, we're still confident in ourselves." Bauters said. "We're still in the driver's seat," manager Lou Pinella said. "We've just got to start winning some games."

"Our supporting cast number for the Belles led the division to fall to two. They closed the regular season with a three-game series at Cincinnati beginning Friday, with Carlos Zumbruno starting for Chicago.

"We've got the right guy on the mound," Chicago coach Ryan Dempster said. "They're pairing up and down. We would be in the same boat if the situation were reversed."

Chicago remained two games ahead of second-place Milwaukee, which lost 9-5 to San Diego.

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Against Florida, not so much. Chicago lost to Florida for the 10th straight game over the past two seasons -- the longest active streak between major league teams.

"Since we have our number," Chicago first baseman Derrek Lee said. "They came out and flat-out beat us. We didn't envision a sweep."
Triangular tourney on tap for St. Mary's

Saint Mary's huddles during its 3-0 win over Albion on Sept. 11. The Belles faced Bethel and Tri-State Saturday.

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will host a triangular tournament Saturday with Bethel College and conference rival Tri-State.

After getting swept by Calvin on Tuesday, the Belles have been working hard before taking on both the Pilots and the Thunder.

In order to compete against the two squads, then Belles will need to put the Calvin match in the past, Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said.

"From this point forward, our focus has got to be that [this] next match ... is our most important match and play like we mean it — with intensity. No looking forward and no looking back," Schroeder-Biek said.

The Tri-State match will be a little more important to the Belles, since the Thunder are conference competitors and the Pilots are not.

"Tri-State is the only conference opponent that we haven't seen yet this year," Schroeder-Biek said. "We have to do a good job against both of these teams. We will be making adjustments in parts of our defense. Primarily quickening it up and working on our players confidently and aggressively playing their positions."

Schroeder-Biek said she has been studying the competition, which are typically strong teams.

"Tri-State is traditionally very strong defensively," Schroeder-Biek said. "And this year, I expect Tri-State's offense to be more powerful. One of their previously injured attackers is back on the roster and they added a strong junior college transfer. It should be a good match."

Bethel is also a dominant team, and the Belles will not take the non-conference match lightly, Schroeder-Biek said.

"The Belles start the meet against the Thunder at 11 a.m."

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Runners take to home turf
Irish to face top-notch competition in Notre Dame Invitational

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

In Notre Dame's first two meets, both the men and women placed first in team competition.

After one weekend off, the Irish squads will look to continue their success at the Notre Dame Invitational Friday.

At the National Catholic Championship on Sept. 14, the newcomers stole the show. Freshman Marissa Trecce captured the women's title, while freshman Dan Jackson led the Irish with a second-place overall finish. The Irish will need another strong all-around performance and finish to protect their home turf.

The Notre Dame Invitational will feature the women's and six men's teams currently ranked in the USTFCCCA Div. I poll, including the Irish men (No. 13) and women (No. 27). Other nationally-ranked men's and women's teams include Michigan (No. 26/men/No. 2 women), Providence (No. 11/No. 9), Florida State (No. 24/men/No. 14), and North Carolina State (No. 10/No. 15).

Other ranked teams include Butler (No. 7), Baylor (No. 22), and Boston College (No. 26) on the women's side, and Brigham Young University (No. 11) on the men's side.

Friday's Invitational will be the first time this season that the Irish have faced a ranked opponent. The time off, however, should prepare the squads for the challenges they will face.

The Notre Dame Invitational was first held in 1956, and since then, the Irish men have won it 15 times, with their last title coming in 2003. The women's squad began competing in 1957, and since then they have won six times, with their last victory coming in 2003.

The Invitational is split into all-male Division I and a Gold Division. The Irish and most of the top-tier competition will compete in the Blue Division. The Gold Division includes schools from Div. I, II, and III.

North Carolina State won the men's Blue Division last year, and Michigan took first on the women's side. Both teams will be back this year to defend their titles.

The men's teams will race five miles, while the women's will race five kilometers.

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MLB

Yankees still in hunt for AL East

Reliever Chamberlain pitches in consecutive games for first time

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — A day after clinching a playoff berth, the Yankees turned to reliever Joba Chamberlain for a key ninth inning.

The 22-year-old right-hander pitched on consecutive days for the first time this season that the Yankee have won six times, with their last title coming in 2003. The women's squad began competing in 1957, and since then they have won six times, with their last victory coming in 2003.

Yankees still in hunt for AL East

Yankees in early August and has pitched on consecutive days for a first time.

Chamberlain struck out eight in 3 1/3 innings before opening the playoffs, likely at Cleveland.

"There's a mathematical chance," center fielder Johnny Damon said of the division race. "There's stuff we can't control. All we can control is what we do. We just need to try and finish up the best we can."

Hughes (5-3) walked two and struck out five. He yielded Carlos Pena's 44th homer in the fourth, as well as singles to Delmon Young, Josh Wilson and Akinori Iwamura. Tampa Bay won a good performance by Scott Kazmir, who allowed five runs, six hits, two walks and a walk and five strikeouts.

Yankees still in hunt for AL East

Kazmir limited the Yankees to Brownson Sardinha's third-inning, infield single — the rookie's first major league hit — until another rookie, Alberto Gonzalez, lined a single to left field with one out in the sixth. Johnny Damon followed with a RBI double that made it 1-1. Damon went 10-for-41 in the series and raised his average to .269 — his highest average since May.

"I tried to get the strikeouts out of my head," Damon said. "I just wanted to go out and attack the strike zone and get as deep as I could into the ball game. With the fans behind you like they were, it just makes it all the more special."
N D W O M E N ' S G O L F

Golfers seek third consecutive victory

By LORENZO REYES Sports Writer

Notre Dame's fall campaign couldn't have gotten off to a better start.

The Irish received the distinction of Golfweek magazine's women's team of the week to add onto its impressive back-to-back season-opening victories at the Cougar Classic and Napa River Grill Cardinal Cup.

The Irish will try to stay perfect at Michigan's Wolverine Invitational in Ann Arbor this weekend.

If Notre Dame can come out with their third straight victory, it will be the first time in program history the team has started a season three-for-three.

The unit's early success has only made them more confident, but they are still focused on the prize.

"We feel good about getting their focus back," coach Susan Holt said. "They know where they need to be. I told them in our team meeting that the key to another win is to stay in the present and have a good week's practice and I think we were able to do that."

Shooting from the second spot will be freshman Su-Hyeon Park, who won her second collegiate tournament at Napa River with a three-under-par 213 (70-71-72). In her first event, Park finished second in the field, behind only Maunu.

Sophomore Annie Brophy will play from the No. 3 hole after her 226 (77-73-76) helped her place No. 21 at the Cardinal Cup. Fellow sophomore Kristin Wetzel will shoot fourth and will try to continue her consistent play after she tied for 13th at the Cardinal Cup.

Rounding out the group will be freshman Katie Conway, who finished strong at the Cardinal Cup, shooting a one-over-par 73. After a final round sweep of one-under 72, she ended the tournament in a tie for 21st alongside Brophy.

For the Irish to continue their success, they must work on one of their weaknesses, Holt said.

"Their course management needs some work," Holt said. "We came into the final round of the Cardinal Cup with an eight-stroke lead, but we sometimes tend to be overly aggressive and let the competition catch up. We need to keep it simple, and hit fairways."

The Irish are looking to back up their previous performances with a solid campaign as they head to the Wolverine Invitational.

"Success breeds confidence," Holt said. "We're all playing well, and we're being consistent. Our team is really feeding off it. They're just excited to go over there and play some golf."

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Irish senior captain Sheevah Parbhj leads young squad in home debut

By KATE GRABAREK Sports Writer

After a 22-1 showing in last year's Tom Fallon Invitational, a new-look Irish will have to work hard to duplicate those results this weekend at the Eck Tennis Center.

Coach Bobby Bayliss will fill the holes in the lineup left by three impact seniors with a group of freshman standouts.

"We're not sure who's going to fill what spots in both singles and doubles," Bayliss said. "We still need to find out what the team chemistry will be, and learn how to work with the new faces. We need to find this year's team identity."

But freshmen players can pose a dilemma for coaches.

"The good news is we have five freshmen who have a lot of enthusiasm and a want to work," Bayliss said. "The bad news is that, we have five freshman who are still learning, and we're learning about them."

The doubles lineup is a work in progress, and Bayliss said the players need to step up for the Irish to have a good season.

"There is a large lack of experience in our doubles lineup, especially with poaching and movement," Bayliss said.

But the Irish do have some experienced players returning to this year's squad. All-America senior captain Sheevah Parbhj leads this year's squad and should help the younger players adjust.

Bayliss said junior Brett Hegelson has the potential to be an All-American this year.

"I have essentially two No. 1 players in these two," Bayliss said. "They played two and three singles last year, and did extremely well."

In the Olympic Fields Invitational, which opened the season for the Irish two weeks ago, senior Andrew Roth rolled his ankle and is not expected to be in the lineup this weekend.

"We're waiting on results from the orthopedic doctor, to let us know if he needs an MRI or what kind of treatment," Bayliss said.

Even with the inexperienced team, Bayliss did not ease up on the schedule for the season.

"I am a firm believer in having a stronger schedule, and testing yourself," Bayliss said. "We want to embrace the challenges. We will face with the tougher teams. We will get a lot of answers this weekend about what our team will look like for the rest of the season."

Illinois and Ohio State will be among Notre Dame's top competition this weekend. Illinois was an NCAA finalist last season.

Following the Invitational, the Irish will travel to the ITA All-American Championships beginning on Oct. 4 in Oklahoma.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish resume individual play

Junior Kelcy Tefft returns a shot in Notre Dame's match against Wake Forest on Feb. 18, 2007. Three Irish players won their flights in the Saint Mary's Invitational Sept. 16 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Irish features players from Michigan, Marquette, Western Michigan and Purdue.

Eight Notre Dame players will compete in singles, doubles or both.

In the maize singles draw, Notre Dame has three seeded players — No. 1 sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu, No. 3 sophomore Colleen Bieleski and No. 4 junior Keiley Tefft. Ciobanu had an impressive debut season, compiling a 36-5 overall record.

In the blue draw, the Irish have two more seeded players — No. 1 Kali Krisik and No. 2 Katie Potts.

Two Notre Dame doubles teams are also seeded. Tefft and Krisik are No. 1, while Reilly and Kristen Rafael are No. 3. Rafael will also compete in the maize singles draw.

Denise Ellison and Bailey Louderback are also entered in the tournament — Ellison is in the blue singles draw and the two will play together in the doubles draw.

No team score will be kept, but individual champions will be crowned in each draw.

Play begins today at 10 a.m.

Warren Course hosts 2nd Gridiron Classic

Team finished 2nd to Lamar last season

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

After a two-week break, the Irish will be back in tournament competition Sunday at the second Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic.

Notre Dame will play host to a 12-team field for the tournament, played Sunday through Tuesday at Warren Golf Course. Among the top teams competing will be No. 16 Lamar, Michigan State, GeorgeTown, Arkansas and Virginia.

Notre Dame finished second in the inaugural Gridiron Classic last year, 29 shots behind Lamar, which never trailed in the event. The Irish held off Florida State, and Vanderbilt in the final round in cool and windy conditions to take second in their first home tournament since 2004.

Graduated senior Cole Ishan led the Irish, but several returning Notre Dame players had success in the inaugural event. Junior Josh Sandman placed eleventh with a 12-under-par 222. He was tied by sophomore Carlos Santos-Ocampo, who aced the fourth hole with an 8-iron.

After a practice round Saturday, the tournament will consist of three rounds played on the par-70, 7,020-yard course designed by Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore and recently named one of the top-15 college courses in the nation by Golf Digest.

Notre Dame kicked off its season with two tournaments Sept. 15-16. Despite a tough final round, the Irish placed fourth of 12 teams at the Gopher Invitational — finishing behind Lamar, Arkansas, and Wisconsin. Senior Greg Rodgers led the team individually with a seventh-place finish, one shot ahead of sophomore teammate Doug Fortner.

Freshman Connor Alan-Lee had an impressive performance in his collegiate debut, finishing No. 26. Sandman, an all-Big East selection last season, got off to a rocky start, shooting 18-over to tie for 39th. Senior Eddie Peckels rounded out the Irish team in a tie for No. 37.

While half the Irish team scored off in Minnesota, the rest was competing at the Rutgers Invitational in New Jersey. The Irish team of freshmen and sophomores turned in a strong performance, finishing second out of 18 teams with a team score of 18-over.

With eight underclassmen on the team this year, the Irish will depend on significant contributions from the younger classes. Freshman Dustin Zhang and Jeff Chen led the squad at Rutgers, tying for eighth individually at six-over.

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In Cincinnati's two seasons in the Big East, Notre Dame is winless against the Pirates, scored the game-winner against the Hoyas and was named the Big East's offensive player of the week.

"In this league, every team has good players," Irish coach Bobby Clausen said. "We have to concern ourselves with what we're doing and sorting out our own games."

The Irish seem to have done that pretty well the last few weeks.

Notre Dame (5-1-2) has rolled off three straight shutouts. Senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill enters this weekend's outing with a 0.93 goals-against average.

And Clausen knows the Bearcats have a defense that has been very difficult to break.
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**Yesterday:** Jumbles: RAVEN QUASH BUBBLE UNRULY Answer: What a Londoner uses for a "高峰期" - A "QUEUE".

**Horoscope**

Friday's with Fran Tolan

**Aries:** If you feel like falling, don't worry ... you're probably drunk. (5 stars)

**Taurus:** If your name is Brittany, you will be engaged to a man [Steve] within the next two months. (2 stars)

**Gemini:** You will realize KIA stands for "Kosher is awesome." (3 stars)

**Cancer:** The jester will find you. It won't be pleasant. (1 star)

**Leo:** Stay out of the lion's den. (3 stars)

**Virgo:** Yes, criticize O.J. ... like he's not livin' the life. (2 stars)

**Libra:** Like Nordberg, you will ruin your suit with paint. (2 stars)

**Scorpio:** You will have an epiphany and realize that your child should be named Buster. (4 stars)

**Sagittarius:** You will venture into the burgeoning bungles of Burma. (3 stars)

**Capricorn:** You will notice that you love ties/draws/even matches. (5 stars)

**Aquarius:** So, you've been getting three stars lately? Too bad drunk kids, not the cosmos, write these horoscopes. (1 star)

**Pisces:** It's going to get better. (2 stars)

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**FOOTBALL**

**Learning to lose**

Clausen says he is adjusting to college game

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

One of Notre Dame's strengths in Charlie Weis' first two seasons has been their defense. The team has a strong unit capable of shutting down any offense. While the defense is on top of their game, the offense is struggling.

"We are focusing on keeping everything clean and crisp," Knott said. "We need to work on getting the ball into the hands of the right people and keep our offense running smoothly."}

**MEN'S INTERHALL**

**High-flying Zahm faces winless Juggerknots**

By ANDY RENNER, EUGENIA ALONZO, SAM WERNER, ANDY ZICARELLI, GRIFFIN DASSATTI and MATT GAMBER
Sports Writers

Zahm and Knott face off Sunday at 2 p.m. in a 123-yard yard game. The two teams have met twice before, with Zahm winning both games.

"We're looking forward to this game," Knott said. "Zahm is a strong team, but we're confident we can come out on top."

**WOMEN'S INTERHALL**

**Phoxes face defending champ Purple Weasels**

Opportunity knocks after PW drops first game

By JARED JEDICK, PETER REISENAUR, MIKE GOTIMER, GRIFFIN DASSATTI and MEGHAN McMACHON
Sports Writers

The Purple Weasels and Phoxes face off in what promises to be an exciting match-up. The Weasels are the defending champions, while the Phoxes are looking to make a comeback.

"The Phoxes are a tough team," O'Connell said. "But we're confident we can come out on top."

**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**Irish resume Big East play**

Team takes perfect league record on the road to Louisville

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After a successful season, Notre Dame is looking to continue their winning streak in the Big East. The team is currently ranked second in the conference and is looking to make a statement in their upcoming games.

"We're excited to have a chance to prove ourselves on the road," Coach Keough said. "It's always challenging, but we're ready to take on the challenge."
Family Man

David Bruton comes into his own as a starting safety, while learning the lessons of fatherhood.
**COMMENTARY**

No. 1 draft pick eight losses away

Notre Dame is 0-4 and that can only mean one thing — it’s time to start tanking and get the No. 1 draft pick.

Just like the Boston Celtics and Memphis Grizzlies in last year’s NBA, it’s time for Notre Dame to give up and hope they get a play- er that can turn the franchise around.

**Offensive line, just let everybody through.**

Defense, let everyone run all over you, and, David Bruton, stop trying so hard.

But don’t make it obvious that you’re tanking. Irish. Make it look like you’re trying, but keep in mind the next Peyton Manning or Troy Aikman is just waiting to be picked. When you get that player, it will only be a matter of time before he de- velops into the next superstar and leads you to another national title.

Oh wait, what’s this I hear about Notre Dame having the No. 1 rated recruiting class in the country? Really? How is that possible?

I had heard our coaching staff stunk and didn’t know what they were doing. I forgot this is not the NFL, where the league rewards your lack of effort and/or ability with a No. 1 draft pick. Notre Dame has a bunch of solid “draft picks” lined up for next season on both sides of the ball and there is a lot of specu- lation that if things do not improve soon, some of those verbal recruits will go else­ where. But these recruits have heads on their shoulders and probably won’t be influenced by negative recruiters who say their careers will go down the tubes if they go to Notre Dame.

To quote Demetrius Jones in the South Bend Tribune on Sept. 17, “College coaching is a business, but so is playing.”

These recruits know Notre Dame is young and that it would be a bad business deci- sion to jump ship at this point. They know they can come in and possibly see playing time right away to become part of the solutions.

This is where the current team enters the picture. I know it’s hard to give 100 percent every play when there is no lofty reward waiting at the end of the season. When you are down at the end of the game, and victory is out of reach, it almost seems silly to keep trying. But failing to give 100 percent is worse than any loss this team could suffer.

Lack of experience is an excuse; lack of effort is not. Nothing will turn recruits away faster than watching a team that does not want to be on the field. In a way, the Irish are playing for a national champi- onship — just one that will be a couple of years in the future.

If I was lucky enough to have the talent to be a highly-touted high school recruit, I would not want the players at my future school giving up just because they are down a couple of touchdowns.

If I was lucky enough to be playing as a senior for Notre Dame, I know I want to do all I can to make sure this program is in good hands when I leave. I may not be able to single-hand­edly win a game, but I can make sure I’m giving 100 per­ cent. People can say it is the coach’s job to motivate the players to play, I don’t buy that argument.

The players are here to play football. It’s their job. They need to motivate themselves to play every down as hard as the last.

Unlike the NFL, nothing good can come from giving up.

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**Chris Hine**  
Sports Editor
Working for ‘Knucklehead’

David Bruton has played many roles in his three years at Notre Dame.

First he was a special teams player.

Then he was backup safety.

Now he is the starting free safety.

But if you ask David, he is, and has been, something entirely different.

“I’m a father, and I’m a student,” he said.

For Working ‘Knucklehead’

Unlike many Division I college football players, Bruton’s main concern in his football career is not how it will translate into a professional career. He has more important things on his mind.

In November of his freshman year at Notre Dame, Bruton’s son, Jaden, was born. Bruton said that when his girlfriend from home in Miami, Ohio, first became pregnant, he was unsure about how he should act as a father.

“There was a time where there was a debate between me and my baby momma. We lost contact during her pregnancy,” he said. “In the four months before Jaden was born during the summer, I was just out having fun doing things that you wouldn’t necessarily consider responsible.”

But when he realized that he had to act more responsibly once his son, who he calls Knucklehead, was born.

“At first, I was upset and I got older, I realized the fairness of her being at home and not being able to do much, and then I’m not going doing much,” he said. “And am I going to college to have fun, or am I going to college to support Knucklehead. And I narrowed it down to I’m going to school and playing football to support Knucklehead.”

Bruton said his first few months at school were difficult because he had to divide his energy on him. He was trying to earn playing time at a big-time school, adapting to life as a college freshman and trying to raise a son — all at 18 years old.

“It was just difficult because I was getting pulled back home. Because I wanted to be with my son and not being able to see him,” he said. “And then just being up here and all the stress of being pulled so many different ways and not being able to know how to use your time, it was difficult my first year. But it would get better as I matured and got older, I learned what’s best and what’s not.”

Part of his maturation is his desire to be a large part of Jaden’s life. Bruton knows that he cannot be as involved with Jaden as he would like to be because of football, but he has tried his hardest to be with his son when he can.

This season, Jaden was able to come watch his father make his first collegiate start against Georgia Tech.

Bruton said the most important factor in shaping who he is today is his family — especially Jaden.

“I got a younger brother (Kendrick, a tight end at Miami OH) — that’s my best friend. I tried my hardest to be around my little brother and that my Mini-Me there,” he said. “I’m just more of a family guy. You wouldn’t expect that from a twenty-year-old in college.”

Getting started

Bruton started at safety for two seasons at Miami High School in Ohio, earning a three-star ranking, according to scout.com. During his junior and senior seasons, Bruton tallied 11 interceptions and 112 tackles.

Bruton was a late commitment to the Irish coming out of high school and did not even make an official visit until Jan. 7, 2005, during his senior year. Bruton said his biggest influences in committing to Notre Dame were his father and his high school coach Tim Lewis.

“I didn’t know about Notre Dame when I was being recruited, and I didn’t know such a big deal it was,” he said.

Former head coach Tyrone Willingham began recruiting Bruton in high school, but after his firing and current coach Charlie Weis’ hiring Bruton still decided to come play for the Irish.

When Bruton first got to Notre Dame under then-defensive coordinator Rick Minter, he was primarily a special teams player. Bruton logged 3.5 minutes of playing time his freshman year, playing in 11 games for the Irish and making 14 total tackles.

“Just having that opportunity helped with my maturity level,” Bruton said. “It also helped with my confidence and just knowing I can play D-one. It’s not like a lot of people from my high school got the chance to play D-one. It was just getting to prove to myself and to my hometown that we can play any team.”

Bruton continued playing on special teams his sophomore year, but was promoted to backup safety that season. He saw his first action on defense early in the season against Georgia Tech, accumulating 18 tackles, the interceptions, making 14 total tackles — including his first tackle for a loss against Georgia Tech, accumulating 18 tackles, the interceptions, making 14 total tackles — including his first tackle for a loss against Army.

He said that one of the main reasons for his success was his coaches, including special teams coach Brian Polian and defensive backs coach Bill Lewis.

“They’re patient, but you know how coaches are, they yell at you, they get on your butt about everything,” Bruton said. “And it’s just little things they help you study. Studying yourself is something that I never learned to do.”

In his first two seasons, Bruton said, safeties Tom Zbikowski and Chinedum Ndukwe helped him mature as a player.

“They’ve always kept my head up when I’m down. They’ve always boosted me. They’ve always kept me close,” Bruton said. “I’m grateful I’ve had to use said to play more athletic than him. And Zibby was giving me a confidence boost when needed throughout my younger years, and it’s been real good in my development as a player.

But after Ndukwe graduated to the NFL, a slot opened at safety that Bruton wanted to fill.

Making his presence felt

Bruton entered spring camp in 2007 competing for the starting safety position next to Zbikowski with, among others, fellow junior Ray Herring.

Bruton worked hard throughout training camp to show his desire to make the team.

“I just went out and worked every day. I didn’t just work in defense, but I worked in special teams. I always try to work, he said. “I always try to do my best that I can do. And there’s something I can’t do or something I don’t understand, I’ve always spent extra time to understand everything.”

Lewis said Bruton worked harder than the rest competing for the position and that put him above the rest of the competition.

“I know what it is, it’s all about competition,” Lewis said. “One guy against the next, and David was able to, he demanded to play every day, play out, outperform the other players and that’s what we’re looking for is to put the best eleven guys, and in the case of the safeties put our two best guys, on the field.”

Bruton earned his starting spot going into the fall on a high note, earning defensive most valuable player honors for the 2007 Blue and Gold Game, after he returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown.

Although Lewis said there is not much schematic difference between Minter and current defensive coordinator Weis’ use of the free safety, Bruton said he feels more comfortable in the latter scheme.

“It’s more of a ‘just go out there and play’ type defense with Coach Brown,” he said. “And they’ve always been much more patient, much more patient and they’ve always been patient, always more patient, always used to say I was more athletic than him. And Zibby was giving me a confidence boost when needed throughout my younger years, and it’s been real good in my development as a player.

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This freedom has allowed Bruton to become a constant presence in the defensive secondary as part of the nation’s fourth-best pass defense. Bruton is tied for second on the team with 35 tackles and made the first interception of his career Saturday against Michigan State.

“You saw the interception the other day, that was not just an OK play, that’s a guy having great range, not only just taking the proper angle to the ball, just being able to get from the middle of the field all the way to the fade ball up the sideline,” Weis said. “There aren’t that many people that have the speed to cover that much ground.”

But for David, everything — the tackles, the interceptions, the big plays — is for Knucklehead.

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Irish safety David Bruton, left, and Irish linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr., right, tackle Yellow Jackets running back Tashard Choice during Notre Dame’s 33-3 loss to Georgia Tech on Sept. 1.

Irish safety David Bruton strips Nittany Lions running back Austin Scott of the ball during Notre Dame’s 31-10 loss to Penn State on Sept. 8.

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associated Press Editor

Irish safety David Bruton plays to support his son Jaden — who he calls ‘Knucklehead’
### Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

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**Nov. 18** DUKE  
**Nov. 25** at Stanford

### Analysis

**Coaching**

Charlie Weis’ success in his first 23 games as Notre Dame head coach has been nothing short of incredible, especially for a team that had been mired in mediocrity. His decision to simplify the offense and go to more of a power running game has taken some of the pressure off Jimmy Clausen. The freshman is completing over 50 percent of his passes, but not for many yards. The Irish rush defense has been much improved over last year, and he is one of the best backups Purdue has faced. First-year running back James Aldridge has been averaging over 320 yards per game through the first five games of the season.

**Quarterbacks**

Notre Dame has improved running the ball last week, with James Aldridge leading the way with his first career 100-yard game. The Irish still have a long way to go though—they’re still averaging just over 25 yards per game on the ground.

**Irish Rushing**

Notre Dame hasn’t passed for more than 100 yards since the Penn State game. Part of that is because the Irish are concentrating on running and part of it is because Clausen is throwing short passes. The Irish offensive line is giving up nearly seven sacks per game.

**Irish Passing**

The Boilermakers have defense has been solid but not spectacular—and it hasn’t played against very good competition. Last week, Minnesota ran for 232 yards, with five backs going for over five yards per carry.

**Purdue**

Purdue’s secondary is much improved over last year, but it still gives up around 230 yards passing every game. Minnesota QB Adam Weber completed just over 50 percent of his passes last week, including a 46-yard touchdown.

**Joe Tiller**

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**Carson Clausen**

Clausen has a ton of upside, but he’s still a freshman and quite young. He has played against some tough defenses this season and has shown potential. Clausen has been a success against some of the best defenses in the country this year, and he has shown improvement over the last two games, particularly against Michigan State when he threw for 400 yards and three touchdowns.

**Turnovers**

The Boilermakers have had a lot of turnovers this season, with eight lost fumbles and three interceptions. Clausen has only thrown one interception, and that was against Minnesota. Purdue has turned the ball over 11 times in five games, with six lost fumbles and five interceptions. Clausen has been a success against some of the best defenses in the country this year, and he has shown improvement over the last two games, particularly against Michigan State when he threw for 400 yards and three touchdowns.
BOILERS RUSHING

Notre Dame's front seven is understood — and it shows. The Irish have been pushed around defensively in the tune of more than 230 yards on the ground per game. The Irish need to fight off blocks and tackle much better.

Kory Sheets leads a Boilermaker rushing attack that is averaging more than 200 yards per game. Purdue mainly relies on draws and stretch plays out of their three- and four-wide formations, but those plays have been very effective. The Purdue running game is more finesse-based than the Irish have seen for some time — and they hope that Notre Dame's relatively small front, how thin it will help one of the nation's worst rush defenses remains to be seen.

Notre Dame's special teams have been better. The Boilermakers have kicked Oakland two kicks off the field and one in the game.

Facing an experienced quarterback and receiver, and an offense that isn't nearly as good as the statistics indicate, Notre Dame's secondary may be in for a rough awakening this week.

Bryant is extremely dangerous on both punt and kickoff returns, and the Irish have looked as good as he is for the second straight game. Summerville's short kickoffs will give Golden Tate a chance to excel. Notre Dame is weak in the return game, and Bryant will break through for a big return in this game.

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Opposing quarterbacks are completing less than 50 percent of their passes for fewer than 120 yards per game against the Irish, but part of that success is because teams are running the ball so well. Purdue has the ball for 50 percent of the game. The Irish must get back on track this week.

Notre Dame's special teams have been decent so far against a team, Ohio State, that is averaging in the past. Last year, Indiana was a game.

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Purdue's wide receivers have killed Notre Dame in the past. Last year, Selwyn Lymon had 238 yards receiving and two touchdowns. Both still wait up for the Boilermakers.

Purdue's wide receivers have been very effective. Boilermakers kickoffs, media attention.

The Irish are taking small steps back to respectability in football, while the Boilermakers have handled their best team in years. Purdue will be up for this contest, which is their first big home game and a chance to beat Notre Dame for the first time since 2004.

Things look better on offense last week, but the defense faltered — something that will surely hurt Notre Dame against Purdue. The Boilermakers's spread offense will kick the Irish while they are down. Purdue's strong rushing attack (more than 200 yards per game) and Curtis Painter will match up well with the Irish, who won't be able to handle it. The offense will continue to improve, but not enough to win.

Notre Dame will still be searching for its first win after this week. The Irish have a solid ground game once again, but Purdue keeps the Irish offense one-dimensional and punts. Purdue's spread offense gives Notre Dame fits on the outside, the Boilermakers control the tempo of the game, and Joe Tiller captures another victory.
## Crunching the numbers

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Spread offense brings tackling to forefront

By CHRIS KHOREY

For four straight games, Notre Dame has given up over 150 rushing yards. But each of those four opponents had something in common — a power running attack using multiple backs and tight ends to clear out the smaller Irish front seven.

This week's opponent, Purdue, offers a different offensive challenge. The Boilermakers run a spread offense, which features at least three wide receivers and a shotgun formation on most plays.

"They spread it around pretty good," Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said. "They do a really good job of executing what they want to do and it will be a good test." 

And while Purdue has been effective running the ball this season — 202 yards per game — the Irish believe their 3-4 front will be better at stopping the Boilermakers' base game than it was at stopping the power games of Georgia Tech, Penn State, Miami and Michigan State.

"It's different for us because we haven't played it this year," Irish linebacker Joe Brockington said. "It's a game of playing in space, and we just have to make tackles.

Brockington, who made two tackles last year against the Boilermakers, said defending the spread in the 3-4 is similar to defending it in the 4-3 defense the Irish ran last year.

"I don't think it's changed much," he said. "When it comes down to it, you still have to play in space and make tackles."

Fellow linebacker John Ryan said defending the run against a spread offense is harder because players have to play the pass first — and then react to running plays.

"You have to make your reads and get your drops in the passing lanes, but when it's a run, you have to read the run and come up and stop it," he said.

For this reason, defensive end Trevor Laws said the spread puts more pressure on the defensive line to get into the backfield.

"It's a little bit of a different playbook. It's up to us to get defensive line to get pressure," he said.

The Boilermakers running game is lead by tailbacks Kory Sheets and Jajuan Johnson, who average around 150 yards combined per game this year.

"They're a good group," Laws said of the Purdue backs. "They all run hard. We have to keep the ball in front of us."

Purdue coach Joe Tiller has run a spread offense since he took the job in West Lafayette in 1997. Nicknamed "basketball on grass," the scheme was considered groundbreaking when it was seen outside of Florida. Today, teams from Oregon to Florida run some form of the spread.

The offense has also evolved over time. When Tiller first started, it was mainly a passing offense, but teams have figured out how to run it out of it, especially using counters, draws and option plays.

"If you say they're one-dimensional, because they've spread out so much. If you said all they did was throw it on the run, they could try to just stop the pass," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said. "But they're averaging over 200 yards a game rushing as well."

Notre Dame has given up over 325 yards passing and more than 200 on the ground. It's a stark contrast to Notre Dame, which easily handled Purdue in 2005 and 2006 under Brady Quinn but now is breaking in freshman Jimmy Clausen with serious growing pains.

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"That's why they get some of these gash runs they get." Contact Chris Khorey at ckhorey@nd.edu

Painter evolves into top-flight quarterback

By KEN FOWLER

Spartan Wars

It wasn't a pretty beginning, but it showed some promise.

In the young quarterback's first start, against one of the Big Ten's best teams, he completed more than 50 percent of his passes and showed a hint of flash.

That was Curtis Painter, two years ago, against Wisconsin. He went 23-of-44 for 212 yards with a touchdown and three interceptions. Purdue lost that game, 31-20, and its third-to-last in passing. Notre Dame has given up over 325 yards passing and more than 200 on the ground. It's a stark contrast to Notre Dame, which easily handled Purdue in 2005 and 2006 under Brady Quinn but now is breaking in freshman Jimmy Clausen with serious growing pains.

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"I don't think that Notre Dame's record really does them justice," Curtis Patiner said Monday. "We've got a lot work ahead of us."

Just not as much on the offensive side of the ball. Painter isn't as speedy as many spread quarterbacks around him. He is mobile. He had a long run of 42 yards in 2006, en route to 288 yards gained on the ground, excluding sacks. This season, he has stuck to throwing the ball — and throwing it well.

He expects a challenge out of the Notre Dame defense, which is fourth in yards surrendering per game after a 0-4 start but only No. 55 in pass efficiency defense — largely because opponents have stuck with their running game against the vulnerable Irish front seven.

"I don't think that their record really does them justice," Painter said Monday. "They're a great defense, first of all. I think their defense will be ready to play. I think the best one of the better teams we've played so far."

Besides Minnesota, Purdue's opponents this season have been Toledo, Eastern Illinois and Central Michigan.

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