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By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Football program among highest ranking

Notre Dame tops the list of Division I schools with the highest number of perfect scores in the NCAA's 2007 analysis of graduation rates for student athletes.

Panel to address immigration debate

Speakers include government officials, archbishop: organizers expect strong attendance

By LINDSAY SENA
News Writer

The national immigration debate will come to a localized level today as the topic of the University's annual forum. University President Father John Jenkins selected immigration as the forum's topic last spring. Classes will be cancelled today from 3 to 5 p.m. for the event.

Ray Vuquez, senior correspondent of The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, will moderate the Forum. The forum members are: Sen. Mel Martinez (R-Fla.), who emigrated from Cuba at 15 and is the first Cuban-American to serve in the Senate; Cardinal Roger Mahony, the Archbishop of Los Angeles appointed by Pope John Paul II in 1985 who has been an advocate for the protection of immigrants; Arizona Gov. Janet A. Napolitano; and Louis Barletta, mayor of Hazleton, Penn., where the City Council passed the Illegal Immigration Relief Act, which makes it difficult for illegal immigrants to reside in Hazleton.

Timothy Matovina, Forum Committee chair and director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, emphasized that it was important for the panel recruitment committee to have representatives from several levels of government.

At the national level we have a senator, at the state level, a governor; we have a mayor for the local level, and an archbishop to represent the religious aspect," he said.

The panel will also represent a variety of geographic regions and political views.

The panel will discuss and address various questions pertinent to the immigration debate, including the economic, social, legal, religious and human rights issues. The goals of this forum, as stated by Matovina on the Forum's Web site, are "to unite the student body in reflection of this topic, to engage students intellectually in the relevance and significance of this issue, to integrate the discussion with moral con­ siderations and faith perspectives, and to make a contribu­tion to current global discussions."

"I anticipate very strong attendance," Matovina said. "I've been doing some pre­forum sessions in residence halls and those have all been very well-attended and I've heard a lot of interest from stu­dents.

ND students run Chicago marathon

Elevated temperatures, fatigue cause obstacles for some competitors

By CAITLYN CASTER
News Writer

In scorching 90 degree heat and sweltering humidity, nearly 30 Notre Dame students and alumni competed in the 30th annual LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon Sunday.

However, not even months of training prepared them for the intense racing conditions, they said.

"It was really, really hot. I didn't run nearly as well as I thought I would," senior Bregan Ryan said. However, running with his twin brother, Brendan, kept him motivated, he said.

Runners compete at the annual LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon Sunday. More than 30 Notre Dame students participated.

New Web site benefits aspiring investors

UpDown called 'Facebook for Wall Street'

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

The UpDown, a growing Web site that gives members virtual money to play the stock market, is giving a community of investors the chance to earn real money for their free online portfolio. The Web site, which has been called the "Facebook for Wall Street," went live Sept. 4 on CNBC's "On the Money."

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Like Facebook, students from Harvard University founded the UpDown. Michael Reich, the chief executive officer, is a Harvard Business School student, as is chief financial officer Georg Ludviksson. Phuc Truong, the chief technical officer, is a 1998 graduate of Harvard.

Brendan McMamas, a Notre Dame junior from the Boston area, works for the Web site and contributed to its launch in September.

"We've reached a solid critical mass,... we're still growing very fast, which is encouraging," he said.

Cardinal to speak at Forum

ND supports Mahony's presence at conference

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, a speaker at today's Notre Dame Forum on immigration, is a recent figure in significant controversy.

In July, the archdiocese reached a $660 million settlement with victims of hundreds of clergy abuse cases. In 2002, multiple news sources reported Mahony acknowledged knowingly transferring a pedophile priest among parishes.

In September, the Los Angeles Times reported that three nuns whose work includes counseling, translating for and otherwise helping poor, undocumented immi­grants were sent eviction notices by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The nuns were reportedly notified they had to leave their convent, which will be sold to help pay the multimillion-dollar court settlement, by Dec. 31.

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Running late

I’ve had a bad travel day. Not a terrible one—mind you—a terrible travel day is one in which your flight gets cancelled, or you end up in the wrong state somehow; no, my travel day has only been hard. A bad travel day is being set back by delays every step of the way, one that starts at 4:30 a.m. and goes until 8:15 p.m., missing the bus by five minutes late and having to wait an hour and a half because of it. A bad travel day is having a book of crosswords, but losing your only pencil. Then after having obtained a pen, losing that as well we even have a record. And having forgotten my iPod back in South Bend didn’t help things.

So, having said all that, I’m really not all that bitter. The weekend in Los Angeles was definitely worth it, with the beach and the win. Also, at the beginning of the trip, I picked up a book of short stories by Neil Gaiman called “Fragile Things” and got a chance to do a lot of reading which I usually don’t have time for during the school year. Gaiman’s stories are wildly strange and range in topic from ghost stories to Sherlock Holmes. Many are not exactly about ghosts as much as simply unexplained yet highly unusual events, and it got me thinking about the ghost encounters of my own life. Out of curiosity, I look with my friends to find something.

Henry Island is part of the San Juan Islands off the coast of Washington, north of Seattle. For his 14th birthday, a friend of mine invited me (along with some others) to stay with his family for a weekend in a little cabin they had on the small island, and the weekend turned out to be a rainy one. Having foregone the campfire the first night, I had the flashlights out. We were lazily around the ceiling when suddenly I saw a shadow moving. Thinking it to be a grandfather of Jon’s who had died years ago, owner Leigh McGlinn presented the Black Frog’s application to do so. Police Chief Scott MacMaster of the department agreed, but said he had no authority to do so.

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About an hour later, I had the flashlight and I foolishly remembered seeing it faintly around the ceiling when suddenly I couldn’t see the ceiling any more due to a thick smoke that had just blown in. Confused, my friends and I looked in the direction the smoke was coming from—it was directly back into the woods so we couldn’t see it directly, but in spite of the rain there was definitely light flickering through the trees. Maybe it was the shadowy woods, or perhaps the ghost stories we’d just been telling, but we were spooned and no one volunteered to check the fire out. We decided it was just the parents, and went to sleep soon afterwards. In the morning, however, we discovered that they saw we finally got the fire going and asked no how it was. Talking about it after another group admitted to starting the campfire, I learned a grandfather of Jon’s had recently passed away who had loved that cabin on Henry Island. Perhaps he came back for one last campfire.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Dustin Menneella at dmenneell@nd.edu

OFFBEAT

‘Naked Lunch’ may be banned in Maine

GREENVILLE, Maine — “Naked Lunch” just doesn’t sound appetizing to some people. A sandwich called the Skinny Dip, featuring sliced prime rib in a baguette roll, has been offered free of charge anyone willing to plunge naked from The Black Frog Restaurant’s dock into a lake.

Since the free sandwich offer was introduced three years ago, owner Leigh Turner has found plenty of takers. “We’ve had two or three a week,” he said.

But now the promotion is running into trouble: A man has been sentenced to five months in jail and three years probation for killing an ostrich in San Mateo County. Timothy McKevitt will also have to pay $5,000 in restitution for killing Gaztedy the ostrich.

The exhibit “The Camera and the Rainbow: Color in Photography” will be showing Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Schozl Family Works on Paper Gallery, Sante Museum of Art. Admission is free.
Victory prompts celebrations
Students rush to Stonehenge after Irish get 1st win of season

By THERESA CIVANTOS
New Writer

Saturday had a different feel on campus after Notre Dame beat UCLA, winning its first game of the 2007 season and ending the longest losing streak in Notre Dame football history.

As the game ended, hundreds of students poured outside to celebrate the victory.

"I sprinted to Stonehenge," sophomore Caitlin Shannon said, "and the rest of campus seemed to be doing the same thing."

Students swarmed into and around the Clarke Memorial Fountain—known informally as Stonehenge—to commemorate the win. A Facebook group entitled "I swam in Stonehenge: 10-06-07" boasts nearly 400 members.

Once at Stonehenge, students crowded together to cheer. "We are ND" and "Here come the Irish. Students sang the Victory March and Alma Mater. Mostly, however, students screamed and shouted.

"We were letting out all this pent-up excitement that people had been saving for when we finally won a game," freshman Shannon Kiernan said. "I mean, not only did we win a game, but we beat a ranked team, which shows that we can definitely contend with the big guys," junior Jack Thornton said.

After crowding into Stonehenge, students ran to the reflection pool in front of Hesburgh Library to further celebrate.

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"It was so cool because the whole community came together," freshman Ginny Varraveto said. "Even if you were standing by someone you didn't know, cheering together really made you feel together."

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Professor examines teachings of John Paul II

By THERESA CIVANTOS
New Writer

Catholic teachings were re-examined Friday in "Theology of the Body 101," a lecture exploring the fine line between sex, love and holiness in the Catholic Church.

"Everything about John Paul II comes down to love," Reimers said. A major theme of the series is the difference between men and women.

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Basketball and lacrosse didn’t show any changes from the 2006 figures. Associate Athletic Director John Heisler said Sunday he didn’t have any specific explanations for these programs’ below-average scores. Instead, he emphasized the pro-

**Support and encouragement**

satisfied that she finished. 

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"The GSR measures graduation rates at Division I institutions and includes students transferring into the institutions," the NCAA Web site said. "The GSR also allows institutions to subtract students who leave their institutions prior to graduation as long as they would have been academically eligible to complete had they remained." 

The federal graduation rates peremptorily account for students who transfer to other colleges or drop out to pursue professional careers as non-graduates.

"You may have a star athlete with a 4.0 GPA who decides to leave to start playing professionally, and rather than treat this as a case of a student who voluntarily left, in good academic standing, the federal rate sees it as the school’s failure to graduate this athlete," Heisler said. "That’s why a school’s federal graduation rates are usually lower than its GSRs." 

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The Web site provides a platform where investors can view, share and rate high quality stock analyses and investment strategies, it allows members to gain access to investment information or create investment groups. There are currently more than 200 groups on the UpDown.

Users manage virtual stock portfolios of 1,000,000 virtual dollars and submit stock analyses. If members can invest virtual dollars to generate a market cap of more than $500, the Web site will pay them in real money.

"You can join for free, try out investing skills and if you are really good at it, you will be paid," McManus said. "We think a large number of quality members can come up with better investment plans and strategies than just one person usually can." 

Currently the UpDown is holding a $1,000 student competition. All college and university students can enter for free and compete for a share of $1,000.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Protestors oppose junta in Myanmar

LONDON — Demonstrators in cities across Europe and Asia joined Saturday in protests against the military junta in Myanmar, where some activists held covert vigils for those killed and arrested in the crackdown against pro-democracy demonstrations.

Hoping to send Myanmar's ruling military generals a message that "the world is still against pro-democracy demonstrations," protesters opposed to the junta in Myanmar's capital, Naypyidaw, along with legislators and diplomats, hoisted more than two dozen Asian, European and North American flags in a show of international support.

Some observers predicted the protests would have little effect on the 21-year-old military government, which looked to military then look to military overtures to the international community.

Chinese demand full democracy

HONG KONG — Thousands of people marched through Hong Kong's streets Sunday to demand the right to pick the city's leader and legislature and hoisted yellow umbrellas to form the year 2012 — their target year for full democracy.

The demonstrators chanted "One person, one vote, the only way to go" and "Universal suffrage in 2012" as they marched to government headquarters.

"We need to have a good political environment in order to sustain our economic development," said one of the participants, 21-year-old student Michael Hui.

The former British colony returned to Chinese rule in 1997 but was promised a wide degree of autonomy under a "one country, two systems" formula. Beijing has ruled out full democracy for the territory before 2008.

NATIONAL NEWS

N.Y. apartment explosion injures 20

NEW YORK — A leaky kitchen gas hose was found after a gas explosion in a high-rise apartment building that threw residents against walls, blew out their windows and hurled debris into the streets.

The explosion Saturday injured more than 20 people, including four badly burned girls. Fire marshals believe natural gas leaked from a flexible hose connection behind a stove in a first-floor apartment, said Tony Sclafani, a fire department spokesman.

Local utility Consolidated Edison earlier said the gas line had been wiped clean of fraying after a fireman saw it going from the street to gas meters and apartments and found all of them to be working properly.

Arkansas boy hostages school bus

DUMAS, Texas — A 10-year-old boy took a school bus hostage Monday, according to police.

The bus and led police on a chase along a rural highway, according to police.

The bus was full of children and adults who were visiting the city for a family reunion.

The boy, identified as Tony Speed, was later subdued by police.

The boy was taken into custody and charged with false imprisonment.

FRANCE

British jury investigates Diana's death

PARIS — A decade after Princess Diana and her boyfriend Dodi Fayed were killed in a Paris car crash, a British coroner's jury comes to the French capital this week to visit the drivers' final path in an attempt to put to rest the dark suspicions surrounding their deaths.

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Man locks woman in trailer

Associated Press
BISMARCK, N.D. — An 80-year-old man accused of locking his girlfriend in a camper trailer has been sentenced to probation and ordered to attend an anger management class when he returns home to Oregon.

Theodore Matylinske, of Madras, Ore., was arrested on Wednesday near Bismarck after his traveling companion, Sandra Smith, 61, called police to say she was locked in a camper trailer being pulled down the interstate.

Burleigh County Sheriff Pat Heimert said Smith indicated she had made an appointment at a beauty shop in Bismarck, but Matylinske wanted to get back on the road.

"She was miffed because she wanted to have her hair and nails done," Matylinske told Smith Central District Judge David Reich on Thursday.

Matylinske said he and Smith had been arguing about attractions to see in the area.

Assistant Burleigh County State's Attorney Julie Lawer said Matylinske pushed Smith into the trailer during an argument outside a store.

Matylinske told authorities he had locked herself in the trailer. But Lawer said the trailer had been latched from the outside.

Matylinske told Reich he had been dealing with Smith for five years.

Matylinske said he had offered to let Smith ride up front with him, to drive or to go to the airport. He said he also offered Smith a walkie-talkie so she could communicate from the trailer, but she declined.

"I was stopping periodically to check how she was doing," Matylinske told the judge. "That's the way it went. She had options she didn't take."

Matylinske pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of unlawful imprisonment. He said he pleaded guilty to the charge to avoid traveling back to North Dakota.

"I'm just doing this so I don't have to come back in the long run," he said.

Matylinske asked the judge to speak up in court, saying he needed a hearing aid but did not have one. He also said he could not read the complaint filed against him because he did not have his glasses.

Reich sentenced Matylinske to 60 days in jail with all but one year of unsupervised probation. He also ordered Matylinske to pay $350 in court fees and to attend the anger management class.

Smith told the judge that she would help Matylinske pay the court fees.

BRAZIL
Boy, 3, found in Amazon terrain

Associated Press
RIO DE JANEIRO — A 3-year-old boy who was lost in the dense Amazon rain forest was found after 11 days, dehydrated and scratched but apparently unhurt, police said Friday.

Neilson Oliveira Lima disappeared from his home in the rural community Papua on Sept. 16, said Amazonas state police officer Alison Carvalho.

"He went in the forest following his father and he got lost. He was found by his cousin, who was out hunting," Carvalho said in a telephone interview from Caracarai, the nearest town.

"Nobody knows what he ate or how he survived."

Carvalho said the boy was found on Sept. 27 about 2 miles from his home with thorns covering his feet and legs. He said nothing about his ordeal except to ask for water.

The boy was taken to the hospital in Caracari some days later, the long distance preventing faster transport; Carvalho said. A hospital receptionist who declined to give her name said the boy remained there under observation.

Evanes de Oliveira Lima, the boy’s mother, told CNN that her son was very thin and scratched but that she expected he would leave the hospital shortly.

"In the jungle near the house, there are jaguars, hawks, snakes," Lima told the radio station. "But his guardian angel and God protected my son."

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American Airlines, unions clash

Workers seek limited contract extensions and pay increases to make up for 2003 cuts

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — American Airlines, profiting again after posting up $8 billion in losses in 2001, faces a three-front battle to keep its labor costs that are among the highest in the industry.

The three unions representing American's employees are fighting double-digit wage and benefit cuts back in 2003, unless the company can avoid the brink of bankruptcy. They argue that their sacrifices saved the nation's largest airline and they deserve to be rewarded now with big pay raises.

Not so fast, airline executives say.

This week, American and the ground workers' union broke off talks on a limited contract extension and pay increases if the company will make new negotiations in November.

Last week, American offered pilots pay increases — if they fly more hours. The proposal would raise basic wage rates.

Leaders of the pilots' union declined to be interviewed about the proposal. But a union spokesman said pilots have "high aspirations" for the current round of bargaining, which is expected to run until at least next spring.

And late this year or early next year, American will begin talks with the flight attendants' union.

"It looks like it's going to be truly old-style confrontational bargaining," said Tom Sart, an attorney independent of the flight attendants' union.

It would be hard to overstate the importance of the negotiations that are among the highest in the industry — 14 percent more than that is needed to profit.

Although high fuel prices get more headlines, labor is still the largest single expense for America's parent, AMR Corp. Wages and benefits accounted for 31 percent of all spending this year.

American Airlines employees hold signs in protest in Fort Worth on April 18. American Airlines employees want to be reimbursed for double-digit wage and benefit cuts in 2003.

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COSTA RICA

Free trade debate divides country

Associated Press

SAN JOSE — Costa Ricans were sharply divided over Sunday's referendum on a free trade pact with the United States — a measure supporters say is in the national prosperity, but critics fear could harm farmers and small businesses.

Costa Rica was the only one of the six Latin American signatories to the trade deal known as CAFTA, that has yet to ratify it. The pact is in effect in the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Panama and the United States.

With polls showing Costa Rica is poised to ratify the first country to reject the U.S.-Central American free trade agreement, U.S. officials and Costa Rican President have appealed for voters to back the deal.

On Saturday, the White House said if Costa Ricans vote against joining the agreement, the Bush administration will not renegotiate the deal and it would urge people to recognize the treaty's benefits.

The pact would "expand Costa Rica's access to the U.S. market, safeguard that access under international law, attract U.S. and other investment and link Costa Rica to some of the most dynamic economies of our hemispheres," White House press secretary Dana Perino said in a statement.

U.S. officials also suggested they may not extend trade preferences now afforded to Costa Rican products and that they might not continue marketing it in a way they can accept and that it doesn't involve pay cuts.

The outcome of negotiations could affect America's ability to pay down billions in debt. Philip Bagley, an airline analyst for Standard & Poor's, said America will be more cautious about ordering new airplanes if it can't get satisfactory labor deals.

"They'll try to fly the older planes longer."

Of its three labor groups, American has enjoyed the friendliest relations with the Transport Workers Union, which represents more than 25,000 baggage handlers, mechanics and other ground workers. The Teamsters and company worked together to boost productivity at maintenance hangars.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Texas wants President Bush to set aside any legislative hour. “I always admired Congresswoman Davis’ strong convictions and the tenacity that she brought to bear in acting on them,” said U.S. Sen. John W. Warner, a fellow Virginia Republican.

Davis called in August 2006 for the resignation of Donald Rumsfeld, defense secretary at the time, and expressed second thoughts about his support of the war in Iraq. “If I had known that the intelligence they gave us wasn’t correct, I don’t know how I would have voted,”

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Village in Darfur razed in retaliation for attack on peacekeepers

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — A Darfur town under the control of Sudanese troops has been razed in apparent retaliation for a rebel attack on a nearby base of African peacekeepers. U.N. officials inspected the town said Sunday that about 15,000 civilians had fled the area.

International aid workers and United Nations officials dismissed claims by some rebel chiefs that 100 people had died in the North Darfur town of Haskanita. The officials said the town emptied as the army moved in last Sunday, and troops started burning it on Wednesday.

A U.N. statement did not say who set fire to the ethnic African town but said Sudanese government forces took control after suspected Darfur rebels attacked the nearby base of African Union peacekeepers a week ago, killing 10 peacekeepers.

Haskanita, "which is currently under the control of the government, was completely burned down, except for a few buildings," said the U.N. mission to Sudan.

A U.N. official who had just returned from Haskanita said it was clear that the army or its allied militias of nomad Arabs known as the janjaweed were behind it. The Arab-dominated government and the janjaweed militias are accused of regularly burning African villages as part of their counterinsurgency campaign against rebels.

The official said a full army battalion of 800 troops was stationed at the entrance of the smoldering town, which was otherwise empty.

"There’s absolutely no doubt the army and janjaweed did it," the official said on condition of anonymity because the Sudanese government regularly expels observers who speak out against abuses.

An Associated Press reporter who inspected the town said Sunday that about 15,000 civilians had fled the area.

Several Sudanese government forces took control on a nearby base of African troops and the town had about 7,000 people, and the other thousands fled from surrounding areas, said Olra Clinton, a spokeswoman in Sudan for the U.N. Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The rebels attack on the base came amid a government offensive that had been raging for five weeks in the same area. Some rebels have said the attack on the AU peacekeepers may have happened because some rebel groups suspected the AU of collaboration with Sudanese forces, something the AU denies.

U.N. spokeswoman Radhia Achouri said it would be up to the African Union to investigate who was behind the town’s destruction.

"The U.N. has no mandate to investigate security incidents," she said in an e-mail to the AP. Sudan’s government denies backing the janjaweed, who have been accused of widespread atrocities in Darfur. More than 200,000 people have died and 2.5 million have been chased from their homes since ethnic African rebels took up arms against the central government in February 2003, accusing it of discrimination.

The AU said it was investigating last week’s attack on its base, but could not say whether it would expand the inquiry to the town’s destruction.

Gen. Martin Agwai, the commander of the 7,000-member AU peacekeeping force in Darfur, vowed last week that he would rebuild Haskanita’s base and resend troops there soon. Large quantities of ammunition and several vehicles were looted from the base when rebels raided it.

The underfunded and ill-equipped AU force has been overwhelmed in its efforts to quell Darfur’s bloodshed. A joint AU-U.N. force of 26,000 peacekeepers is due to take over on Jan. 1, also to be headed by Agwai.

Darfur rebel groups have traded accusations on who attacked the AU base.

Peacekeepers told the AP last Wednesday that some AU peacekeepers fled from the base when rebels attacked it.

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Associated Press

TAIPEI — A typhoon lashed Taiwan Saturday with intense winds and rains, killing four people and cutting power to thousands of homes. But the storm weakened as it moved Sunday toward mainland China, where authorities ordered more than 1 million people to safer ground.

Two people were still missing in Taiwan, the Disaster Relief Center said.

Typhoon Krosa was forecast to strike China’s southern Zhejiang and northern Fujian provinces late Sunday, China’s national flood control office said in a notice on its Web site.

On Sunday morning, the typhoon was centered at sea about 80 miles northwest of Keelung on the northern tip of Taiwan. It weakened to a tropical storm with sustained winds of 66 mph, down from 114 mph, the Central Weather Bureau said.

Two men were killed in a Taipei suburb Saturday when their house was buried by a landslide, the Disaster Relief Center said.

In Shanghai, where the Special Olympics is taking place, the city government canceled vacations for flood-control workers and was drafting plans to drain competition venues.

In Vietnam, the death toll from Typhoon Lekima — which hit the country’s central coast late Wednesday — rose to 46, with another 29 people missing, officials said Sunday.

Lekima, named after a local fruit, also damaged about 77,000 homes, the government said.
Cher Horowitz was ahead of her time. Although often viewed as "Clueless" to her Beverly Hills posse in the 1995 teen movie hit, Cher was right when she said, "And in conclusion, it does not say R.S.V.P. on the Nature of Liberty!"

Who would have thought that an innocuous topic in Mr. Hall's debate class would soon be the forefront of political debate nationwide? The University of Notre Dame has even gone as far as dedicating this entire academic year in promoting conversations on immigration.

This year's topic of conversation is highlighted with Notre Dame's annual Academic Forum, which is being held this afternoon. With the presidential elections right around the corner, immigration is not only a hot topic on the campaign trail, but also it is being discussed around campus and throughout the country. The prominence of the immigration discussion was even mentioned this past weekend during the ND v. UCLA game with a commercial highlighting Notre Dame's interest in immigration. Because immigration is such a popular and important issue today, everyone should take advantage of the Academic Forum and immigration-related events happening around campus throughout the year.

I know that classes are cancelled this afternoon. I realize that many of us would rather go shopping, take a nap or play Zelda than sit inside the JACC for health care should all be covered during emergency rooms? Can it be justified that illegal immigrants can come to America and receive health care in our emergency rooms? Can it be justified that illegal immigrants take part in American public schooling without paying taxes? These are just several of the questions that will hopefully be discussed today.

Illegal immigration can have significant effects on health care, public schools and the economy. Is it fair that illegal immigrants can come to America and receive health care in our emergency rooms? Can it be justified that illegal immigrants take part in American public schooling without paying taxes? These are just several of the economic and political questions that surround the issue of immigration, and questions that will hopefully be discussed today.

Immigration also calls for a discussion regarding human rights. Many immigrants working in America are earning desplicable wages for grueling labor. However, as a result, we Americans are reaping the benefits. Goods are cheap and services that were once considered luxuries are now affordable class normal. Is it ethical to allow a human being to work long hours in a sweatshop in Florida orange orchard just so consumers can purchase oranges at a somewhat lower cost? Americans need to focus on what is actually important in the long run, and discover that dignity and the worth of a human being far outweigh the worth of several dollars.

That is just my opinion, however. People throughout campus and throughout the country have differing opinions and can offer conflicting viewpoints on the issues attached to immigration. The University is taking a huge first step in beginning the discussion on immigration, and hopefully the rest of the country will soon jump on board. Only then can change truly begin to take place.

Now I realize that it is an impossible task to convince the entire student body to attend the Academic Forum today. Until recently, I myself was not even interested in going, and I understand how tempting a few extra rounds of Wii bowling can be on a Monday afternoon. But even if you don't quite make it to the JACC today, at least hop on the Web site or check out a movie at the DPAC. As students, we have been given an outstanding opportunity to become involved in this extremely important issue, and, as citizens, it is our duty to take advantage of it.

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John Everett is a senior English major. He is thought to be somewhere between 21 and 45 years of age. He is armed only with a sharp wit and is considered cantankerous. If you have any information regarding his whereabouts, please contact jeverret@nd.edu

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Welcome to Pilot Season. With the changing leaves and cooler temperatures of fall come a slew of television's best new offerings, leaving viewers to decide which newbies will make the cut. "Reaper," "Cavemen" and "Dirty Sexy Money" are only a few of the numerous options on the 2007-08 schedule. Some new shows are stronger, funnier and better-written than others. In light of the wide selection now gracing the networks and the Nielsen ratings, let Assistant Scene Editors Cassie Belek and Analise Lipari guide you through the best and worst of this season's pilots.

Shows to Watch

These are our top picks for this season's best new pilots. Some of our choices aren't surprising — "Pushing Daisies," for example, has gotten a lot of critical hype — but others are more unexpected. "Aliens in America" and "Reaper," both airing on the CW, are major ratings underdogs. Keep your schedules open for at least one of these solid new shows. Trust us — you won't regret it.

**Pushing Daisies (Wed., 8 p.m., ABC)**

The caveat of his strange "gift": A second touch will leave the victim lifeless once more, and for good. Ned's extraordinary power leaves him reluctant to experience intimacy with anyone, lest they die — a circumstance that proves challenging when the murdered love of his life, Chuck (Anna Friel), becomes the latest corpse he resurrects. Writer and producer Dean Fuller — the man behind other now defunct shows like "Dead Like Me" and "Wonderfalls" — has succeeded in creating a mischievous fantasy world inhabited by strange, endearing characters. "Pushing Daisies," with its stellar supporting cast, quirky sensibilities and sweet love story is bound to be a hit, if not a cult classic. Water cooler TV just got a little weirder.

With it last: Hopefully, even though selling a show like "Pushing Daisies" may be a challenge for ABC.

**Chuck (Mon., 8 p.m., NBC)**

Chuck's former college roommate Bryce Larkin sends Chuck an email that changes his life forever. Chuck finds himself in the middle of a battle between beautiful CIA agent Sarah (Vonne Strasheikowski) and pseudopsychotic NSA agent John (Adam Baldwin) as they go undercover to protect him and win him over to their respective sides.

While the series is certainly filled with its fair share of spy drama, it is half comedic as well. "Chuck" strikes a perfect balance between the main character's home life, work life and burgeoning spy life. The show is most entertaining when Chuck tries to maintain that balance. Throw in an even nerder brother-in-law, who Chuck calls Captain Awesome and NBC has a new hit.

Will it last: Yes, if only because NBC pulled out all the stops to advertise this puppy.

**Carpoolers (Tue., 8:30 p.m., ABC)**

Despite the fact that much of the action takes place in a moving vehicle, "Carpoolers" feels stagnant, tired and boring. It's unfortunate to see stars like Faith Ford and Jerry Minnelli investing in this boorish, unfunny new show. The main focus of "Carpoolers" is, shockingly enough, a carpool — specifically the 45-minute ride to and from work with Gracen (Fred Gross), Dougie (Tim Peper), Laird (O'Connell) and Aubrey (Jerry Minnelli). The show switches back and forth between the men's lives inside and outside of their car, but the storylines characters aren't quite compelling enough for audiences to care. Playing into stereotypes can, with good, even writing, be done with irony and intelligence. But here, it's just unspired. Gross's Gracen, for example, feels insecure when he thinks his wife (Ford) makes more money than he does. He then resorts to snooping around her apartment and outside of their car, but the storylines characters aren't quite compelling enough for audiences to care. Playing into stereotypes can, with good, even writing, be done with irony and intelligence. But here, it's just unspired. Gross's Gracen, for example, feels insecure when he thinks his wife (Ford) makes more money than he does. He then resorts to snooping around her apartment and outside of their car, but the storylines characters aren't quite compelling enough for audiences to care. Playing into stereotypes can, with good, even writing, be done with irony and intelligence. But here, it's just unspired. Gross's Gracen, for example, feels insecure when he thinks his wife (Ford) makes more money than he does. He then resorts to snooping around her apartment and

**Shows to Avoid**

Ladies and Gentlemen: We regret to inform you that not all of TV's new offerings are of the highest quality. To be honest, some of them just aren't worth your time. Maybe they'll improve; maybe they won't. Maybe they'll get cancelled after two episodes; maybe they won't. Regardless, we don't suggest that you invest in these new shows this fall. Don't worry — you're not missing much.

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LOS ANGELES — Notre Dame's offense sputtered and stalled, but the Irish defense picked up the slack — and then some — as the Irish closed out the regular season Saturday night, 20-6 over UCLA at the Rose Bowl.

"I was hurting the first five games, but I could get used to this feeling," fifth-year senior defensive end Trevor Laws said.

After a raucous celebration with the more than 20,000 Notre Dame fans in attendance, the Irish bounced, danced and high-fived their way back to their locker room, where senior linebacker Maurice Crum led them in singing the "Victory March."

"It feels really good," head coach Charlie Weis said. "It's been a long time since we've had a chance to sing that fight song in the locker room." Notre Dame (1-5) gained just 140 yards on offense, but it didn't matter. The Irish forced seven turnovers, had five sacks, scored a defensive touchdown and knocked Bruin starting quarterback Ben Olson out of the game in the first quarter because of a knee injury.

Late in the first quarter, Olson dropped back to pass and was leveled by fifth-year senior defensive end Trevor Laws and freshman linebacker Kerry Neal. Olson fumbled the ball, and freshman linebacker Kerry Neal fell on it at the Bruin 1-yard line, leading to a Notre Dame field goal.

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Irish safety Tom Zbikowski, left, and defensive end Trevor Laws sacked and forced UCLA quarterback Ben Olson to fumble in Notre Dame's 20-6 win Saturday. Irish linebacker Kerry Neal recovered the fumble and returned it to UCLA's 1-yard line, leading to a Notre Dame field goal.

Ireland's offense couldn't get the ball over the goal line and had to settle for a field goal, but meanwhile Olson was on the sideline being treated for a sprained knee. He would not return and was replaced by redshirt freshman McLeod Bethel-Thompson.

"I don't know how he hurt it, but I hit him first, and then Trevor [Laws] came in and we caused that fumble and we recovered it," Zbikowski said.

Bethel-Thompson finished the game 12-for-25 passing for 129 yards — and threw four interceptions, one of which set up the Irish for their first second-half lead of the season.

With the score tied at six late in the third quarter, a punt by Irish fifth-year senior Geoff Price pinned the Bruins at their own 1-yard line. On third down from the three, Bethel-Thompson badly overthrew a pass, which was intercepted by Notre Dame junior safety David Bruton and returned to the 4-yard line.

"It sailed over his intended receiver because our front line got good pressure," Bruton said. "I tried to take it to the house, but I guess I got caught from behind by a receiver."

A facemask penalty on the return advanced the ball to the two, and three plays later, freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen snapped over the line to put his team up 13-6 with 1:53 left in the third quarter.

"That was the time when our players believed they were going to win the game," Weis said. But the Irish defense wasn't done. Less than a minute later, on the next UCLA possession, Notre Dame line backers Crum and sophomore John Ryan sandwiched Bethel-Thompson, who lost the ball. Crum picked it up and returned it 35 yards for another Notre Dame touchdown to give the Irish a 20-6 lead.

The turnover was one of four Crum caused Saturday. He forced another fumble, this time by Bruin running back Kahlil Bell, and intercepted Bethel-Thompson twice — the second one coming on the Brusin's last possession to seal the victory for the Irish.

"A lot of my determination came from [the 33-19 loss to Purdue] last week," Crum said. "I didn't feel like I played well and I think my team needed me tonight."

After that interception, Crum looked unimpeded to the endzone for his second touchdown of the day, but his feet got tangled with those of fifth-year senior cornerback Ambrose Wooden and he slipped and fell.

"He looked like me out there," Weis said of the play.

UCLA opened the scoring. After pinning the Irish deep and forcing a punt, the Bruins drove 32 yards in 18 plays, but Notre Dame held inside its own 10 and forced a field goal by Bruin kicker Kai Forbath.

Notre Dame tied the game two possessions later after Zbikowski's hit and forced Olson to fumble.

On first and goal from the one, Irish freshman Jimmy Clausen was sacked. Three plays later, the Irish had to settle for a field goal by freshman Brandon Walker to even the game at 3-3. The two teams exchanged punts for most of the second quarter.

UCLA finally broke the deadlock, driving 40 yards in 9 plays and getting a 49-yard field goal from Forbath with 32 seconds left in the first half to take a 6-3 lead into the locker room.

The Bruins opened the second half by advancing into Notre Dame territory, but they were stopped on fourth-and-one at the Irish 32 when Crum sacked Bethel-Thompson.

Notre Dame took the ball and went right back the other way, driving 29 yards in 12 plays. Walker nailed a career-long 48-yard field goal to even the score at six. The Irish had advanced as far as the UCLA 22, but successive false start and personal foul penalties pushed them back and forced the field goal try.

"We got just enough yards on third and long to get into field goal range," Weis said. "That was a great kick."

Crum forced the fumble by Bell on the next Bruin possession, but even though Notre Dame took over on the UCLA 22, it could not get any points. Clausen was sacked on the first play of the Irish drive — and the cheering in the Rose Bowl doubled in volume after the loudspeaker announcement that, across town, USC had just lost to Stanford 24-23.

The ensuing Price punt pinned the Bruins near their own goal line, and three plays later, Bruton's interception set up Clausen's plunge to give Notre Dame the lead.

UCLA had one last chance to get back in the game, advancing the ball to the Irish 9-yard line, but on fourth-and-goal, Irish senior cornerback Tarell Lambert intercepted Bethel-Thompson's pass in the end zone.

Claussen finished the game 17-for-27 passing for 84 yards, with no touchdowns or interceptions. Olson was 4-for-10 for 34 yards before leaving the game with the knee injury.

Notre Dame returns home to face No. 4 Boston College next week. The Bruins, who fell to 4-2 with the loss, take on No. 2 California at the Rose Bowl.

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**players of the game**

| Mascule Crum |
| Notre Dame's senior linebacker had seven tackles, a sack, two interceptions, a forced fumble, two fumble recoveries and a touchdown. |

**stat of the game**

| 7 |
| Turnovers for UCLA. The Bruins forced four interceptions and lost three fumbles, one of which Notre Dame returned for a touchdown. |

**play of the game**

| David Bruton's interception |
| Bruton picked off UCLA quarterback McLeod Bethel-Thompson and returned the ball to the Bruin 4-yard line, setting up Notre Dame's first touchdown. |

**quote of the game**

"I was hurting the first five games, but I could get used to this feeling."

Trevor Laws
Irish defensive end
report card

quarterbacks: Clausen gave a middle of the road performance. He completed 17-of-27 passes for only 84 yards and no touchdowns, but did not throw any interceptions.

rushing backs: Aldridge got the lion's share of the carries — 22 carries for only 52 yards while Allen had three carries for 19 yards. The Irish struggled in short yardage situations again.

receivers: Carlson had six catches for 38 yards, but dropped a potential touchdown pass for the second straight game. The receivers were outnumbered and couldn't find holes in the secondary.

defensive line: Notre Dame gave up three sacks, but for the most part, Clausen had time to throw. But the Irish couldn't develop a running game.

special teams: Penalties Notre Dame had for 61 yards against UCLA. Overall, the special teams limited the damage UCLA was able to do in the running game.

defensive back: The secondary committed a few key penalties and Olson found some holes early on, but the unit tightened up and had a couple of key interceptions.

lining up the numbers

Notre Dame's total offensive yards against UCLA. The Irish had 46 rushing yards and 94 total passing yards.

Punts blocked inside the 20-yard line by Notre Dame punter Geoff Price.

Penalties Notre Dame had for 61 yards against UCLA. The Irish had 11 last week against Purdue.

Notre Dame's ranking in total offensive so far this season, out of 119 Division I teams.

Notre Dame's ranking in pass defense so far this season, out of 119 Division I teams.

Sacks allowed by Notre Dame's offensive line this season. UCLA had three sacks Saturday.

Third-down opportunities Notre Dame converted in 17 attempts.

Tackles for loss Notre Dame's defense had against the Bruins. Dwight Stephenson led with two.

Irish linebacker John Ryan (90) and the rest of the Irish file into their locker room while fans congratulate them on their 20-6 win over UCLA Saturday.

It was ugly, but it was a win

LOS ANGELES — Notre Dame's offense is in shambles. The offensive line needs seven or eight men in protection to stop a rush, and open receivers are a rarity. The running backs haven't established proficiency with any consistency; rushes of a yard or two are a welcome change from the all-too-familiar scene of a defender stuffing a tailback for a loss. And Jimmy Clausen is painfully slow going through his reads, missing wide-open safety valves underneath while staring down wide outs.

But, on this Saturday night, none of that mattered. On this Saturday night, the entire team sprinted from end zone to end zone after the game, even if the starting 11 couldn't move but a yard or two at a time during the game. On this Saturday night, a 14-point difference at the end of the ugliest of football games morphed into a beautiful celebration of unbridled enthusiasm for the Irish.

On this Saturday night, a 14-point difference at the end of the ugliest of football games morphed into a beautiful celebration of unbridled enthusiasm for the Irish.

On that kind of a night, an ugly win is all you can ask for. With Olson struggling at 4-for-10 and one because of an injury, the Bruins had to bring in walk-on third-stringer McLeod Bethel-Thompson because veteran quarterback Patrick Cowan has a knee injury. The Irish created four turnovers — including four interceptions — with Bethel-Thompson in, and thus Notre Dame's defense handed the team its first win since Brady Quinn's final home game. The last time the Irish celebrated a victory, Notre Dame was still dreaming about a shot at the national championship. The Irish figured they could earn a berth in the BCS title game if they took care of business the next week against USC.

BOHM, how times have changed. Eight games and a single win later, Notre Dame's chances at any bowl game are little more than a pipe dream. The 1-5 Irish must win this week against No. 4 Boston College or on Oct. 20 against the Trojans. Whose does not take care of business, to become bowl eligible.

On the other hand, the Irish were the beneficiary and the victor.

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Smoke and mirrors? More like throwing gasoline on a burning house and running behind the flames.

A run to one of two end zones for the joy. Corwin Brown rattled UCLA quarterback Ben Olson with a win and a big confidence boost before next week's game against No. 4 Boston College.

It was ugly, but it was a win
By KEN FOWLER
Sport Writer

LOS ANGELES — When Maurice Crum Jr. arrived at Notre Dame, his dad, a for­
scored the first touchdown of his career.

return yards, made seven tackles, and

touchdowns during his freshman year. The Walter Camp Football Foundation named him national defensive player of the week, but Crum's score was on his second forced fumble and subsequent recovery—not an interception.

So can Crum finally argue with his dad about who played better?

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Weis focused on limiting mistakes

By Chris KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said his offensive game plan on Saturday was to contain UCLA. By and large, the Irish did just that. UCLA was held to 233 total yards and 16 first downs.

But Weis wasn't satisfied.

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Irish linebacker Maurice Crum appeals to an official after recovering a fumble in Notre Dame's 20-6 win over UCLA Saturday.
Crumbled Bruins

Notre Dame’s sputtering offense only managed 140 total yards Saturday against UCLA, but that didn’t matter. The Irish defense forced seven turnovers, scored a touchdown and set up two other Notre Dame scores en route to a 20-6 victory over the Bruins — Notre Dame’s first win of the season. Irish linebacker Maurice Crum played a career game — recovering two fumbles, forcing one, while intercepting UCLA third-string quarterback McLeod Bethel-Thompson twice. Bethel-Thompson threw four interceptions after replacing Ben Olson, who left the game in the first quarter because of a leg injury. Notre Dame’s defense saw five running backs run for more than 100 yards in its first five games this season, but it held the Bruins to only 80 yards on the ground Saturday. The Irish face two tough opponents the next two weeks — No. 4 Boston College and No. 10 USC — but their win against UCLA ensures the Irish won’t start the season 0-8.

Top left, Irish safety David Bruton returns an interception. Top right, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen celebrates. Middle, UCLA quarterback McLeod Bethel-Thompson throws an interception. Bottom right, Irish linebacker Maurice Crum returns one of his two interceptions. Bottom left, Irish running back Armando Allen carries the ball through UCLA’s defense.
DIRTY SEXY MONEY (WED., 10 P.M., ABC)

At times "Dirty Sexy Money" feels like a dramatic version of "Arrested Development." After all, blonde ditzy Juliet Darling (Samaire Armstrong) is exactly this: Capturing and returning errant kids; suspending disbelief aside, to get people to tune in, but they'll stick around to witness the Darlings' shocking vices.

The series is dirty, sexy and totally money. With its juicy plotlines and top-notch acting, the series earns the right amount for a Wednesday night. Will it last? Yes. The title is enough to get people to tune in, but they'll kick around to actually watch the CW's shocking vices.

REAPER (TUE., 9 P.M., CW)

The CW is a venture that, initially, seemed bound to fail. Combining two of the main networks with "Reaper," the grim expectations that have accompanied it were born. Suspended disbelief aside, "Reaper" is a likeable and funny enough character-driven show. The series follows Sam and his goofy sidekick Bert (Sock) Wysocki (Tyler Labine) as they do the Devil's (Ray Wise) bidding: Capturing and returning errant illegal immigrants and another's illicit affair with a transvestite. The devil made you cheesy, well-written comedy. If you're looking for total escapism in your TV, or the male response to "Sex and the City," "Reaper" might be for you.

CAVEMEN (TUE., 8 P.M., ABC)

Okay, technically speaking "Cavemen" isn't that bad, especially considering all the grim expectations that have accompanied the series since ABC first announced it was picking up the pilot. The series, based on the popular Geico commercials, follows three cavemen roommates as they struggle to adapt to society biased against their species because they have a little extra hair all over their bodies. In the pilot, Joel (Bill English) tries to hide his Homo sapien girlfriend because he's afraid that his friend Nick (Nick Kroll) will turn against him. Meanwhile, Joel's little brother Andy (Sam Huntington) tries to get over his ex-girlfriend with Nick's help. The show has its bright spots. It can occasionally be funny. Joel is boring and Nick is annoyingly mean, but Andy is a likeable and funny enough character. But when it comes down to it, the only thing that separates "Cavemen" from any other series about 20-somethings is the fact that the main characters are cavemen — and this point isn't actually given enough focus. Will it last? Maybe. People seem to be curious about this series, but the concept is so tame that it's embarrassing that the show even made it to television. Will it last? Yes, as long as audiences remember to actually watch the CW.

BIG SHOTS (THU., 10 P.M., ABC)

Although it had the potential to be the male response to "Sex and the City," "Big Shots" falls miserably in originality and relatable characters. The series follows four of "Big shots" as they deal with their businesses and women. The show seems to specialize in stereotypes. James (Michael Vartan) is the faithful businessman and husband who gets it all only to realize that his wife has been cheating on him with his boss. Duncan (Dylan McDermott) is the philandering wusswho has never connected with his rebellious teenage daughter (Kelli Giddish). Malick (Christopher Titus) is the whipping husband who bandwagoning bends over backwards for his wife, only to realize that he truly does love her. The series might be enjoyable if there was some sort of companionship, Josh's dominating mother Claire (Amy Pietz) applies for an international student hosting program. When their houseguest arrives, he's not exactly the tall, Nordic youth on the program's brochure — brother Baja (Adam Kahan), a Muslim student from Pakistan.

To the show's credit, "Alphas" and "Reaper" are away from the usual, tired, and predictable romantic political issues. In one memorable scene from the pilot, many students in a classroom raise their hands when asked who feels angry toward Raja's people for causing the 9/11 attacks. The show has its bright spots. It can be funny, well-written comedy. If you're looking for total escapism in your TV, or the male response to "Sex and the City," "Big Shots" might be for you. The cancellation of "The O.C." left a teen soap void in all of our hearts, but "O.C." creator Josh Schwartz quickly filled that void by adapting the Alloy Entertainment book series, "Gossip Girl," for the small screen. In the series, Serena van der Woodsen (Blake Lively) returns to her Upper East Side private school after a mysterious year away at boarding school. Upon returning, she contends with Blair (Leighton Meester), the best friend she left behind, and Chuck (Ed Westwick), a cocky jerk who thinks he knows all of Serena's dirty little secrets.

Gossip Girl (WED., 9 P.M., CW)

"Gossip Girl" is the ultimate guilty pleasure as we sneak a peek at the lives of Upper East Side teens. The series, which was born on the drama and doesn't offer as much comic relief as "The O.C.," but we're incredibly excited about it. The show has its bright spots. It can occasionally be funny. Joel is boring and Nick is annoyingly mean, but Andy is a likeable and funny enough character. But when it comes down to it, the only thing that separates "Cavemen" from any other series about 20-somethings is the fact that the main characters are cavemen — and this point isn't actually given enough focus. Will it last? Maybe. People seem to be curious about this series, but the concept is so tame that it's embarrassing that the show even made it to television.
Brown's five field goals lift Texans over Miami

Titans defense comes through in goal-line stand to seal win; Steelers' offense controls ball well in shutout

Associated Press

HOUSTON - Kris Brown didn't come into the game with much confidence, but that all changed by the end of the afternoon.

Brown kicked five field goals, including the winner on a career-long 57-yarder with a second remaining, to lead the Texans to a 22-19 victory over the Tennessee Titans (4-1), losers of eight straight.

Brown tied an NFL single-game record with three from more than 50 yards. He hit two 54-yarders, started in the game. No game had kicked one longer than 53 yards in the NFL this season. Brown hurt the heel of his left foot on Houston's first kickoff and got an injection for the pain at halftime.

"That's an impressive as I've ever seen," coach Gary Kubiak said. "And then to put that on top of it. I'm kind of at a loss for words. It's special. I don't know if I'll ever see that again."

Brown said he didn't realize how long the winning kick was when he lined up.

"I actually thought it was going to be another 54-yarder," Brown said. "Brown didn't know it was going to be a fairly long kick. I told myself to make it a good kick and it's a go home.

The Dolphins are off to their worst start since losing nine straight to open the 2004 season. Things could get worse after quarterback Trent Green suffered a concussion trying to avoid a tackle. He was hurt the head of his left foot in Week 3 and did not return to play in Week 4.

Vincent Fuller picked off a pass and returned it 76 yards for a touchdown, and Kyle Vanden Bosch sacked Byron Leftwich with 1:01 left as the Tennessee Titans overcame five turnovers in pulling out a victory Sunday over the Atlanta Falcons.

"When you get on the 1-yard line, you assume that your team is going to put the ball in for a touchdown," Atlanta backfielder Vinnie Younis said.

Fisher agreed.

"The obvious reason we won this game was because of the performance, the consistent performance to the end of the game and the attitude the defense took throughout the game," Fisher said.

Atlanta (1-4) scored only 13 points off the turnovers and botched plenty of chances to win, including three missed field goals.

"The bottom line is their defense controlled the line of scrimmage, and we couldn't make plays when they were there," Atlanta coach Bobby Petrino said.

Petrino replaced a battered Joey Harrington, who threw for 87 yards, with Leftwich trying to spark the offense in the fourth quarter. Leftwich overthrew open Laurent Robinson in the end zone after Dominick Williams intercepted Young's pass with 4:15 to go.

Williams gave Leftwich another shot, breaking through and tackling titans punter Craig Hentrich at the Tennessee 19 with 2:24 left. That gave Atlanta the ball 22 1/2 left, and Warrick Dunn, held to nine yards on his previous nine carries, broke loose for 18.

That was as close as the Falcons would get, and Vanden Bosch's sack on fourth-and-5 sealed the victory.

Steelers 21, Seahawks 0

The Pittsburgh Steelers' top defensive players stood on the sidelines for most of the second half, but only a couple of them were hurt. The rest stayed there simply because the defensive offensive wouldn't let them on the field.

"The Steelers' victory Sunday over Seattle, longest home winning streak 1-0, followed Roethlisberger's improvising and creativity, might have been one of the few times where a shutout could be credited as much to the offense as the defense.

Pittsburgh's offense took nearly a half to get going, then couldn't be stopped as Roethlisberger directed three successive lengthy touchdown drives highlighted by Najeh Davenport's runs and a series of catches by backup receivers.

"Mikel Tomlin says that," he said. "We've got 53 play-makers, and you've got to make plays when your number is called," Davenport said. "A lot of guys' numbers got called."

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**Bears tight end Desmond Clark runs over Packers safety Nick Collins to score the game-winning touchdown in Chicago's 27-20 win over Green Bay Sunday.**

**Turnovers hamper Packers in loss to Bears**

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers coughed up five turnovers and their chance to remain undefeated, blowing a second-half lead and handing Bears a 27-20 victory to the Super Bowl last season.

But the old Favre reared his ugly head late in the fourth quarter, when he threw an incomplete pass to touchdown to tight end Greg Olsen with 2:05 left, Brett Favre drove the Packers to the Bears 31 and called the Packers' final timeout with 13 seconds remaining, but Favre threw an incomplete pass and an interception to Bears safety Brandon McGowan in the end zone to end the game.

Favre had marched the Packers (4-1) up and down the field in the first half, shredding a Chicago defense that continued to look nothing like the unit that led the Bears (2-3) to the Super Bowl last season.

But the old Favre reared his ugly head late in the third quarter, when he threw a head-scratching interception to Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher that let Chicago back into the game.

Griese made the Packers pay for Favre's mistake right away, throwing a 19-yard touchdown pass to rookie tight end Greg Olsen to cut the Packers' lead to 20-17 with 4:19 left in the third quarter. Olsen caught the pass out of bounds, but officials ruled he had been pushed out by Packers safety Atari Bigby, a call that is not subject to replay review.

The teams traded defensive stops deep into the fourth quarter, when the Bears appeared to convert a third-and-4 at the Packers 42 with 3:13 remaining. Packers coach Mike McCarthy challenged the spot and got the ball moved, just not enough to take away the first down.

After a 7-yard run by Cedric Benson, the Bears faced third-and-2 at the Packers 34, Griese faked a handoff and threw down the seam to Clark, who had broken free from safety Nick Collins and linebacker Brady Poppinga. Clark ran to the end zone, giving the Bears a 27-20 lead.

Griese, playing his second game as the Bears' starter after Rex Grossman was benched, finished the game 15-of-25 for 214 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

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**In Brief**

Gordon wins Talladega by employing risky strategy

TALLADEGA, Ala. — It’s not in Jeff Gordon’s nature to go slow, and asking the four-time series champion to ride aimlessly around in the back of the pack is unheard of.

But with all the unknowns surrounding Sunday’s race at Talladega Superspeedway, it seemed to be the safest strategy.

Still, he resisted, and even told car owner Rick Hendrick he wouldn’t do it.

He apparently had a change of heart, agreeing to turn parade laps for much of the race before surging past Jimmie Johnson on the final lap and holding off his teammate to become the career victory leader at restrictor-plate tracks.

"It was the hardest race I’ve ever had to be in. I’ve never had that type of mind-set before," Gordon said. "I’ve never done that before."

Former Duke coach and player reunite on field

FORT BRACEY, Fla. — They’re on different teams now, but MikePresser and Reade Seligmans still greeted each other with a hug before the game and a friendly handshake afterward.

They found time for some friendly banter, too.

Seligman, one of the three former Duke lacrosse players falsely accused of rape, recently transferred to Brown.

Presser, who built Duke into a top national program before being forced to resign as coach more than a year ago, is in his second season leading the Bryant team.

They reunited Sunday as Brown and Bryant, a Division II program in near-smithfield, faced each other in a scrimmage. Seligman is playing college lacrosse for the first time since the spring of 2006, when Duke’s season was cut short by rape allegations that prosecutors later determined were false.

Pettersen defeats Ochoa in playoff

DANVILLE, Calif. — Suzann Pettersen made her way to the 18th green for the third time in 45 minutes, telling herself she had better finish off Lorena Ochoa before it got too dark and they had to come back for more Monday.

Then, with another spot-on playoff putt as the sun was going down in the distance, Pettersen put her name above top-ranked Ochoa’s at long last.

She made an 8-foot putt for birdie on the second sudden-death hole Sunday to win the LPGA Drug Championship.

"I don’t know if we could have played much longer," Pettersen said. "I probably hit my best putt, the last putt I had in the playoff. That was really nice."

Pettersen, who began the day with a bogey, watched as Ochoa just missed a bogey, watched as Ochoa just missed a 10-foot par putt as the sun was going down in Monday’s playoff.

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**AROUND THE NATION**

Monday, October 8, 2007

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Boston Padres clinch series sweep

Ortiz and Ramirez homer, Schilling pitches seven innings; Hughes' relief helps Yankees force Game Four

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Brilliant as ever in the postseason, Curt Schilling helped give the Boston Red Sox some time off.

The way they were playing, maybe that's the last thing they needed.

Schilling worked seven masterful innings, David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez homered, and the Red Sox routed the Los Angeles Angels 9-1 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep of their first-round AL playoff series.

The Red Sox open the AL championship series at Fenway Park on Friday night against either the Cleveland Indians or New York Yankees. The Indians went for a sweep Sunday night at Yankee Stadium.

Schilling isn't the power pitcher he once was, but he handled the Angels with relative ease. Even when the Angels loaded the bases early, he escaped.

"His style has changed, but the results in the postseason remain the same. That's a real tribute to him," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said.

"That's what makes him special." Schilling raised his postseason record to 9-2 in 16 career starts and tied the Red Sox's career postsea

As for the Angels, they were swept for the fifth time in seven playoff tries and need to start the first round of the 2004 playoffs next week to avoid the sweep.

The Angels beat the Red Sox in the last three games of the 1986 ALCS and swept them in the first round of the 2004 playoffs.

Schilling was working in the postseason for the first time since the 2004 World Series, when his bloody sock became the stuff of baseball lore.

The 40-year-old righty had been hampered by an injured ankle in the AL championship series against the New York Yankees that year. Team doctors stitched a tendon in his right ankle in his right ankle to keep it from flopping around, and he returned to lead the Red Sox to a Game 6 win that tied the series.

The Red Sox went on to win Game 7, then the World Series against St. Louis for their first title since 1918.

He wasn't used in the 2005 playoffs, and Boston didn't make the postseason last year.

"I thought Schill was outstanding," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "He especially commanded fastballs on both sides of the plate — in and out, up and down. He really pitched.

Pitching for the first time in six weeks, Schilling scattered six hits while walking one, striking out four and throwing 100 pitches — 76 for strikes.

He was at his best in his final inning of work.

"With the Red Sox leading just 2-0, Maicer Izturis doubled to start the Los Angeles seventh, but Hideki Okajima grounded to second, Juan Rivera popped to first and Mike Napoli struck out to end the inning.

The Angels broke the shutout in the ninth against Eric Gagne.

Izturis doubled and later scored on Kendrick's sacrifice fly.

Yankees, Indians 4

Dangerously close to getting swept, the New York Yankees woke up just in time to save their season and perhaps Joe Torre's job.

Johnson Damon lofted a go-ahead, three-run homer in the fifth inning, runners Phil Hughes and Johan Santana drove in runs.

Damon had three hits, drove in runs and started the comeback with an RBI single in the third off former Yankee Jake Westbrook. New York, which hadn't gotten back-to-back hits in the series, then scored three straight opposite-field hits from Hideki Matsui, Robinson Cano and Melky Cabrera for a 3-2 lead.

Damon went into a trot, walked into a trot, and the crowd of 56,358 leapt to its feet.

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The Yankees got the leadoff hitter on in each of their first three innings, Derek Jeter bunted into double plays in the first and the third, and anyone over the second baseman to the right field for an error, two more runs scored.

This time, there were no bugs behind home plate.

In a game that mirrored the Yankees' comeback from a 21-29 start, Cano added both hands in the air down the third-base line and jumped twice. Damon went in a trot, and the crowd of 56,358 leapt with him.

"We know what we have to do. We know who's the boss around here, and we know how much we love Joe," Damon said. "We battled, we got some big hits, and a big pitching performance from Philip Hughes.

"This is a very uncomfortable time of year. It's an exciting time of year," Torre said. "You understand there's no safety net.

"In an unprecedented year of the sweep, all other division series ended in three-game wimpouts. But the Indians, at least for a night, were denied their first trip to the AL championship series since 1998.

Paul Byrd tried to close it out Monday night for the Indians, with the Yankees starting Game 1 loser Chien-Ming Wang on three days' rest for the Yankees.

"I felt like we made a statement in Game 1 and I felt like they made a statement tonight," Byrd said.

Only four teams have ever come back-2 deficit in the first round since the playoffs expanded in 1995. Before the game, Torre told his team to think about winning one game, not three.

"Tonight was unbelievable, no one can look back behind me," Hughes said. "It was something I never experienced before.

With former New York City mayor and current presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani leading the cheering from his front-row seats, Alex Rodriguez dropped his postseason hitless streak at 18 at-bats with a second-inning single and also beat out an infield single. But he remained in a 6-for-54 (.111) playoff funk with no RBIs dating to his Game 4 home run against Boston three years ago.

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CHICAGO MARATHON

Ivuti wins marathon despite sweltering heat

High temperatures, humidity cause death of one man, hospitalization of 49 others; 250 people were treated on site

Associated Press

CHICAGO — In a race run in scorching heat that left one man dead, Kenya’s Patrick Ivuti won the Chicago Marathon by a fraction of a second Sunday. At least 49 runners were taken to hospitals and another 250 were treated at the site.

The 88-degree heat and sweltering humidity were so draining that organizers shut down the second half of the course four hours after the start.

Ivuti leaned at the finish line to edge Jaouad Gharib of Morocco by 0.05 seconds. Ethiopia’s Berhane Adere rallied to successfully defend her women’s title.

Chad Schieber of Midland, Mich., 35, collapsed while running on the South Side and was pronounced dead shortly before 1 p.m. at a Veteran’s Affairs hospital, the Cook County medical examiner’s office. An autopsy was scheduled for Monday.

“Obviously very sad news, and our thoughts and prayers are with the individual’s family,” said Shawn Platt, senior vice president of title sponsor LaSalle Bank.

George Chiampas, the race’s medical director, said witnesses reported seeing Schieber collapse and become unresponsive. “It sounds like he lost his pulse very fast and died at the race course,” Chiampas said.

There was another running death Sunday in Arlington, Va. An unidentified runner from Virginia died during the Army Ten-Miler, collapsing near the finish at the Pentagon. The race started at 70-degree heat and high humidity.

These were record temperatures for the Chicago Marathon, topping the mark of 84 degrees in 1979. Runners were diverted to the starting area, where they were provided with medical attention and cooling misters. Shortages of water and energy drinks were reported along the 26.2-mile route.

Race director Carey Pinkowski said organizers were concerned that emergency medical personnel wouldn’t be able to keep up with heat-related injuries.

“We were seeing a high rate of people that were struggling,” Pinkowski said. “If you were out there at 3:00, it was a hot day. It was like a summer day. It was just a brutally hot day.”

At first, organizers hoped those who passed the halfway mark could complete the run. But eventually even those recreational runners were told to turn back.

Still, some runners persevered, although organizers said they didn’t know how many completed the course.

Helicopters hovered over the race course while police officers checked on bullethorn and warned runners to slow down and walk.

About 10,000 of the 43,000 registered runners chose not to race in the heat despite more mini stations, cooling buses and water-soaked sponges, while another 10,934 started but didn’t finish, officials said.

Lori Kaufman, a runner from St. Louis, said she was told to start walking at mile 14. She said the fire department turned on hydrants to hose people down along the course.

Paul Gardiner, a runner from England, said the weather made for a "brutal" run.

“We were at about 18 miles and we heard they canceled it and that kind of sent a little bit of concern through the crowd,” he said. “It just just wasn’t possible to run.”

Ivuti, competing in only his second major marathon, was timed in 2 hours, 11 minutes, 11 seconds in the closest finish in the race’s history. He was the fifth straight Kenyan to win the race.

Ivuti has never seen a marathon finish up close that was like that,” head referee Pat Savage said. "This was really close, but at the same time you could see that one man was ahead of the other.”

Adere finished in 2:33:49 after passing a surprised Adriana Pirtea, who had a comfortable 20-second lead after 24.8 miles.

Ivuti and Gharib surged ahead of defending champion Robert Cheruiyot and Daniel Njenga at the 22-mile mark to make it a two-man race. Gharib led for much of the final 4 miles before Ivuti made a push on the final mile.

“I had no problem with that because everybody was going through the same thing as me.”

The duo traded leads on the stretch run down Columbus Avenue before Ivuti’s final push at the line. The race was so close that it took organizers several minutes to determine the winner.

Njenga finished third and Cheruiyot fourth. Cheruiyot was in position to contaminate the stomachs of coaches who appeared ready to drop back after 22 miles. Cheruiyot, who last year slipped on the finish line and banged his head on the pavement as he raised his hands to celebrate, finished in 2:16:13.

Pirtea weaved in the crowd as she listlessly approached the finish line. She was approximately 14 seconds behind on the last mile by Adere caught the Romanian in the final stretch.

"At 40 (kilometers), I could see she was going slowly,” Adere said. "I knew if I started working from that point on, there was a possibility to catch her.”
Belles place third at MIAAs

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s found themselves in third place this weekend at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships, firing a team score of 677 in two rounds at Bedford Valley Country Club in Battle Creek, Mich.

Olivet won the tournament and took first in the conference with a team score of 665. Olivet’s Lindsey Lamkin also won the overall individual title with a score of 163.

The third-place finish this weekend pushed the Belles out of second place in the final MIAA conference tallies. They finished with an 80.5 average.

Tri-State University, which finished second in the Championships with a score of 677, edged Saint Mary's for the honor, with a final scoring average of 80.25. She narrowly edged Hope College’s Julie Hoogerhyde for the honor, who finished with an 80.5 average.

O’Brien is following in a strong tradition of Saint Mary’s medalists, earning the honor for the Belles for the fourth time in five years.

Back up O’Brien on the team were available for comment following the tournament.

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NHL
Stastny’s five points put Aves over Sharks

Associated Press

DENVER — Paul Stastny put together an impressive rookie season, and now he is working on an even better sophomore campaign.

Stastny had a goal and four assists, and Milan Hejduk scored twice and set up another tally as the Colorado Avalanche broke open a tight game with four third-period goals and beat the San Jose Sharks 6-2 Sunday night.

Avalanche captain Joe Sakic had a goal and an assist to move past Phil Esposito into eighth place on the NHL career points list with 1,591.

Stastny, the runner-up to Pittsburgh’s Evgeni Malkin for rookie of the year honors last season, has four goals and four assists in Colorado’s first three games. He had a hat trick in the Avalanche’s season-opening win against Dallas on Wednesday.

“I don’t think they’re coming easy. I’ve gotten a couple of good bounces,” said Stastny, who had 28 goals and 50 assists last season.

“I’m playing with some good linemates.”

Hejduk scored late in the first period, Hejduk found the 611th goal of his 19-year career. Sakic’s goal moved him out of a tie for 14th place with Bobby Hull on the career list.

“Obviously, I’ve been around a long time,” Sakic said. “For me to have played this long and get to those guys who meant a lot to the game, it’s an honor.”

The Avalanche poured it on in the third after Ryan Clowe scored the first of his two goals to make it 2-1 after two periods.

Just 52 seconds into the final frame, Hejduk found Stastny in front to give Colorado a two-goal cushion.

“I thought last year he was at a pretty impressive level, and to just keep getting better is a great sign,” Avalanche coach Joel Quenneville said. “With the puck, his patience level is at the highest end of the game.”

Hejduk scored 1:55 later, and the rout was on. Marek Svatos and Ryan Smyth scored 18 seconds apart midway through the third to make it 6-1 and chase goalie Evgeni Nabokov.

“We were pushing the pace in the second, and we were aggressive and going down and they didn’t have much,” Nabokov said. “The third period starts, and we give up a 3-on-2, and that made momentum for them.”
Men's Tennis

Parbhu loses in consolation round

Senior co-captain drops match in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, to No. 38-ranked player in nation

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Senior co-captain Sheeva Parbhu lost in the consolation round of the Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Championships Sunday in Tulsa, Okla.

Parbhu, ranked No. 30 in the country, lost to No. 38 Clancy Shields from Boise State in two straight matches 6-3, 6-3.

Parbhu's singles record dropped to 2-4 this year and 96-30 all time. He needed one more win to pass Ryan Simme dropped to 2-4 this year and 96-30 all time.

"I'm looking to play at a high level and keep the good streak going," Parbhu said.

Parbhu fell in the opening round of the tournament Thursday to No. 22 Bejun Szumanski of Texas Tech 6-3, 6-0.

"Brett (Helgeson), and Parbhu are co-number one's," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I don't want to peg either one as the number one. Parbhu comes to net better, but doesn't have the power Brett does."

Parbhu did not play any matches last weekend in order to rest up for the tournament.

He was the only representative Notre Dame sent to the tournament. He wanted to stay fresh for dual meet matches later in the season.

Parbhu will return to South Bend this weekend and practice with the team. The Irish will travel to the ITA Midwest Championships in Minneapolis, Minn. on Oct. 18.

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SMC Soccer

Fischer's hat trick tops SMC

Belles score with 25 min. remaining

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Hope senior forward Julia Fischer picked up a hat trick to lead her Flying Dutch past Saint Mary's 3-1 in an MIAA conference game Saturday.

Fischer netted two goals in less than five minutes in the middle of the first half, then another one in the 33rd minute to give the Dutch a 3-0 lead, which the Belles couldn't overcome. The first and third goals mirrored each other; both came on set corner kick plays assisted by freshman Lauren Miller.

Fischer capitalized off of a Belles' turnover directly in front of their own net for the second goal and was unassisted on the play.

Saint Mary's freshman Julia Grondmans was able to get her team on the scoreboard with 23 minutes remaining in the game, but it was too little, too late.

Sophomore Samantha Goudreau picked up the assist by crossing the ball from seven yards out to an empty Graggman, who buried the shot.

Senior goalkeeper Amy Mahoney made five saves in attempts to keep the Belles in the game, but could not get in the way of Fischer's three shots on the day.

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**MLB — National League**

Unlikely foes to battle for trip to World Series

Rookies and D-Backs arrive in pennant race through similar ways

Associated Press

PHOENIX — When the Arizona Diamondbacks took the field at the Colorado Rockies this week, they may feel as if they're looking into a mirror.

The teams took similar routes to the final destination — the National League championship series.

"We're going to have our hands full with Arizona, a tough team," Rockies moundsfield Jeff Baker said. "We know them. They know us."

Start with their records:

Arizona won the NL West with a league-best 90-72. The Rockies, who had to defeat San Diego in a one-game playoff to earn a wild card berth, finished 90-73.

Both clubs have built from within, and they've done it relatively cheaply. The Rockies entered the season with a payroll of $34.4 million, $2.4 million more than the Diamondbacks.

Only four clubs had lower payrolls.

Instead of spending on free agents, both organizations committed to building through the draft. Two of their finest products can be found at shortstop — Colorado's Troy Tulowitski, drafted in the first round two years ago, and Arizona's Stephen Drew, picked third in the 2004 draft.

"It speaks to the good old-fashioned values of baseball," Colorado manager Clint Hurdle said. "It's as much of a team as you'll find in professional sports today."

"I've never heard one guy complain all year," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said.

The playoffs have been sweet for two teams that have struggled in recent years.

Colorado, which lost 94 games in 2004 and 95 in 2005, posted its first winning record since 2000. The Diamondbacks — 23 three years ago — and this year they broke a streak of three consecutive losing seasons, longest in the franchise's 10 years.

Both started slowly this year, but the Diamondbacks were 47-43 at the All-Star break, third in the NL West, 3½ games behind San Diego.

Colorado was 44-44 and fourth place, 5½ games out.

"Everybody has been waiting for them to fall on their faces, but they're a good team," Colorado reliever Brian Fuentes said of the Diamondbacks. "No one projected us to be where we are, so it's going to be two very good ball clubs going at it."

Instead of quitting, both teams kept playing hard. That's a credit to Hurdle and Arizona's manager Bob Melvin, as well as the desire of younger players to stick in the major leagues.

"It's a team," said Arizona left fielder Eric Byrnes, one of the Diamondbacks' few veterans. "It's as much of a team as you'll find in professional sports today."

"You have 25 guys pulling for each other," Byrnes said. "I've never heard one guy complain all year. We've already exceeded expectations so far and we're going to continue to do so."
Jaguars stop Chiefs' ground game in victory

Keith's two touchdowns lead Colts over Buccaneers; Tomlinson has 140 total yards in win over Broncos

Associated Press

Jaguars wide receiver Dennis Northcutt, 86, catches a three-yard touchdown pass over Chiefs defensive back Greg Wesley during Jacksonville's 17-7 win over Kansas City Sunday.

NFL

Playing without five injured starters, including two key defensive backs and the starting offensive tackle, the Colts dominated the clock and their improving defense never gave Tampa Bay a chance in a blowout.

Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning made it easy by throwing two touchdowns, while first-time starter Kenton Keith rushed for 121 yards and two more scores.

"I have been proud of our team on many, many occasions, but this is one of the best," Colts coach Tony Dungy said after finishing a three-game skid. "I thought the backup guys didn't try to do too much. Everybody just did their jobs."

Conventional wisdom suggested that without Harrison, the eight-time Pro Bowl receiver, and Addai, the Colts' feature back, the offense might be unacceptable against Tampa Bay's usually strong defense.

"It was no contest," said Manning finished 27-of-39 for 253 yards and simply used other players to replace the missing parts. Pro Bowl receiver Reggie Wayne and tight end Dallas Clark and first-round draft pick Anthony Gonzalez each caught seven passes. Gonzalez entered the game with only six catches all season.

Indianapolis held the ball for an astounding 38:13, including all but 90 seconds of the third quarter when the Bucs ran three plays. Tampa Bay's 3-2 form has 17 yards rushing after losing Carnell "Cadillac" Williams for the season at Jacksonville in two weeks.

Linebacker Rob Morris, the other starter missing Sunday, will miss the rest of the season with a torn tendon in his knee.

Chargers 41, Broncos 3

The San Diego Chargers figured the formula for turning their season around included beating the Denver Broncos. It worked. Whatever the Chargers did, the Broncos did not.

"You do the math there," Bucs coach Jon Gruden said. "You're not able to do a lot when you don't have the ball." The bad news for the rest of the NFL is the Colts now have two weeks more of their injury to heal.

It's the third straight year Indianapolis has gone into the bye week with an unbeaten record, and the Colts believe Addai (shoulder), Harrison (knee), linebacker Freddy Keiaho (concussion) and safety Bob Sanders (rib) will all be healthy when they start their toughest stretch of the season at Jacksonville in two weeks.

"I don't know if I've ever been more embarrassed," said Tomlinson's 36-yard gain on a screen pass after two more scores. "I have never been a part of something like this where we did well against us, and not for us. We ran the ball, threw the ball, played defense, they played special teams. They played all four phases. We didn't win any."
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killed in the match while Stavink added 12 more along with 10 digs. Sophomore outside hitter Serenity Phillips finished with eight kills while Phillips also added eight digs.
Senior setter Ashley Tarnut paced the Irish with 24 assists while sophomore setter Janel Nicholas added 14 assists. Freshman libero Angela Puentes also recorded seven digs.
“It’s always great to contribute to the team with whatever lineup we are using, getting in there playing and setting,” Nicholas said. “It’s always good to do something positive for the team. Winning big and having control of the entire game will give us a lot of confidence going into the next few games that we have in the conference.”
For the Scarlet Knights, sophomore outside hitter Kyra Thompson finished with eight kills and eight digs. Sophomore defensive specialist Jamie Godfrey led the team with 11 digs. Senior setter Rosy Ladder ended the match with 13 assists and five digs while freshman outside hitter Emma Chrystal recorded six kills, eight assists, and three digs.
Notre Dame is off until Oct. 12 when it travels to Marquette to face the Golden Eagles at 7 p.m.
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in the last event of the day, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Senior captain Katie Guida, junior Christa Riggins, freshman Amywren Miller and freshman Delta Cronin combined for a time of 3:31.01, more than two seconds better than the previous meet record. Guida and Miller also won the 400-yard backstroke relay with freshmen Lauren Parisi and Meg Reinhart.
Several freshmen turned in big performances in their first meet with the Irish. Cronin, Reynolds and Sam Maxwell — all rookies — teamed up with Guida for the Irish victory in the 300-yard freestyle relay.
while sophomore Lexi Shue and freshman Lauren Sylvester combined to win the 1,000-yard freestyle relay by almost 23 seconds. Sophomore Maggie Behrens, senior Caroline Johnson, freshman Katie Casey and Maxwell took first in the 200-yard medley relay.
For the divers, freshman Heidi Grossman and sophomore Natalie Sittl won the one-meter diving event, while junior Lucy Hirt and senior Tara Hyer took first in the three-meter synchronized dive.
Both teams will be back in action on Oct. 19 when they host Southern California at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.
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Saturday, Oct. 13
1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.
Notre Dame Power Plant
• One-hour tours of the Notre Dame Power Plant. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Contact Burt Villanueva at villanuva.25@nd.edu or 631-4776

Sunday, Oct. 7
8:00 p.m.
DeBartolo 101
• "Faulkingham: The Oil Crash," a 90-minute documentary on our dwindling oil reserves.
9:45 p.m.
DeBartolo 101
• "Kidwatt Ours" — a 38-minute film reviews America’s energy-related problems, from the coal mines of West Virginia to the solar panel fields of Florida.

Monday, Oct. 8
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Outside DeBartolo
• Special Energy Week giveaways
• Take the "Energy Quiz" online for a chance to win special prizes. Visit energycenter.nd.edu to take the quiz on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.
9:00 p.m. - Midnight
Inside LaFortune Student Center
• "Get your green on" with an Energy Week t-shirt, on sale for $5
• Special Energy Week giveaways
• Take the "Energy Quiz" online for a chance to win special prizes. Visit energycenter.nd.edu to take the quiz on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Tuesday, Oct. 9
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Outside on the South Quad by Cushing Hall
• Electric cars and hybrid motorcycles on display.
• Learn how to stabilize atmospheric CO2 concentrations.
• Solar chargers for charging small electronic devices.
• Calculating your carbon footprint (analyze your impact on climate change).
• Wind turbine display.
• Special sign-ups, energy video competition and "students interested in energy" listen.

Wednesday, Oct. 10
8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
McKenna Hall
• The annual Notre Dame Environmental Education and Research Conference: Energy and the Environment. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. For more information, visit energycenter.nd.edu/conferences/2007

Thursday, Oct. 11
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Outside the North and South Dining Halls
• Hybrid motorcycles on display.
• Learn how to stabilize atmospheric CO2 concentrations.
• Solar chargers for charging small electronic devices.
• Calculations to kilowatts display.
• CO2 footprint calculators (measure your impact on climate change).
• Wind turbine display.
• Special sign-ups, energy video competition and "students interested in energy" listen.
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11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Campus wide
• LIGHTS OUT! Join students, faculty, and staff across campus as they turn the lights off for an hour.
9:00 p.m.
Outside on the North Quad by Cavanaugh and Green-Phillips Halls
• "An Inconvenient Night," a factual and informational story about global warming told by Al Gore.
In case of rain, the movie will be shown inside the Stepan Center.

Friday, Oct. 12
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fitzpatrick Hall — Main Floor
• Closing reception featuring N.D. alumni in energy-related fields.
• Energy Quiz winners announced.

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Brock, junior forward Kerri Hanks and senior forward Susan Fink hit three goals and scored an additional point against St. John's. The Irish were held scoreless throughout the first half in a game that ended 1-0.

The Buckeyes finished the Saturday game with scores of seven and six-under. Fortner, who has been an ankle injury, played 50 minutes in Friday's game. Gnaali, the injured senior captain, did not play at all.

Notre Dame 4, Syracuse 1
Brock became the 23rd player to score a hat trick in Irish history. Just before halftime, Brock deflected a cross from junior defender Eilee Weizer inside the left hand corner of the net.

"She fought hard and did some really clinical finishing out of four-on-one on this weekend," Waldrum said. Her second goal came five minutes into the second half. Senior midfielder Ashley Jones sent a pass into the territory that Brock ran down, controlled and buried in the right side of the goal. Two minutes later, freshman forward Anastasia Louwien's pass found Brock at the top of the box. Brock beat the Orange defender with a shot that past the challenging keeper to give the Irish a 3-0 lead.

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Ten minutes later, senior defender Ryan Miller scored the game's lone goal by heading in a Joseph Lapira corner kick. Lapira, who also assisted the corner kick, had great services all night on Notre Dame's eight corner kick opportunities.

The connection was Miller's fourth goal and Lapira's fourth assist of the season — both team highs. Miller had two goals in a 3-0 win over Michigan earlier in the week. It was one of our strongest players last year and to this day and time, he has maintained that," Clark said. "But, I think it was really a team performance on Saturday.

Clark was pleased with the developing chemistry between middle defenders freshman Matt Armstrong and junior Michael Thomas, who was playing in only his second game of the season due to a broken jaw.

The defense held West Virginia to 12 shots and only one corner kick, while allowing the Notre Dame attackers to put up 23 shots of their own.

The stingy Mountaineers defense had allowed slightly more than 11 shots per game to its opponents prior to Saturday night. All six of West Virginia's wins have come in 1-0 shutouts and it has only allowed four goals through its first 10 games this year.

"They defend very well," Clark said. "They have five players who rarely ever leave their defensive duties."

All five West Virginia defenders are returning starters from last season and all, except for sophomore Alex Erwin, are seniors.

The Mountaineers goalkeeper, redshirt freshman Zach Johnson, has also been outstanding for West Virginia so far this year.

"Their keeper had several excellent saves, at least four or five of them," Clark said. Lapira had two great chances taken away by Johnson, and Armstrong was also robbed on a nice shot from wide outside of the box. But one goal was enough for the Irish.

With the win, Notre Dame (8-2-1, 5-0-1 Big East) stayed atop the Big East Blue Division, and it is now the only unbeaten team in the division. The Irish will take a break for the upcoming conference play this week when they take on regional rival Michigan State College in East Lansing.

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Three Notre Dame golfers are at even-par in a tie for 23rd place. The most surprising of the group is freshman Tyler Hock, who is starting in his first collegiate tournament. Hock, a powerful player off the tee, followed up a four-over-par first round with an impressive 68.

"Tyler is a very talented young player," Kishinski said. "He has great imagination for a player his age. He will be a great contributor for us."

Joining Hock at even-par are senior Greg Rodgers and junior Josh Sandman, who both had impressive starts to the events. Rodgers shot a two-under 70 and Sandman a one-under 71 in the first round, but each tallied a bogey in the second round to return to even par.

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Chattanooga by two strokes and took the fifth round of 16-under. Filling out the rest of the top five are Ohio State, Virginia Tech and Old Dominion.

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Irish sophomore Doug Fortner puts during the Gridiron Classic Sept. 30. He is Sundber through two rounds in the Duke Classic. 
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ND SWIMMING

Men and women dominate Dennis Stark Relays at home

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men and women took care of business in the 43rd Dennis Stark Relays, boasting strong performances that led to a first-place finish for both teams. The men took first in 10 of the 13 events, breaking three meet records along the way. Sophomores John Lytle and Andrew Hoffman, junior Danny Lutkus and senior Bob Seery set a record for the 300-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:16.83.

Senior Sam Stoner and junior Michael Bock set meet records in the one-meter diving relay and the three-meter synchronized dive. Sophomore Andrew Deters and freshman Steven Brus turned in a dominating performance in the 1,000-yard freestyle relay. Brus, who took the second leg, was able to lap the field as the pair combined for a time of 9:26.38, 35 seconds ahead of second-place Valparaiso. Seery and Deters teamed up with freshman Michael Sullivan and sophomore MacKenzie LeBlanc to win the 800-yard freestyle relay. Senior Eric Swenson and junior Daniel Rave were both part of teams that won the 400-yard breaststroke relay and the 400-yard medley relay. Ball State finished a distant second, followed by Oakland, Valparaiso and Marquette rounding out the top five. The men took first in 10 of the 13 events, breaking three meet records along the way. Sophomores John Lytle and Andrew Hoffman, junior Danny Lutkus and senior Bob Seery set a record for the 300-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:16.83.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

ND win streak reaches four

Bock scores hat trick to lead team to 4-1 win against Syracuse

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame (7-4-1, 5-0-0 Big East) extended its winning streak to four games this weekend with a 4-1 win over Syracuse Friday and a 3-0 win over St. John’s Sunday. Junior Brittany Bock, who started at forward to replace injured Amanda Cianelli, had her first career hat trick against the Orange. She also scored Sunday against the Red Storm. “I think she’s definitely having an All-America year,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Dominant start leads to sweep over Rutgers

Irish handle Scarlet Knights with ease in conference showdown

By PAT O’BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame wasted no time when it stepped on the court Saturday to take on Rutgers, defeating the Scarlet Knights 3-0 (30-16, 30-18, 30-20) at home. It was the 11th time Rutgers (3-12, 1-5 Big East) has been defeated in a shutout. Notre Dame (7-8, 3-2) never let off of the throttle during three games. Starting with a few big kills by freshman middle blocker Kellie Sciacca, the Irish jumped to a quick 12-5 lead in game one. The Irish ended the first game with a .560 hit percentage. Games two and three were much of the same with the Irish completing 7-0 and 8-0 records to start off each game. Notre Dame finished the season in a 3-2 match with a .433 attack percentage — its best since Oct. 21, 2005 when it took down South Florida with a .476 attack. Junior middle blocker Justine Stremick finished with a .706 hitting percentage — the first Irish player to hit over .500 with a .550 attack. Sophomore Adrianna Stasiuk also hit over .300 in a match since last season with a .451 clip. Senior captain Sam Stoner and junior Rob Seery rounded out the top five.

ND Golf

Irish make late push to end round

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

A late charge Sunday led the Irish into sixth place in the Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic. Notre Dame passed two teams in the last few holes to finish three-under through two rounds. The Irish shot a one-under par total of 287 in the first round, putting them in seventh out of the 15-team field midway through the day. The team then passed North Carolina Wilmington and Eastern Carolina with several birdsies in the last four holes of a two-under second round. Leading the Duke Classic, which ends today, are the No. 13 host Blue Devils, who are ahead of Tennessee...

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Men’s Soccer

Goose eggs

Irish increase lead in the Big East with win over West Virginia

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Fifth-year senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill and the Notre Dame defense outlasted No. 13 West Virginia in a 3-0 battle Saturday at Alumni Field. Cahill made six saves while picking up his fourth shutout of the season. "He is doing everything that is asked of him," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "That is the mark of a really good goalkeeper."

The biggest stop of the night came when the Mountaineers’ Mark Ameia fired a shot from close range two minutes into the second half. Cahill dove to his left, snagging the ball and preserving the shutout.

Senior midfielder Kyle Dalworth takes a shot during No. 3 Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Michigan Wednesday. The Irish shut out West Virginia 1-0 Saturday to improve to 5-0-1 in the Big East.

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