Islam and Christianity: brothers in faith

Archbishop discusses compatibility of two religions, common ancestry, misconceptions

By JOSH LEUW

The rift between Christianity and Islam can be solved by finding a common ground in God and a shared ancestry, Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, said Thursday.

Migliore told a popular Middle Eastern story to illustrate the picture Muslims and Christians have of each other.

A man walks in the desert and sees a monster on the horizon, he said. As the man gets closer, he realizes it isn’t a monster but a very ugly man. When he is right in front of the man, he sees it is his brother.

"Muslims see Christians as monsters of the Crusades,... Christians see Muslims as monsters in a similar light," Migliore said.

With both religions having ancient histories, rooted deeply in tradition, it is often said the religions could not be compatible, the Archbishop said.

"However, both religions contain elements that are compatible, but are just unaccepted because of misconceptions," Migliore said.

Migliore addressed three points of convergence between Muslims and Christians, aspects both sects of believers share:

- Ancient histories, rooted deeply in God and a shared ancestry
- Common ancestry
- Shared beliefs

"Muslims see Christians as brothers in Christ," Migliore said.

The Archbishop also discussed the need to overcome negative stereotypes, the need to provide a platform for students of both religions to speak about religion, and the need to educate about the two faiths.

Cuba talk focuses on future

Journalists: Government has several options

By LINDSAY SENA

Experts discussed Cuba's political system and their thoughts on the country's future, given the failing health of President Fidel Castro Thursday.

The lecture, titled "Cuba From Inside," featured Hewlett Visiting Fellow and freelance journalist Cecilia Vaisman and former Havana bureau chief for the Chicago Tribune Gary Marx.

"I believe he's coming back to power," Vaisman said. The two said Cuba has several options for its government in the future.

The nation could adopt a "China/Vietnam style/model" of government, which would impose living standards for Cubans while still maintaining a single-party system, Vaisman said. Or, they said, Cuba could stage a violent uprising for democracy, which is "extremely unlikely."

"Our society is not strong enough to challenge the government," she said.

Although there have been several positive changes since the 1990s, such as the legalization of the U.S. dollar and the opening of some Cuban sectors to tourism and investment, there is still a growing inequality between the rich and the poor, Marx said.

"There is a gap between those with dollars and those without," he said, using the qualifier as an example of wealthy Cuban exiles.

Notre Dame delegation to attend vigil-protest

School of the Americas Watch to hold solidarity events for those killed at the hands of graduates

By JENN METZ

This weekend, 35 members of the Notre Dame community will drive to Fort Benning, Ga., to join thousands of people in the annual vigil-protest of the controversial School of the Americas (SOA), a training school for Latin American soldiers.

Junior Michael Angulo organized the Notre Dame trip, which includes undergraduates, graduate students, theology professor Margie Pilhu and Liz McKenzie from the Center for Social Concerns.

The delegation is joining tortured survivors, religious organizations and leaders, students, social movement leaders, "puppetistas," (an informal group of puppeteers that denounce the SOA), presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich, and the Indigo Girls, among others.

The School of the Americas Watch, a nonviolent grassroots advocacy movement, organized the vigil-protest, which will take place Nov. 16-18. The organization seeks solidarity with Latin Americans to close the SOA and to "change oppressive U.S. foreign policy that institutes like the SOA represent," according to their Web site.

"School of the Americas Watch has done an incredible job at networking between students, journalis..."
INSIDE COLUMN

Being super

Everyone has thought about it. At least once or twice—what super power would you have if you could choose anything? Or perhaps, if just given the choice between flight or invisibility, which would you take? Only one choice, and you are the only one in the world to have that power.

With the price of gas today, who wouldn’t choose flight? You could just zoom around whenever going somewhere, and as an added bonus, you could make a really good wish or wizard costume at Halloween. Of course the invisible power would have its advantages, too—excellent for pranks and escaping a tight situation, but ultimately I don’t think it would be a useful power for good, just a temptation of the opposite.

Shopping would become simple, and from that one could easily snowball into bad things. Anyway, one can easily fantasize having a super hero with either of those powers, if that was the only one they had. Unless you had super strength, or a super hero team to back you up, of course.

If I could choose any power, it would be the close decision between controlling time and controlling gravity. Time control would be both fun and useful, but the specific details would have to be worked out. If you went back in time a day, what would happen to the rest of the world? Would they also go back? Could you meet your past self or would there always be only one of you? It could get confusing if you got caught up in time travel every time you traveled. After a while, there would be so many copies of you, you would definitely run out of clothes for all of your selves. And I suppose you could just stop time and steal some from the store, but hey, that’s not proper conduct for someone posing as a super hero.

According to an online quiz, I would be Superman—unlike myself. I wouldn’t want to be Superman though—actually discovering that so many of the super heroes—tragedy seems to be one of the prerequisites for gaining powers. Spiderman’s uncle died, Superman’s planet blew up, X-men have parents who misunderstand them and countless other heroes have been exposed to toxic chemicals or radiation. I would imagine those must have been traumatic experiences.

I guess that’s where their great sense of responsibility and virtue comes from. Even Aristotle supported super heroes (according to Wikipedia): “There are men so godlike, so exceptional, that they naturally, by right of their extraordinary gifts, transcended all moral judgment or constitutional control. There is no law which embraces men of that caliber: They themselves are law.”

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What was your favorite childhood snack, and why?

Jonathan Richardson, grad student, Fisher Grad

“I like flan, and marbl.”

Connie Jones, freshman, Pangborn

“Little Debbie’s Zebra Cakes.”

Charandra Williams, freshman, McGlinn

“Goldfish, because they smelled at me, and I liked the song.”

Latifah Cato, freshman, Lewis

“Flintstones vitamins, they were just good.”

Steve Iwanski, junior, Alumni

“Paint chips.”

Notre Dame quarterback Evan Sharpley, left, autographs a Saint Mary’s “The Shirt” at the T-shirt’s unveiling in the Saint Mary’s Student Center Thursday.

OFFBEAT

Boy, driving for dad, charged with DUI

CLIO, Mich. — A police officer checking on a truck that got stuck in the mud at a city park was startled to find a 13-year-old boy behind the wheel. The officer also was surprised that the boy appeared to be drunk.

So did the boy's father, who was riding in the front seat. He told police that he had turned over the driving duties to his son because he'd had too much to drink.

Open containers of beer and liquor were found in the vehicle, said Clio Police Chief James McElhan.

"The boy even said he didn't want to drive because he was too drunk," McElhan told The Flint Journal for a story published Thursday.

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Man allegedly uses stapler to rob store

ASHLAND, Ky. — A man wearing a ski mask held up an eastern Kentucky ice cream store with a stapler, and briefly got away with $175.

Police identified the stapler bandit as Gerald A. Bocchi, 32, who was arrested shortly after he allegedly flashed a chrome-plated stapler at an employee of The Ice Cream Shop in Ashland on Tuesday and demanded money.

Ashland Police Capt. Don Petrella said he didn't know if Bocchi planned to shoot staples at the shop's employees or use it as a blunt instrument if he didn't get the cash. It didn't come to that because the employees handed over the cash, Petrella said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"Loyal Daughters and Sons: Sexuality and Sexual Assault As Told by Notre Dame Students" will be performed at 8 tonight at Washington Hall. Tickets are $5 and are available at the LaFortune Box Office.

As part of International Education Week, there will be a faculty panel discussing "Overcoming Global Poverty: Is Globalization the Problem or the Solution?" in Conference Room D of the Saint Mary’s Student Center from noon to 1 p.m. today.

"A Bright Room Called Day" will be performed on the Decio Main Stage in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 for the general public, $10 for seniors, faculty and staff and $8 for students.

The Notre Dame women’s soccer team will play Loyola Chicago tonight at 7:30 on Alumni Field.

Pangborn Hall is hosting Project Pumpkin Pie for the Hope Rescue Mission this Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the F Wing of North Dining Hall. Stop by to drop off your dorm president or contact mmiranda@nd.edu.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is hosting modeling tryouts for its annual fashion show from Sunday at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for any women interested. The men’s tryouts will take place next Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m. Both tryouts will be held in Washington Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Students seek funding to offset costs of international programs from part of CWIL's $30,000 available for year

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students concerned about the cost of studying abroad for a semester or summer have the opportunity to receive "mini grants" through the Lilly Endowment Fund and the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL).

More than $30,000 has been allotted to the grant program so far this year, said Siqin Yang, assistant director for international and intercultural learning.

On average, students whose grant proposals were approved last year received between $250 and $2,400, Yang said. "There are no fully funded grants, both in order to spread the assistance to as many students as possible and because these experiences are of great educational value," Yang said. "It seems appropriate that students contribute what they can."

Saint Mary's has offered these grants since 2002. Since then, more than 50 students have received grants to study in places like Brussels, Belgium, Rome, Italy and cities in Argentina. The grants, Yang said, assist students who are wary about traveling abroad.

"The grants help students who have financial need realize their study abroad dream and enhance their intercultural learning," she said. "[The recipients] really appreciated the financial support from CWIL."

Senior Sarah Didier received a grant from CWIL for the European Summer Study program last summer. She spent four weeks traveling through France, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Didier was awarded $2,500. Her total expenses were close to $6,500. The grant covered roughly 40 percent of her total cost, and she said she would not have been able to participate without aid from CWIL. Didier and her sister both attended the program.

"My parents could have helped one of us out, but not both at the same time," she said. "We each received $2,500. Through this grant we ended up having an amazing summer."

Through CWIL, senior Kelly Fahey was able to travel to Greece. She received a $960 grant to put toward the $3,400 cost.

"The Greece trip is an extraordinary experience with incredible teachers. Without the help of CWIL, there is no way I could have gone," she said.

Senior Kimberly Fugate had a similar story. Fugate, who received $2,300 out of $4,000 to study in Greece, said CWIL's support was the deciding factor in going abroad.

"In addition to the CWIL grant, I was sponsored by my family as well as La Salle Grill, who helped with my food portion of the trip," Fugate said. "It was absolutely worth it."

There are two types of grants: student travel grants and independent student grants.

Student travel grants include semesters abroad and summer programs. Independent student grants, however, are much more competitive.

"Independent grants are used for truly independent study supported by a faculty member and is not affiliated with any study abroad institution," Yang said. "This type of grant is merit-based and highly competitive."

The application process is similar to other abroad programs. Recommendations, applications and good college grades are required. In addition, upon returning, students must write a reflection paper and present on their experiences. Attendance at the following year's Intercultural Learning Showcase is also required.

Programs eligible for grants must be at least two weeks long and not contained within usual financial aid funding. Yang said. Though mostly upperclassmen apply, all students are eligible for the grants.

While CWIL tries to accommodate as many students as possible, its policy requires that no more than 75 percent of a trip's funding can come from CWIL, said Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership.

Meyer-Lee said the grants benefit not only students but also the international and intercultural standards of the College.

"Saint Mary's is a rare college where committed students with financial need can receive thousands of dollars towards an intensive intercultural experience which they would not otherwise be able to afford," she said. "Even students with little financial aid can receive money for worthy projects."

She said she hopes for the continued success of the grant program so many Saint Mary's students can have positive learning experiences abroad.

"The dedicated students who have taken advantage of this opportunity have found their additional investment well rewarded by life-changing experiences," she said.

Meyer-Lee said she thinks the scale of grants offered at Saint Mary's is "highly unusual among colleges."

"Some schools try to offer a little additional scholarship aid for study abroad through a mandatory fee for all students, or alumni donations," Meyer-Lee said. "But Saint Mary's students are fortunate that Saint Mary's received substantial resources to start CWIL and earned a good share of those resources to directly fund students' international and intercultural learning."

CWIL also offers faculty grants. The two main categories are faculty research grants or conference attendance grants, Meyer-Lee said.

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Ten Thousand Villages
Mendoza College of Business Atrium
9:00am - 5:00pm

SATURDAY 11/17
Japanese Film "Linda, Linda, Linda"
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Browning Cinema
7:00pm and 10:00pm

SUNDAY 11/18
Seminar "Challenges in Education"
Alumnius Anthony Pohlen speaks about teaching in Uganda
316 Coleman Morse
5:00pm
Hammocks sold to help Nicaraguan artisans

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Students looking to spruce up their dorm rooms and help Nicaraguan artisans can purchase handwoven hammocks today from Artisan Opportunities International (AOI). The chairs are designed to fit in a dorm room and are available in blue-and-white and multi-colored. Students can also purchase larger, "matrimonial" hammocks, large enough for two adults, through the AOI's Web site.

AOI is working to improve living conditions for artisans in Nicaragua.

"We can make a difference in the lives of Nicaraguan artisans, AOI co-founder senior Brian Brownschidle said. "It may seem like a small amount of money here but it can make a tremendous difference in the lives of these people."

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"With a very small amount of money, we were able to re-roof all of our artisans' homes," Brownschidle said.

"Our artisans live all over the city, so it's a difficult issue," she said. "I think we'll end up giving supplies or uniforms, but we don't have any definite plans yet."

Brownschidle said logistics issues are also difficult. Also, he had to study solutions to ensure that the proceeds made a difference for the artisans.

Brownschidle stressed that the organization had two separate components, maximizing profit like a company and maximizing social return like a charity.

But we're not a charity organization," Tovar said. "Since we're a small organization, it wouldn't be sustainable to keep giving food and water rather than something with a lasting impact."

The chairs will be sold for $45 at the South Quad flagpole from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fieldhouse Mall from noon to 6 p.m. today.

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Cuba

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"Cubans are spending thousands and thousands of dollars on these parties," he said. Additional downsides to the economic reforms include an increase in crime, prostitution and a growing black market.

Aside from affecting the economy, the Cuban government also has control over religion, the arts and the media. Cubans' constitution changed from atheist to secular in the 1990s, which enabled Cubans to practice their faith freely. However, the government still places strict limitations on the Catholic Church, which is Cuba's largest independent institution, Marx said.

"The Church does not have access to the media, cannot build churches, schools or seminars, and cannot recruit priests from abroad," he said. In terms of the media, Marx said that due to a strong internal opposition, there has been a "blackout" on independent journalists and dissidents.

"The opposition movement is thoroughly infiltrated," he said, "emphasizing that it is impossible to tell who is a real dissident and who is a spy, which has lead to "suspicion and mistrust" among Cubans.

"Opposition is a nonfactor in Cuba today," Marx said, as dissidents are almost instantly imprisoned and, upon release, are obliged to leave the country.

Vaisman and Marx said Cubans are, on the whole, fearful of change.

"Propaganda in Cuba is just as effective as propaganda in America... the education system emphasizes conformity," Marx said.

"Although there is a minor possibility for change in Cuba, the current situation doesn't "look like [it] will change at all," Vaisman said.

The lecture took place in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, and was a part of International Education Week, a joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of State and Education.

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Solidarity Sunday

November 18, 2007

The Spirit of Inclusion...

"Strangers and Sojourners no longer?" (Ephesians 2:19)

"We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community. "We consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish." "We prize the uniqueness of all persons as God's creatures." Adapted by the Officers of the University on August 27, 1997.

Please join the Notre Dame family in a weekend-long spirit of prayer and welcome.

Copies of the entire statement of the Spirit of Inclusion will be available following all Masses on November 17-18, 2007.
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Georgia drought hurts agriculture

Farmers worry about competing with Atlanta, Florida for water; state enacts new restrictions

Associated Press

CAMILLA — Southwest Georgia is one of the most productive agricultural regions in the U.S. but you wouldn't know it from the soil and crops. Peanut, cotton and corn. It can be sandy, it can be pebbly, and it doesn't hold water very well.

That begins to explain why irrigation is so vital around here — and why the more suggestion that some of the region's water might be taken away fills folks with fear and resentment.

With a historic drought gripping the Southeast, Georgia farmers are increasingly worried that their needs will be sacrificed to Atlanta — a city of runaway growth and seemingly unquenchable thirst for water-guzzling Florida.

"Atlanta needs to take a hard look at what's happening in the metro area," said Bubba Johnson, a 68-year-old farmer who grows cotton and corn on a 540-acre plot. "There's going to be a heck of a battle if they try to come down here to get the water."

The drought has forced much of the state to enact unprecedented water restrictions, and legislative leaders want to build more state reservoirs. So — including Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin — have also floated the idea of transferring water to Atlanta from other places via pipeline.

Franklin has not specifically mentioned pumping water out of southwest Georgia's Flint River or its tributaries, but she has left the possibility staked the long-standing tension between big city and countryside.

"I don't want to throw a brick at Atlanta. But I feel like we're getting squeezed between entities as everybody competes for water," said Ginn Gas, a farmer in Camilla. "We just don't have enough clout. There are more trees in this plot of land than there are people in our county." The drought also has forced a well-known Atlanta nursery to file for bankruptcy in what is perhaps the most important corporate casualty of the drought.

The dry conditions and a ban on outdoor watering kept customers away from Pike Nursery Holding, which calls itself the nation's largest independently owned garden center, said vice president Wayne Juers. "It caught us a little bit off guard. Homeowners started turning on homeowners," Juers said. "And if you're planting passies out there, they think you're a criminal."

In a recent editorial, Valdosta Daily Times lashed out at Atlanta, accusing it of hogging water while farmers watch their crops burn in the fields.

Atlanta politicians, the newspaper said, "can't bring themselves to tell their greedy constituents complaining about the low flows in their toilets this week that perhaps they didn't have six bathrooms, it might ease the situation a bit. Watering your lawn isn't as important as watering crops. Or that their greedy overbuilding has taxed their supplies of natural resources beyond their capabilities."

Between 1990 and 2000, Atlanta added more than 1 million people and its water use climbed 30 percent.
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continued from page 8 and unfounded," she said.

Some survivors wonder whether, as members of a community whose Catholic values discourage premarital sex, they can still be considered virgins, she said.

"To equate a person who has been raped with someone who has chosen to have sexual intercourse could not be more wrong," Rakoczy said. "Rape is a crime." Any student found by the Office of Residence Life to have committed such a crime will be expelled from the University, he said.

Such an expulsion has occurred at Notre Dame, he and Firth said. Kirk said the majority of sexual assaults he's been reported during 17 years in Notre Dame administration share a common factor - the presence of alcohol.

"We never want to say the victim is in any way responsible for sexual assault," Kirk said. But if alcohol lowers your inhibitions, it can put you in dangerous situations," he said.

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Simpson faces new trial for robbery

Case is not slam dunk, prosecutors aren't commenting on suit

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A kidnapping and robbery trial against O.J. Simpson would give his attorneys a chance to knock holes in the credibility of dubious prosecution witnesses. But it also would allow jurors to pass judgment on a criminal case Simpson walked away from.

Though Simpson's attorneys found enough evidence Wednesday for the Simpson and two other men to be tried, the four-day preliminary hearing showed the case is far from a slam dunk. Prosecutors aren't commenting on their case, including on whether they think it could be bolstered by jurors holding the unspoken belief that Simpson should have been convicted 12 years ago of killing his wife and her friend.

Memorabilia dealers who have long professed from selling Simpson collectibles claim they were victimized in September when the former football star and an old raiding party tried to take back sports items and family heirlooms he claimed were stolen from him.

One dealer had to be brought to court from jail, where he's serving time for a probation violation in a domestic violence case. The man who arranged the ill-fated meeting at a Las Vegas casino hotel room testified under a grant of immunity.

There were the men who accompanied Simpson, including two who said they parked guns at his hotel. One of them admitted he offered to share his testimony if he was paid enough.

As noted, the Peace Joe M. Bonaventure found enough evidence to go to trial, but said there were a number of questions raised about "bought" testimony and witnesses who were paid, as liars, pimps and con artists trying to make a quick buck off of Simpson.

"Much time was spent attacking the credibility of witnesses," Bonaventure said. The witnesses are a number of mutine and credibility, he said.

The ultimate determination of the credibility of witnesses should be left to a jury.

Will jurors' judgment be affected by Simpson's acquittal in the 1994 slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman?

Jody Armour, a law professor at the University of Southern California, said that case will shadow any trial in Las Vegas.

"One pity is the jury might be inclined to disbelieve a witness or to give less weight to his testimony. But the primary issue is the concern that jurors would not give some weight to the testimony," he said.

That would be a scary proposition for co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart and Charles "Charlie" Eahirh, who may face being swept along in a campaign to convict Simpson.

Kidnapping, the most serious count they and Simpson face, carries a maximum life sentence.

Within minutes after Bonaventure's decision, Stewart's lawyer, Robert Lucherini, raised the possibility that he will move to separate his client's case from Simpson's.

Simpson attorney Yale Galanter said he understood Lucherini's concerns. "You don't want to try your

Jack Daniel's seized, could be dumped

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Here's a sobering thought: Hundreds of bottles of Jack Daniel's whiskey, some of it almost 100 years old, may be unceremoniously poured down a drain because authorities suspect it was being sold by someone without a license.

Officials seized 4,200 bottles late last month during warehouse raids in Nashville and Lynchburg, the southern Tennessee towns where the whiskey is distilled.

"Punish the person, not the whiskey," said an outraged Kyle MacDonald, 28, a Jack Daniel's drinker from British Columbia who promotes the whiskey on his blog. "Jack never did anything wrong, and the whiskey itself is innocent.

"Investigators are also looking into whether some of the bottles had been stolen from the distillery. No one has been arrested.

Authorities are still determining how much of the liquor will be disposed of, and how much can be sold at auction.

Tennessee law requires officials to destroy whiskey that cannot be sold legally in the state, such as bottles designed for sale overseas and those with broken seals.

"We'd pour it out," said MacDonald, executive director of the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

The estimated value of the liquor is $1 million, possibly driven up by the value of the antique bottles, which range from $5-a-bottle to half-pints.

One seized bottle dates to 1914, with its seal unbroken. MacDonald said it is worth $10,000 on the collectors market. Investigators are looking into whether the liquor was being sold for $5-a-bottle.

"Someone was making a great deal of profit," she said.

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THE EVOLUTION OF MICROFINANCE
ONE TOOL TO ADDRESS GLOBAL POVERTY

Two members of the board of the microfinance pioneer ACCION International discuss their organization's work to pair poor entrepreneurs with financial tools they need to work their way out of poverty.

MARIA OTERO, the recipient of the 2007 Mary O. Tibbals Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America, is a longtime expert in the field of microfinance and a ceaseless advocate for economic opportunity for the poor.

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ConAgra fixes flaws in pot pie plan

USDA allows company to resume making product after salmonella scare

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The USDA allowed ConAgra Foods Inc. to resume making its Banquet and private label pot pies because the company corrected the flaws in its safety plan at its Missouri plant that inspectors found after the pies were linked to a salmonella outbreak.

Those pot pies were recalled last month after hundreds of people who ate them became ill. A spokesperson for the Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service said Thursday that ConAgra took action to correct the problems inspectors found after the Oct. 11 recall.

ConAgra announced Wednesday that it had resumed making pot pies at the Marshall, Mo., plant, and the company expects the pies to return to stores sometime in January.

USDA spokesperson Amanda Eamich said details of the inspectors’ findings at the plant would be released only through a formal Freedom of Information Act request. Eamich said Thursday that it was not clear if there was a record-keeping problem and an issue with ConAgra’s Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point plan that spells out what the company does to ensure its products are safe.

ConAgra spokesperson Stephanie Childs said the USDA identified two areas of improvement at the plant that the company addressed.

"Specifically, we improved the record-keeping for how we developed our cooking instructions and improved our testing for incoming ingredients per the USDA's request," Childs said. "These measures were put in place prior to resuming production of our pot pies."

The USDA informed ConAgra about its concerns Oct. 23 in a formal notice. The company developed a plan, which the USDA approved on Nov. 8. U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors will check on the reforms over the next 90 days.

ConAgra did not mention the formal notice it received from the USDA in its news release Wednesday, but it did mention working with the USDA to improve its safety plans.

ConAgra has not identified the source of the salmonella in the pot pies, but company officials have said they are confident the company is identifying its ingredient suppliers for all of its products, including some of the recalls it was accused of abusing earlier.

Childs said ConAgra is applying the testing improvements made at its Missouri plant at every one of the company’s plants where those changes would apply. For example, Childs said the company plans to use the more stringent testing plan for all of its ingredient suppliers.

Childs said ConAgra won’t say whether the company uses imported ingredients for the pot pies or any of its foods. And she would not say whether the company uses imported ingredients in its pot pies.

"ConAgra Foods works with both domestic and international companies to source ingredients for all of its products," Childs said. "For both domestic and international suppliers, ConAgra Foods has put in place measures to ensure the safety of the ingredients that are used in our products, and we have enhanced those measures for all suppliers.

Imposed fines have generated headlines this year because of recalls involving contaminated fish, chemically spiked pet food ingredients, toxic toothpaste and other products.

ConAgra’s stock gained 24 cents, or about 1 percent, to trade at $23.68 Thursday afternoon.

A group analyst David Driscoll said in a research note that he doesn’t believe the pot pie recall will hurt ConAgra in the long-term.

"We believe the favorable resolution of ConAgra’s Banquet salmonella issue eliminates a number of negative scenarios surrounding the stock," Driscoll said. "The stock price will likely improve, he said, as ConAgra’s restructuring plan moves forward."

But the company still faces several lawsuits related to the recall, which was the second ConAgra recall this year because of salmonella.

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Football: Raise your helmets

Sophomore offensive lineman Sam Young walked to the northwest corner of Notre Dame Stadium last week after yet another home loss and said that something has been largely forgotten or ignored by the football team this season. He raised his golden helmet in salute to the student section. Young then pointed to his teammates and urged them to do the same. No one raised an arm.

In news conferences the past few weeks, reporters have frequently asked players and coaches what student support means to them. Every answer is in the same: We appreciate that the students still have our backs.

So why doesn't the team perform this simple gesture? It's a question directed to a student body that has supported them throughout the worst season in school history?

It's such a small thing — what in the past was a formality at the end of every game. But to students, it's not small, it's not meaningless and it's not something they can ignore.

It's about respect. After every loss, students have stood and cheered while the team trudges into the corner for the alma mater. It's their version of the helmet raise, showing apprecia­tion for their classmates' efforts on the field. But it goes unan­sweered, and insulting.

"All I know is at the end of the game, win or lose, we walk over to that corner, and I look at the student body, especially after you lose a game, and I can't believe they're all there. I really just can't believe they're all there," coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday.

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"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not a question of chance. It is a matter of decision.卓越,因此,并不是一个偶然的问题。它是决策的问题。" — Aristotle

Win one for the seniors

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While the technical intricacies of languages around the globe are similar, use of language to politically persuade others is not void of successful messages.

Democrats must remember that successful rhetoric is the argument — or in their case, redesigned established Republican messages. Last year, this writer and colleagues successfully transmitted conservative messages during an important election. Their strategy focused on using words like "welfare" and "politicians," which elicited strong emotions from Republicans who had defined them decades ago. In our campaign, the Democrats could immediately relate to Republican voters by proposing that it was time to "take the Iraqi politicians off of American welfare" and let only Iraqis guard the Green Zone. That way, when "Iraqi politicians" put their own lives on the line, they would be more serious to whittily compromise to form a govenment.

Last week the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), legislation designed to protect workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation. Liberal California Democrat and House Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller missed a chance to redefine "special rights" during the floor debate. Traditionally, conserv­ativeslabel any effort which they oppose that specifically addresses discrim­ination as a "special right," implying that the public is somehow denied a defense of marriage" in the bill to fol­low their missions. He argued that by specifically including marriage laws apply under this legisla­tion, organizations which "have any kind of ministry goal and aren't a profoundly a Christian organization that falls under the narrow domain of the last amendment, you're in deep trouble.

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After capturing your attention with skilled chefs preparing mouth-watering dishes, the Food Network offers thousands of delicious recipes to try yourself. Sponsored by its Web site, which allows the curious to search by ingredient, the channel inspires new and old cooks to try something different. By bringing professional chefs out of their kitchens and into viewers’ homes, the Food Network offers a glance into how good food really can be.

It is astounding how some of those chefs have achieved star status. Emeril Lagasse, one of the first Food Network stars whose catch phrase “BAM!” quickly integrated itself into popular culture, has 10 award-winning restaurants across the country. Bobby Flay’s “Mesa Grill” concept has developed into restaurants, products, and cookbooks. In addition to his Food Network cooking shows, Rachael Ray has an Emmy-award-winning talk show on CBS. Nearly all of the chefs have their own cookbooks, and many developed their own lines of kitchen supplies. Nevertheless, the real star is the food itself.

Of course, sometimes what looks easy on TV is not always so. Rachael Ray has some excellent recipes, but very few that are actually “30 minute meals,” unless you too have a staff to help you. And some of the ingredients these chefs can access are not readily found in my grocery store, or within the capabilities of my wallet. Ever picked up saffron? Be wary of spices sold in grams, college student, and put it back right now.

But who says you need to always be busy with that whole actually cooking thing anyway? One afternoon my mother and I developed a severe craving for fish and chips after flipping past the Food Network. Did we scrounge around with all that hot oil? Of course not! We just let our other good friend Google save the day and locate us a restaurant in the area that served the dish we longed for and discovered one of our favorite restaurants as a result.

Not into the instructional shows? The Food Network splits its programming into two sections. “The Food Network in the Kitchen” and “Food Network Nighttime: Ranging from cooking competitions to behind-the-scenes looks and reality shows, the evening programming includes favorites such as “Iron Chef.”

**Dinner: Impossible,” “Unwrapped,” “$40 a Day,” and “Are of Cakes.”** The most famous is likely the original “Iron Chef,” a Japanese show dubbed over in English. The show, which features chefs battling to create the best meal out of a surprise ingredient, is not only intriguing for the resulting dishes but also hilarious for the chemistry and eccentric feel.

The Food Network does not look like it intends to stop expanding anytime soon, either. In 2000, it launched Food Network Canada, with its own set of hosts and programs. In addition to marketing some of the products of its personalities, department stores have begun to carry Food Network labeled kitchen supplies.

But really, don’t you want to watch just so that you can imagine eating it all? And now it even comes in HD. So, grab your E.V.0.0 (extra-virgin olive oil, of course), and kick it up a notch with the Food Network.

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**By MICHELLE FORDICE**
Assistant Scene Editor

Calling to mind 90s alt-rock groups like Blind Melon and the Cranberries while still feeling as modern as bands like Muse, the Portland, Oregon-based band Charmparticles has created a compelling mix of strong guitar hooks and ethereal vocals on its first full-length album, “Alive in the Hot Spell.” The band has only a handful of prior releases, and this one feels just right. There’s something almost addictive about this album, and hopefully it isn’t the last Charmparticles creation to hit the billboard charts.

Originally, the Charmparticles lineup centered on the harmonious pairing of singer/bassist Pamela Rooney and fellow vocalist Adam Wayne. With Wayne’s recent departure, however, Rooney’s vocals are rounded out by drummer Nathanael Merrill and guitarist Sarah Fitzgerald. Despite any lineup changes, the band’s sound doesn’t feel uneven or shaky, and Rooney’s vocals are more than strong enough to carry the weight of each song.

The album opens with “Black Braid,” a track whose seamless first notes feel more like a fully formed band than anything else. Combined with Rooney’s soft soprano, the slight electronic sound of “Black Braid” is dreamlike and seductive, an aesthetic that continues in many of the album’s other tracks. With the first track, Charmparticles is slowly drawing in its listeners for an engaging ride through an alt-rock dreamland.

The second track, “Gold Plated Shoe,” keeps you guessing as it establishes the guitar style that defines much of the album: rock-type riffs with an off-the-beat-en-musical-path feel. The song’s alternating tonal sound is just poised against Fitzgerald’s guitar work, and the entire band produces a captivating sound.

**Alive in the Hot Spell**
Charmparticles

Label: Terrestrial Records
Recommended Tracks: “Black Braid,” “Plated Shot,” “Relapse,” “Ablation Case”

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**By ANALISE LIPARI**
Assistant Scene Editor
Battle for the Chapel

Keenan and Stanford share a building. On Sunday, they will share the Stadium.
Junior running back Andres Villalba turns upfield during the regular season, when Stanford beat Keohan 12-8.

Living in the same building has created a rivalry between the two halls.

"And that's been a big motivation for us. No one gives up to a challenge, so we kind of play with that chip on our shoulder, and it's worked to this point," Keohan's coach said. "We always view us as a little brother so we want to go out there and give these guys a tough game."

"Tough" is certainly one word that could describe Stanford's win over the Knights in the regular season, a game that Huth said helped his team both in terms of confidence and in the road to the championship game.

"Up until that point, we hadn't beaten Keohan in three years, and getting that win was big for us," Huth said.

On the other side of the ball, Huth conceded a lack of experience, but also said his team has seen its fair share of pressure situations. One example was the play that won the Griffins their first round game against Disses.

Trailing 3-0 after the Big Red had a field goal in its first possession, Huth decided to go for it on fourth-and-goal. The decision worked out how the beautiful kickoff safety Dave Cosansino stepped in at quarterback to freshman tight end Tom Smith and returned the ball for the game-winning touchdown.

The recent experience in the "pressure-cooker" along with a good team attitude, Huth said, should take care of most of the nerves on the Griffins' sideline.

"Overall the team's pretty laid back," Huth said. "I don't see a problem for where you're at as a professional football player for where you're at as a pro."
Cavanaugh challenges dominant Welsh Fam

By SAM WERNER
Senior Writer

Welsh Family and Cavanaugh took different routes to the Stadium, but both will enter Sunday's game with only one goal in mind.

“Our season will be complete when we win,” Welsh Family captain Kelly Bushelle said.

“We're going to come out from the beginning and play with all we've got,” Cavanaugh captain Lizzy Brown said.

It may take all the Chas have to defeat the top-seeded Whirlwinds, who are 8-0 this season and have throttled their previous three opponents by a combined score of 59-0. Bushelle, though, refused to focus on her team's impressive record.

“We're really proud of what we've done,” Bushelle said. “But we're not thinking about the past. We're just thinking about Cavanaugh on Sunday.”

The No. 6 seed Chas have already shown that they're capable of an upset, defeating Nos. 2 seed Pangborn 18-6 in the first round of the playoffs. They followed that performance with a 12-0 win over Farley in the semis.

Brown was certain knows what it's like in the Stadium before, we'll definitely come out with a win.”

The Chas may not have seen Welsh Family's talented squad in person yet this season, but Brown certainly knows what her team is going up against on Sunday.

“They've got a talented quarterback and a number of great receivers,” Brown said. “It's going to come down to getting acclimated after the first couple of plays and seeing what we can do.”

Since they have never played each other before, both captains stressed the importance of making strategy changes during the game to take advantage of any holes in their opponents' game plan.

“We're not going to make huge adjustments,” Bushelle said. “But the key is just seeing what Cavanaugh brings and exploiting their weaknesses.

It may take both teams a while to settle in to the new atmosphere of Notre Dame Stadium before they can worry about strategy. No player on the Welsh Family team has ever played in the Stadium before.

The senior class for Cavanaugh reached the Stadium in 2004, but the Class of 2006 hasn't played us either, so it hasn't been a big deal to us.”

Bushelle acknowledged her team's championship inexperience, but did not think it would have an adverse effect on its chances Sunday.

“Even though no one on our team has played in the Stadium before, we've definitely come focused and ready,” Bushelle said. “It's going to be a tough, competitive game. We've all put in the work and are looking forward to Sunday.”

Kickoff is at noon Sunday in Notre Dame Stadium.

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Coach's battle with cancer inspires players

By JARED JEDICK
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Junior quarterback Jenni Gargula prepares to throw during Welsh Family's 13-0 win over Pasquerilla West on Nov. 11.

Cavanaugh coach Aidan Fitzgerald credits football with saving his life.

"Had it not been for an injury I sustained playing football, I would have never taken the CT scan that offered the clue that I had stage II cancer," Fitzgerald said.

"I was not thinking about the arm, I was focused on what I was doing, not on the arm. I wanted to do better, to win. I had to pull it together."

When he unexpectedly started for the Whirlwinds in the first round of the playoffs, the morale boost was immediate.

"I cannot say enough about what football has done for me," Gargula said.

"The pain was worse sometimes than others. I just focused on what I was doing, not on the arm."

Jenni Gargula
Welsh Family quarterback

The Observer: Did the injury happen during the game or in practice?

Gargula: The injury happened during the game.

The Observer: What happened?

Gargula: I separated my shoulder and slightly fractured my collar bone.

The Observer: How did the injury affect your team?

Gargula: It was a big loss for our team. But we were able to overcome it and move forward.

The Observer: How did the team react to your injury?

Gargula: The team was really supportive. They helped me get through the tough times.

The Observer: What message do you have for young athletes who may be facing similar situations?

Gargula: Never give up. Keep fighting through the pain and never lose hope.

The Observer: What is the biggest lesson you have learned from this experience?

Gargula: The biggest lesson I have learned is to appreciate the little things in life.

The Observer: What is your goal for the rest of the season?

Gargula: My goal is to continue playing well and help our team make it to the playoffs.

The Observer: What do you think is the key to success for your team this season?

Gargula: The key to success for our team this season is to stay focused and work together.

The Observer: What do you think is the biggest challenge facing your team this season?

Gargula: The biggest challenge facing our team this season is the senior leadership.

The Observer: How do you feel about the upcoming games?

Gargula: I am excited for the upcoming games. I am looking forward to playing my best and helping our team win.

The Observer: What is your favorite memory from this season so far?

Gargula: My favorite memory from this season so far is when we won the playoff game against Pangborn.

The Observer: What is your favorite memory from your high school career so far?

Gargula: My favorite memory from my high school career so far is when I made the all-state team.

The Observer: What advice would you give to young athletes who may be facing similar situations?

Gargula: I would advise them to never give up and to keep fighting through the pain. Never lose hope and keep believing in themselves.

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Undefeated Welsh Fam and sixth-seeded Cavanaugh took different paths to the Stadium. Now they meet as equals.
Barry Bonds belongs in obscurity

By CHRIS MCGRADY
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When Barry Bonds hit his 756th home run on Aug. 7, a 433-foot blast off of Washington Nationals pitcher Mike Bassik, he passed Hank Aaron as the all-time home run king. It struck me as a shame. Aaron was a model of humility, poise and courage, while Bonds is a big-headed and acidic slugger. It is even more of a shame now, as Barry Bonds was indicted Thursday for perjury and obstruction of justice charges. Bonds' home run title has always been just a touch fishy. He entered the Major Leagues at 6-foot-2 and about 185 pounds. By 2001, he weighed in at 228 and had gone from a fleet-footed base-stealer to a power-slugger capable of sweeping any ball off the plate and into the stands. And now Bonds is not just a cheater; as he already was in the eyes of millions of baseball fans who believe he took steroids. He is also a liar. In fact, the man who owns the record-setting home run ball said he wants to enter it into the Hall of Fame, and every one of his records and awards is taken away. He has been indicted on four counts of perjury and obstruction of justice for telling a federal grand jury he did not knowingly use performance enhancing drugs. Our justice system is going to work. Unfortunately for Aaron, it's a few months too late.

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New York — Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees have agreed to the outline of a record $275 million, 10-year contract, a deal that potentially would allow him to earn millions more if he sets the career home run record.

The amount of the guaranteed money was revealed by a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn't been finalized. A-Rod and his wife, Erin, met Wednesday in Tampa, Fla., with brothers Hal and Hank Steinbrenner, but the parameters of the agreement were set in place last weekend.

"The meeting was a final get-together," Yankees senior vice president Hank Steinbrenner said. "He wanted to make sure myself and my brother knew that he was sincere and serious.

The Yankees still must draft the agreement with Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras. Asked whether the only remaining details were putting the deal on paper, Steinbrenner responded: "pretty much so.

"Boras wasn't a part of the negotiations, in which Goldman Sachs managing directors John Mallory and Gerald Cardinale conducted shuttle diplomacy.

"They were the go-betweens," Steinbrenner said. "That's how he reached out to us.

The Yankees were notified by Boras on Oct. 28 that Rodriguez was opting out of the final three seasons of his $252 million, 10-year contract -- the previous record -- and becoming a free agent. New York maintained then that it no longer would negotiate with A-Rod because the decision eliminated a $21.3 million subsidy from Texas that was negotiated in the 2004 trade.

About a week later, A-Rod contacted Mallory, a friend who works in private wealth management in Goldman's Las Vegas office. Rodriguez knew the Yankees have a close relationship with the investment bank, which was instrumental in the launch of the team's YES Network.

Goldman called Cardinale, who works in the banking and merchant banking section in New York and helped finance the network. Cardinale in turn got in touch with Yankees president Randy Levine.

A-Rod and the Yankees exchanged phone calls well into Thursday night and may have a verbal agreement by about a dozen telephone calls.

The sides still are working on putting together a provision that would allow Rodriguez to share revenue created by his pursuit of the career home record held by Barry Bonds, who was indicted Thursday on perjury and obstruction charges. A-Rod has 318 home runs, 34 shy of the mark.

"The Yankees have never had a player since Babe Ruth that really had a 100 percent chance of setting the record. Steinbrenner clearly Mantle should have, but he had too many injuries. It's a historical achievement bonus more than it is an incentive bonus.

There is no yearly incentive bonus.

That provision must be drafted carefully because of Major League Rule 4 (b) (5), which states no contract shall be approved "if it contains a bonus for playing, pitching or batting and is conditioned upon the payment of a bonus contingent upon the standing of the club at the end of the championship season.

Even with that, the commissioner's office allowed the Boston Red Sox in 2003 to give Curt Schilling a provision for a $2 million raise in a season following the World Series championship. Boston won the title that following year.

The Yankees already have been in touch with Major League Baseball, and A-Rod's side contacted the players association.

"Because he's generating such enormous revenue potential, both to the player and the club, there should be some way for the player and the club to capitalize on that achievement in some fashion," said Gene Oza, the union's current negotiating officer. "The devil will be in the details. The minds of men and women in the sport should be able to figure this out.

"Steinbrenner said Rodriguez was given bad advice by Boras during the time before the decision to opt out.

"Boras did a lot of good things for Alex through the years, and Alex knows that. I mean, obviously, he's going to look to Scott's advice on everything," Steinbrenner said.

"That's not unusual today. It's not like he's the only one. And if an agent gets in out of line or makes bad decisions, then that's going to hurt the player. And obviously, that's one of the things that happened here.

"Steinbrenner still winds up with baseball's largest contract, a fact that got the attention of Schilling.

"None of us are worth that much relative to 'real world' salaries," the pitcher wrote on his Web site. "But if someone in the game was getting a contract that big, I am not sure you could argue it being Alex. On the field this guy is the MVP-ju-waiting every year, it seems.

Steinbrenner said he thinks that Rodriguez tested the free-agent market, would have gotten a more lucrative contract and cited the interest of the Los Angeles Dodgers and new manager Joe Torre, and perhaps other teams.

"There are a few cynics who say, 'Well, he really couldn't get this there.'" Steinbrenner said. "Trust me, he would have gotten probably more. He is making a sacrifice to be a Yankee, there's no question.

"He showed what was really in his heart and what he really wanted."
Giants slugger Barry Bonds prepares to bat during an Aug. 7 game against the Washington Nationals. Bonds, Major League Baseball’s all-time home run leader, was indicted Thursday for perjury and obstruction of justice.

Bonds indicted, could face up to 30 years in jail
NFL
ND grad Grant finds home with Green Bay
Tailback reminds his teammates of former
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Associated Press
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"Brett said it the first week he sees it, too. It starts with the fact that Grant wears Levens' old jersey number, 25, but there's more to it: the f-footh-1 frame, the powerful running style, and even the Notre Dame connection.
"The number obviously is striking from that standpoint," Favre said. "But he is a big, physical back, deceptively fast. He kind of sneaks up on you. I think his role in our passing game can evolve. But he does remind me a lot of him."
Favre's coach Mike McCarthy sees it, too.
"As far as their frame, their history, their background, as far as where they played college, there are a lot of similarities," McCarthy said. "Brett said it the first week he was here."
Grant certainly appreciates the comparison to Levens, a key player on the Packers' Super Bowl teams of the late 1990s.
"I think so. I have a three-year contract with the Packers was delayed because of the international scene, but he did return to the United States, in part because he wanted the best lifestyle possible for his newborn daughter."
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Oregon’s BCS chances, QB take a beating in Tucson

Heisman candidate Dixon injures knee in first half of defeat

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — The curse of No. 2 claimed another victim.

Second-ranked Oregon lost Heisman Trophy candidate Dennis Dixon to a knee injury and never recovered in a 34-24 upset by Arizona on Thursday night.

Oregon (8-2, 5-2 Pac-10) became the fifth No. 2 team to lose since Oct. 6, following USC, California, South Florida and Boston College. The Ducks’ defeat could open the door for third-ranked Oklahoma in The Associated Press Top 25, and for No. 3 Kansas in the Bowl Championship Series standings.

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Oregon’s Heisman Trophy candidate, quarterback Dennis Dixon (10), prepares to hand the ball off to Jonathan Stewart, bursting through the hole in the right side and running untouched to the end zone. Ed Dickson ran for the 2-point conversion to put the Ducks ahead 8-0.

Oregon drove to the Arizona 4 on its next possession. Dixon fired a pass that bounced off Derrick Jones’ hands, and safety Nate Ness grabbed the deflection and ran it out to the 45.

Four plays later, the Ducks scored on a 34-yard pass from Tuitama to Thomas, cutting Oregon’s lead to 8-7. Then came the play that altered the national title race.

On second and 7 at the Arizona 15, Dixon’s left knee buckled as he wheeled to his left on an option play. Dixon had sprained the same knee Nov. 3 against Arizona State, and wore a brace against Arizona.

With older brother Ryan Leaf watching, Leaf replaced Dixon and completed his first pass. But Cason intercepted Leaf’s third throw and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown to put the Wildcats ahead 17-11 early in the second quarter.

That started an Arizona avalanche.

Tuitama hit Thomas for a 46-yard score and Cason’s 36-yard punt return put the Wildcats ahead 31-11 with 5:30 to play in the first half.

Dixon later injured his knee in what became Oregon’s second loss of the season.

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Adrian Peterson handed in his jersey to Hall of Fame itself, "The magnitude of what Adrian did on that day is really amazing, and you think about the fact that he is a young rookie and what that must mean for the Hall of Fame, feigned disapproval was scheduled to be on display starting Friday. The seventh overall draft pick out of Oklahoma had 1,056 yards rushing in the first half of the season before tearing the lateral collateral ligament in his right knee last week against the Green Bay Packers. That caused Peterson to fall off pace to break Eric Dickerson's rookie record of 1,808 yards in 1983.

He sighed when the talk turned to the time he's spending in the training room. "Like all day, literally," Peterson said.

He refused, however, to express regret that the injury will keep his season statistics from soaring as high as they would have if he didn't get hurt. "It's not going to change, so no reason to hold your head down and pout about it," Peterson said.

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"You just look for the future and expect bigger things to come and envision maybe one day, God's will, that I will be in the Hall of Fame itself."

"Just being smart about it," Peterson said.

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ANN ARBOR — Mike Hart did not guarantee a win over Ohio State, a la Jim Harbaugh a couple decades ago.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr chose not to give him a chance to open his mouth when the week of hype kicked off.

The star running back with shifty moves and loose lips was not among the players Counsell available for interviews, living up to a prediction Hart heard from a reporter.

"He better let me come next Monday. It's the last one," Hart said last week. "He might not let me because I might say something stupid."

Such a?

Guaranteeing a win over Notre Dame or referring to Michigan State as a little lebok or, as Hart did this year?

Proclaiming things would be "different" if the Wolverines had a rematch with Ohio State, as Hart did last season, adding its defense wasn't "as good as people thought," after losing last year?

Yeah, something like that.

Hart, Chad Henne and Jake Long turned down a chance to make money in the NFL this year, returning for their senior seasons in part for another shot at the Big Ten title.

The trio's wait is almost over.

No. 7 Ohio State (10-1, 6-1 Big Ten) will match up with No. 23 Michigan (8-3, 6-1 Saturday in Ann Arbor with the outright Big Ten title at stake.

For Hart, Henne and Long, their legacies will be on the line.

They are arguably the best running back, quarterback and offensive tackle the Wolverines have ever had, quite an accomplishment at college football's winningest program.

But if they go 0-4 against the Buckeyes, it will add a permanent blight on what is otherwise a flawless resume on and off the field. The trio is also 0-3 in bowl games.

Long made the biggest gamble financially when he chose to return for his lore last month by playing his final game, that speaks for the fact that they love their experience here.

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"They've been everything a coach could want in a player and as a representative of this program on and off the field," he said. "When you look at three guys, all of whom could have left early to go on to the draft, and they all came back. To me, that speaks for the fact that they love their experience here."

"That's not what this game is about," he bristled. "This game is about this team, about this championship. It's not about me. I'm not even worried about that."

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No matter what type of season we have, people are going to look at what we do against Ohio State and our bowl opponent," Long said in August.

While the trio's mark against the Buckeyes will always be remembered, each player has also accomplished a lot of things that can't be taken away.

Hart is Michigan's career rushing leader with 4,867 yards, ranking fifth in Big Ten history, and has run for at least 100 yards in 12 games he has been healthy enough to start the season. A high-ankle sprain has sidelined him for about 37 games.

Henne holds school records with 9,274 yards passing and 84 touchdown passes. He added to his lore last month by playing with a separated shoulder at Illinois, helping the Wolverines rally for a 27-17 win. The injury kept Henne off the field for much of last week's loss at Wisconsin and out of a game three weeks ago.

Long was the first of five players Counsell listed earlier this year as players worthy of Heisman Trophy consideration, but with no shot to win it.

The 6-foot-7, 315-pound tackle has routinely punished defensive linemen and linebackers to pave the way for Hart, and it's difficult to recall a sack being his fault.

Carr is quick to rave about the trio as players and people.

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Phoenix outduels Chicago 112-102

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The 3-pointers were calling for Leandro Barbosa, and his new teammate Grant Hill looks ever-so-comfortable playing the Suns' style.

Barbosa scored 25 points, including 5-of-7 on 3s, Hill added 24 points and Phoenix pushed its way to win its fourth in five games against the Chicago Bulls on Thursday night.

"I almost sat out the second half because I wasn't feeling right at all," Hill said. "I'm starting to get my legs, starting to turn the corner there, and just find a rhythm," he said. "It's a process, but I feel good now and just want to keep looking to get better."

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At least this game was an improvement, said Skiles, whose team was blown out at home by 30 points against Toronto in their last game, at home on Saturday.

"There were stretches for longer time periods where we played a little bit higher-quality basketball, that's for sure," Skiles said, "but we're not in this to do that. We're in this to try to win the game."

Barbosa's three-point play with 7:28 to go put Phoenix ahead for good, 88-85. The Bulls scored to get within one, then Marion's inside basket on a pass from Nash triggered a 9-0 run that put Phoenix in control for good.

The decisive spurt featured Barbosa's final 3-pointer, on a kickout pass from Nash on a fastbreak, to give the Suns a 93-87 lead with 6 minutes to play.

The Suns shot out to a 15-6 lead and were up by 15 in the second period.

But the Bulls finished the third with an 11-1 run to tie it at 75 on Kirk Hinrich's 16-footer with 21 seconds to go in the period. Chicago took a 76-75 lead when Tyus Thomas made one of two free throws to start the fourth.

There were four lead changes and five ties before Diaw's three-point play.

Barbosa, who scored 16 in the second quarter, hit three straight 3s in an 11-3 spurt that put the Suns ahead 56-41 with 1:09 left. But Gordon sank a 3-pointer and Deng added a layup to cut it to 56-46 at halftime.

Hill had 17 of Chicago's win 7-10 in Phoenix's victory over New York on Tuesday, had 17 in the second quarter.

Five consecutive points by Marion, on a 3-pointer and a driving runner, gave Phoenix a 62-48 lead before the Bulls launched their rally.

Signed as a free agent in the offseason, Hill has quickly acclimated to the Suns' up-tempo style. He had a fastbreak layup on a half-court lob pass from Barbosa, the last of his six straight points that put Phoenix ahead 36-32.

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**MEN'S SWIMMING**

ND tries to shake early-season funk

By CHRIS DOYEN and ELYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to add one more win to their 1-3 dual meet record when they host Cleveland State tonight at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Last weekend the No. 17 Irish captured their first dual meet of the season over Pittsburgh, 169-131. The Irish squad captured eight individual victories and was led by sophomore John Lyle and sophomore Andrew Hoffman, freshman Joshua Nosal and sophomore Ray Tomney to place first in 200-yard freestyle relay, while teammate junior Bill Bauman, junior Jeff Wood, freshman Thomas Van Volkernburg and senior Rob Seery took third in the relay.

The Irish also dominated the 3-meter diving board — junior Michael Buffin, senior Sam Stoner, and senior Steven Crowe finished in the top three spots, respectively. The Irish earned their fourth straight win over the Panthers and are now 4-4 in the series against Pittsburgh under the coaching of Tim Welsh.

During the 2006-2007 season, the Irish moved their record to 8-0 after defeating Cleveland State in a meet where they also faced Duquesne and Xavier. The Irish hope to be just as successful this time around.

The Viking’s have had an impressive start this season, boasting a record of 2-1. Their sole loss came from Miami (Ohio). Tuesday, the Vikings took first place in Cleveland’s City College meet. The team defeated both Baldwin-Wallace and Gonzan to add two wins to their record.

Cleveland State swam in the first dual meet ever held in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

“It adds a sentimental aspect to the meet,” Welsh said.

This meet will serve as an indicator of where the Irish stand as the Ohio State Invitational on Dec. 1-2 draws near.

“We’re looking at [today] as a really important measuring stick,” Welsh said. “And we haven’t won a meet at home yet. Winning at home is something we want to do before much longer.”

The meet begins tonight at 6.

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**WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**

Irish are smiling, but for how long?

By ELYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s successful non-conference weekend put a smile on senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk’s face, and Stasiuk hopes she’s still smiling after the Irish face No. 5 seed Cincinnati today in the first round of the Big East tournament.

“(Last) weekend had to have been my favorite (Notre Dame) weekend of all my four years,” she said. “We are all so pleased with how we played and of how we fought against Cincinnati and Louisville.”

The Irish faced off against the Bearcats last Saturday. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis led the offense with six kills and 51 assists, and Notre Dame’s outstanding defense earned a 3-1 victory (31-33, 30-23, 30-28, 30-26) that guaranteed the Irish entry into this year’s league tournament.

“Our blocking was outstanding, and our scuppy defense kept the ball alive (during the Cincinnati match),” Stasiuk said.

Last Sunday, Louisville made the trip to South Bend to compete against the Irish in front of 1,511 fans. The Irish dominated the match with 11 kills and 11 digs from Stasiuk and a match-high 38 assists from Tarutis. Notre Dame beat Louisville 3-1 (30-28, 30-16, 25-10, 30-28).

“We outworked our opponents and played intelligent,” sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl said. “We really executed our game plan well and just had fun playing. I think the fun and excitement of each match really helped us the most.”

The weekend brought top awards for two Irish players. Fesl received player of the week honors from the Big East and freshman middle blocker Kellie Schluca won her third rookie of the week recognition. Together the two swept the Big East honors for the week.

This weekend, the Irish will travel to Marquette to begin competition in the Big East tournament against the Bearcats. Irish coach Debbie Brown and her players plan on improving their offensive tactics to defeat the Bearcats for the second time this season, Fesl said.

“This week in practice, we are focusing on making our side of the net better, and also on slowing down some of Cincinnati’s plays that hurt us the first time around,” Fesl said.

The match begins at 11 a.m. today at Marquette. If the Irish beat Cincinnati, they will compete Saturday in the Big East semifinals.

“We just have to focus on one match at a time,” Stasiuk said. “We have to look at the improvements we can make to ensure our win.”

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**Women's Soccer**

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Friday, November 16th (1st Round)
Game 1 @ 5 pm: Illinois vs. Louisville
Game 2 @ 7:30 pm: Notre Dame vs. Loyola-Chicago

Sunday, November 18th (2nd Round)
Game 3 @ 1 pm: Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2
Hockey

ND begins grueling 5-game stretch

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

No. 10 Notre Dame kicks off a very busy holiday week tonight with a home game against Western Michigan at 7:35 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The Irish will play a home-and-home series with the Broncos this weekend, and a Tuesday night game against Bowling Green before heading to Troy, N.Y., for the Renaissance Holiday Tournament. When all is said and done, the team will have played five games in a span of only nine days.

"I'm a little nervous about it, but we have the best strength coach in the country so I know we are in good shape physically," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We'll probably take a day off in the next week but we have to get through these first two games. These will be up-tempo games."

Notre Dame is already coming off of an emotionally draining weekend in Oxford, Ohio, where the Irish split a two-game series with No. 1 Miami on the road.

"We're all excited to get back on track after a tough weekend against Miami," junior goaltender Jordan Pearce said. "We saw a lot of positives and they kind of explained some of our weaknesses, too."

Pearce turned away 64 of 68 shots last weekend against the most potent offense in the country, with 40 goals in their first eight games.

There was such a great crowd and atmosphere, it's tough to not get up for a game like that," Pearce said.

Despite its 3-5 record, Western Michigan has the potential to fill the net.

Jackson described the Broncos offense as "high-flying" and said his team needed to improve its forechecking to slow down the fast-paced attack. The speedy Broncos are led by playmaker Patrick Gallivan. The right wing has 10 assists and a goal eight games into his junior campaign.

"He's a very skilled player. He's got great instincts, he thinks [through] the game extremely well," Jackson said.

Gallivan is averaging 1.38 points per game, which is good enough for third in the CCHA behind Nebraska-Omaha's Bryan Marshall (1.57) and Michigan State's Tim Kennedy (1.51).

The highest Notre Dame player on that list is junior right wing Erik Condra, with 11 points through the first 11 games for the Irish. Four of those points have come as a part of the streak Notre Dame power play.

Notre Dame has been deadly at times with the man advantage, but at other times it has failed to produce. In last Saturday's loss to Miami, the Irish had two key power plays early in the third period that could have tied the game, but the Irish failed to convert.

"We've been all or nothing it seems like," Jackson said. "One of the keys is not losing our emotion. It's not a matter of how many powerplay goals we score. It's a matter of when we score them."

Jackson said part of that will go away as the young unit gains experience on the ice. The Irish currently play four sophomores and a junior on their No. 1 powerplay line and two freshmen on the second unit.

But the young Irish should get plenty of experience over the next nine days.

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Irish right wing Erik Condra scores a goal during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Lake Superior State Nov. 2 in the Joyce Center.

NHL

Reigning champs knock off Kings

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The defending Stanley Cup champion Anaheim Ducks finally seem to be building up some steam.

Corey Perry had two goals and an assist, and Chris Kunitz added three assists to lead the Ducks to a 6-3 win over the Los Angeles Kings on Thursday night.

The victory, the Ducks' second over Los Angeles in three nights, gave them their first three-game winning streak of the season.

"There's definitely something building," Perry said.

"When you start a streak, guys get more confidence and things go your way," Kunitz said. "That's what we've got to keep on working on — playing our game and keep playing the same way on the road as we do at home."

"Everybody knows their role and everybody's doing their job. When you've got 23 guys on the same page, you're going to be successful. We're just starting to bond together now and starting to play a little bit better," Perry said.

Perry scored his first goal of the season when he caught the Ducks a two-goal pad when he scored on a backhand in the crease at 8:37 of the period. Anaheim made it 5-2 on Samuel Pahlsson's goal with 9:05 to play.

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Anahiem coach Randy Carlyle obviously was pleased with the win. saying, "It's a big win at this stage of the year."

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Belles head to Albion for conference meet

Competition is first contest after event on Nov. 9 was postponed

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's is 3-1 this season, but it has yet to face a conference opponent in a dual meet.

That changes tonight, when the Belles open their M1AA season at Albion.

The Britons are 0-2 this season, with losses to conference powers Calvin and Hope.

Saint Mary's dominated two opponents the last time it swam competitively. In a tri-meet in Crawfordsville, Ind., the Belles defeated Rose-Hulman 183-44 and Illinois Wesleyan 157-72.

Saint Mary's won eight of the 13 events that day, including two individual victories by freshman Casey Niezer.

The Belles defeated Illinois Institute of Technology 74-31 and suffered their only defeat, 63-47 to Chicago, in a tri-meet at Chicago on Nov. 2.

Saint Mary's was supposed to face Alma last week at the Rolfs Aquatic Center, but the meet was postponed.

The Belles will play most of their conference schedule on the road over the next two and a half months before returning home to Rolfs for their final conference match on Feb. 1 against Kalamazoo.

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about the long trip, but it won’t be nearly as bad as Australia,” he said. “My ankles won’t swell up like balloons when we land.”
Notre Dame (1-0) will open the tournament against Monmouth tonight. The Multuhawks are 0-2, but both losses were close and on the road. They lost 63-60 to Colgate on Nov. 9. Monmouth was down only one and had the ball with seven seconds left, but guard Shamar Youngblood had a shot for the lead rim out.
Two days later the Multuhawks took on Big East member Seton Hall and had the Pirates on the ropes before losing 81-69.
"I really stepped up to come out and play." Brey said the Irish also run yard line and relieved on free throw line and relies on bubble up against them every day. "I really stepped up to come out and play." Brey said the Irish are for the season. If the Irish get by Monmouth, Brey said the Irish will face either Illinois or Louisville — who play here tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Alumni Field.
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Oklahoma and the players that really stepped up to come out and have a night like tonight," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said after Maryland’s win over Delaware. “It’s just how we’re playing so fluid and looking for each other. With all these weapons that we have on the team and no egos, it’s a tremendous thing.”
McGraw said Notre Dame will have trouble matching up with Terrapins defensively. "And they also said Maryland is an even better team than the North Carolina squad that beat Notre Dame 60-51 in the second round of last season’s NCAA Tournament.
"They have among the best athletes in the country," she said. "They have just great, great talent. So it will be interesting when we put our game plan together to see how we are going to guard them.

Playing the Multuhawks, Brey said, will provide the Irish with experience against the offense before they face it later in the season.
“We’re going to see Georgetown run that stuff,” he said.

If the Irish get by Monmouth, they will play Sunday against the winner of Baylor and Wichita State. If Notre Dame loses, it will play Saturday against the loser of the Baylor-Wichita State matchup.
If the Irish can win both of these games, they will advance to the tournament’s championship game on Monday. The likely opponent in that game is Georgia Tech-Winthrop. The Eagles eliminated the Irish from last season’s NCAA Tournament.
Also participating in the tournament this weekend are Charlotte and Illinois-Chicago. The 49ers will take on the Yellow Jackets in the first round, while the Flames will take on Winthrop.
Notre Dame will play Monday regardless of its performance in the first two games of the tournament. Depending on how many games the Irish win, they will either play in the championship, third-place, fifth-place or seventh-place game.
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The Big East championship game
Irish coach Randy Waldrum said with both teams as hot as they are, the game may come down to chance.
“It could be decided on things like free kicks,” Waldrum said. “Corner kicks, free kicks, throw-ins.
Those dead ball situations can become extremely important in tight games.”
And there are intangibles.
“The other things [are] which team is going to come with the most heart and intensity,” Waldrum said.
Just that competitive fire and that edge... you have.
The winner of tonight’s match will face either Illinois or Louisville — who play here tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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Michael Mikuska

We need to ensure the Catholicity of the University.

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A simple majority of Catholics in the faculty won't do.

We need an all-Catholic faculty.

It's not enough that the faculty be Catholic.

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Dear, John, John, let's not get nuts.

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**Deuces Manor**

Matt Hudson, Andy Manza & Paul Tassinari

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**Tastes Like Failure**

Rich Protiva & Andy Spangler

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Any things on our mascot?

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57 Where workers gather

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73 Anti-fascists

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78 Don't look for trouble.

81 Don't let emotions take over, causing you to

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87 Energy to be productive, especially if you are working on a creative project or

88 Making something special or a burden. Protect yourself from negative people.

89 A year to expand and to put all your fabulous ideas and

90 Happy Birthday: This is a year to expand and to put all your fabulous ideas and projects on display.

91 A change at home will push you in a direction outside your normal circle. This is a year of growth.

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102 You can get to the bottom of things today, especially if they have to do with older or younger family members.

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**Jumble**

Henri Arnold

Mike Argirion

That scrambled word game by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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ROODE

NECKAR

The straight line

Jumbles. GAUDY COCA COCA SQUIRM BOLERO

Answer: Although the master was obliterating the content, it was "CIRCULAR."
**ND Women's Soccer**

**Prime time**

Irish host Loyola in first round of NCAA Tournament tonight

**By BILL BRINK**

Sports Writer

Notre Dame is 12-1 in its last 13 games, while Loyola-Chicago is 12-3-1 since Sept. 21. Something has to give tonight when the Ramblers face the Irish on Alumni Field at 7:30 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame (15-4-2) and Loyola have played four times, most recently in 2003 when the Irish beat the Ramblers 5-0, also in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame has outscored Loyola 37-6 in the four-game series. The Irish have now made their 15th consecutive NCAA Tournament and have played first-round games at home for the past 14 seasons. The conference championship games ended in penalty kicks for both teams. Loyola (14-8-11) will make its third NCAA Tournament appearance after winning the Horizon League title with a 3-2 PK victory over Miami (Ohio) after playing to a 2-2 draw through regulation and the two overtime periods. The Irish fell 3-0 in penalty kicks to West Virginia after a 1-1 tie through 110 minutes in the second round of the Preseason NIT, the Terrapins have now made the NCAA Tournament for the third time in the four-game series. Notre Dame has won a all but two teams have faced off 18 times in their history and Notre Dame has won all but one of the meetings, outscoring DePaul 89-84 in the series. But as Clark said, this year is different. The Blue Demons allowed only 12 goals in 18 games this season, including 11 shutouts, seven from senior goalkeeper Brian Visser. Sophomore forward Alex Mangas has led DePaul on offense, with seven of the conference.

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**ND Women’s Basketball**

**Maryland awaits in WNIT semi**

**McGraw says No. 3 Terrapins will challenge Irish defensively**

**By JAY FITZPATRICK**

Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame has won every game in the Preseason NIT. Even when Irish coach Matt McGraw has said that her team did not play well, the Irish have won by a wide margin. But that is likely to change today when the Irish take on No. 3 Maryland in College Park at 7 p.m. in the second round of the Preseason Women’s National Invitation Tournament. McGraw confirmed Maryland’s status as one of the top teams in the country, and she already predicts a deep postseason run for the Terrapins.

"I think this is a great opportunity [to play a team] that everybody, including myself, thinks will be in the Final Four," McGraw said. "I think they’re one of the most talented teams in the country. They’ve got depth, they’ve got size, they’ve got speed. They’ve really got everything that you need to get to the Final Four.

Maryland has been just as dominant as the Irish early in the season — not if more so. In the second round of the Preseason NIT, the Terrapins beat Delaware 91-42 and had four players in double figures. Forward LaDain Perry posted the game’s only double-double with 11 points and 15 rebounds; forward Marissa Coleman had 16 points; guard Kristi Toliver added 16 and reserve Ashleigh Newman netted 18 points in the win. Maryland also beat then-No. 6 Oklahoma in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic 76-66. "That’s who makes a dangerous team — to be able to see the success we had against the second round of the Preseason NIT, the Terrapins beat Delaware 91-42 and had four players in double figures. Forward LaDain Perry posted the game’s only double-double with 11 points and 15 rebounds; forward Marissa Coleman had 16 points; guard Kristi Toliver added 16 and reserve Ashleigh Newman netted 18 points in the win. Maryland also beat then-No. 6 Oklahoma in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic 76-66. "That’s who makes a dangerous team — to be able to see the success we had against Maryland was just as dominant as the Irish early in the season — not if more so. In the second round of the Preseason NIT, the Terrapins beat Delaware 91-42 and had four players in double figures. Forward LaDain Perry posted the game’s only double-double with 11 points and 15 rebounds; forward Marissa Coleman had 16 points; guard Kristi Toliver added 16 and reserve Ashleigh Newman netted 18 points in the win. Maryland also beat then-No. 6 Oklahoma in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic 76-66. "That’s who makes a dangerous team — to be able to see the success we had against Maryland was just as dominant as the Irish early in the season — not if more so. In

**Men’s Basketball**

**Paradise? More work trip for ND**

**Players to get some sun, experience at island event**

**By CHRIS KHOEREY**

Sports Editor

Notre Dame is spending almost a full week in the Virgin Islands, but Irish head coach Mike Brey isn’t worried about his team losing focus.

"Part of keeping them loose is having a little bit of time," Brey said. "All of a sudden you shoot a little better when you’ve been on the beach.

Notre Dame will compete in the Paradise Jam tournament, hosted by The University of the Virgin Islands today through Monday on the island of St. Thomas. With three crucial games to play, Brey said, this trip is not a vacation.

"We have to be smart about when we play and have a few days off," he said.

The Irish flew to St. Thomas Wednesday. The six-hour plane trip was the longest Notre Dame is scheduled to take this season. But that didn’t both junior forward Luke Zeller, who played with a travel team in Australia over the summer.

"Some of the guys are worried

**Men’s Soccer**

**Squad’s third Big East title in reach**

**Lapira and Co. take on DePaul today; winner faces UConn or L’ville**

**By DAN MURPHY**

Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish will try to move one step closer to their third Big East tournament title tonight when they take on No. 19 DePaul in the semifinals at 5:30. If Notre Dame wins, the Irish will play in the championship game on Sunday against either Louisville or Connecticut in Storrs, Conn. The Blue Demons (12-6-0) were the regular season winners of the Red Division in the conference and No. 10 Notre Dame finished in a tie with Connecticut for first place in the Blue Division.

"I think it speaks for itself when you’re nationally ranked at the end of the season. I think you’ve done pretty well. They had a wonderful year," Clark said.

DePaul’s season was highlighted by a 2-0 win over No. 1 Connecticut and a win against St. John’s on the road. The Blue Demons also beat Cincinnati at home to claim their first-ever Big East tournament win last Saturday. The Blue Demons joined the conference in 2006 and lost to Notre Dame in the opening round of last year’s Big East tournament.

Last year DePaul was at the bottom of the league, now they’re at the top," Clark said. "We’re dealing with two different teams, you certainly don’t want 18 times in their history and Notre Dame has won all but one of the meetings, outscoring DePaul 89-84 in the series. But as Clark said, this year is different. The Blue Demons allowed only 12 goals in 18 games this season, including 11 shutouts, seven from senior goalkeeper Brian Visser. Sophomore forward Alex Mangas has led DePaul on offense, with seven of the
End of the Ride

The seniors of 2008 had roller coaster careers at Notre Dame. Saturday, they'll try for one last win at the Stadium.
Adversity never stopped seniors

Seventeen scholarship football players arrived at Notre Dame in the fall of 2004. Only seven are still on the roster. The Class of 2008 has seen attrition in every way imaginable. Some players had bad luck — like linebacker Abdel Banda, who suffered a career-ending injury. Some decided playing varsity football wouldn’t be part of their Notre Dame experience after all — like John Kadou and Stanford Interhall star Gregg Duerson. Some were upset about the coaching change or lack of playing time — like running back Justin Hoskins (now at Central Michigan), quarterback David Wolke (now at Western Kentucky), defensive lineman Brandon Nicolas (now at Colorado) and wide receiver Chris Vaughn (now at Louisville).

And one — running back Darius Walker — opted for an NFL paycheck over his senior season in South Bend. But even without most of the players they met at Freshman Camp, the Class of 2008 has found a way to succeed. They helped the Irish to three bowl games in their time on campus, including two of the BCS variety. And they have done their best to hold the team together during this disastrous 1-9 season.

And now, along with their walk-on brethren and the nine fifth-year seniors, seven recruited scholarship seniors — Maurice Crum, Brandon Brown, Terrel Lambert, Lee Ferrine, Junior Jabhle, Darius Bragg and Anthony Vernaglia — will play possibly their final game at Notre Dame Stadium. (All seven are eligible for fifth years.) Those seven have seen classmates leave the team, but they stuck it out. They have endured ridicule from fans who called them “not talented enough,” but they never lashed out in the media. Some of them have struggled to get off the bench, but they never stopped working.

Through the biggest wins and the most crushing losses, those seven have remained focused on the goal they originally set out to reach — to bring Notre Dame back to the elite. For two years, the Irish were back in the top 20, thanks in part to them. And while this season has fallen apart, they continue to try to lead the younger players, trying to ensure the program’s future.

For the nine fifth-year seniors, the story is different. They arrived at a Notre Dame that saw a bright future ahead after Tyrone Willingham’s 10-3 first season. Their classmates included All-America receiver Jeff Samardzija and first-round quarterback Brady Quinn. After BCS bowls in their junior and senior seasons, this group — John Carlson, Travis Thomas, John Sullivan, Trevor Laws, Tom Zbikowski, Dwight Stephenson, Joe Brockington, Ambrose Wooden and Geoff Price — all decided to return for one more year.

Obviously, this season has not gone as planned, but they have all played with heart and tried to lead despite the losses. They are part of the greatest Notre Dame class since the Holtz era, and their contributions will not be forgotten, even in the darkest hour of Irish football.

And it’s important to remember the rest of the senior class — the walk-ons. They joined the team not for a shot at the NFL, but for the camaraderie of their teammates and the chance to wear a gold helmet. Their best memories aren’t scoring a touchdown or making a sack in a big game, but rather when they put on their green jersey before USC in 2005 or when they intercepted a Quinn pass in practice — or even just playing catch on the field in front of 80,000 people.

They have majors like engineering and pre-professional, but they still find time to learn the opponent’s playbook every week to help prepare their teammates.

Saturday will almost certainly be their last game at Notre Dame Stadium. If they’re lucky, they’ll be able to get into the game for a play or two. Even if they’re not, they’ll be excited to be out there with their friends one last time.

It’s been a long season. But win or lose, all of the seniors will probably linger on the field for a few extra seconds, remembering the good times they had there.

They’ve been through a lot at Notre Dame, and they’ve handled it all with grace and class. And for that, they deserve a hand.

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Chip off the old block

Carlson reflects on his father's influence, a tough senior season, and a future beyond Notre Dame

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Notre Dame tight end John Carlson has played in two BCS bowl games, was a finalist for the Mackey Award last season, and is a likely NFL prospect.

But for all his athletic accomplishments, few are as special to Carlson as the story of his life. The son of Notre Dame football coach Charlie Carlson, John Sr., won together in basketball during Carlson's freshman year at Litchfield High School in Minnesota. Carlson was the starting center. Alex, a senior at the time, was the starting point guard and John Sr. was the coach of the 30-0 Litchfield Dragons, who captured the Minnesota Class A state title in 2000.

Immediately after claiming the title, the Carlson clan met at mid-court and embraced each other in celebration of their shared success — and it was an embrace Carlson will never forget.

"It was one of the greatest moments of my athletic career so far and it always will be," Carlson said. "We had a picture of the three of us hugging at mid-court and even if I didn't have that picture, I'd always have that image in my mind. It was really special."

But even when things weren't going so well for Carlson, his family was there and continues to be there for him.

The path to Notre Dame

Aside from his duties as a highly successful basketball coach, Carlson Sr. was also the offensive coordinator for the football team and is still the tennis coach at Litchfield. Through his father, Carlson developed his ability in all three sports and developed an into-all-state basketball and football player and an all-conference tennis player.

"I was exposed to [sports] at a very young age, going to practice and sitting on the bench at games," Carlson said. "That kind of piqued my interest at a very young age and it provided me an opportunity to get in the gym whenever I wanted, get in the weight room whenever I wanted."

While some fathers who are coaches by trade take an overly hands-on approach and pressure their children to become the best at their sport, Carlson Sr. was never like that with his son. Carlson said.

He never forced his son to do anything he didn't want to do, but if John wanted to attend a basketball camp in Pittsburgh or go to a football camp, Carlson Sr. made sure his son was there.

"When I was younger, he did everything I wanted to do," Carlson said. "He provided me with every opportunity athletically, that I asked for ... but he never forced anything on me. It was always everything I wanted to do and he just facilitated that."

But when Carlson Sr. was coaching Carlson in a sport, things were a little bit different.

"The only time he pushed me was when he was my head coach and that was his job," Carlson said. "As a father, he did his best to let me follow my own interests and not force anything upon me."

While his father provided Carlson with every opportunity to become a better athlete, his brothers provided competition. Alex Carlson was a pretty good athlete in his own right, making the basketball team as an eighth grader and the tennis team as a seventh grader.

"He was definitely someone I aspired to be like and because of our body types, we played different positions, but as a competitor, as a football player, it was definitely a role model I aspired to be like," Carlson said.

Becoming a star

Carlson was highly acclaimed in all three sports. He even played on the basketball team at Notre Dame in his freshman season before he decided to concentrate on football. But it was three years before Carlson became the star that he is today.

In his freshman year, Carlson redshirted, and for someone who grew up constantly playing sports, a year without getting playing time in any sport was tough to take.

"By far, my freshman year, my first semester was the most difficult time here," Carlson said. "This team as a whole, through everything we've gone through this year, we've never given up."

Carlson first saw the field his sophomore season on special teams and as a back-up tight end. During his junior season, he backed up current Dallas Cowboys tight end Anthony Fasano. Carlson caught his first touchdown that season in a 49-28 Notre Dame win at Purdue on Oct. 1, 2005.

Last season, Carlson broke out and garnered national attention for his athleticism and versatility at tight end. In Notre Dame's home-opening 41-17 win over Penn State on Sept. 9, 2006, Carlson had six catches for 98 yards. Over the course of the season, Carlson helped ease the pressure on receivers Rhema McKnight and Jeff Samardzija by becoming a reliable target for the Irish in the middle of the field.

An injury sidelined Carlson for Notre Dame's final two regular season contests, but Carlson came back for Notre Dame's 41-14 loss in the Sugar Bowl to LSU.

He then decided to use his final year of eligibility, returning to the Irish and putting off plans to enter the NFL Draft. This season hasn't gone the way Carlson or any Irish fan hoped it would, but being a captain of a 1-9 team still carries tremendous responsibility — keeping the team from ruin itself from within — and Carlson is proud of the way his teammates have responded to this year's adversity.

"Well, you Carlson said. "We continue to work hard and we haven't turned on each other. We showed a lot of pride, a lot of character and a lot of resolve. It makes me proud to be a part of this team, a part of this University."

With his career at Notre Dame winding down, Carlson said he has been good to look back and evaluate what his years at Notre Dame have taught him. But he said friend and fellow fifth-year senior, center John Sullivan, could tell you how he's changed as a person.

"Well, you know," Clausen said. "He's grown up just like the rest of the guys. I've been exposed to a little bigger area. ... But I think he's matured just like the rest of us have," Sullivan said. "He's definitely more vocal than when he first came in. I don't know what that's due to, but he's definitely more vocal. He's just matured a lot. He's a good player and a person. I don't know what else to say about him, he's just a great guy, this University."

Healed into the final home game of his career, Carlson is focused on beating Duke, but once the game is over, it will be hard to hold back his feelings.

"I know when that clock winds down, it'll really be an emotional time for me," Carlson said.

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FAITH KEEPS BROWN POSITIVE DURING STRUGGLES

Justin Brown

Faith keeps Brown positive during struggles

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"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

That motto is what's kept Justin Brown going through thick and thin. The 6-foot-3, 261-pound defensive lineman has been through ups and downs in his career at Notre Dame. But his faith in God and better me going is my own will and my faith in God. I just try to make every day better."

Brown played only one year of organized football at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Md. But after he made 65 tackles, had nine sacks and recovered three fumbles his senior year, Williams looked for him, including some from Tyronn Willingham's staff at Notre Dame.

Brown committed to Notre Dame over Boston College and Connecticut.

It was a good blend of academics and a chance to win a national championship," he said. "I liked the coaching staff when I got recruited." But that coaching staff wouldn't be around for long. After 2004's 6-5 regular season in which Brown didn't play at least most of his time "kind of in the pocket."

"When he got fired, it was a surprise to me. It was like being a freshman again for another year," he said.

Brown saw the first playing time of his career that year in the season opener against Pittsburgh. He played in all 12 games that season, including making one start.

The next season, Brown got his first career sack against Navy — and then got another one against Air Force.

But after 2006, Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter was fired and Brown had to get his third defensive coordinator in four years — Corwin Brown.

The new coordinator brought a 3-4 defensive personnel package that changed Justin Brown's role dramatically. Although he remained a defensive end, the senior had for some on keeping defensive linemen off linebackers than on contain- ing the outside edge. But he said the adjustment hadn't been too stressful.

"After having to adjust so many times, it was a pretty easy adjustment," he said. "Off the field, Justin Brown's role changed a lot."
Irish senior strong safety Tom Zbikowski returns a punt during Notre Dame's 27-14 loss to Boston College on Oct. 14.

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Irish safety Tom Zbikowski has had many memorable moments in his career—sporting the "Mohawk" in 2006, scoring on a punt return during Notre Dame's 34-31 loss to USC in 2005 and the Michigan State "grab-and-go" fumble recovery in 2004 when Zbikowski pried the ball from the hands of Spartans running back Jason Teague and returned it for a touchdown.

When one thinks of Zbikowski's legacy, these are the recollections that will come to mind. His career had both highs and lows, but one thing that never changed was his will to win.

Zbikowski was a star prep player at Buffalo Grove High School in the suburbs of Chicago as a quarterback and safety. He was named the Gatorade player of the year for Illinois and was a USA Today high school All-American. He entered Notre Dame as a highly regarded recruit, ready to break out as a contributor. That's when things ground to a halt.

Zbikowski sat out his freshman season. As his first collegiate year wore on, he found himself struggling with his role on the team.

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impressive as his performance of the field—as a professional boxer. Zbikowski, who had fought for years and was a Golden Gloves boxer, squared off against Robert Bell, a self-proclaimed Ohio State fan, in Madison Square Garden. Forty-nine seconds after the opening bell, Zbikowski then chimed Bell, sending thepartition boxy to the stat as a victim of a technical knockout. Zbikowski's boxing career may seem like an outlet for his stress, but it's anything but that. "I've been boxing for so long, it's just part of my life. It's not going to be just having a bag and just having fun," Zbikowski said. "There's nothing like stepping in a ring and knowing you're about to get in a fight." His distribution of a boxer— sta­minana, courage and strength— served Zbikowski well on the football field as he entered his senior year as a preseason third-team All-American on a team picked as a national championship contender. While the season didn't end the way he hoped, Zbikowski came up with a solid year, finishing third on the team with 79 tackles and returning a punt for a touchdown.

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Irish senior strong safety Tom Zbikowski tackles USC running back Stafon Johnson during the 38-0 Notre Dame loss on Oct. 20 at Notre Dame Stadium. Zbikowski finished the day with 10 tackles.

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Lambert still remembers 2006 highlight

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Sports Writer

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It also didn't hurt that Stephenson was counted on to play a much more prominent role in his fifth and final season at Notre Dame. During his first four years, the Florida native made more position changes than starts, rotating from linebacker to defensive end and even trying out as a punter.

When new defensive coordinator Corwin Brown and his 3-4 defense arrived at Notre Dame, however, Stephenson was switched back to defensive end and had a chance to compete for the starting job. "I didn't have a set role coming back," Stephenson said. "They didn't promise anything, but one thing I've learned from day one is that you keep working no matter what. If you start something, you finish it."

Stephenson has made the most of his opportunity this season both on and off the football field.

"Any time you get an opportunity to play at Notre Dame, you take it," Stephenson said. "I saw the fifth year as a way to finish my Notre Dame career, so I didn't hesitate at it."

Still, many of the starters on the 2004 squad were critical in Lambert's development. "One I bonded with most quickly was probably Freddie Parish. He took me under his wing, showed me the ins and outs," Lambert said. "Another one of Lambert's role models was Dwight Ellick, a senior in Lambert's freshman season. Now, Lambert is working with a corps of younger defensive ends. Turris is starting opposite Lambert, and freshman Gray Gary and sophomores Harshon McNeill and Munir Prince are working their way into the starting rotation. Lambert spends a lot of time teaching, if not always explicitly. Still, that's not even necessary. "Pretty much just enjoying the ride," Lambert said of his final game of the season, "Trying to take it like it comes."
TRAVIS THOMAS

The long and winding road

Thomas plays offense, defense, special teams while remaining a leader at every position

Irish senior running back Travis Thomas turns the corner for a one-yard touchdown run with the help of tight end John Carlson's block on Michigan State's Brian Persinger Adkins during Notre Dame's Sept. 22 loss.

By CHRIS KHOREY
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It had been a good day for Travis Thomas. He scored three touchdowns already and his team, which had struggled so much in falling to a 1-7 record, had a chance to pull out a victory.

Notre Dame was trailing 46-44 to Navy in triple overtime and Thomas had just juked, slipped and dived his way into the end zone to bring the Irish to within two points.

And now coach Charlie Weis was calling his number again.

Thomas lined up behind fullback Asjah Schwapp, took the hand off from quarterback Evan Walker and immediately found himself face to face with three Michigan defenders.

Thomas couldn't escape them and was tackled well short of the goal line. The Irish lost.

The emotional roller coaster that Thomas went through that day was a microcosm of the running back's career at Notre Dame — a career that included starting opportunities and position changes, touchdowns and fumbles, big wins and heartbreaking losses.

But Irish coach Charlie Weis said Thomas has never let anything get him down...even something as frustrating as the loss to Navy.

"I don't think Travis is going to sit there and take the blame on his shoulders," Weis said. "He ran the ball as hard as you could run it."

Through it all, Thomas has been the consummate teammate. He said that that has always been his attitude — even going back to his elementary school days.

"I've done the same thing for my whole football career, going back to Little League, Pop Warner, high school," Thomas said. "My goal is to be the starting running back and I think I'm the best in the country for the last two games of the season."

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Irish running back

"Whatever hat I need to wear, I'll do it.

Travis Thomas
Irish running back

Michigan, freshman Darius Walker ran for 115 yards. Thomas found himself buried on the depth chart again. He finished 2004 with 25 carries and 225 yards.

The problem, Thomas said, was that he struggled adapting to the speed of the college game.

"It was a learning experience for me," he said. "I needed to learn to be a college back." The next year, Charlie Weis took over for Willingham as coach and gave Thomas another shot.

"When Coach Weis came in, he gave everyone a clean slate," Thomas said. "It was a lot of hard work and make a good impression.""Then a junior, Thomas was Notre Dame's second-leading rusher, gaining 248 yards and scoring five touchdowns in his new role as the "power back" for the Irish.

Thomas also had one of the most memorable moments of his career in 2003 — early in the showdown between No. 9 Notre Dame and No. 1 USC, he scored a 16-yard touchdown to tie the score at 7-7.

But after that season, Thomas' career took another twist. Weis asked him to switch to linebacker to help shore up the team's porous defense.

Thomas at first was reluctant.

"I was pretty shocked when he asked me," he said. "I thought about it, I didn't make the decision right away. I had a pretty decent spring game, and I thought things were going to go well on offense the next season." But in a move that showed his team-first attitude, Thomas agreed to make the switch and ended up starting at outside linebacker.

"I thought it would be a good decision to show my athleticism," Thomas said. "Looking back, I think I learned a lot more about the game."

Partly because of that attitude, Weis made Thomas a captain for the 2006 season.

Thomas' year on defense was a mixed bag. He made 35 tackles, but the effort came for a unit that gave up more than 21 points per game, including 44 and 41 to USC and LSU, respectively, in the last two games of the season.

"I was underwhelmed," Thomas said. "But one of the things I learned is to make use of my advantage was my speed."

Thomas also got to carry the ball that year. He played running back in short yardage situations, gaining 81 yards on 13 carries and scoring two touchdowns.

Thomas said that playing both positions required him to be "in the best shape of my life."

"We ran a lot more than we had in the past," Thomas said. "It really paid off. I could do a lot of things and not be too tired." Against Penn State that year, Weis called his number on a fake punt, and Thomas took it 43 yards. He scored on a helmet-crunching, one-yard plunge a few plays later.

The special teams play represented another element of Thomas' team-first attitude. Since the beginning of his career, he has always been more than willing to do the thankless jobs of wedge busting, punt protection and kick-return blocking.

"I never had to wear, I'll do it," he said. After Walker left for the NFL last winter, Thomas was in contention to be the starting running back in this, his fifth season.

But all did not go as planned.

Thomas started the season opener, but when he lost seven yards on six carries in a 33-3 loss to Georgia Tech, he found himself watching from the bench. But even as he watched loss after loss from the sidelines, Thomas remained a leader, taking his position as a second-year captain seriously.

"It's been difficult," he said. "But I think it helped guide us. I think it helped guide us. I think it's made us better people."

Again, Navy, Thomas' roller coaster ride seemed on the upswing. He scored three touchdowns on his first three carries against the Midshipmen and while he couldn't get into the end zone on the two-point conversion, Weis said no one on the team has blamed Thomas for the loss.

"I'm sure if the line of scrimmage was going the other way, Weis said, "I think Travis would have gotten in the end zone."

Thomas said he wants to pursue football after the season ends, but after that, he wants to get into management consulting and eventually own a consulting firm.

"I want to be my own boss eventually," he said. "Whether it's in football or not, Weis said he will use the lessons he's learned as an Irish football player for the rest of his life.

"We made it through a record of 1-7," he said. "Nothing in life is going to be easy. There's going to be a lot of hard times. But if you've been through something like this, it will help you with a lot of other things."

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Irish running back Travis Thomas acknowledges the crowd on his way into the end zone during Notre Dame's Sept. 22 loss to Michigan State.
Senior outside linebacker Anthony Vernaglia is unsure about why he came to Notre Dame, but he is sure it was the right choice for him. "I don't know how or why I have no idea," he said.

As a freshman, Vernaglia was listed as a reserve safety and did not see action on the field. But before his sophomore year, he moved to linebacker. "I was recruited as a receiver by some schools, but I played a lot of things," Vernaglia said. "Switching positions wasn't my decision, but I guess it worked best for the team."

In his first year as a full-time linebacker, Vernaglia played five games as a reserve, logging 14:55 of playing time. The next season, in which the Irish went 9-3, he played in eight games before injuring his knee. Vernaglia said it was difficult to sit on the sidelines but still enjoyed Notre Dame's great season. "After I shredded my knee, I still got to go to the Fiesta Bowl," he said. "I didn't get to play which stunk, but I got to go which was sweet."

Off the field, Vernaglia said his time at Notre Dame has been all he had hoped for—except for the Indiana weather. "Every time it snows and rains, I have a lot of regrets," Vernaglia joked.

On one of the occasions that he did brave the elements, Vernaglia met his current girlfriend. "I drove her to a party and someone asked if we were together and we weren't," Vernaglia said. "But it just worked out."

And the climate has not prevented the California native from taking advantage of the countless opportunities Notre Dame provides. The business major already has plans to open a clothing company and get his MBA from Notre Dame. Afterward, he said he might finally head to USC for law school. Even though his future has always been blurry, Vernaglia is eager to see what awaits him after graduation. "Notre Dame is definitely different than what I had planned, but I'm happy about it," he said. "I'm definitely happy I ended up here, leaving with this great degree is amazing. I'm excited."

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Playing the waiting game

After going nearly four years before making his first start, Brockington never looks back

Joe Brockington

State College, Pa., to play against Penn State — the team he grew up watching. It's always good to go back and play football that you grew up and also play against guys that you played against in high school back in Penn State. It's always good to go back home, but unfortunately that was lost, I have yet to go back home since then, so I'm sure I'll catch it from a couple of Penn State fans.

During Notre Dame's 27-14 loss to Boston College on Oct. 13, Crum was injured early in the game and Brockington stepped up with 13 tackles (10 solo) in the loss. Even though he was integral in taking over for Crum as the line backers' leader, Brockington said it was just business as usual. "Mo and I actually have this thing that when you grow up and even this year — we both make the calls on defense and get everyone on the same page," he said. "It's not like its something that week or that game when he went down that was new for me. I've been doing it this way for years."

In the classroom, Brockington is taking two computer classes and a music class to continue to prepare himself for life after college. He said that his dream is to play in the NFL, and that he plans to declare for April's draft.

Brockington said that he thinks he has an advantage in the draft because of the many roles he has played in college. "Since I've been here, I've played three different defenses and played two different positions," he said. "I definitely think that when you go playing at the next level it makes me a little more marketable because they've seen me play at the weak side and they've also seen me play in the middle."

Brockington is still realistic about playing on Sundays and said that if he isn't drafted or signed as a free agent, he will "go back to normal life." Normal life for Brockington will either be law school or an internship at Notre Dame in the athletic department, in a program designed to help people become athletic directors.

Brockington said it is important thing he will take with him is not the games played on the field or the lessons learned in the locker room, but the people he encountered. "The people that I actually met here, the friends that I made here just because the people that actually go to school here kind of grew up in a different situation than I did," Brockington said of his favorite experience at Notre Dame. "It was good because I learned some things from them and they learned some things from me."

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On Sept. 30, 2006, Notre Dame's defense was trying to lock the field against Purdue with one key addition — outside linebacker Joe Brockington, who made his first career start for the Irish after nearly four years on the roster.

"It was my coming out game. There are some games I played in last year and this year that I enjoyed because I thought I played pretty well in," Brockington said. "Overall, in my college career, I think that's it because it sort of sums it all up.

Brockington has started every game since — in both former defensive coordinator Rick Mount's 4-3 defense and current defensive coordinator Bob Diaco's 3-4.

Brockington's journey to Notre Dame began in central Pennsylvania, where his mother raised him and his sister on her own.

"She worked two jobs pretty much since I was born — supported my sister and I by herself," Brockington said of his mother. "We've had hard times but she definitely got an A-plus in the whole mothering thing because her two kids are pretty successful."

While in high school at Palmyra (Pa.) High School, Brockington was a standout football player, rushing for 1,046 yards and registering 110 tackles during his senior season. Even though he was sidelined by a shoulder injury in his senior year, Brockington was recruited by schools in the Big East, ACC and Big Ten, as well as Notre Dame.

"Picking Notre Dame" was a combination of academics and the coaching staff that was in place at the time," Brockington said. "It was a more of a decision my family and I made together, my family felt it was the best opportunity for me."

Another major influence in Brockington's decision was whether he would get to play Penn State — the favorite team of many of his friends and neighbors.

"I know a bunch of people that said I should go to Penn State or else I wasn't good enough to play college football," Brockington said. "It was definitely something I looked at when I was looking at schools so I can show everyone in my area that I can play college football."

Brockington sat out his freshman year, missing his second consecutive season.

"It was tough. I was practicing so I had that type of aspect still there. I was still practicing, still doing some things," he said. "It was definitely tough, it was hard to deal with, but talking with my family they helped me get through it."

Brockington continued to work both on and off the field. He entered school as a business major and spent his sophomore year in the Mendota College of Business before switching to become an AmericanStudies major with a minor in computer applications. "I decided on American Studies because the classes they let you take were just more interesting than any other major I could find in arts and letters," Brockington said of his decision.

But despite the hard work Brockington exerted on the field and in the classroom, he feels the most important part of his time at Notre Dame was making friends outside of football — people he might not have met at another university.

"The interaction that you have with other students is different than at other schools," he said. "All through college I haven't [roomed] with a football player. It's helped me meet some new people. Now I look back on [room life] and it helped build some relationships that I will have for the rest of my life."

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"The interaction that you have with other students is different than at other schools. I think that's the best decision for us," he said.

During his fifth season, Brockington has developed into one of the leaders on the Irish defense in Brown's 3-4. Brockington bulked up and joined senior captain Maurice Crum as the two inside line backers. Brown said that Brockington has easily made the transition to the 3-4 because he is a smart player who understands the game.

Brockington played some outside and inside linebacker last season, and he said that the transition has not been too difficult. "The biggest thing for me to adjust was being the weak side backer to being front side and having to deal with more blocks and things like that," Brockington said.

One of the highlights this season was Notre Dame's trip to...
Tight end will attend medical school to be a surgeon next year

By DAN MURPHY
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first half of his life, Michael Planalp's idea of football included shin guards and corner kicks. Planalp was raised in Virginia Water, a small town about 30 miles west of London, England.

"I never really watched football until I moved back here, just before high school. That's when I started playing football," he said.

Planalp and his family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he started playing football for Wyoming High School. The 6-foot-4, 230-pound senior played on the offensive line during his high school career before switching to tight end at Notre Dame.

"I wasn't always the great player that a lot of the guys on our team are," Planalp said.

Planalp came to South Bend with no plans to continue his football career but could not stay away from the game for long.

Planalp's first time on the field at Notre Dame Stadium came during his freshman year while playing for the Knott interhall team. The Knott interhall team lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Keenan in the championship game that year.

Shortly afterward, Planalp decided that he would try to walk on to the team. He decided the thrill of playing for the Irish was worth the time commitment and hard work he was going to have to put in.

You get to go out and play everyday with a gold helmet on," Planalp said. "I've loved Notre Dame football my whole life, so that's just really cool."

Michael Planalp
Irish tight end

For the past three years, Planalp has balanced practice time with the work load of a student heading to medical school.

When all is said and done, Planalp hopes to be a surgeon and is currently applying to medical schools to take the next step. His top choices include Stanford, Northwestern and Cincinnati.

His work on the football field has helped him off the field as well. At a recent interview with Cincinnati, the interviewer was also a player in college and helped to give him an instant connection.

"He said it reinforced his knowledge of me. He understands how much time it takes up," Planalp said. "It was really nice being able to talk to him about that."

Planalp has also padded his resume with internships over the past couple of summers. He worked with ophthalmologists in Cincinnati and at the University of Michigan to help with research on retinal degeneration.

Planalp believes that his experience as a walk-on will also help him keep his nose to the grindstone while trying to make a name for himself in the medical world.

"It helps you because being a walk-on, you're not a stud on the team. You get to kind of experience knowing your role, going there day in and day out and doing what's best for the team, not always making the big difference, but you know your role is important," he said.

"I think that's pretty much what the medical career is going to be, up until you make a name for yourself."

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Never look back

Fifth-year center John Sullivan tells his teammates — and himself — to focus on the next game

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Considering the publicity that Notre Dame's all-time worst 1-9 season has received, it seemed odd that the record was not on the tip of John Sullivan's tongue.

The fifth-year senior center brought up the record when discussing his pride in the team, then hesitated and double-checked the number of losses with Notre Dame director of football media relations Brian Hardin before continuing.

"I'm proud of this team, and one of the main reasons is that we're 1-9 and the team will never quit," Sullivan said. "You have to admire a group of guys that go out there and fight every time."

But that's who Sullivan is. Records don't mean much to him, he said.

"I'm focused on one game at a time: the next game," he said. "I don't look back at what the record is."

It is this attitude that helped Sullivan start 43 games, including 31 straight, of his collegiate career. It led the coaches to select him as a team captain. But maybe most importantly, it helped Sullivan guide Notre Dame's young, inexperienced offense.

"Keep focusing on the next game," Sullivan said. "Don't look back, no matter what happened the previous week."

Finding his home

Sullivan filled his life with sports. In addition to football, Sullivan played water polo and rugby at Greenwich High School in Greenwich, Conn. He had a 138-6 record as a heavyweight wrestler and won the state championship in his sophomore, junior and senior years. He also placed seventh and earned All-America honors at the 2003 national wrestling championships.

Wrestling, he said, contained some skills analogous to football.

"Having good feet is important in both sports, balance, intensity has well," Sullivan said. "The training requirements for wrestling forced you to suffer a lot, so it builds mental toughness."

Sullivan excelled, however, in football. A prep school All-American and Gatorade Player of the Year, Sullivan started at center in his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. He also played nose guard on defense, where he had 20 tackles for a loss and 12 sacks in 2002.

That year, Sullivan's senior season, Greenwich went 12-1-1 and reached the Connecticut Class LL title game. Sullivan said he got many of the characteristics he values in himself from his high school coaches.

"They taught me a lot about the game," Sullivan said. "They taught me even more importantly about how you have to care about your teammates, you have to care about the game and you have to play with a passion. I learned that from them."

Sullivan considered Miami, Michigan, North Carolina and Boston College in addition to Notre Dame and was the No. 3 center of his class, according to rivals.com. What convinced him to join the Irish, he said, was a self-imposed commitment that stamped him.

"I asked the question, 'How could I say no to Notre Dame?' And ultimately I couldn't answer that question, therefore I had to come," Sullivan said. "It's a great mix of academics and athletics, a great tradition, a rich, storied program, and I wanted to be a part of that for the rest of my life."

Not done yet

Once at Notre Dame, Sullivan had the chance to play with a veteran group of linemen that included Bob Morton, Dan Santucci and Ryan Harris.

"We had great chemistry. We could rely on each other a lot," Sullivan said. "We know how each guy on that line played and what to expect from him. That was a great group, and I was proud to be a part of it."

During his sophomore season, Sullivan started all 12 games at center. He started eight as a junior and all 13 games in 2006.

Sullivan could have entered the NFL draft along with the rest of his linemates, but instead chose to return for a fifth year.

"I wasn't done here at Notre Dame," Sullivan said. "I wasn't ready to leave the school."

Sullivan said, "I hadn't graduated yet. I thought that my future could wait another year. I think I've become a much better football player. Sullivan and sophomore tackle Sam Young suddenly became the only linemen with any meaningful game experience.

During practice on Aug. 23, head coach Charlie Weis announced in front of the team and media that Sullivan would become the team's fifth captain.

"That's why I'm trying to play as hard as I can," Sullivan said. "Being a leader isn't just a vocal thing. You have to lead by example, with your actions. That's why I'm trying to play as hard as I can.

Sullivan said staying for a fifth year will benefit his future. As for life after football, he said he has no idea what's in store. He's once again focusing on the task at hand.

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Irish center John Sullivan prepares to snap the ball during Notre Dame's 31-10 win over Stanford on Oct. 7, 2006. Sullivan chose to remain at Notre Dame for a fifth year.

Offensive line coach John Latina said Sullivan sets an example for the younger linemen, demonstrating how to focus and improve in the face of criticism.

"Basically, he's told them and showed them how to go out and work every day no matter what people say, no matter what people talk about, to keep focused on the task at hand," Latina said. "Keep blinders on in terms of, there's only one way to get better, and that's to go out there and work."

Sullivan's methods of instruction and motivation are not the tamest, Latina said.

"He's a fiery guy. You expect that kind of demeanor about him," Latina said. "He is what he is. And I respect him and I admire him and I think he's an outstanding player. That personality comes with leading."

Sullivan said:

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

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Duke Blue Devils

Record: 1-9

AP: NR

Coaches: NR

Ted Roof
Fourth season at Duke.

Final record: 6-43

at Duke:

43 against Notre Dame

Final head coach

Irish experts

Duke is one of the few teams as bad as, if not worse than, Notre Dame this season. The two have comparably terrible offenses, but Notre Dame's defense could be the difference maker. Duke has the No. 98 defense in the nation, meaning that even Notre Dame's offense should be able to do something productive. Clausen continues to play like he did in the second half against Air Force and gets his first home win.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24,

Duke 13
Junior Jabbie

Jabbie turned to past Irish standouts for help

After solid showing in Blue-Gold game, RB earned playing time

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Entering the Blue-Gold Game last spring, Notre Dame's starting running back spot was still up in the air. With a stable full of young talented backs, it seemed that Charlie Weis had more than enough options.

Weis, however, had to add one more to the list after senior Junior Jabbie rushed for 87 yards on 13 attempts to lead the Gold squad to a 10-6 win. Jabbie's performance was far and away the best of the game, almost doubling the yardage of all the other backs combined.

"I realized there was going to be an opportunity for a lot of running backs to play because no one really had any experience," Jabbie said.

After the spring game, Jabbie talked to his good friend, former Irish back, Darius Walker about what to expect in the future. Walker told him to keep working hard and good things would happen.

Jabbie, who had seen action on special teams his junior year, worked hard and became a situational back for the Notre Dame offense with appearances in nine of 10 games so far this year. He has carried the ball eight times for a total of 21 yards, including four carries during the second half comeback of the team's 35-19 loss to Purdue on Sept. 29.

"Everybody was put in when they were needed," he said. "I was more of a third down kind of back, but we all had our own packages for different situations."

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Irish running back

Jabbie said everyday at practice was a competition with the other backs and that the friendly contest helped make him and the rest of his teammates better runners this year.

Jabbie was recruited by Notre Dame as a defensive back and was listed at that position on the depth chart for his first two seasons. He had experience in the backfield as a running back in high school and decided to give the offensive side of the ball a try in his junior season.

Jabbie spent a year at the Hun School of Princeton in New Jersey as a post-graduate before coming to Notre Dame in 2003. There he was named an All-prep running back by the Trenton Times after rushing for 1,200 yards and scoring 18 touchdowns.

Before the Hun School, Jabbie graduated from Sayreville War Memorial High School, the same alma mater of former Irish linebacker Brandon Hoyte.

"When I was getting recruited he told me to just keep working hard and that I would be successful," Jabbie said.

The pair knew each other long before high school. The family friends met playing youth sports long before coming to South Bend.

"He was always one of the good athletes, so it was pretty cool to end up at the same school as him," Jabbie said.

Hoyte took the young back under his wing when he first arrived in South Bend, inviting him over to his house and reminiscing about their childhoods to help make Jabbie feel more comfortable in his new surroundings.

Jabbie, who is in the Monmouth College of Business, said he still isn't sure what he wants to do when he graduates and is just concentrating on football at this point.

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Mr. Sunshine

Ambrose Wooden has kept an optimistic outlook on life throughout his career at Notre Dame

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Even when Ambrose Wooden is having a bad day, you'll never know it. The fifth-year senior cornerback will walk down the quad with a smile on his face every day. That's just who he is.

"When I walk around campus, I don't know who's having a bad day. I just smile and nod at them," Wooden says as the dimples on his face come to life. "I don't know who they are, but I thought to myself, I just try to be an inspiration."

That Wooden has such a mentality may be inspiration on its own. He came to Notre Dame from The Gilman School in Baltimore as a wide receiver. After sitting out his freshman year as a reserve wide out, he moved to cornerback as a sophomore. He started all 12 of Notre Dame's games as a junior and made SportsCenter and Sports Illustrated when Matt Leinart's fourth-down pass to Dwayne Jarrett snuck past his outstretched arm in No. 1 USC's 34-31 last-second win over the No. 9 Irish on Oct. 15, 2005.

The next season, a knee injury limited his time at starting corner back and forced him into a nickel-back role. Now, sophomore Darrin Walls has gotten the starting nod over Wooden.

But Wooden just keeps on plugging, smiling all the while.

"I always think that somebody has something worse than you have right now," he says. "... You've got kids going off fighting in wars, you've got all types of stuff going on around the world. Whereas, this is, it's a game. Yeah, it means a lot, but it's still just a game."

For his career, Wooden has made 116 tackles and intercepted two passes. He will get nostalgic, though, as the final seconds of the Duke game mark the end of his career at Notre Dame Stadium.

"It's definitely hitting me," Wooden says. "While things still aren't going the way we'd like them to... I'm still happy being here. It's still just a blessing being here and playing for coach Weis and for this university. It's been great."

When this season ends, Wooden will have a couple of options for his future. He's going to try to make an NFL roster, but he's also in his fifth round of interviews with Goldman Sachs. Wooden eventually wants to become a trader for one of the world's largest investment banks.

"Every Sunday, I'm leaving out of here after meetings and I'm flying into New York by 12 o'clock Monday morning and interview all day and I'm back Monday night or Tuesday morning for workouts and practice," Wooden says. "It's definitely hit me. This place is special," Wooden says. "You've been here for four or five years. This has been a part of your life. You don't just go home."

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JAKE RICHARDVILLE

Interhall champ goes varsity as receiver

After missing cut as punter, walking on at wide out pays off

By ELLIN MICHALAK

Growing up in Fort Wayne, Ind., Jake Richardville's first love was baseball. While he was offered Division II scholarships for his efforts in the sport, Richardville ultimately decided to come to Notre Dame because of academics. After Richardville was seriously injured in practice before his eighth grade football season, he couldn't convince his parents to let him play football until his senior year of high school. Once he was out from under their roof, Richardville decided to join his dorm's Interhall team. But in the spring of his freshman year, Richardville realized he wanted to play more than just a dorm sport.

"After playing Interhall, I had the urge to increase the competition level and take the next step," Richardville said. "I wanted to play outside of Notre Dame football. And I had, to be honest, no one to back me up. I was determined to work harder and learn a new position." Richardville said that he was offered Division I scholarship offers that year, but he decided to come to Notre Dame because of its tradition.

Richardville was a wide receiver for Notre Dame for two years, and punted during the 2005 season. Richardville had to try out for the Irish varsity team as a punter. "I thought that trying out as a specialist would give me the best opportunity to make the team. It turns out that they really did make me a punter. I took a lot of time, so I was cut from the freshman team. I was motivated at the same time I was motivated to work harder and learn a new position," Richardville said.

"After leading Zahm to the championship in the fall of his sophomore year, Richardville decided that he would like to try out for the team at a different position. "I was trained all year, came back to tryouts one year later as a receiver and was fortunate enough to make the team," Richardville said.

"Playing for Notre Dame for two years has provided me with many memorable memories. As a walk-on, I take pride in helping this team to win games," Richardville said.

"Whether it be getting a first down against our number one defense, or scoring a touchdown in practice, those are the moments that I will never forget," Richardville said. "I think playing football is the best thing that has ever happened to me, because I was able to learn a new type of work ethic, time management and the ability to spread myself out and work efficiently in the classroom and on the football field."

Despite memory-filled years on the field, Richardville is ready for any new chapter of his life. After he graduates in the spring with a degree in pre-professional science, Richardville plans on going to medical school somewhere in the Midwest.

"The ending of this season is bittersweet for me. I'm looking forward to the next portion of my life," Richardville said. "I'm excited to go into the medical field right now, and I'm ready to serve others in my profession for the rest of my life."

Richardville has had tremendous academic and athletic success over the past four years. "The most important accomplishment to me is the family. I love my four brothers. I couldn't have accomplished any of this without Richardville said. "I think my family friends and my faith have helped me to enjoy this experience more than anything I ever could have imagined."

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MIKE TALERICO

Talerico adjusts to life as a walk-on tight end

By TAE ANDREWS

During his freshman year, Mike Talerico played Interhall Football for Knott Hall with his buddy Justin Gillett. The Juggerknotts rumbled all the way inside Notre Dame Stadium that year, but they lost their championship game to Krenau in overtime on a missed extra point.

Talerico and Gillett left the Stadium in defeat that day, but the loss ignited a burning drive in both players to make it back on that field — and as Interhall players.

"Gillett said, 'Why not try to walk on with new coaching?'' Talerico recalled. "So we went to the first tryouts, and I was really nervous. I think I hyperventilated during stretching."" After exhausting regimens of plyometrics and sit-ups — the two 'sivo' linem an in high school, he was concerned himself primarily with academics. As a tight end, Talerico had to learn how to read coverages and run pass routes as well. "The adjustment from high school is trying to gain the right blocking schemes. As a tight end, Talerico played a big role in helping him make the transition. "They were just really great guys, really helpful," Talerico said. "They were there to help you out and had any questions that you had. Carroll played a big brother role when I walked on, so I'd say he's a guy I'm pretty close to. He definitely made you feel like one of the guys."

"After the successes of the past two years, this season was a jarring transition for Talerico and Carroll. "It definitely has been a lesson in humility, trials and tribulations for me," Talerico said.

He recently found a new way to spread his skill off the field in writing. "I love this experience more than anything I ever could have imagined."

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Irish tight end Mike Talerico concentrates during warm-ups before last Saturday's 41-24 loss to Air Force.
TREVOR LAWS

Going out in style

Defensive end returned for a fifth year, becoming a vocal leader on and off the football field

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Last season, Trevor Laws was part of an all-senior defensive line that was a defensive tackle. But after tackle Derek Landriet and ends Victor Abiamiri and Chris Frome graduated, Laws was the only experienced defensive lineman on Notre Dame's roster who could return for a fifth year.

Laws took that fifth year to try to improve his play on a solid team, but instead has been one of the top players on one of the worst teams in the nation.

"But he wouldn't trade it in for anything.

"If I could go back in time, I would make the exact same decision because I've had great moments with my good friends here," he said.

Laws played on both sides of the ball in high school as a tackle lineman on defense and as a tackle on offense — although he made his name as a defensive standout.

"I never thought I would be the best in the state. We have great places. We made it a good place to go." he said.

But in high school, football may not have been Laws' best sport. He finished his high school wrestling career as a three-time all-American with a 142-5 record, including an undefeated 49-0 campaign as the top-ranked super-heavyweight in his junior season.

In football, Laws made consistent appearances on various football recruiting lists, and was named an ESPNU.com and USA Today prep All-American. Laws was rated the 109th-best defensive tackle in the country his senior season and earned Gatorade player of the year honors in Minnesota.

When colleges came to recruit Laws, he knew that he wanted to go to a Big Ten school so that he could be close to home. Notre Dame wasn't on his initial list.

"I wasn't always a Notre Dame fan, and when I first got the letter to come here I didn't know if that was the right decision for me," he said.

But when he sat down and thought about it, Laws decided that Notre Dame's combination of athletics and academics — he was a member of the National Honor Society in high school — made it a good place to go.

When Laws entered the University, he played his first two seasons under coach Tyrone Willingham.

He did not get on the field as a freshman and finished his sophomore season with 17 tackles, two pass break ups and a forced fumble.

When Steve Willingham was fired on Nov. 30, 2004, Laws said he was shocked.

"It was tough. I didn't see it coming at all."

Coming to Notre Dame you think you're going to be with this guy your whole career and then he gets fired," he said. "So it's tough, but coach Charlie Weis came in and we had such a successful year and thought this was going to be such great so that it made it easier. But it's always tough losing some of your coaches.

Becoming a star

When Weis took over, Laws said, it took some adjusting to the new coach's personality.

"It was definitely a little bit of culture shock but you get used to it fast," Laws said. "And defensive line coach Jappy Oliver has been a great position coach, it's been great having him with me."

Laws took immediate advantage of the new system, earning a starting job as a defensive tackle in his junior season. Laws started all 12 games on the defensive line but netted only 33 tackles and 1 1/2 sacks.

Even though Laws had relatively modest numbers, his coaches still saw the potential he had to be a top-tier defensive player.

"Even when I first got here I always thought that Trevor was a great technician. I really have," Oliver said.

Oliver also said that Laws has been relentless — especially this season — in trying to make a play on every down.

"The one thing I've tried to do is get him to trust his instincts because Trevor has great instincts," Oliver said. "And a lot of players do not trust them; they get a feel for it, but that's what it's all about. If you sense something, trust your instincts and go play."

Weis said that Laws reminds him of a lot of the great defensive tackles he faced as an offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots.

"He's a very disruptive inside player because he's not only short but he's powerful and quick off the ball and the schemes of the teams that we were coaching had a lot more of the two-gap type players," Weis said. "He's definitely more a prototypical 4-3 inside defensive lineman. There's a whole bunch that he reminds me of — those pain in the butts that are always in the backfield."

Laws played well in 2006 alongside fellow seniors Abiamiri, Landriet and Frome. He had 62 tackles, 3 1/2 sacks, 9 1/2 tackles for loss and a forced fumble.

But things all changed this season since his teammates on the line all left — and so did defensive coordinator Rick Minter.

"It's not the same," Laws said.

But the biggest change was not from tackle to end, but in becoming one of the leaders on the team.

This year's Irish defensive line is filled with young, inexperienced players — except for Laws and nose tackle Pat Kunz — so Laws took it on himself to be the leader of that group.

"During spring ball ... I looked down the line and saw all the new faces and knew that it was up to me to help teach guys how to play football," Laws said. "At first it was tough with guys learning their positions and everything and learning how to play, but now it's a point in the season where guys are playing great football and I don't have to say anything anymore."

Laws said that he expected the team to struggle because of the losses on the offensive side of the ball but never would have thought the team could have been this bad. Moreover, he said that his solid season — 98 tackles, two sacks, two fumble recoveries and five pass breakups — cannot overshadow the team's performance.

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"Some people are saying I'm looking forward to next year, is this the beginning of next year, or something like that and I don't want to think about it that way," Laws said. "The way I do think about it sometimes is just helping younger guys because it is my team and they're going to be playing next year for my school, so just helping them along and playing hard these last four games."

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J.J. Jansen

Irish not one for publicity, likes anonymity

By LORENZO REYES
Spun Winter

Being a long snapper is a lot like being a referee.
If a long snapper is doing his job correctly, no one will ever
know who he is. But one mistake will define his career.

Irish senior long snapper J.J. Jansen wouldn’t have it
any other way.

“T he most important life lesson I’ve learned is to
keep my head in the game. I’m not here to make
friends, but to work hard at everything I do,” Jansen
said. “With friends, football and school, he taught me
to put forth my full effort and do everything with
respect.”

Coming from a tight-knit family, Jansen is not afraid to
share every aspect of his life with his father.

“I turn to him to ask questions about anything,”
Jansen said. “When I’m not meeting my own
expectations, he is a great sounding board to talk
things out. I don’t have to hide anything from him. It’s

"I don’t like to see my name out there. It’s nice not to
worry about it. I’d rather have the credit go to the great kick­
ers on our team. I pride myself when they do well, and hurt
for when they do poorly. I’m just very comfortable with
who I am. Sometimes I actual­ly think the anonymity makes
playing more enjoyable.”

But whether or not he’ll admit it, Jansen has made
major contributions to Notre Dame.

As a senior, Jansen did see any action as a reserve
long snapper. The following year, the Phoenix, Ariz., native
started the last seven games of the season, replacing Dan
Hickey as the long snapper punts and field goals. As a
starting in his sophomore year, he played on 27 of 32
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**Brandon Erickson**

Wide out works through broken bones, tough losses

Despite a painful foot, Erickson remained dedicated to his team

By TAE ANDREWS
Sports Writer

Brandon Erickson knows hospitals. Maybe that's why he wants to work in one someday.

The walk-on wide receiver and pre-professional major from Marlboro, N.J., suffered a bad ankle break in practice after a collision with running back Travis Thomas following last year's Georgia Tech game.

"Travis hit me on a crossing route, spun me the other way," Erickson said.

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"Wide out works through broken bones, tough losses

Charlie Weis called Erickson's Jersey native and coach.

"Ents and let them know what have time to even call his parents," Erickson said, "but I didn't want to undergo surgery at all."

Given that Erickson didn't have time to even call his parents and let them know what had happened, fellow New Jersey native and coach Charlie Weis called Erickson's mother and left her a message saying that Brandon was OK but had been injured in practice.

When Erickson's mother called back around midnight, Weis told her that Brandon had suffered one of the worst, if not the worst, injury he had ever seen.

"My mom freaked," Erickson said. "I told her I was OK, and her and my dad drove up here to see me the next day.

"Not one to lay around idle, Erickson left the hospital the morning after his surgery and went to class. Irritated that Erickson had left the hospital so soon, Weis called and ordered him to go to the infirmary for the weekend. The ankle continues to bother Erickson today.

"It hurt a lot, still hurts, actually," Erickson said. "I got two screws and a plate in there."

Despite the hard knocks, broken bones and new hardware, there's no keeping him off the team. After playing football in high school, Erickson realized during his freshman year that he couldn't be happy watching from the sidelines.

"I just kind of missed the game a lot," he said. "I tried to walk on and Weis came in at the same time with a new walk-on. When they were told I was doing everything new, so he took a couple of us.... It worked out well for me."

Erickson said the real Weis is very different from the brash, outspoken image many people have of him.

"He's quiet for the most part," Erickson said. "He yells a little bit, but not too much. He doesn't make rash judgments. He kind of backs off, takes it all in, then he'll watch the film and give you critiques at practice the next day."

Over the past three years, Erickson has seen Weis' exciting rejuvenation of the Notre Dame program from the inside. One part of this was learning about a lot of coaches who demand a lot.

"They'll get on you about stupid stuff sometimes," Erickson said. "If there's really nothing to yell at you for, they always find something to yell at you for. Obviously, you never can be perfect, so they make sure you know that."

Having coaches with such a perfectionist work ethic has convinced Erickson that the Notre Dame program remains bright, despite the team's abysmal record this season.

"It's gotta be a good program to have," he said. "I'm not seeing any coaches who yell too much. They know what they're doing."

After leaving Erickson as a walk-on receiver during the recent loss to Air Force running back on the receiving end of former quarterback Brady Quinn's five touchdown passes.

"You know, honestly, the first time I came in from high school I almost broke my fingers," Erickson said. "He said, "You throw so fast. I mean, he's the fastest guy out there. Wherever you want him to, he can put it, but if you're not ready for it, it's definitely hurt you.""

Having made a full recovery from the ankle injury, Erickson continues to face risks on the field and in practice, but he says he does it for the friends he's made during his time on the team.

"It's just cool to go out there with all the seniors every day, all the guys I've been here with for a couple years, and just go out and have a good time," he said. "Because without them, it wouldn't be fun. It wouldn't be worth it."

Erickson counts fellow seniors and walk-ons Nick Possley, Mike Talerico and Justin Gillett among his best friends on the team, plus past walk-on Davin O'Neal.

Despite all the losing in one of Notre Dame's worst seasons in history, Erickson said he's still having a good time because of the bonds he has with those friends.

"You're still having fun, you're still playing with the same guys, having a good time," he said. "It's kind of something...you stick to it. You don't want to quit at anything you do, ever, so stick to it."

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**Nick Possley**

Receiver, ROTC member does double-duty

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Three hours after becoming the first walk-on in recent memory to speak at a pre-game pep rally, Nick Possley read a text message that struck him even more than the ovation he had received earlier from the thousands gathered in the Joyce Center.

"My dad just texted me one word: Unbelievable," said Possley, a senior wide receiver and Navy ROTC member whose coach Charlie Weis asked to walk on the Navy pep rally on Nov. 2.

After learning just two days in advance that he was slated to address the crowd, a nervous Possley prepared a monologue in which he would recognize walk-ons, program prepared and Navy traditions.

"I knew several relatives were coming, so I figured I'd surprise them," said Possley, a Wheaton, Ill., native. "I didn't want my dad taking pictures; I just wanted him to enjoy it. It was fun, and I'll never forget it."

Possley's public speaking debut came without any preparation or the culmination of more than three years of ball control. Not only daily football workouts and academic commitments, but also the rigors of the Navy ROTC program.

"ROTC has been the most accommodating, letting me," Possley said.

"Football, in turn, has served as a lot of leadership training. I'm observing coaches and players, leaders and followers, and I'm filling both roles, which has been as valuable as anything I could've gotten just from ROTC."

Possley, an all-area wide receiver as a senior at Wheaton North High School, said he had "no intention to play football in college," but weighing a season from the stands changed his mind. Possley began attending off-season workouts in the spring of his freshman year, eventually securing a place on the roster.

"As long as we were able to hang around and not hurt each other, we walk-ons were good to go," Nick Possley wide receiver

Possley has since made the traveling squad and has seen special teams action in several games for the Irish during the past two seasons.

"Somebody must have put in a good word for me, but a point along the way," Possley said of how his role increased. "I didn't expect to be a part of the body does, if you work hard and you're ready to capitalize on it, good things will happen."

And, Possley hopes, they will continue to happen in his postgraduate career. He will travel to Washington, D.C., later this month seeking approval to attend nuclear power school in preparation for a career in submarines.

Regardless of what his future holds, Possley will look back on his times at Notre Dame, especially those spent with the football team, with both pride and appreciation, he's already begun to do so.

"I've been so fortunate to play and be a part of this team," Possley said. "This has made me realize, more than anything, that sports are something I love and always want to be a part of. I wasn't happy when I wasn't part of a sport, and this has been very fulfilling for me. I don't regret anything, and I'd definitely do it all over again."

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Wade Iams

Med school looms after football career

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Wade Iams Notre Dame defensive back, who has never taken the field on a Notre Dame football Saturday. He has played on the "look" squad every week during practice for four years, simulating the defenses of upcoming Irish opponents. So of course lams wonders what life would be like had he not chosen to walk onto the team as a freshman.

"It would be very difficult tomorrow to go back and start it all over again," Iams said. "But you never want to quit." Iams, a senior biology major, said he has never even preferred scheduling đứng when deciding among some of his classes during some of his seminars at Notre Dame. "Some semesters we've had preferred scheduling and some we haven't," Iams said. "Seminesters when we don't, walk-ons are allowed to miss some meetings. But you definitely learn to manage your time."

Despite the difficulties of being a walk-on, Iams said he would not have had his best friends or memories if not for football.

Some of his closest friends are fellow walk-on defensive backers. Iams said his favorite teammates are reserve defensive backs William Venable, Andrew Durham, Mike Meehan, and John Leahy. He also lives with a former Irish walk-on, Alvin Reynolds, at the Clovey Ridge Apartments. Iams also said his favorite time at Notre Dame was the 2005 game against USC.

"That was the most electric I've ever seen a campus," Iams said. "It was awesome that weekend, just amazing."

And Iams, a Massachusetts native, has seen his share of Irish football games. His father, a 1981 Notre Dame graduate, played baseball for the Irish and frequently receives tickets from the Monogram Club.

"I came to a lot of Notre Dame football games ... so my whole family loves Notre Dame," Iams said. "Every week, those tickets are spoken for, sold out."

And even though his family and memories come every time he sees the sidelines, he frequently returns home. Iams said he enjoys going back to Granger High School in Granger, Ind., where he starred both in football and baseball — to see his younger brother's football games.

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"Everybody going to med school is trying to get the 'thing' on their resume. Mine is football."

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

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"I went the wrong way on a start," Kennedy said. "(Former Irish defensive co­ordinator) Rick bench was in my face and I was screaming at me."

And it all starts with the first play he ever participated in during practice.

"It was a goal-line play, and

I hope to keep in touch with his younger sister, Lauren, who is in college, and his younger brother, Phillip, who is back at Notre Dame as a freshman, Brophy Prep, in Phoenix."

Kennedy's workout is substantial. He is a mechanical engineer major and he is the most people think."

"I get more sleep than most people," Kennedy joked. The key to balancing football and schoolwork, Kennedy said, is using his free time efficiently. He literally schedules every hour and minute of each day, he said. The vast amount of time is required to succeed in his endeavors has made Kennedy's Notre Dame experience different from most of his classmates and teammates. He's never been to Corby's on a Tuesday night.

"I go home and go eat. After that, I start homework."

"It was probably the loneliest I have ever felt among 80,000 people. There are only 22 people on the field."

Neil Kennedy
Irish defensive lineman

"I hope to graduate on time and have landed a job with St. John's Preparatory in San Jose, Calif."

The relationships Kennedy has formed as a part of the team are some of the most important experiences that he takes away from his four years here. He credits his girlfriend, Sarah Lavelle, and fellow football player and mechanical engineer Justin Gilbert as being key to his successful career.

"Gillett and I spend about 18 hours a day together," Kennedy said.

As the final game of his career approaches, Kennedy is drawn back into his workman-like approach to his life.

"All you can do is come back the next day and get working," Kennedy said. "That is all you can do."
LEO FERRINE

Cornerback adjusts to cut in playing time

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Syracuse quarterback Perry Paterson dropped back, surveyed the field and fired a pass to the left. Leo Ferrine was ready. The red-shirt freshman corner back cut in front of the wide receiver, and Ferrine returned the pass for a 46-yard touchdown.

"Everything happened so fast, you don't even realize you're doing it," Ferrine said. "All I remember is my teammates jumping on me and then going to the sideline and being congratulated by my position coach and defensive coordinator. That was the best year of my life so far, so I was like, 'If I can do this now, I can do it for a lot of years to come.'"

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Irish cornerback Leo Ferrine takes part in a drill during Notre Dame's practice on Nov. 6.

WILLIAM DAVID WILLIAMS

Defensive back defies odds, earns scholarship

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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This summer, William David Williams received a scholarship to play football at Notre Dame. The thing is, he's been on the team for three years. Williams, long snapper J. J. Jansen, cornerback Wade Lamps and guard Thomas Remender were four walk-ons whom Irish coach Charlie Weis awarded scholarships this fall.

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Williams worked throughout his high school career and freshman year to get on the football team, a goal he had his whole life. Williams attended Millbrook High School in Basking Ridge, N.J. where he was a standout on the football field. He was named to the academic all-conference teams in football twice and four times in track.

During his senior season, Williams was captain of the Millbrook football team.

Williams said his coaches at Millbrook made him look at going to some Division III schools, but Williams always had higher aspirations for himself.

"I knew that I had the academic qualifications to go to a place like Notre Dame, but I always wanted to go someplace where there was a major in the university and also I could be well rounded in spirituality and academics as well," Williams said.

Williams tried out for the Irish during the spring of his freshman year after playing a year of Interscholastic football for Algonquin High School.

He checked every day with the football office to make sure he was going to make tryouts in the spring. And when tryouts finally came, Williams knew he had finally reached his dream. Notre Dame was a big school for me, so I went to Iowa and decided I wanted to go to Iowa, and that's where I finally decided to go.

"I want to go into the world and I want to get to where I want to and that's one of the best jobs a person can do."

But at Notre Dame, Williams said, he has always felt like he was part of a larger community that always has something but respect for everyone involved.

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William David Williams

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DARRIN BRAGG

From Hollywood to House That Rock Built: Bragg returns

QB was asked to rejoin team during studio internship at Fox

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Five months ago, Darrin Bragg wasn’t on Notre Dame’s football team. Now he’s the third-string quarterback. Over the summer, the senior film, television and theater major was an intern at 20th Century Fox under Exective Vice President of Production Jim Sharp. There, he worked on Fox hit shows like “Bones” and “House.”

“Pretty much every day I walked in and he let me do whatever I want,” Bragg said. “And whatever I want, wherever I wanted to go in the company, I got to do.”

Bragg did not see any time as a receiver before he left the team. Now, he’s not only comfortable with the position, “I’m open,” even if I wasn’t sure how to play it,” Bragg said. “I was like, ‘Really? That’s it?’ I’m really glad I came back just for that last game.”

Bragg’s football career might end, but the film and theater students set for after graduation — and they involve fellow intern Darrin Bragg.

“Sometimes it’s hard to play. I’m the quarterback, something I’m comfortable with now,” Bragg said. “But that thing’s will probably change this week for his final home game as a Notre Dame student.”

Irish quarterback Darrin Bragg tosses the ball before Notre Dame’s 41-24 loss to Air Force on Saturday.

“I think it will be much more important for the last home game, suiting up instead of being in the stands watching it, so I’m really glad I came back just for that last game,” Bragg said.

Bragg’s career might end, but the film and theatre intern has a lot of stories to tell. He watched his former teammates. “I’ll probably come back next year, dude. I want to come back soon enough where I know guys on the team,” Bragg said before harnessing his thespian side to imitate an old man. “I don’t want to come back 20 years from now and be like, ‘Back in my day, I was the third-string quarterback in 2007.’”

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JUSTIN GILLETT

Interhall star joins team as QB at friend’s urging

By LORENZO REYES

In 2004, freshman quarterback Justin Gillett of Knot Hall was quickly turning some heads in interhall football. After leading his dorm to several victories and dominating performances, Gillett was just trying to make his way through college life as a normal, functioning human.

Then, one of his closest friends urged him to try for a walk on the football team for Notre Dame.

“I didn’t think I would ever play football,” Gillett said. “I was in Knot Hall and people were playing football, so I tried it out and I liked it. It was a fun experience. Once there was the coaching change and coach Weis came in, word of mouth spread that there were going to be open tryouts. One of my good buddies, John Lyons, who took a year off but went back planning on walking on and coming into it, so it was an easy transition.”

Gillett made the team as a sophomore as a reserve quarterback, and although he never played, he participated in every game, he has contributed to the Irish program in practices.

The one aspect of the entire process Gillett embraces is the friendships he has created and some he has strengthened.

“My family and friends were rooting for me,” Gillett said. “The guys who had my back were those that I was walking on with. The friendships — that’s what makes it worthwhile. We all shared a common goal, and achieving it with those people was the most rewarding part.”

Gillett’s effort hasn’t gone unnoticed by his family members, and the walk-on senior is content with the support he gives them.

“It’s nice to see how proud my family is of me,” Gillett said.

They see the grit and glamour of the whole thing, and that’s what really makes me the most proud.

Although many players are in awe of walking through the tunnel for the first time, Gillett celebrates the moments with his teammates as the most memorable part of the experience.

“I had never been in front of so many people,” Gillett said. “It was great. It was a little different, though, because I knew I wasn’t going to play. The fun part is hanging with your boys on the field during the games.”

As the career winds down, Gillett is nearly as concerned with getting substandard playing time as much as he is with winning games.

“I’m not concerned about getting snaps to end the game against Duke or anything like that. It depends on what happens. I just want to feel good walking off the field for that last time,” Gillett said.

Aller he graduates, the engineering major is looking to find a job but would like to relax a bit beforehand.

“I’m looking forward to kick­ ing back for a little while,” Gillett said. “Eventually though, I want a job within engineering.”

Although Gillett one day plans on being successful, he noted that he has other priorities as well.

“Football was a big part of my life, as was school and friendships,” he said. “But sometimes you just have to take time out and give the ladies what they want.”

With humor aside, in whichever path Gillett pursues, one lesson he can take with him from his time at Notre Dame was the work ethic involved with the team.

“The number one thing I can take in the work ethic,” Gillett said. “There were a lot of times when the workload was intense, and I had to devote hours to playing football and academics, but the support group of guys doing the same thing kept me going.”

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Irish quarterback Justin Gillett throws a pass during warmups before the loss to Air Force on Saturday.
Crunching the numbers

**Average Per Game**

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