Kramer hires off-campus security

South Bend landlord takes measures in hopes to curb theft, break-ins over holidays

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

South Bend landlord Mark Kramer hired a private security company Friday to patrol his more than 150 properties after recent car break-ins.

"We've had some car break-ins and one is too many for us," he said. "I'm concerned," he said. "I just haven't had much cooperation with the police department when we've had problems. Safety is very important, so I made the decision to hire a private company.

Kramer said the recent break-ins that prompted him to hire the company took place at his properties on Corby Street and on North St. Peter's Street, near Washington Street. He said he could not give a number of break-ins.

"I don't know exactly how many there have been," he said. "I don't necessarily hear of them right away."

The security company, Majestic Security, Inc., is based in South Bend. Security detail will patrol Kramer properties between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. every day — "peak crime hours," Kramer said.

"With break-ins coming up and the students being gone, we're concerned about safety," he said. "We try to plan the properties ourselves, but it's not easy for

A door is torn off a town house at Lafayette Apartments. South Bend landlord Mark Kramer has hired a security company to patrol his properties.

Marshallmallow tradition continues as students remember the highs and lows of four seasons

By JOSEPH MCMANON
News Writer

Saturday's game against Duke was the last time the Class of 2008 would crowd into Notre Dame Stadium as students and cheer on the football team.

"It was good to see a victory, but it was rough that it took until Duke to see it," senior Brian Bak said.

Run by the successes of years past, including upsetting Michigan freshman year, coming within seconds of beating USC sophomores and starting overall in the BCS last year, many seniors were disappointed with the team's current record.

"We had two really good years our sophomores and junior years and then had a very rough rebuilding year. I was hoping for at least four victories," Bak said.

Senior Nick Ransom echoed Bak's sentiments. "It was very disappointing considering our freshman year, when in our first home game ever we stormed the field because we upset third-ranked Michigan, and our sophomores and junior

Community protests Iraq conflict

Over 40 students, residents gather in anti-violence demonstration

By A. MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

A group of about 40 students and South Bend residents gathered Friday at the University main gate on Notre Dame Avenue to protest the continued war in Iraq, as well as any form of armed conflict around the globe.

"Sophomores' Beck Roan said he organized the demonstration during the last football weekend of the season to take advantage of the increased alumni presence on campus and "spread the message to as many people as possible."

"There are so many of us here at Notre Dame that are anti-war," Roan said. "There is clearly a focus on the war in Iraq, but really, we are opposed

Students and South Bend residents display signs at the anti-violence protest Friday along the Notre Dame Avenue entrance to campus.

Sophomores' ad appears on NBC

By AMBER TRAVIS
News Writer

Notre Dame sophomores Cristina Bufalino, Maria Bufalino and Mandy Miller won an NBC-sponsored campus-wide commercial contest Friday.

The commercial, "But on Saturday..." debuted Saturday afternoon during halftime of the football game against Duke.

"I was really proud of our commercial being on television. That was the coolest part of it all," Maria Bufalino said.

The commercial focused on game-day traditions. Bufalino said — "tailgating, the band and the student section."

The sound of a snare drum and cymbals played throughout the commercial, which was produced and directed by sophomores Brandon Drenon and Danielle Seldiani.

"It was uniquely created and really made the viewer feel as if you were a part of the Notre Dame game day experience," said Lindsay Fritz, project manager of communications and marketing at Spectrum.

"It really gets the viewers involved.

The "Notre Dame Student Promotional Challenge" was the first contest of its kind for NBC. Fitz said the network wanted to work with

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Sunday night

Sunday is a day of many interests — the day of rest for the religious, NFL football for the sports fans, and of color comics in the newspaper. It's the day banks and other government buildings are frustratingly closed, and the day playing Dominos is forbidden in Alabama (at least according to Wikipedia).

Up until college, Sunday was just another day for me, perhaps a chance to do some last minute homework for some class or other, but nothing special, besides it being the weekend still. But all that changed when I got into Keough four years ago — since that time, Sundays have become for me (and hopefully shall ever be) movie night.

As the name implies, after dorm mass every Sunday my friends and I would congregate in our quad and take an hour or two to watch a movie. However busy our coming week looked, we stuck to our ritual, through good movies and bad. Sometimes the bad ones were just as entertaining, with clever and sarcastic comments increasing at each instance of bad acting.

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Students gather for Divali
India Association sponsors annual Hindu festival Sunday night

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

The India Association of Notre Dame sponsored a campus-wide celebration of the Hindu festival known as Divali Sunday night in LaFortune Ballroom.

Professor Umesh Garg and sophomore Sahil Rajvansh pray to Rama, Lakshman and Sita at the Divali celebration Sunday night. (Photo by Rohan Anand)

Physics professor Umesh Garg led a cultural presentation and prayer to install more than 100 people about the significance of the festival.

Divali is traditionally celebrated near the end of October or beginning of November and commen­rates the triumph of good over evil.

"It's like a combination of Christmas, New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Fourth of July all rolled up into one for the Indian people," Garg said. "Indian families like to celebrate it once a year - sometime during the festival."

The story of Divali began 15 days after the mythological figure Rama, son of the King of Ayodhya, Raja Dasharatha, was sent into exile to defeat Ravana, the representa­tion of evil and temptation. Ravana, who won the war, was then changed by his wife, Sita, and his closest brother, Lakshman.

Rama's army built a bridge between Sri Lanka and the main­land, and after defeating all of Ravana's forces, the battle finally came down to single combat between Ravana and Sita.

Using a special weapon that he had received from the saint Agastya, Rama shot Ravana in the heart and killed him, symbolizing the "Dusshera" or "defeat."

However, 14 years had passed after the Nauadaha before the people in Ayodhya began to worry that Rama, Sita and Lakshman would not find their way back, so it became crucial to guide the heroes' home by lighting up the city with fireworkes and lamps. Divali, therefore, celebrates the journey home thanks to the guiding lights.

"Drama represents the ideal human being - a son, a king, a warrior, and a husband," Garg said. "It's something we celebrate with gusto, but we also like to clean our homes, hold pooja cere­monies, and cook food because we believe we are formally inviting Lakshman and Sita into our warm homes through these ritu­als."

Divali also represents the new fiscal year for Indian houses.

In the past, the India Association used to celebrate Divali on a smaller scale at Garg's house, but this year it decided to have a larger event open to more students.

"We were pleased to see that there are a lot of non-Indian stu­dents here celebrating Divali with us and wanted to be part of the event," said IAND co-president Chandan Mozumder, a third-year graduate student.

After Garg's presentation, stu­dents were invited to worship and pray in a puja that IAND had set up in the ballroom. Afterwards there was a catered dinner fol­lowed by music and dancing - known as dandiya raas - or stick dancing in the formalities.

"Of course, no Indian festival celebration is complete without music and dancing," said senior Divya Mahadwika, who helped coordinate the evening. "So we fig­ured that teaching people the rela­tively easy-to-learn movements of dandiya raas would be easier than Kolkata baaroke (music) — since that wouldn't work out so well with people who aren't Indian."

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Professor Craig Cramer
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nessed the effect of globalization when he took a group of students to Honduras.

Belanger described the capital city, Tegucigalpa, as an "urban night­mare" and said unchecked growth has led to urban violence and over­crowding.

To reduce labor movements, "we must rethink urban planning to benefit the world's poor," Belanger said.

Agriculture provides a more viable option for the poor and an alternative to dislocation, Belanger said. Economically, middle and small-scale agriculture also have a greater effect on the poor and the environment. However, "the credit and institutional infrastructure is not present for small producers to get their goods to market," Belanger said.

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Edith Miguda
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"Globalization is a word one hears in even the remotest African villages." Edith Miguda, a history professor at the College, explained on Belanger's ideas of globalization and its importance in lesser developed countries, especially on women.

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In Tanzania, for example, Russian aircrafts take Lake Victoria fish to U.S. markets. Not only does that create an environmental hazard, Miguda said, but it forces women to search for remaining scraps for their children and destitute house­holds.

Women make use of global opportu­nities in female-run trade shops that feature goods from China, U.S. and London, Miguda said.

"The UN must facilitate and sup­port women's initiatives to minimize the negative social effect of global­ization," she said.

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my staff to be at all places at all times.… This is the most econom­ical and sensible way to do it."

During the specified time period, each house will be visited a mini­mum of seven times, with security personnel exiting their vehicles periodically. The personnel will be armed and authorized to appre­ hend any suspicious persons, Kramer said, and will immediately call the police to make an arrest.

There will be no additional cost to tenants.

Kramer said the security company began in paired Lafayette­Square Friday night.

"We will get detail on all the properties Monday," he said. "I wanted to make sure they were in place before Thanksgiving."

Car break-ins are a citywide issue, Kramer said, and hiring the security company is "taking a proactive approach to it."

Kramer said he initially re­started the South Bend Police Department and talked to off-duty police officers who offered a serv­ice for a cost, "but they were not able to patrol for the length of time I thought was necessary."

"Burglary and larceny have been an issue in the student areas for as long as Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students have lived off campus," said Capt. Phil Trent, public information officer for the South Bend Police Department. "Unfortunately, it is abundantly clear to criminals who college students are going to be in town and out of town."

Burglaries tend to spike when students go away from their prop­erty for any length of time, he said.

"Our department goes to great lengths to educate about housing values in your residence … just general crime prevention efforts," Trent said. "Vehicle break-ins are not just a Notre Dame thing, they're a community thing. … If you're going to leave your vehicle, leave it as sterile as possible."

Kramer owns or manages 90 houses. Kramer will be posting signs on all of his properties to "make it apparent that there's patrols going on."

He said he thinks his presence will help deter crime on campus, regardless of break-ins.

"In the 15 years that I've been involved in off-campus housing, I've never had any of the students harmed in any way. They've been break-ins, but in terms of violence I've not have that experience, and I'm going to thank God for that," he said. "We just need to take additional precautions to make sure our safety."

In addition to the presence of security personnel, Kramer said his properties are lighted ade­quately and are equipped with alarm systems. However, the stu­dents living in the properties must also take the initiative to keep themselves safe, he said.

"They've got to put the alarms on, leave lights on overnight, when they park they've got to lock up their behousings, secure their cars and the cars are not

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Taliban militants torture policemen

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Taliban militants tortured five abducted policemen in southern Afghanistan and then hung their mutilated bodies from trees in a warning to villagers against working with the government, officials said Sunday.

The discovery of the bodies came as officials said that recent violence and clashes had left at least 63 other people dead across Afghanistan.

The official said that the bodies of the policemen were found two months after their checkpoint in southern Uruzgan province, said Juma Gul Himat, the provincial police chief. The Taliban slashed their hands and legs and hung the bodies on trees Saturday in Gazar village of Dieraawd district, he said.

Japan hunts whales despite protest

SHIMONOSEKI — A defiant Japan embarked on its largest whaling expedition in decades Sunday, targeting protected humpbacks for the waters off Antarctica, resuming a mission leader Hajime Ishikawa told the ceremony. "Their violence is unforgivable ... we must fight against their hypocrisy and lies."

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Ukraine

Methane blast in coal mine kills 63

Relatives criticize government, mine director for lack of attention to safety; 37 still trapped

Associated Press

DONETSK — A methane blast ripped through a coal mine in eastern Ukraine early Sunday, killing at least 63 miners in the ex-Soviet nation's worst mining accident in years, emergency officials said.

More than 360 miners were rescued but 37 others remained trapped inside the mine — one of Ukraine's largest deep mines — with a raging fire hampering efforts to save them, officials said.

The explosion occurred around 3 a.m. more than 3,300 feet deep inside the Zasyadko mine in the region of Donetsk, the heart of the country's coal mining industry, the Emergency Situations Ministry said.

Authorities evacuated 367 miners. Twenty-eight were hospitalized, the ministry said.

Vitalii Kvitkovskiy, a miner in his 20s, was among those evacuated. He said he had to walk over the bodies of his dead colleagues in order to climb to the surface.

"The temperature increased sharply and there was so much dust that I couldn't see anything," Kvitkovskiy said in footage broadcast on Ukraine's Channel 5 television. "So I was moving by touch over dead bodies along the rail track."

The accident — the worst in Ukraine in seven years — highlighted the lack of attention to safety in a country with some of the world's most dangerous mines.

President Viktor Yushchenko blamed his Cabinet for not doing enough to prevent coal mining and ordered an official panel to investigate the accident and bring those responsible to account.

Local authorities declared three days of mourning for the dead miners.

Dozens of tear-filled relatives gathered at the mine's headquarters in Donetsk waiting for news on their loved ones. As grim-faced officials emerged to announce the names of the workers found dead, the relatives broke into sob and cries, some fainting.

Natalia Piskun, a middle-aged woman, who waited for her husband, was found killed.

"If, God forbid, he is lost, I promise I will, I promise I swear to you," Piskun, her face distorted by anger and pain, told AP Television News. "It was the deadliest mine accident in Ukraine since an explosion at the Barakova mine in the eastern Luhansk region killed 81 miners in March 2000."

Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych, a native of the mining region, visited the site about 450 miles south­west of Kiev, pledging to help victims' families.

Yanukovych said a safety watchdog had reported that miners were working in accordance with norms. "This accident has proven once again that a human is powerless before the nature," he said.

Experts say Ukraine's mines are dangerous largely because they are so deep, typically running more than 3,280 feet underground. In comparison, most European coal beds lie at a depth of about 1,600 to 1,970 feet. Methane is a natural byproduct of mining, and its concentration increases with depth. More than 75 percent of Ukraine's some 200 coal mines are classified as dangerous due to high methane concentra­tions.

Mines must be ventilated to prevent explosions, but some rely on outdated ventilation equipment, officials said. Safety violations and negligence add to the prob­lem.

Last year, a blast at the mine killed 13 workers. In 2002, an explosion killed 27 and 54 died in a similar explosion in 2001. In May 1999, 50 miners were killed in a methane and coal dust blast there.

Parents vaccinate children after threat

Associated Press

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — The threat of jail time injected a little motivation into scores of parents who lined up around the courthouse Saturday to get their children vaccinated on the spot or pick up their kids who've already had the shots.

It was one of the strongest efforts yet by a U.S. school system to ensure that youngsters are immunized, said Fort Washington schools officials who grumbled that Prince George's County's officials went too far and bribing opponents of mass vaccinations, who demonstrated outside.

Two months into the school year, officials in the suburban Washington county realized that more than 2,000 students still didn't have the vaccinations required to attend class. So Circuit Court Judge C. Phillip Nichols ordered parents in a letter to appear at the courthouse Saturday or risk as many as 10 days in jail.

"It was very intimidating," said Terriwa Woodrom Largo. She said she presented the paper­work at the courthouse and resolved the matter.

By about 8:30 a.m., the line of parents stretched outside the courthouse in the county on the east side of Washington.

"I could be home asleep. My son had his shots," said Veinnell Dickens of Upper Marlboro, who said his son was not in the school system and placed the vaccines.

Aloma Martin of Fort Washington took her children, Deseonay and Taron, in 10th and 6th grade, for their hepatitis shots. She said she had been trying to get the vaccinations for more than a month, since the school system sent a warning letter. She had an appointment for Monday, but came to the court­house to be safe.

"It was very handed," she said of the county's action. "A lot easier, you're not going to get put in jail."
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years where we were pretty good." This year has also been a shock for the freshmen, who are experiencing Notre Dame football for the first time. "I think it was great to finally get a home win, but I think it would have been even better if it had happened earlier in the sea- 

son and against a better opponent than Duke," freshman Chris Gillis said. "You come to Notre Dame expecting a great football season and when you don't get to experience a home win until the very last game when nobody is that much into the team anymore that's kind of disappointing." However, senior Britney Barson chose to look at the positives of the season. The tradition of Notre Dame is just really special in general because even though we're 2 and 9, all the students, especially the seniors, still went to all the games," Barson said.

Although there is a disciplinary risk for throwing marshmallows, many seniors overflowed their need to revert back to tradition. "I enjoy the marshmallow tradi- tion and it's definitely a huge part of being a senior. This year, even more so because nobody really cared about the game that much," Ramos said. After the game, the seniors stayed long after the Alma Mater. For many, it was an opportunity to reflect on their four years of football.

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...to all kinds of armed conflict." Holding a full-scale banner with the peace sign but no writing, Roan said he thought there was a need on campus for an event where people like him, who don't support vio- 

cence and occupation, could express their opinions.

The Student Activities Office authorized Roan's proposal for a demonstration - even if it wasn't officially sponsored by any student club or organiz- 
a on campus - under the condition the event remained student-run throughout, Roan said.

He encouraged students to participate with a Facebook invitation and by informing children students of their interest, including the Progressive Student Alliance. Roan also invited city residents through the Michiana Coalition for Peace and Justice, since the organization holds a weekly protest against the war in Iraq through the Michiana Coalition in ter ested, including the Coali- tion's campus chapter.

Steve Francis, a 1987 Notre Dame graduate and a member of the Coalition, took Roan on his invitation and brought about 10 other Coalition members to hold up "Hank for peace" posters as cars drove by the University main gate Friday.

"We've been getting lots and lots of honks today, I'll tell you. Including one from a fire truck," Francis said. "I've been active against the war [in Iraq] since it began and I remember we wouldn't get these many honks back then." Francis said he has noticed in the last three years "a turn in how the general public feels about Iraq."

"Now things are at a point where almost every car that drives by is honking. It's decri- 
ing how many people want this war to end already," Francis said.

There were a few cars that drove by and yelled out profan- ities to him and the other demonstrators, but Francis said he remained optimistic about the overall success of Friday's protest in promoting peace and the end of occupa- 
tion in Iraq.

"It was a great day, the turnout was good," he said. "And it's a cold Friday evening.

Roan said he was pleased with the amount of students that showed up with signs and posters, saying the numbers exceeded his expecta- 
tions.

Sophomore Guru Velasco said he heard about the protest from different friends and decided to participate because he's personally opposed to armed conflicts, as "violence between violence is violence."

He believes demonstrations like Friday's are effective in showing the rest of the country and its leaders how many peo- ple share this pacifist view. While he can make people stop and really think about what's going on in the war [in Iraq] implies, and we can create awareness about that and spread the mes- 

sage to more people. And maybe it'll eventually change the people who have the power to end it," Velasco said.

Sophomore Bridget Mahoney said she decided to join the demonstrators because she wants the American troops abroad to return to their homes. She said she knows "someone who did two tours in Afghanistan."

"In has four children and I

know it was really hard on his family while he was gone," Mahoney said.

She said she hopes the troops still stationed abroad share her friend's luck and return to the country safely. But the Associated Press reported Sunday that at least 850 soldiers have died in Iraq in 2007, making it the dead- 
liest year since the war began in 2003.

So new foreign policies that can stop the bleeding are in order, protesters said.

Sophomore Carline Hawes said she joined Friday's demonstrations to "protest both the continued war in Iraq and the policies that haven't shown any sign of working."

Hawes and senior Heather Frost both said they were happy with Friday's turnout, even though many of the stu- 
dents who showed up had never been to a protest before.

And even though some war movements on campus were unable to attend Roan's protest because they were in Georgia for another protest. "Many of the kids that would normally be here were off to the School of the Americas vigil," Frost said. "That's why it's all the more amazing how many people came out (Friday) to support the cause."

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Our Dame because of the relationship between Notre Dame and NBC. "It provided a unique opportu- nity for the students of the University," Fitz said. The rules of the contest, Fitz said, were pretty basic.

The contest was open to all current Notre Dame students. The commer- cials also had to fill a 30-sec- 
tion time slot. The winners were announced on NBC.com and given the opportunity to meet with NBC producers.

The winners successfully fol- 

owed all of the necessary rules and won due to the popularity of the commercial. Fitz said. The writers of the commer- 
cials are not Film, Television and Theatre majors, so they expressed their appreciation for Roan and Sefil's work.

"I didn't have done any of it without them," Bafalino said.

Making a living from the contest was an exciting process, the sopho- 
more said. "I enjoyed it all," Drenon said. "As far as the process of getting everything together, everything went kind of smoothly."

"It was my first major pro- 
duction that had the potential to be played on television, so I was extremely excited. It was a good feeling to know that mil- 
lions of people saw what I cre- 
cated. There was a good sense of pride and accomplish- 
ment." Bafalino said she and the others involved in the com- 
mercial were grate- 
ful to everyone who took part in their success.

"Everyone has been very helpful and supportive," Bafalino said.

The Notre Dame student body played a major part in the decision to create the contest, Fitz said. "They're the ones that con- 
tribute to the pride and heri- 
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## In Brief

**Product recalled after infant’s death**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Lexam International Ltd. is recalling about 36,000 boy's and girl's storage racks with canvas totes after an 8-month-old boy died when he pulled on the storage rack and the top rail landed on the infant's neck, a government safety group says.

Young children are at risk of injury when the storage rack can tip over, posing an entrapment and suffocation hazard to them, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

The Irving, Texas, company sold the storage racks, made in China, under the brand “Home Trends Kids 9 Canvas Bin Boy’s and Girl’s Organizers,” at Walmart stores nationwide from August 2004 through July 2005 and at Ollie's stores nationwide from July 2006 through June 2007.

The storage rack is wooden with three levels and nine removable canvas totes. The boy’s storage rack, in a natural wood color, had red, yellow, green and navy canvas totes. The girl’s storage rack was white-colored wood with pink, yellow, lime and purple canvas totes.

**Senate extends law to aid insurance**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate voted Friday to extend for seven years a post-Sept. 11 law guaranteeing federal help for the insurance industry in the event of a catastrophic terrorist attack.

The Senate measure, approved by voice vote, differs considerably from a House version passed last week, and the two chambers have until the end of the year, when the current Terrorism Risk Insurance Act expires, to work out their differences.

The program, known as TRIA, was created in 2002 after the private insurance market for developers collapsed in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Without this program, terrorism insurance would become unaffordable or prohibitively expensive, construction projects would grind to a halt and Americans would lose jobs, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said.

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**Producers will negotiate with writers**

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood film and TV writers who’ve been on a strike since Nov. 5, would continue on strike Nov. 15, 2007 as talks had made little progress.

Some writers applauded the return to talks. "It's a good message to hear around the holidays," said Sean Jablonski, a writer for the FX drama "Nip/Tuck." "You can't get a deal until two sides sit down and talk about it," Jablonski said.

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Bangladesh cyclone devastates coastal towns

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DHAKA — Hundreds of thousands of survivors were stuck Saturday behind roads blocked by fallen trees, iron rods and thick sedge as rescue workers fought to reach towns along Bangladesh's east that were ravaged by a powerful cyclone that killed at least 1,723 people.

Tropical Cyclone Sidr, the deadliest storm to hit the country in a decade, destroyed tens of thousands of homes in southwest Bangladesh on Thursday and ruined much-needed crops just before harvest season in this impoverished, low-lying South Asian country. More than a million coastal villagers were forced to evacuate to government shelters.

The official death toll rose to 1,723 and there was speculation the figure could rise further as the country works to recover.

The government scrambled Saturday to join international agencies and local officials in the rescue mission, deploying military helicopters, thousands of troops and naval ships.

Rescuers trying to get food and water to people stranded by flooding struggled to clear roads that were so bad they said they'd have to return on bicycles.

"We will try again tomorrow on bicycles, and hire local country boats," M. Shafiul Islam of CARE said from the city of Khulna.

Along the coast, 150 mph winds flung small ferries ashore like toy boats, cutting off migrant fishing communities who live on and around hundreds of tiny islands across the area's web of river channels.

Many of the evacuees who managed to return home Saturday found their straw and mud huts had been flattened by the storm.

"We survived, but what we need now is help to rebuild our homes," Chandu Raman, a resident of the Char, a small island in Khulna district, told The Associated Press.

Homes were found among muddied paddy fields and along river channels, said Bishnu Prasad Okhakovtary, a local journalist who visited the hard-hit coastal area of Bagerhat.

"Advantage warnings from the weather office helped us take shelter, but still, the damage is colossal," said Abu Hanif, 60, a Bagerhat resident.

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McCain refused to criticize Clinton by Republican rivals Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney, who have made the criticism of how Washington works a major focus of their campaigns. Romney, in a television ad running in New Hampshire, accused Clinton to an intern, invoking the specter of the Monica Lewinsky scandal that clouded President Bill Clinton's second term.

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Washington, D.C.

President-elect Barack Obama's promise to fight for health care reform is tugging at grief-stricken families in Bangladesh and the United States alike.

The emotional connection between Hawa Ahmed and the hurricane victims of Bangladesh is just one of many ways that disaster victims have found to cope with their suffering.

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Global daughters and sons

Last week's production of Local Daughters and Sons drew large audiences to Washington Hall and spurred conversation in Notre Dame's dorms and dining halls, as well as headlines in this paper — focusing on issues of gender and sexual violence and rightfully so, in U.S. News, "Department of Justice statistics cited by Observer writer Karen Langley on Nov. 16 ("Campus engages sexual violence issues") report that 20 to 25 percent of American women are raped during their time in college. These numbers make it likely that most of us know someone who has experienced sexual assault, proving the current topic of conversation on campus one that ought to be particularly sustain- able, engaging and important.

We should maintain this focus on gender issues not only to better our own campus atmosphere and community, but also to engage in an interna- tional debate about sexual violence. Our discussion must extend beyond the borders of Notre Dame since, as a recent news story indicates, injustices surrounding sexual assault continue around the world. While Local Daughters and Sons was being performed last week, a 19-year-old woman was raped in Saudi Arabia — an unexpected consequence of her appeal in a gang-rape case. During the first trial of seven men who abducted her and a male friend and raped both of them multiple times, the woman received 90 lashings for violate- ing laws on segregation of the sexes. She had been in a car with an unrelated man at the time of the attack.

The seven men received sentences ranging from 10 months to five years in prison at the first trial. This was considered a lenient sentence since their crime was death-penalty eligible under Saudi and Islamic law. In the new decision handed down by the Qatif General Court last Wednesday, the defendants' punishment was changed — now two to nine years. With this change, however, the Court more than doubled the victim's sentence, not due to the severity of her own offense, but because of "her attempt to aggravate and influence the judges through the media," as reported by Arab News.

The young woman's attorney who won the appeal had his law license revoked in the ruling and was explicit- ly barred from defending his client. He is adamant that he will appeal this decision:

"Currently she doesn't have a lawyer, and I feel they're doing this to isolate her and deprive her from her basic rights," he said. "I will not accept this judgment, and I'll do my best to continue representing her because justice needs to take place."

The victim's lawyer added that the decision is astonishing because "justis- tice is supposed to be independent from all pressures as well as personal considerations, be it a feeling towards the lawyer or defendant herself."

He said the ruling reflects the court's displeasure over the young woman escalating the issue of the original sentence, with her lawyer and with judicial authorities who granted the appeal:

"My client is the victim of this abhorrent crime. I believe her sen- tence contravenes the Islamic Sharia law and violates the pertinent interna- tional conventions," he said.

The Saudi lawyer is not alone in thinking that this ruling lies outside of Muslim belief and law, but very much within the current power structure and gender discrimination in Saudi Arabia. Muslim leaders from outside the Middle East have called for a more just sentence, while hundreds of inter- net posts on the topic — many by citi- zens of Saudi Arabia — stress that the ruling is a reflection of the regime and not the country's religion. Commentators point to a long list of restrictions women face in a country that is a crucial American ally in the war on terror. Saudi women are sub- ject to a strict dress code, are banned from driving and need a man's per- mission to travel or have surgery. Their political participation is curbed, and their wages are viewed and can only testi- fy in court if a private matter that was not witnessed by a man. These restrictions are even more strict under Afghanistan's Taliban regime — laws that were condemned at length by U.S. officials and the Bush administration.

This case is just one example of the level of sexual violence occurring internationally. It is especially alarming not only because of the horror of the crime itself, but also because of its handcuffing by the Qatif Court and its place inside a country full of structur- al violence against women. It is alarming because this country is one continually cooperating with and sup- ported by our own. It seems that in fighting the war against terror, the U.S. has failed to work against the very real presence of terror in the lives of female residents under the rule of an American ally.

As we continue our discussion on gender issues and sexual violence at Notre Dame, we should start by answering questions, asking how to improve the global status of women and how to hold our government accountable for the company it keeps.

Andrea Laidman is a senior political science and peace studies major. Her column's title recalls advice given by John Adams by his wife, Abigail: "We have too many high sounding words and too few actions that correspond with them." She can be contacted at AndreaLaidman@nd.edu.

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Quote of the Day

"Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die. And it is youth that must accept the tribulation, the sorrow and the triumphs that are the aftermath of war."

Herbert Hoover American president

Quote of the Day

"The changes in our life must come from the impossibility to live without action accepting the demands of our conscience... not from our mental resolution to try a different life."

Leo Tolstoy Russian novelist

Monday, November 19, 2007

Submit a Letter to the Editor at www.ndsmcobserver.com
Absolute moral code not necessary for moral behavior

I am writing this in response to Nathan Loyd’s letter “More to life than sex” (Nov. 16). In the final paragraph of his letter, Loyd offers the reader a curious critique of moral relativism. He states that moral relativism “questions our ability to decide that extra-marital sex is wrong.” I find it strange that he believes that moral relativism denies us the ability to decide the morality of certain actions. By claiming that no universal standard of morality exists, moral relativists allow the morality of certain actions. By noting that a moral relativist does not have a firm grasp of the essence of moral relativism. He writes that this belief “would lead us to question our ability to say that theft, rape and murder are wrong, for no other reason than that the people committing these crimes feel guilty by doing them.” Why should it be an issue for an individual to independently determine the morality of these actions? He states earlier that without an absolute moral code, we could have no law. It is unclear whether he means that we would have no law, or if it is possible that we would have no law. Either way I find this view to be extremely disturbing. This line of thinking instigates that without a certain absolute moral code to guide us, we could fall into a state of anarchy. I tend to have more faith in people than that. Here is a hypothetical for those who follow an absolute moral code (e.g. the Ten Commandments). If your code and all laws ceased existing at this very moment, what would you do? Would you commit murder or steal from the person sitting next to you? Hopefully not. But why not? There is no code or authority figure to stop you! I would not commit these crimes because I care about humankind and value order in society. Perhaps people can have their own sets of beliefs as to what is right or wrong without an absolute moral code to guide them.

I agree with Loyd when he writes that Christians “have the ability and right to say that a particular action is against (their) moral code.” However, this right should only extend as far as the rights of Muslims, Buddhists, and any other moral absolutists to do the same.

Kevin Sheerin
Senior
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Absolute moral code not necessary for moral behavior

I am writing this in response to Nathan Loyd’s letter “More to life than sex” (Nov. 16). In the final paragraph of his letter, Loyd offers the reader a curious critique of moral relativism. He states that moral relativism “questions our ability to decide that extra-marital sex is wrong.” I find it strange that he believes that moral relativism denies us the ability to decide the morality of certain actions. By claiming that no universal standard of morality exists, moral relativists allow the morality of certain actions. By noting that a moral relativist does not have a firm grasp of the essence of moral relativism. He writes that this belief “would lead us to question our ability to say that theft, rape and murder are wrong, for no other reason than that the people committing these crimes feel guilty by doing them.” Why should it be an issue for an individual to independently determine the morality of these actions? He states earlier that without an absolute moral code, we could have no law. It is unclear whether he means that we would have no law, or if it is possible that we would have no law. Either way I find this view to be extremely disturbing. This line of thinking instigates that without a certain absolute moral code to guide us, we could fall into a state of anarchy. I tend to have more faith in people than that. Here is a hypothetical for those who follow an absolute moral code (e.g. the Ten Commandments). If your code and all laws ceased existing at this very moment, what would you do? Would you commit murder or steal from the person sitting next to you? Hopefully not. But why not? There is no code or authority figure to stop you! I would not commit these crimes because I care about humankind and value order in society. Perhaps people can have their own sets of beliefs as to what is right or wrong without an absolute moral code to guide them.

I agree with Loyd when he writes that Christians “have the ability and right to say that a particular action is against (their) moral code.” However, this right should only extend as far as the rights of Muslims, Buddhists, and any other moral absolutists to do the same.

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Nov. 18
By MARK WITTE
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Shortly before Beowulf rips Grendel’s arm from its socket, the monster begs to know the hero’s name. Beowulf follows: “My name is strength! And lust! And power! I am Beowulf!” The Old English epic poem has hit the big screen, but with it, director Robert Zemeckis (“The Polar Express,” “Castaway”) brought significant change to the story and characters we once knew.

The movie begins with a celebration in Heorot, the great mead hall of Hrothgar, King of the Danes. Hrothgar (Anthony Hopkins) is being celebrated in glorious drunken fashion for his war victories. But while gold coins and women fly about the room, Hrothgar’s Queen, Wealtheow (Robin Wright Penn), sits at an uncomfortable distance, rather disgusted by the display.

Before long, the film transitions slowly away from the hall to an eerie mountain cavern where noise of the revelry of Heorot, whose echoes vibrate in the air, is still as physically strong and superhuman as he was 1,000 years ago, but in those 1,000 years, he’s developed a romantic weakness. It’s hard to tell exactly how many women Beowulf falls for in the film, but it’s more than one. Near the end of the tale he asks Wyndowe to remember him as a “man, fallible and flawed.”

Wealtheow differs largely from the original tale. Those changes, however, do not highlight or come as the result of any flaw; they set her apart from the debauchery of the kingdom. Beowulf is probably the film’s busiest, most enigmatic character. Zemeckis has taken enormous liberties with Grendel’s character, but on the whole, these changes work. Unlike the Grendel of old, this new Grendel has a voice (the voice speaks in Old English) and hints of a personality. Though he ultimately has it coming, he elicits a great deal of sympathy in a sense, the monster’s evils are not the result of his faults. Rather, they are the repercussions of the lecherous revellry of Heorot, whose echoes vibrate exponentially in the poor monster’s head, torturing him with the world’s worst migraine.

This isn’t your ancestor’s 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th century Beowulf — well, at least not quite. Like he did with “The Polar Express,” Zemeckis has created a film with characters lost between the world of animation and live action. At times, the characters feel more real than they look, and during others — notably the battle sequences — they feel the exact opposite. Regardless of its faults, there is something darkly beautiful about this animation. In a sense, Beowulf is better depicted in this half-animated style, because something more human would cause its characters to lose their magical and spectral appeal. Then again, Zemeckis’ modernizing of the themes may have done just that.

Our hero has changed much from the classic Beowulf. The story has shifted genres and changed plot tensions. “Beowulf” has sold out thematically, and just like its hero, the film pays a price.

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Beowulf

Director: Robert Zemeckis
Starring: Ray Winstone, Angelina Jolie, Anthony Hopkins and Robin Wright Penn
Frosh steal show

Hughes, Clausen have big days as Irish take down Duke on senior day

Irish freshman running back Robert Hughes breaks away from Duke defenders during Notre Dame's 28-7 win Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Hughes ran for 110 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries as the Irish earned their second win of the season.

By ELYNN MICHALAK
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It was senior day at Notre Dame, but the freshmen stole the show Saturday as the Irish earned their first home win of the season, 28-7 over Duke.

Freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw for 194 yards and three touchdowns, while classmate halfback Robert Hughes had a touchdown and 110 yards rushing. Freshman wide receiver Duval Kamara added a touchdown.

"It gave me an opportunity to get those guys in there. And I know for them it means a lot... those kids who practice every day and hardly ever get in there."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

With the win, the Irish improved their record to 2-9 and avoided becoming the first Notre Dame team in 74 years to lose every home game. The Blue Devils, playing on national television for the first time since 2004, dropped to 1-10 on the season.

"It was a frustrating and disappointing loss. The turnovers were huge like they always are, and our performance on third down, I thought those were the two most critical factors in the football game," Duke coach Ted Roof said. "It was certainly a great opportunity for us that didn't work out.

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The second fumble came with less than 30 seconds remaining in the half. The Irish tried two passes to Kamara in the end zone. The first was incomplete, but he brought the second down for the score.

"That was a big momentum changer going into the locker room," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

The Irish scored yet another touchdown late in the third quarter. After a 13-play, 69-yard drive, Hughes scored from 13 yards out with 25 seconds remaining in the quarter. But the Irish were not finished.

Two possessions later, Clausen completed a nine-yard pass to Carlson for the tight end's final home touchdown.

"It's not something I was thinking about while it was going on. That was my last offensive play and it's pretty special," Carlson said.

After gaining a 28-point lead, Weis decided to give all the seniors a chance to play — including safety Tom Zbikowski at quarterback.

"It gave me an opportunity to get those guys in there," Weis said. "And I know for them, it means a lot... those kids who practice every day and hardly ever get in there."

Zbikowski, who did not attempt a pass, rushed four times but did not gain any yardage. He handled off to fellow senior Travis Thomas, who burst up the middle for 17 yards but then lost the ball. After the fumble, Duke began its first successful offensive possession of the game. Sophomore backup quarterback Zack Asack finished the drive by running six yards for Duke's first and only touchdown.

Carlson said the win helped Notre Dame's morale. The Irish had lost four straight games coming into Saturday.

"I think next week, being our last game, we would have been motivated anyways. But it's nice to have a little momentum, and we'll feel good Tuesday coming into practice and hopefully we can get one next week too," he said.

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player of the game
Robert Hughes
Notre Dame's freshman tailback ran for 110 yards and a touchdown — his first game over the century mark on the ground.

stat of the game

Points scored by Duke on Notre Dame's starting defense. The Blue Devils scored with just over a minute remaining in the game.

play of the game

David Bruton's second quarter fumble recovery
The recovery stopped a promising Duke drive and led to Notre Dame's first score of the game.

quote of the game

"It's like a weight has been lifted."

Charlie Weis
Irish head coach

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Monday, November 19, 2007

Frosh steal show
Hughes, Clausen have big days as Irish take down Duke on senior day

Irish freshman running back Robert Hughes breaks away from Duke defenders during Notre Dame's 28-7 win Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Hughes ran for 110 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries as the Irish earned their second win of the season.
quartbacks: Clausen had his best performance to date. He looked much more comfortable in the pocket than in previous weeks and threw strikes on all his touchdown passes.

running backs: Robert Hughes got the most carries and looked to advantage in the tune of 110 yards and a touchdown. Armando Allen and James Aldridge were also effective on the ground.

receivers: For the second straight week, dropped passes were a problem — some in key situations. But Daviu Kamara and David Grimes both made nice catches for touchdowns.

offensive line: Notre Dame was better in short yardage than it had been all season, but even through Clausen was only sacked once, he was still under pressure far too often.

defensive line: Ian Williams played well in his first start, and Trevor Laws was his usual self, but the Irish only had one sack. Duke was able to move the ball decently on the ground.

linebackers: Duke's sweeps were much more effective than they should have been, and Lewis found receivers out of the backfield. But the Blue Devils did not score on the first string defense.

defensive back: The secondary ran hot and cold. On some plays, they completely blanketed Duke receivers, whereas on others, Blue Devils ran free — although Lewis rarely hit them.

special teams: Mount punted well for the injured Geoff Price, including a nice play to get a kick off after a bad snap. Walker missed a short field goal, but did convert all four extra points.

coaching: Notre Dame's freshmen — especially Clausen, Hughes and Kamara — showed dramatic improvement in this game. The Irish came out fired up and won one for the seniors.

overall: The competition wasn’t the best, but the Irish dominated statistically and earned their second win of the season.

2.85 adding up the numbers

Irish players who saw the field on Saturday. Weis said he tried to play as many seniors as possible.

25 in yards, Jimmy Clausen's career-long touchdown pass. Clausen threw two from this distance Saturday.

Notre Dame wins at home this season. Saturday was the first.

1 Wins by Duke over the past two seasons combined.

Touchdown receptions by Daviu Kamara this season, the most ever by a Notre Dame freshman.

0 Passes thrown by safety Tom Zbikowski in his brief appearance at quarterback Saturday.

Carries by Zbikowski in the five plays he was under center for the Irish.

6 Players who have taken a snap from center for Notre Dame this year — Jones, Clausen, Sharpley, Bragg, Allen and Zbikowski.

report card

A+ ND celebrates victory as family

Students, band remain after first home win to cheer seniors’ victory lap

After the "Alma Mater," after the "Victory Chant," even after "When Irish Hands Go Marching By." Notre Dame was still there.

Not just the football team, but everything that Notre Dame means. The students, the band, and even University President Father John Jenkins were still celebrating long after the final whistle blew.

Everyone in the Stadium was acting as one Saturday night — and not just in singing "Notre Dame, Our Mother." Wide receivers Golden Tate and Robby Parris and nose tackle Ian Williams danced the Irish jig along with the students.

Jay Fitzpatrick
Associate Sports Editor

that's what makes Notre Dame great. "The players don't feel like they are segregated or on a pedestal," Weis said.

"They feel like they are part of that group, and I think that our players like to share those moments with the students, because the students are the ones that have been there for us during all these trials and tribulations."

And even though the team hasn’t always seemed as loyal as the students to this close relationship, it tried to make up for it on Saturday.

What a difference a win makes.

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Irish players Evan Sharpley (13), Darrin Walls (2), Golden Tate (23), Robby Parris (82) and Ian Williams (95) dance after Notre Dame's 28-7 win over Duke Saturday.
By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Irish have had so many big hits this season — most of their tackles came when chasing a ball-carrier from behind. But safety David Bruton bucked the trend Saturday when he destroyed Duke's Nick Stefanski after his final leg went up for an overthrown pass in the second quarter.

"It was fun, that was something I haven't done all season as a safety," Bruton said. "It looked like it was sailing, so I was going to either pick it or, since he had his hand on it, I was like, 'All right, time to do something like Brian Dawkins or something, just lead with the ears and let him have it.'

Bruton's hit was like Notre Dame's performance on defense — one of the best of the season. The only game where Notre Dame held its opponent to fewer points was against UCLA and the best of this season, 27 Irish players started.

"I think that they did a really good job even when the few times there was a play — they played stout right off the bat, got off the field and turned the ball over a couple of times," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

Bruton said the defense met the goals it set before the game.

"Get a lot of three-and-outs, try to get three-and-outs, try to get them on third down, and just try to eliminate all big plays," Bruton said. "I feel like we did that today.

With 2:29 left in the first half, Bruton recovered a Thaddeus Lewis fumble on his own 42-yard line. One minute later, the Irish offense puts points on the board. Moments later, safety Kyle McCarthy forced Duke wide receiver Jonmar White to fumble and, cornerback Maurice Crum II recovered the ball on Duke's 25-yard line. Two plays later, freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen forced Duke wide receiver Wondrous Wells to fumble the ball on Duke's 25-yard line. Two plays later, freshman wide receiver Jimmy Clausen's touchdown pass to freshman receiver Duval Kamara put the Irish ahead 14-0 heading into halftime.

Duke also converted four of its 16 third-down conversions, something Blue Devils' coach Ted Roof said affected the result of the game.

"The turnovers were huge like they always are, and our performance on third down couldn't be much worse. They had two most critical factors in the football game," Roof said.

Duke was 4 for 94 yards on 27 carries, its best production on the ground this season, so on Saturday, they ran fairly well in comparison.

But Notre Dame's defense stopped them when it counted — Duke did not reach the red zone until the final minutes. And the Irish defense, which has given up more than 200 yards per game on the ground, held a team to well under their average.

Weis said he was more concerned with playing the safeties near the end of the game than with keeping Duke out of the end zone.

"I think the defense played well the whole game," Weis said. "You don't want to give up a shutout, but I wouldn't rather get those kids in the game than worry about the shutout."

Notre Dame forced punts on seven of Duke's 13 possessions. Two more ended in fumbles and one in a turnover on downs. Duke ran 15 fewer plays than Notre Dame and averaged 3.6 yards per play in comparison to Notre Dame's 5.2 yards per play.

The wet, slippery conditions also gave the defense an advantage.

"The field was so terrible the whole game, you just have to play and get around," said defensive end Trevor Laws, who had six tackles and a sack in the game. "We just made plays that we don't usually make."

Linebacker Maurice Crum said the team had gelled into a cohesive unit throughout the season and practiced well before the game.

"I think it's just everybody being tuned in and having a great week of practicing," Crum said.

The Irish defense, which usually allows 372.5 yards per game, held Duke to 232 total yards in Saturday's contest. Notre Dame's passing defense, which was No. 5 in the country and allowed 164.9 yards per game through the air, held Duke to 138 yards passing.

Safety Tom Zbikowski said the Irish matched Duke's talent well and that the Irish's success stemmed from pre-game preparation.

"I think a lot of it comes down to good game plan and scheming pretty well, and I think guys just want to make sure we got this win and played pretty hard," Zbikowski said.

The Irish haven't usually had time of possession on their side this season, but the success of the offense, especially Clausen and freshman running back Robert Hughes, ensured the defense was well-rested. The offense held the ball for 35 minutes, 11 more than Duke's offense.

"That is always a plus when you're not on the field," Crum said.

Laws said the defense enjoyed the offensive success from a defensive — as well as team — point of view.

"It's always nice when the offense can move the ball," Laws said. "It's the best defense we ever see on the sidelines, I say, you watch them move the ball and you're sitting there relaxing on the bench, man, it's a good thing."

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Irish get third-ever win against Devils

Williams makes first career start

By ELLYN MICHALAK
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The Irish have faced Duke just before the game. The previous meeting between the two teams was a Week 3 game in 2006 when the Irish defeated the Blue Devils 64-0.

Williams gets start

Freshman running back Ian Williams earned his first career start with the Irish. This season, 27 Irish players started for the first time in their careers.

Claussen tosses TDs

Freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen's 22-yard pass to Grimes marked his longest pass this season. He tied that record 73 seconds later with another pass — this time to fellow freshman David Kamara.

Laws breaks 100

Senior Trevor Laws was the fifth Notre Dame lineman to achieve over 100 tackles in a single season. Laws has 105 this season.

Other Irish players to achieve this honor are Steve Niehaus with 113 in 1975, Ross Browzer with 104 in 1977, Melvin Daniels with 103 in 1997 and Jeff Weston with 101 in 1977.

Carlson reaches milestones

Senior John Carlson reached milestones this season. Carlson's 97 career receptions are the second most of any tight end in Irish history. Ken MacAfee holds the record, with 128 receptions between 1974 and 1977.

Kamara's record

Kamara's four touchdowns this season are the most ever by a Notre Dame freshman.

Alridge injured

Sophomore starting halfback James Alridge rolled his ankle in the first half of the game. Contact Elynn Michalak at emichalak@nd.edu

scoring summary

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A win... at last

It took a while, but Notre Dame finally got its first home win. The Irish sent their seniors out in style with a 28-7 home victory over hapless Duke. Although it was senior day, freshmen stole the show for Notre Dame. Running back Robert Hughes rushed for 110 yards on 17 carries and scored a touchdown, while quarterback Jimmy Clausen completed 50 percent of his passes for just under 200 yards and three touchdowns — one of them to freshman wide receiver Duval Kamara. The Notre Dame defense frustrated the Duke offense, holding the Blue Devils scoreless the first 59 minutes of the game. As the clock ran down, Irish coach Charlie Weis emptied his bench, getting walk-on seniors into the game and inserting safety Tom Zbikowski at quarterback. When the contest ended, the seniors took a victory lap, cheered on by their teammates, the band and the student section.
By TAE ANDREWS
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Birds circled high above Notre Dame Stadium yesterday against a bleak and dreary autumn sky as the Griffins of Stanford Hall took on the Knights of Keenan. Ivy winds ripped through the hallowed monument as a dedicated flock of rabid Griffins gathered below, braving the elements to voice their support for team and dorm.

Trash and debris from Saturday's varsity home finale littered the stands, setting the stage for what turned out to be a nasty, grimy grudge match against Keenan. This was smash mouth football. This was no-guts-no-glory gridiron. This was payback for a hall that has spent far too long in the shadow of its brother dorm. Stanford Hall has a chant that goes "Who's in the house tonight? Stanford! Who's in the house tonight? Stanford!"

On Sunday, the Griffins struck the fear of God into the covering hearts of the Knights in the biggest of houses, Notre Dame Stadium.

Keenan fans slank in late with their heads down and left early like beaten puppies, whimpering with their tails dragging between their legs. They might as well have stayed home. In the past, Keenan would undoubtedly have found a way to thwart Stanford relying on its usual mix of trickery and underhanded technique. But not on this day.

A rowdy, raucous group of Stanford Hall residents poured into Notre Dame Stadium, sending echoes reverberating throughout the concrete monolith and generally causing an ill ruckus. This was Stanford Hall football. And the Griffins would not be denied. The Griffins descended upon the Knights like the fierce mythological creatures for which they are named, shredding them limb from limb and leaving only carrion for scavengers to pick at and bones to bleach in the winter sun. The black-and-green clad Griffins left Keenan black and blue, broken and bitter as they trudged off the frozen, turn-up tundra of Notre Dame Stadium's field in defeat.

These were not your father's Griffins. These were Griffins dressed in intimidating black and green uniforms. These were Griffins with swagger and verve, not to mention electric play-makers such as David Costanzo, treed "Lil T" Duerson, Matt "House of Pain" Templemire and Bob "Flightless" Huth. Duerson, at running back, punched through the Knights' defense and scored a first half touchdown in what would ultimately be the decisive score in the game. Dynamic corner-back Chris Gill sealed the Knights' fate with an interception of Keenan quarterback Brian Costello, racing to the Stanford sideline, where teammates mobbed him and he reveled in the adulation of hundreds, if not thousands of Stanford supporters.

Ever since the University constructed the joint residence hall building in 1927, the two dorms have gone in different directions. Keenan immediately set about becoming the University's poster child for the tool-baggers. A dorm full of dastardly do-gooders. Boy Scouts and boy-wranglers, Keenanites spend much of their time traipsing around in neatly pressed shirts, popped collars and impeccable hair parts.

When it gets warm outside, you can usually count on Keenan men to gather on the quad, clad in their signature muscle cut-off tees, preening, flexing and backslapping each other, to put on a public bench press display show. Sunday's game showed Keenan's true colors, exposing them as a bunch of dorm-hand Derek Zoolanders.

Stanford men, on the other hand, have carried a reputation for being a walk on the wild side. Stanford men have long been known for their bellicose and boisterous behavior. This is the same dorm which once had a number of its residents arrested during a DisOrientation party. These are the Irishmen your mother warned you about. If Notre Dame dorms were X-Men, Keenan would be Cyclops. Stanford would be Wolverine.

It's common knowledge on North Quad that Stanford Hall is the best male dorm on campus. What the Cinderblock Palace of Love lacks in facilities and commodities, it makes up for with its athletics, lack of lame appointments.

And lately, we've even beaten Keenan at its own game: Stanford Hall took home the overall Hall of the Year award for 2006. So as you stew in the bile of your defeat, Keenan, and nibble at that rather large slice of humble pie we've handed you, you know what they say about payback.

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NFC

Vinatieri breaks out of slump with game-winner

Strahan records season-high three sacks to help Giants win and claim the top spot in the NFC wild-card race

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri spent all week ignoring the critics and then drowned out the boos Sunday afternoon. Eventually, he silenced everyone with his usual late-game magic.

Vinatieri, last week's goat, overcame a subpar day to rescue the Colts, making a 24-yard field goal with 4 seconds left to give Indianapolis a desperately needed 13-10 victory over Kansas City.

"Every time you're out there, if something bad happens, you've got to be able to shrug it off and go back out there and forget about it if you can," Vinatieri said. "Don't let it linger longer than you have to.

For Vinatieri, the November slump had lingered long enough.

He missed his first field goal ever inside the RCA Dome against New England two weeks ago.

Last week, he missed a 29-yard attempt that could have been a gameender. That miss prompted midweek speculation against New England two weeks against the Chiefs.

"We've got to win the close games," said Chiefs defensive end Jared Allen, who deflected four passes and was in the backfield almost as much as Joseph Addai. "We've got to win the close games."

Brodie Croyle, making his first NFL start, was 19-of-27 for 169 yards in the first half, marking his plant foot to tie the score at 3-3. Manning finally took the lead with 6:47 left, marching the Colts all the way to the Kansas City 2 before taking a knee three times and then giving Vinatieri a chance at redemption.

Giants 16, Lions 10

Michael Strahan showed he's still got it, just days before he turns 36 and in a year he pondered retirement.

Strahan had a season-high three sacks, helping the New York Giants beat the Detroit Lions Sunday to gain the advantage in the NFC wild-card race.

"From the time he got off the bus, he was very focused," said teammate Sam Madison, who had one of the victory-sealing interceptions in the final 2:04. "He was very energetic. He was the Sira of our team getting his legs under him. He's getting his second wind.

"He's showing he can still play the game." New York 7-3-1 broke a third-place tie with Detroit in the conference and improved its chances of making the playoffs. In the Super Bowl era, 78.4 percent of teams that won seven of their first 10 games ended up in the postseason.

The Giants lost their first two games, won six straight, then lost to Dallas for a second time before facing Detroit its first defeat at home.

"We'll see the 7-3. I'm tired of worrying about how we got there," Strahan said. "Hopefully, we'll get another run going. We started one today."

The Lions 6-7-1 stepped back-to-back games for the first time this year, and took it hard after losing their other three games by double digits.

"Yeah, it's more difficult that is not a better football team than us," quarterback Jon Kitna said. "We gave them the football game.

Strahan took offense to Kitna's take on the game.

"I honestly thought in the first half that was one of the worst teams we played that was 6-3," he said. "I don't quite understand why Jon would say that."

"Maybe we'll see them down the road and if that's the case, we'll beat that — again."

Detroit might need to beat the NFC North leading Green Bay Packers at home on Thanksgiving to maintain a realistic chance at making the playoffs for the first time since 1999.

"Is the season over? Absolutely not," offensive tackle Jeff Backus said. "It's one stumble in our path.

The Giants leaned on their defense to block Detroit's road to success.

Chiefs linebacker Derrick Johnson breaks up a pass intended for Colts wide receiver Aaron Moorehead in a 13-10 Colts win Sunday.

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**MLS**

Dynamo players celebrate after defeating the New England Revolution 2-1 to win the MLS Cup Sunday at RFK Stadium. Houston became the first team to win consecutive MLS titles since D.C. United did it in 1996 and 1997.

Houston Dynamo repeat as MLS champions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Make it two in a row for the Houston Dynamo, the first MLS team to repeat in a decade.

The men in orange rallied with two goals in the second half Sunday to beat the New England Revolution 2-1 in the MLS Cup, securing the win with Dwayne De Rosario’s powerful 12-yard header in the 74th minute.

The Dynamo have won the championship both years since the team disbanded as the San Jose Earthquakes and was reborn in Texas last year, beating the Revolution in overtime and being undefeated . But they were hoping to capture some of the sports fervor that has overrun Massachusetts this year. The Red Sox won the World Series, and the Patriots and Celtics began the day undefeated. But the MLS trophy will go to Houston again.

Taylor Twellman gave the Revolution the lead in the 20th minute, but Joseph Ngwenya tied it in the 61st before De Rosario’s winner 13 minutes later. The Dynamo’s rally came after coach Dominic Kinnear made a tactical halftime switch, changing from a 4-4-2 formation to a 3-5-2 to create more scoring opportunities. The game drew 39,859 to the neutral site of RFK Stadium, with sections of fans decked in orange for the Dynamo, blue for the Revolution and black for the stadium’s usual home team, D.C. United. Dismayed that their team wasn’t in the final, United’s fans poked fun at the proceedings with chants of “hor-ting.”

The game had moments of nervousness common in a championship setting.

New England goalkeeper Matt Reis nearly allowed a loose ball directly in front of the net, but otherwise the Revolution were the more settled team in the first half, dominating possession for long stretches.

**In Brief**

**Federer wins Masters Cup, claims 53rd career title**

SHANGHAI, China — Top ranked Roger Federer won his fourth Masters Cup title in five years Sunday, overwhelming No. 6 David Ferrer 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

It was the third consecutive dominating performance by Federer, who won his 53rd career title — including eight this year — and ran his record against Ferrer to 8-0.

“It was a nice victory, especially proving it to myself and the world, that I can do it over and over again,” Federer said. “This is the year-end tournament that only the best can make it to. For me to win is a fantastic experience.”

Federer collected $1.2 million and a new car for the win, increasing his winnings this season to over $10 million — a record for the ATP Tour.

**USA beats Cuba to capture Baseball World Cup**

TAIPEI, Taiwan — American pitchers scattered seven hits, Jason Nix and Jason Jaramillo had two RBIs apiece and the United States defeated Cuba 6-3 Sunday to win the Baseball World Cup.

The U.S. took command in the second inning when Jaramillo singled in a run, and Cuban starter Yadel Carrillo walked in two straight batters with the bases loaded to give the Americans a 3-0 lead.

Jaramillo singled in his second run in the third, and in the next inning Nix homered to put the U.S. ahead 5-0.

Cuba cut the lead to 3-2 on Alfredo Rodriguez’s two-run single with two out in the fifth. Justin Ruggiano singled in a run in the seventh to put the U.S. up 6-2.

Alexander Kerr’s 3B HR in the eighth cut the margin to 6-3, but reliever Jeff Stevens shut down the Cubans in the ninth.

**Jimmie Johnson wins second Nextel Cup Championship**

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Totally calm and cool, Jimmie Johnson left the race drivers’ meeting Sunday afternoon flashing the peace sign at people wishing him luck.

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Two straight championships.

Johnson became the first driver to win consecutive championships since Jeff Gordon in 1997 and ’98, wrapping up the title by finishing a trouble-free seventh in the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Matt Kenseth won the race.

When it was over, he and crew chief Chad Knaus were already thinking about a third.

“We’re just really hitting our stride,” Johnson said. “I think that we have a lot of good years ahead of us and we’ll be fighting for more championships and certainly winning more races as the years go by, and hopefully be a three-time champion in the near future.”

**NBA**

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NBA

Magic hand Celtics their first defeat of season

Stephen Jackson returns to Warriors after suspension, balanced scoring from starters helps defeat Raptors

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Boston Celtics' streaky offense inched up 20 points and still trailing after three quarters. They came back late in the fourth, but Paul Pierce missed an off-bal­ance jumper with time running out and Orlando dealt Boston (8-1) its first loss, 104-102.

"We were not perfect," said Kevin Garnett, who had 14 points and 11 rebounds. "We didn't think we were going to go up 82-0. But we are a team of character. We do play hard. We do play together — just not perfect.

Orlando Ray Allen and Pierce were each averaging over 20 points. Only Pierce topped the mark Sunday, scoring 28 points and keying several quick runs that brought Boston back. Allen finished with 19, but had just eight points on 4-of-12 shooting before the fourth quarter.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game on the court and tough on the court in the East right now," Pierce said.

It was a chance for Orlando (9-2) to show it deserved the eastern conference's second-best record. The Magic forced 20 Boston turnovers, shot 50 percent and wouldn't win despite their Celtics' in the fourth quarter.

Pierce's shot bounced off the rim and Howard grabbed the rebound to seal the win.

"This year, we're trying to stick to our game plan, and when teams make their run, just calm down, don't point fingers and stay focused," Howard said.

Nelson had 18 points and six assists. Hedo Turkoglu had 16 points and six rebounds and Keith Bogans scored 10. Rajon Rondo scored 18 for Boston on 8-of-9 shooting — including 14 in the second quarter.

The Celtics, off to their best start since a 10-0 beginning to the 1972-73 season, weren't just winning, they were dominating. Other than the Miami game and a three-point overtime win over Toronto, Boston had won each game by at least 11. The Celtics' 12-point average margin of victory was a staggering six points better than the second-place Nuggets and Hornets.

"I thought we matched up pretty good with them, but the main thing is we played good defense against them," Lewis said.

The Celtics and Magic were the NBA's fifth and sixth-best 3-point teams, but both struggled from long-range. Orlando was 7-of-25, while Boston shot 4-of-16.

Warriors 106, Raptors 100

With Stephen Jackson back from suspension, the NBA's high-scoring team has another valuable option.

Jackson scored 17 points, Andrei Kirilenko added 15 points and 14 rebounds and the Golden State Warriors beat the Toronto Raptors on Sunday.

"It was fun being back with my team, not only getting a win, but being back with my family," Jackson said. "It feels real good.

Baron Davis had 16 points, nine rebounds and seven assists to help Golden State win its second straight after opening the season with six consecutive losses.

Kelenna Azubuike scored 16 points, and Al Harrington added 10 for Golden State, which saw all five starters reach double figures scoring.

Despite the early struggles, the Warriors entered the game on Sunday leading the NBA in points per game.

Jackson began the season by serving a seven-game suspension, the result of his guilty plea to a felony charge of criminal recklessness for firing a gun outside an Indianapolis strip club in October 2006.

"Sitting at home watching the team start off 0-6 was hard," Jackson said. "I couldn't really criticize or criticize anybody because I wasn't there so I just had to try to learn from my mistakes from the sidelines and try to stay in shape as best as I could."

With Jackson back, Warriors coach Don Nelson has another option besides Davis to spread his high-energy offense.

"It's good to have Stephen Jackson back in our lineup," Nelson said. "We sure missed him. He played over 40 minutes, but I guess he's well rested."

Davis also appreciates Jackson's help.

"We have confidence in him running the offense and me finishing on the back end," Davis said. "I can finish plays instead of starting and finishing."
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Irish take 10 of 16 events in second-straight win

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

The Irish men were able to capture their second straight dual-meet win this Friday, defeating Cleveland State 171-124 at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The win came in convincing fashion, as the Irish took first in the opening four events on route to winning 10 of the 16 events. Junior Jeff Wood, sophomore Ross Moore, junior Sam Pendegast and sophomore John Lytle got things started for Notre Dame, taking first in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:37.25. Lytle was instrumental in the victory, erasing the lead held by Cleveland State coming out of the final turn. Lytle added another first-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle, beating out Cleveland State’s Steven Grove by .03 in a time of 23.04. Moore also took first in the 200-yard fly, while Pendegast finished second in the 100-yard backstroke. Wood scored points by finishing third in the 200-yard 500-yard freestyle events.

The Irish dominated the 1,000-yard freestyle, taking four of the top five spots, with freshman Michael Sullivan winning first. A similar performance came in the 200-yard freestyle, when sophomore MacKenzie LeBlanc won and freshman Steven Brus finished in fourth to join Wood in scoring points for the Irish.

Notre Dame also swept the top-three positions in the 100-yard backstroke and 300-yard freestyle. Freshman Christopher Wills finished first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 52.26, while freshman Joshua Nosal and junior Bill Hauman tied for second in 53.23. Sullivan won the 500-yard freestyle in 4:40.97. Nosal took second in 4:42.76 and Wood finished third in 4:46.69.

Irish divers turned in dominant performances, sweeping the top-three positions in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. Senior Sam Stoner won the 1-meter event with a score of 312.30, while freshman Eric Lex and junior Michael Baffin finished second and third, respectively. Baffin took the 3-meter event, scoring 247.30. Stoner finished second and Lex finished third.

The win moved the Irish record against the Vikings to 24-10 all time, and 21-2 under current head coach Tim Welsh.

The Irish hope to ride the momentum from two straight wins into the Ohio State Invitational, which will run from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2.

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Irish swimmer Michael Sullivan awaits his official time in the 1,000-yard freestyle Friday at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Notre Dame defeated Cleveland State for its second straight dual-meet win.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame exits Big East tournament with Louisville loss

By PAT O’BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fell in the Big East tournament on Saturday in Louisville in the semifinals—a team the Irish beat a week ago.

After posting a 3-1 (30-26, 30-24, 23-30, 30-24) victory against Cincinnati in the quarterfinals, the fourth-seeded Irish dropped a 3-0 (30-25, 30-20, 30-27) decision to the top-seeded Bearcats Saturday, eliminating Notre Dame from postseason play.

Just six days after losing to Notre Dame by a 3-1 score, the Cardinals got their revenge by knocking out Notre Dame for the second straight season. After leading the first game by an 18-17 tally, Notre Dame never got momentum back on its side.

The Cardinals (23-6) ripped off a 13-7 run to claim game one. The next two games were more of the same for Notre Dame, after the key-point mark of 16. The Bearcats (25-3) won 25-16, 25-16.

“I think that the match against Cincinnati will always be an emotional match for me because I’m playing against my sister. I think that had a lot to do with my individual play, as a team, everything was really clicking,” said Megan Fesl, Notre Dame’s outside hitter.

“[Louisville] did change their lineup a little bit against us,” sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl said. “They really took advantage of their really dominant, really tall outside hitters that could hit right over our block. I think the last weekend when we played them, they might have underestimated us a little bit. This weekend, they just outmatched us.”

Freshman middle blocker Kellie Scarlata led the Irish with 62 assists. After the first three sets, she had 20 kills on a .365 average while matching 17 digs. Tarutis had 50 assists and 14 digs of her own.

Cincinnati was led by 19 kills from Freshman outside hitter Stephanie Niemer. Junior Megan Fesl’s sister, freshman setter Annie Fesl, helped with 53 assists.

“I think that the match against Cincinnati will always be an emotional match for me because I’m playing against my sister,” Megan Fesl said. “I think that had a lot to do with my individual play, as a team, everything was really clicking.”

The Irish travel to Tennessee to take on the Volunteers for their season finale Friday at 7 p.m.

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SDM CROSS COUNTRY

Gray takes 38th in Championships

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Megan Gray closed out her Saint Mary's career with a bang Saturday, finishing in 38th place at the Division III National Championships, held at St. Olaf's in Northfield, Minn.

Gray improved nearly 100 places from her 133rd-place finish at last year's Nationals, and her time of 22:31 put her just two seconds behind Calvin College's Christina Overbeck, the runner with whom Gray hoped to remain close during the six-kilometer race.

"Gray's road to success was never an easy one, but it was one marked with faith, trust, persistence and a lot of hard work."

Jackie Bauters
Belles coach

Belles win first conference matchup

By MARIE BUGNITZ
Sports Writer

Winning 134-100, Saint Mary's defeated Albion in its first meet against a conference opponent this season.

Captain Melissa Gerbeth who won all three of her individual events, contributed to the win, as well as Lauren Hartman, Casey Niezer, Caroline Arness and Maggie Williams who all won one of their events.

Batieing Albion was a huge win for the Belles, the captain said.

"We knew that it was going to be a close meet so we were all very happy to win," Gerbeth said. "The confidence of our team improves with each win, which is fun to see."

The Belles will next compete in the DeVmu Invitation after Thanksgiving break.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Despite improvement, Irish drop two meets

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame showed significant improvement but still lost its dual meets to Northwestern and No. 16 Wisconsin this weekend at Norris Pool in Evanston, Ill.

The Irish fell 208-162 to Northwestern Saturday and 215-151 to Wisconsin, dropping to 1-5 in dual meets this season. It was Notre Dame's first meeting with the Wildcats and eighth meeting with the Badgers, who have a 5-advantage in all-time series.

"We got in a big hole yesterday and the girls worked really hard to bring it home tonight," coach Carrie Nixon said. "Our team so far has had an easy one, but it's time to bring it home tonight.

"I am excited to see how the rest of the season unfolds."

Mary's defeated Albion in its first meet against a conference opponent this season.

Junior Christia Riggins reached a personal season-best, taking second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.45.

The diving half of the team put up impressive numbers. Sophomore Natalie Stitt took second in the one-meter diving competition with a score of 275.55, falling just short of Northwestern's Leanne Damman, who scored a 278.80.

Notre Dame freshman Heidi Grossman and senior Laura Rings also finished in the top five, placing third and fifth, respectively.

The Irish hope to get a little rest this week after a long stretch of tough competition. "We've had a lot of meets in a raw over the past couple weeks, so we're looking for a little rest," Nixon said. "The girls are a little beat down and each meet we've had this fall has been really tough so week after week they're working as hard as they can."

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Smyth leads team to Tournament bid

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Junior Patrick Smyth will take his Great Lakes Regional crown to a position in the NCAA Championships at Indiana State.

Smyth is coming off the first NCAA Regional title for an Irish runner since 2000, when current volunteer assistant coach Luke Watson took first in the region. Not on Smyth's heels in the regional meet was senior Jake Watson, who earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships along with Smyth by virtue of his fourth-place finish.

After finishing one spot away from a guaranteed berth in the championships, Smyth and Watson posted a top-20 finish in the NCAA Men's Cross Country Championships.

Joining Smyth and Watson will be seniors Brett Adams, Dan Curran and Mike Popiel, freshman Dan Jackson and sophomore Jake Walker.

Adams, Smyth, Walker and Watson all have some NCAA experience under their belts, however competing for the Irish in last year's meet. The team finished 19th overall last year, while Smyth finished 16th overall en route to earning All-American honors for the first time in his career.

Michigan and Wisconsin are the teams from the Great Lakes Region who received automatic bids into the national meet, while two other regional foes, Indiana and Ohio State, also received at-large bids.

The Irish have run in Terre Haute already this season. At the Pre-National Meet on Oct. 13, they finished fifth overall in a field that consisted of several teams that the Irish will face today. In that race, Notre Dame finished behind UTEP, Colorado, North Carolina State and Michigan.

The Irish will get another crack at all of the others at the NCAA Championships.

Individually at the Pre-National Meet, Smyth and Watson posted a top-10 finish with Smyth placing fifth and Watson finishing seventh. While the Irish are in the field, the field race is 2,000 meters longer than the regional race, which would make the Pre-National Meet and is set to begin at noon.

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any way, and she is very impressive to watch. Whether she is in the zone or not, it didn't matter what we did. She was going to play.

Terriers coach Brenda Frese said she was happy with the victory and prouder to see where she's at in the schedule. "We're 4-1 overall, but I don't know if that matters what we did. She was going to play."

The game started off slowly, with Keenan's defense forcing two turnovers in the first quarter, and Notre Dame wouldn't score until the second quarter on a 42-yard pass from quarterback Jack Coan to tight end Tommy Slaton. Notre Dame finished the game with 10 points by halftime, scoring the final 14 points on a field goal and a touchdown.

The Irish turned the ball over only three times in the game. McGraw said, "We didn't have many turnovers," McGraw said. "We didn't have many turnovers or fumbles, it was like the things we wanted to do offensively. We still had a lot of opportunities to score, it was just that we were playing a little bit defensively and probably our biggest issue.""
A goal was waiting for the ball to the far post where Arad took the kick and headed it into the net. Notre Dame did not allow a goal with out scoring a goal but scored all 20 games in the regular season. The team and also won the Most Outstanding Offensive Player Award.

The game in net for the Irish but he was replaced in the second half by senior Andrew Weissenhofer. "We felt we wanted to play further up the field and Quin has better feet," Clark said. "He did very well, it was nothing on Chris Cahil, more that Quin just has excellent feet." Quin made a series of good saves to keep the game in reach, while the Irish looked to pour on the pressure in the second half and load it into the top corner.

Perry, who was making his first collegiate start, also picked up his first career point. Freshmen have played a big role in both of Notre Dame's conference tournament wins this year — forward Josh Thiermann scored the team's second goal of the season in the first half, midfielder Amanda Cahill scored the 1-0 lead.

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The book is available for purchase at Amazon.com, or can be read online at www.microfinancehandbook.org. The book can also be downloaded for free in PDF format.

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Maraia Tellez, the recipient of the 2007 Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America, is a leader in the field of microfinance and a passionate advocate for economic opportunity for the poor.

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When Notre Dame went down to Georgia in its last 30 minutes in the Big East final, odds were against the Irish making a comeback. The Huskies' defense has been one of the stingiest in not just the Big East, but the entire nation, this season entering only 12 goals in 20 games entering Saturday's match. However, whatever chance Notre Dame had of coming back to tie or win the game likely rested on the hoofs of Joe Lapira. Notre Dame's most explosive offensive player — and last year's Hermann Trophy winner — was the player who scored two goals keying the Irish comeback from a 7-2 deficit to beat the Huskies on Oct. 13. If anyone was going to direct a similar comeback Sunday, it was Lapira.

Lapira, what Irish coach Bobby Clark termed an "Irish so confusing," Lapira, arguably the fastest and shiniest player on Notre Dame's roster when he gets the ball in open space, saw the ball with his back to him initially put on the long field.

The problem was tactical. On Sunday, Notre Dame employed their standard 4-4-1-1 formation in which Lapira plays as a lone target forward, while Kurt Martin drops behind him as more of a holding forward. Given that the Irish had utilized that formation all year with success, it has been their best defensive results as the first half. Ultimately, Clark ended up moving Martin from the midfield with 15 minutes to play — seemingly out of necessity to give the Mountaineers in a shootout to try and get behind the defense.

Connecticut defender Julius Jason said, "We just tried to keep him in front of us.

When Martin dropped back toward midfield, he was usually marked by one of Connecticut's two defensive central midfielders leaving the Huskies' entire back four to concentrate solely on Lapira. The result was that, instead of receiving the ball behind the defense in space, Lapira only saw the ball with his back to the goal — a dead near the size differentials.

At one end of the field, Lapira was often matched up against Connecticut's central defender with 15 minute to go, Sirolo (6-foot-3, 200 pounds), for 15 minutes. Sirolo (90-1, 175 pounds), the Mountaineers' top scorer with 12 goals in 26 matches, was Lapira and, perhaps, opened some space for the reigning Hermann Trophy winner to work some of his magic.

Clark's initial adjustment? Nothing.

For the first 30 minutes of the second half, the Irish attacked out of the 4-4-1-1 formation, using only six players on the field with 33 seconds remaining gave the Bears a 65-62 lead on their way to a 40-24 over Notre Dame.

The lo di's goal in the Irish (2-1) a chance to avenge their NCAA Tournament loss last year in the finals of Paradise Jam Tournament.

Irish guard Tory Jackson missed on Notre Dame's next possession, but the Bears went with a three-pointer, grabbed the rebound and found guard Twyntee Carter for an open layup, giving Baylor (3-0) a five-point lead with 13 seconds left. Kurt Kurz added a pair of free throws late, but the damage had been done and the Irish lost their first game of the season.

Notre Dame will play Georgia (3-0) on Sunday at Winthrop for third place, while Baylor will play Wittenberg for the title.

"You're excited to be playing in a good basketball team," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a post-game radio interview. "You're excited to be going to be in a Big East (type) game. You're frustrated because you've got the thing and they made some big plays.

The Irish have lost the last two games, including a 112-97 loss to Wittenberg. The Irish, however, have scored more points during that stretch on his way to a 13-point, three-assist performance.

Munson cut Notre Dame's lead to 3-2 with a 3-point shot at the 8:15 mark, giving the Irish 5-2 remaining in the first half, but Munson's third and final 3-pointer of the night ignited a 12-3 Notre Dame run to close out the half ahead 37-27.

The Irish clamped down on defense in the first half and used a 16-6 run to open up a 53-31 lead with 10:44 points remaying.

In the second half, however, they scored straight seven points for Notre Dame, helping the Irish stave off Big East title hopes away at Notre Dame's lead. His layup drew the score to 71-69, then he went another Irish a 57-52 lead, but those would be Haragany's final points of the night.

"They really did a better job taking him away at the end," Brey said. "He gave us a great stretch there."

The Bears have led the rebounding edge over the Irish, 41-38, and were able to get 17 second-half points, but what killed Notre Dame was the inability to cover Baylor on the last break.

"Three defense movement hurt us," Brey said. "It really made it hard for us. It hurt us the last six minutes. They ran it down our throats.

But it was Notre Dame who came out running in the first half, jumping out to an 8-0 lead. Baylor kept close with a 5-0 run in the first half. Baylor shut out three of Carter and Dunn to pull within 35-32 at half-time.

Forward Aaron Bruce scored 12 of the Bears, who shot 24-for-56 for the game.

Kurz, who was battling flu for most of the game, added 10 for Wittenberg. Lomers netted 12 for the Bears, who shot 24-for-58 for the game.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Perfection lost ... and won

Chaos run Whirlwinds unbeaten season in final

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

No. 6 seed Cavanaugh defeated No.1 seed — and previously unbeaten — Whirlwinds 26-20 Sunday at Notre Dame Stadium to claim the women's Interhall Football championship. The Chaos, however, didn't think their win was an upset.

"We definitely didn't consider ourselves underdogs," Cavanaugh coach Hunter Land said. "We came into this game confident."

Led by junior quarterback Katie Dunn, the Chaos offense put up 14 points on a defense that hadn't been scored on in its past three games. Dunn threw touchdown passes of nine and 14 yards, both to sophomore Erin Dolan.

Whirlwinds' offense looked promising early, getting into the red zone twice in the first quarter, but the Chaos defense held tough and forced a turnover on downs and an interception by senior line-

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ND Women's Soccer

BY BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

When forward Kerri Hanks didn't have partner Brittany Rock to help her score because of an injury, she decided to use the opponent's defense instead.

"Team needs to improve for UNC," Hanks' centering pass led to an own goal by Illinois that put the Irish up 2-0, the final margin in the second-round NCAA tourney win Sunday at Alumni Field. The Irish, a four seed, advanced to the round of 16, where they will face No. 1 seed North Carolina in a matchup of last year's national championship game.

Icers sweep WMU in weekend series

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

No. 10 Notre Dame smothered Western Michigan's offense in a sweep of the league opponent this weekend, surrendering only 23 shots in two games.

The Irish (9-4, 7-2 CCHA) defeated the Broncos 4-1 at home Friday night and then traveled to Kalamazoo, Mich., on Saturday where they won 5-1. Notre Dame put 71 shots on net in the two games, outshooting Western Michigan 44-12 on Friday.

"I think [Friday night] dealt with our forwards' abilities to possess the puck, that's something we've been hurting on all year — our inability to control the puck," Irish defenseman Dan VeNard said.

Western Michigan (3-7, 1-5 CCHA) was unable to sustain a forecheck in the Irish zone Friday for more than 20 seconds at a time, and it went on several 10-minute stretches when it got no shots on Notre Dame goalie Jordan Pearce. The Notre Dame offense, a young unit that has gelled in the last few weeks, scored two even-strength goals in the first game — something Irish coach Jeff Jackson had stressed as one of the team's weaknesses — and otherwise dominated the Broncos with superb cycling and a barrage of shots.

"We controlled the tempo for probably seventy-five percent of the game from the offensive zone perspective and our work ethic," Jackson said. "We spent a lot of time working on that early in the week, and we spent a lot of time working on defense..."