Students' beliefs guide discussion
Courses attempt to take objective look at election while factoring in personal views

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Editor's Note: This is the second installment of a series examining the place of politics in the classroom.

Fair, political discussion can take place in the classroom, though that discussion can be guided, whether subtly or overtly, by the beliefs of the professor.

Two University professors, currently teaching courses relating to the 2008 presidential election take the two different approaches regarding the presentation of their own opinions in the classroom.

Dr. Susan Ohmer, a professor in the Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) teaches "Media and the Presidency" this semester, an FTT course cross-listed as a course in American Studies, Political Science, History and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy. She informed her students outright of her political beliefs — she is a Democrat — at the beginning of the class, and explained that students' agreement (or disagreement) with her position would no in no way affect their grade.

On the other hand, Professor Darren Davis said he will not overtly, by the beliefs of the professor.

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The Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) sent crime statistics for the month of August via e-mail to students September 12, which they use to help inform students of possible dangers on campus.

"We want students to be aware of where crime is occurring and they can make decisions about whether they want to frequent these places," Assistant Director of NDSP David Chapman said.

The e-mail reported one burglary, taking place in the Pasquerilla Center on August 4 and 28 accounts of larceny.

Chapman said that a suspect has been identified for the burglary and has been taken into custody.

Of the larceny cases, 20 involved bicycles, one involved a wallet, one involved a purse that was later returned, one involved a laptop computer, one involved an ID card, and one involved an ATM card, according to NDSP officer Keri Shibata.

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My father's campaign

The news that the long-endured Republican Congressman Vito Fossella from New York’s 13th district (composed of Staten Island and southern Brooklyn) had been caught for a DUI in Virginia first broke when my parents came to pick me up at Notre Dame at the end of last semester. Slowly, rumors began to circulate that Fossella was actually driving to see his mistress and secret love child in Alexandria, Va.

At first, my father Michael McMahon, a Democratic New York City Councilman from the North Shore of Staten Island, dismissed these rumors like everyone else. However, as the press dug deeper, the facts became clear — Fossella had fathered a child out of wedlock, and had kept his second family secret for nearly two years. It appears Fossella was simply a “family values” politician who valued family so much that he decided to have a second one.

Disgraced, he announced that he would not seek office in the upcoming election, opening the door for Democrats to take the seat for the first time in ten years. My father’s lifelong dream of serving in Washington now was within reach, and immediately he was on the phones negotiating with the local Democratic party bosses. My father was definitely not their first choice, but after much political posturing and several clever maneuvers, he was ultimately able to convince them that he was the best choice for the people of Staten Island and Brooklyn.

Immediately, my father was handed the task of mounting a campaign for Congress with only five months until election day. In addition, he still faced a primary challenge from Brooklyn lawyer Robert Straniere, who had been caught for a DUI in Virginia over the course of two years, but with the help of an incredibly loyal and competent staff, he was able to get the campaign off the ground within a month. The Washington-based Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) was so impressed that they bestowed the coveted “red-to-blue” status on the campaign, encouraging many large Democratic donors to give to the effort. Big-name politicians like Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Chuck Schumer have endorsed him, and the man who ran Barack Obama’s successful primary campaign in Iowa signed-on to be his Campaign Manager, bringing with him a wealth of experience.

However, the campaign has still been a battle, with my father facing a challenge from former Republican Assemblyman Robert Straniere, who was ousted from his own seat in 2004 by his own party and had since entered the hot dog business. While many may think this is a joke, they under-estimate the conservative leanings of Staten Island — a Democrat just held this seat since the 1960’s.

In addition, fighting between staff members coupled with having to make 5 or 6 appearances at events and fundraisers have started to take their toll. Despite all this, my father has displayed a level of competence and professionalism throughout the entire ordeal. His honest approach and great record of service carried him to a 50-point win in the Sept. 9 primary, and I can only hope for the same results in the general election. But whatever the outcome of the election, he has put his heart and soul into the campaign and demonstrated the values of integrity, hard work, caring and patience. I can honestly say that there has never been a point in my life where I have been more proud to call him my father.

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McClain would fire SEC chairman
Republican presidential candidate wants to strengthen institutions

Associated Press
CEDAR RAPIDS — Republican John McCain, buffeted by criticism about his response to Wall Street's financial problems, said Thursday he would fire the SEC chairman and create a special trust to help strengthen weak institutions.

In all but calling for the firing of Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox, McCain turned on a fellow Republican and former 17-year House member who served on committees overseeing investor protection and U.S. capital markets. President Bush appointed Cox in 2005.

McCain also tried to counter Democratic rival Barack Obama as the two White House contest­ers jockeyed to explain how, as president, they would control­led mostly by the GOP.

"The chairman of the SEC serves at the appointment of the president and, in my view, has betrayed the public's trust," McCain told a rally in this bathtub-size city. "If I were president today, I would fire him."

Cox attributed McCain's comments to the heat of the campaign.

"I've been in and around politics for many, many years. I'm very happy that as chairman of an independent agency, thousands of men and women at the Securities and Exchange Commission are working very, very hard to protect American markets and investors' confidence in them," Cox said Thursday night after briefing lawmakers on a plan to rescue banks from the bad debts at the heart of the financial crisis.

"Right now, with so much at stake in our country, there's no time for political sniping. This is a time and an opportunity for leadership," he said.

In an earlier written statement, Cox said he's always been clear about his intent to leave the SEC when the Bush administration ends in January 2009. Cox's term officially ends in June 2009, but he could stay on until a successor is named.

Campaigning in New Mexico, Obama mocked McCain's call to fire the SEC chairman, basically saying why stop at Cox.

"In the next 47 days you can fire the whole trickle-down, own-your-own, look-the-other-way crowd in Washington who has led us down this disastrous path," he told a campaign rally in Espanola. "Don't just get rid of one guy. Get rid of this administration. Get rid of this philosophy. Get rid of the do-nothing approach to our economic problem and put somebody in there who's going to fight for you."

McCain also proposed creating a trust to review mortgage financial institutions,identifying weaker ones and strengthening them before insolvency.

"Today we need a plan that doesn't wait until the system fails," the senator said. "For troubled institutions, this will provide an orderly process through which to identify bad loans and eventually sell them."

"The next administration will ensure that the SEC is free from political interference," Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, the senator's running mate, said.

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Professor discusses poetry and art

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Poetry works as an act of history and is vital to the true understanding of the past, said Professor Menocal, a Humanities and foreign language profes­sor at Yale University, dur­ing her lecture yesterday at Saint Mary's.

Menocal said poetry and other art forms are critical in attempting to understand the history of medieval Spain, and specifically the how the cultures of Catholics, Jews and Muslims intertwined.

"Although much of the history of medieval Spain was lost, historians are able to look at the art — including architecture of the time — to draw conclusions about the Arabic influence on the country.

"This influence has been largely forgotten and first and foremost it must be said by the Christians of Spain," Menocal said.

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reported stolen and then later recovered by the original owners of the items, such as college textbooks, cell phones, and stereo equipment. Chapman said that "thefts" are often not reported to the police, and that many students are hesitant to report these incidents for fear of being "judged" by their peers.

The e-mail informed students that the number of thefts of cell phones and computers is on the rise, and that these items are often stolen in dorms. Chapman said that the problem is worse in the dorms because "the people who are stealing these items are not strangers," but rather, "friends of friends who know other friends who have these items." Chapman urged students to be aware of their surroundings and to report any suspicious activity to the police.

Chapman said that students are often "too busy" to report these incidents, and that "many students think that the police can't do anything about it." However, Chapman said that the police can do a lot to help students if they are willing to report these incidents.

Diversity

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Two years in a row isn't necessarily a trend. Three years, I would say, would be a serious trend, and we aim to change it," he said. "Both of those areas have jumped to the top of our priorities for next year's class to make sure that it is not a trend."

Associate Director for Admissions Gil Martinez said that "anything less than 22 percent [ethnic minority] for next year's incoming class would be a definite disappointment."

Matt Tipton, the president of the black men's group Warda, agreed with Martinez's assessment that a lot of African Americans grow up without knowing about Notre Dame. For many of his friends at Notre Dame, this was true.

"A lot of African Americans don't know that they're interested in Notre Dame and they don't know where it is," he said.

Martinez said recruiters were in the process of acquiring locations in Chicago where they could organize information sessions for top diversity students who might be interested in the University. He said one of the biggest challenges was simply informing students about how close Notre Dame is to Chicago.

"It amazes me how many diversity students from Chicago don't even know where Notre Dame is. People don't realize that we're only 90 miles away," Martinez said. "The information sessions will just talk about Notre Dame, to get them to think about it, and to remind them how close we are."

In addition, Martinez said that the University policy, although public announcement was made. Despite the fact that the school doesn't offer full financial aid to anyone whose family makes less than $40,000 like Harvard, Martinez said it will help the school recruit more diverse students.

"The school did change its policy so that we could be players in the game. We never had a public announcement, but we want to do it," Martinez said. "If we can get these people that truly do need it. Different families will use accounting that will benefit them the best, but we look at it." Martinez did not elaborate on the changes to the financial aid policy.

Recruiters have also been expanding internationally, Saracino said.

"We have been focusing on Latin America and some recruitment in Asia," he said. "We're going to do some more recruiting in Asia and long term we're considering doing even more recruiting in Europe," he said.

Tipton, who grew up in Gary, Ind., said the University's admissions counselors would have to look outside SAT scores and GPAs to find many top-tier diversity students, especially those who were raised in economically-disadvantaged neighborhoods.

"I wish they could look more behind the numbers, more behind the GPA. SAT scores don't tell everything about a student. A lot of these kids are disadvantaged, they don't have the resources for study for the at a Mike Roberts view do," he said. "Growing up in Gary, Ind., the surroundings aren't conducive to learning."

Saracino said he hopes these aggressive recruiting programs help increase the percentage of diversity students to last year's level.

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"We're going to do some more recruitment in the areas," he said. "The international goal is to increase the international student percentage from 2 percent to 4 percent."

Saracino was quick to note these are goals, not quotas, for next year's class.

In the long term, Saracino said he would like to increase the ethnic minority percentage to 30 percent as well as raise the percentage of international students while still maintaining the University's Catholic percentage.

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International News
Outrage caused by tainted formula
SHIJIAZHUANG, China — Hundreds of Chinese parents, some holding infants, converged on the company at the heart of the tainted baby formula scandal Thursday, demanding refunds and asking what they can safely feed their children.

Thousands of others filled hospitals, many hovering over sons and daughters hooked to IVs after drinking milk powder tainted with melamine, a toxic industrial chemical that can cause kidney stones and lead to kidney failure.

The scandal highlights the changing family dynamics and economic growth in China. A generation ago, women had little choice besides breast-feeding. Now, supermarkets are filled with dozens of brands of baby formula, marketed to women who continue working outside the home even after they give birth.

Swiss atom smasher malfunctions
GENEVA — The world's largest particle collider malfunctioned within hours of its last test run, but its operator didn't report the problem for a week.

In a statement Thursday the European Organization for Nuclear Research reported for the first time that a 30-ton transformer that cools part of the collider broke for the first time just a day after starting it up last week.

The transformer has been replaced and the ring in the 17-mile circular tunnel under the Swiss-French border has been cooled back down to near zero on the Kelvin scale — minus 459.67 degrees Fahrenheit — for efficient operating temperature, said a statement by CERN, as the organization is known.

National News
Minneapolis bridge reopens
MINNEAPOLIS — Emergency vehicles with lights flashing led twin processions to open the new Interstate 35W bridge before dawn Thursday, less than 14 months after the shock­ ing and deadly collapse of its predecessor.

Highway department trucks followed patrol cars, fire trucks and ambulances in slow north­bound and southbound parades that passed each other around the middle of the bridge just after 5 a.m. Behind them were hundreds of motorists, busses, motorcyclists and trucks and buses, many of them honking their horns and a few waving American flags.

Traffic was initially heavy on what had been one of two Twin Cities' busiest arteries, but it loosened up within an hour, and it continued to zip along through the morning rush hour.

The old bridge stood in each direction, but its replacement has five lanes.

NASA extends Mars mission
LOS ANGELES — NASA is extending the Phoenix Mars mission again.

The three-legged spacecraft has been digging trenches near the Martian north pole since landing on May 25 and its work was supposed to end this month. Phoenix is still studying whether the site could have been favorable for microbial life to emerge.

NASA spokesman Dwayne Brown said Thursday that the Phoenix Mars mission would receive $50 million to keep working through 2009.

Local News
Students stabbed by lancets
GOSHEN, Ind. — Sixteen northern Indiana students who were pricked by blood-testing lancets by three eighth-grade classmates were suspended from school for 10 days, said Goshen police Officer Kevin Cafferty.

Cafferty accused of jabbing their classmates face preliminary charges, said Goshen police Officer Kevin Cafferty, the school's resource officer. They also have been suspended from school for 10 days and face possible expulsion, he said.

"It was just something they decided to do and it was poor judgment," he said.

"Students stab b ed by la n cets
Australians ask residents to stay away
Galveston still hurting from Hurricane Ike, damage slowly being repaired
Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas — There's a grocery store open for business on Galveston Island. Cell phone towers are connecting calls. More lights are coming back on at night.

But for all the little signs of recovery in this barrier island community thrashed by Hurricane Ike nearly a week ago, Galveston just "isn't ready" for residents to return. Not even a mile around look around at their battered homes and businesses, officials said Thursday as they pleaded for tens of thousands to wait at least another week before trying to come home.

"By staying away and being patient, you are making it possible for us to get you home in a week or so, instead of the months it would take if the city's infrastructure were more overwhelmed at this point," Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas said.

The roughly 45,000 people who fled Galveston Island are among the more than 1 million who evacuated the Texas coast as Ike swirled through the Gulf of Mexico. Gov. Rick Perry said 22,000 people are still living in more than 200 shelters, and he joined Thomas on Thursday in asking for patience.

"I absolutely understand they want to get back to their homes. . . . I'd like to get back to the mansion," said Perry, who's been living in temporary quarters since his official residence burned down in June.

Galveston Island remained closed as did the worse-off Bolivar Peninsula, where the storm's surge washed entire neighborhoods into the ocean. Teams pulled out of both areas this week after sweeping every house, authorities said.

To the northwest, life took a different turn on at night.

More lights are coming back on at night. Hurricane Ike destroyed at least 49 of the more than 3,800 offshore oil or natural gas production platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, and some may not be rebuilt. The damaged platforms accounted for 13,000 barrels of oil and 84 million cubic feet of natural gas a day, the Gulf produces about 1.3 million barrels of oil a day and 7 billion cubic feet of gas.

To help ease the recovery in Texas, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff urged private mortgage lenders Thursday to cut some slack to financially strapped homeowners.

The Housing Department had earlier issued a 90-day moratorium on foreclosures on FHA loans, a reprieve for about 70,000 homeowners who were in foreclosure or on the cusp.

"A lot of times, after a disaster, people come back. They have expenses they didn't count on," HUD Secretary Steve Preston said as he stood alongside Chertoff. "We want to make sure they have breathing room before they have to worry about mortgages (that) will become an additional challenge for them."

Chertoff was in Southeast Texas for the second straight day, watching over the federal relief effort that has delivered hundreds of trucks of ice, water and food to the region's more than 5 million people.

He's dead toll in the U.S. stood at 56, with 22 in Texas, and there was still the fear that more victims would be found. After Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005, bodies continued to turn up for more than a year.

America
Hundreds of new species discovered
Sydney — Marine scientists have discovered hundreds of new species of living things in the deep sea and are working with the samples for genetic barcoding and taxonomy, the formal system of naming living things.

The work is expected to take years, Caly said.

Among the creatures researchers found were about 130 soft corals — also known as stony corals, for the eight tentacles that fringe each polyp — that have never been described in scientific literature, and scores of similarly undescribed crustaceans, including tiny shrimp-like animals with claws longer than their bodies.

The 10-year census, scheduled for publication in 2010, is supported by governments, divisions of the United Nations and private conservation organizations.
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disclose his personal partisan beliefs to his students during the course of the semester. He is especially critical of "Political Psychology of Racism," a junior politics class he taught.

Associate Provost and Vice President Dennis Jacobs told The Observer during a daily briefing that the debate the faculty members.

"I would say in many ways I would respect a faculty member who says I will disclose my political beliefs," he said. "I don't want to be seen that often comes from their background that helped form those beliefs."

There are certain classes, like those taught by Ohmer and Davis, in which political points of view "will shape and frame the course," he said. "There is a sense that we need to focus on the political viewpoint, and that is the most important perspective to take.

"There is a feeling that the course is political in nature," he said. "There is a feeling that the professor is trying to teach the political views of the students who are taking the course, and that is the most important perspective to take."

"I think it would be a mistake to force the professor to disclose their political beliefs," he said. "I think it is important that the professor is able to teach the course from their perspective, and that the professor is able to teach the course in a way that is consistent with the political viewpoint of the students who are taking the course."

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road.

"It can be a different atmosphere," McGee said. "I'm not concerned about the opposing team being rowdy."

This weekend, McGee expects the same type of reception.

"They probably won't be too friendly, especially because we have a good chance at winning," he said.

"I think it'll be a tough game against last year's Spartans," McGee said. "I'm looking forward to have a little more confidence."

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The lottery drawing took place on August 28. About 1,200 students participated in the lottery, according to Garlant. The winning tickets were purchased at $70 each, which is face value. Garlant said tickets are currently available for purchase at the Athletic Department. In addition to a number of tickets that were unclaimed, Garlant said students received 62 more tickets from the Athletic Department which were available for purchase at a rate of $40 each. Garlant also said it is currently available for purchase at the State University Recreation Center, and to any interested students.

"The Alumni Association also sold 112 tickets for special offer to students."

"Traditionally, we don't do away game ticket concept," Garlant said. "Kathy Garlant told the Observer about the ticket consortium program. "We will sell tickets for students if it's a fight within distance," Garlant said. "The Athletics Association will also welcome students and Irish fans at a discounted price."

"We've got $60 for $40 for free non-alcoholic drinks and snacks," Garlant said.

"We've got a lot of interest in the games, and I hope we have a lot of interest in the tickets," Garlant said. "We've got a lot of interest in the games, and I hope we have a lot of interest in the tickets."
Amazing comeback on Wall Street

Dow Jones gains 400 points after news of federal assistance for bank debt

In Brief

Government weighs financial options

WASHINGTON — The government is weighing several options to ease Wall Street's worst financial crisis in decades, according to a person with knowledge of the talks. But taking over banks' bad debt, an idea that riled the stock market on Thursday, is no certainty.

Stocks surged late in the afternoon after reports that the administration was considering creating a government entity to absorb banks' bad assets, though the person spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Some oil platforms not being rebuilt

WASHINGTON — At least 49 offshore oil platforms, all with production of more than 1,000 barrels a day, were destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Ike and Hurricane Gustav in the Gulf of Mexico, and some may not be rebuildable, the Interior Department said Thursday.

The report by Interior's Minerals Management Service said the agency was conducting helicopter surveys of the Gulf waters to investigate unconfined reports of oil spills and oil sheens, but that it was too early to issue any definitive findings.

"There are no reports of oil impacting the shoreline or affecting birds and wildlife from releases in the Gulf of Mexico federal waters," said the agency.

The agency also said five gas transmission pipeline systems sustained damage, although the extent of damage is not yet known. It earlier had reported four oil drilling rigs had been destroyed and another damaged.

Meanwhile, the Energy Department reported that as of midmorning Thursday, 12 of 31 refineries in Texas and Louisiana, with a total production capacity of 3 million barrels a day, remained shut down as a result of the hurricane that swept through the region on Sept. 13. A number of the others are operating at reduced runs.

More than 2.3 million electricity customers in six states as far away as Pennsylvania remain without power as a result of the hurricane and its aftermath of heavy rain, said the department. Of those, 1.6 million customers are in Texas.

Other states affected are Louisiana (18,804 customers), Kentucky (167,740), Indiana (36,800), Ohio (488,900) and Pennsylvania (16,730), according to the department.

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Paul's husband refuses to testify

Sarah Palin initially welcomed her husband into the investigation and made it clear they wanted the probe to continue. As Wielechowski, a member of the panel that summoned the witnesses, testified before the Nov. 4, 2008, court date, he said that the investigation is still on track.

The single manuscript page, which has been cut off, was written by Mozart in a swift but sure hand. Without the testimony, the rejected prosecutor might be able to lead the investigation could still release a report in October as scheduled, based on the evidence he's already gathered. As Wielechowski, a Democrat, said the McCain campaign is doing all it can to prevent the Legislature from completing a report on whether the GOP's vice presidential nominee abused her power as governor. The Legislature does not have the leverage to compel any witness to testify before Nov. 4, said Wielechowski, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The single sheet, signed by Wielechowski, should be worth $2 million, kids who say it's 'entirely forgotten.'" he added. "There's no doubt that this is an original piece handwritten by Mozart." Leisinger said the work had been "entirely forgotten." Sarah Palin's husband, Todd, told The Associated Press that the witnesses can avoid testifying for months without penalty and that court action to force them to appear is unlikely.

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WEST PALM BEACH — Former U.S. Rep. Mark Foley isn’t expected to face charges after a lengthy investigation into his lurid messages to underage congressional pages, two federal law enforcement officials told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case, said the results of a state investigation would be announced Friday. They said neither state nor federal charges were expected, although an FBI investigation has not been closed yet.

Foley resigned in 2006 after being confronted with the text messages he sent to male pages. He has since been under investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI.

Foley’s attorney, David Roth, has acknowledged that Foley sent the messages to the teenagers, but has maintained that the Florida Republican never had inappropriate contact with minors. Roth had no immediate comment on the pending announcement.

Shortly after Foley’s resignation, Roth announced Foley was gay and had been molested by a priest as a teenage altar boy. Foley also checked himself into an Arizona treatment facility for what his attorneys said was “alcoholism and other behavioral problems.”

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Mother requests medal for son

Brenton, spokeswoman for Secretary Donald Winter, said in a written statement that he receive the Medal of Honor went through reviews by the Marine Corps, U.S. Central Command, the Office of the Secretary of Defense and ultimately up to Defense Secretary Gates.

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VFW Post 2423 plans to appeal the denial by Defense Secretary Gates of Peralta’s nomination for the Medal of Honor.

But Rosa Peralta said she was led to believe her son would get the Medal of Honor in a November 2007 telephone call from an undersecretary of the Navy, she said.

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Peralta was shot several times in the face and body during a house-to-house search in Fallujah Nov. 15, 2004, during some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

According to witness accounts, Peralta lay mortally wounded in a Kuwaiti building that was under attack by a Marine patrol. He was subsequently killed by a fellow Marine.

But Gates said there was some contradictory evidence, Gates instead took the extra step of asking five other individuals to review the case again, including inspecting the evidence and re-enacting the event, Whitman said.

"Each independently recommended to me that the evidence did not support the award of Medal of Honor," he said.

Gates made his decision this week.

"There was conflicting evidence in the case of Sgt. Peralta as to whether he could have performed his final acts given the nature of his injuries," saidCapt. Brenton R. Brenton, spokesman for the Department of the Navy, who she said told her the nomination was to be forwarded to the White House.

On Thursday, Defense Department spokesman Bryan Whitman said there was a June 2007 Navy recommendation for the Medal of Honor, but it never went to the White House because Gates didn’t approve it.

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Progress towards sustainability admirable but delayed

Earlier this year, the University of Notre Dame received a grade of C from the Sustainable Endowments Institute for its efforts to become more environmentally friendly. The 2008 College Sustainability Report Card averaged grades in eight different categories, including "Administration," "Climate Change & Energy," and "Investment Priorities." With one A, three Ds and four Cs, our campus sustainability G.P.A. rose from last year’s widely publicized D-.

What changed in the span of a year?

In terms of the report, in 2007 the University was awarded an F in "Administration," "Green Building," "Climate Change" and "Endowment Transparency." Those grades have risen to C, C, D and D, respectively.

Notre Dame’s highest grade in 2007, a C in "Investment Priorities," poses an A with the report citing the University’s goal to “optimize investment return” as well as current investment in renewable energy funds as a reason for the grade increase.

On campus, the changes resulting from the D- are obvious. Recycling bins are more widespread and visible now than ever before. Programs for the Opening Mass were locally printed with environmentally friendly ink. This year’s Academic Forum, one of President Rev. John Jenkins’ big initiatives since taking office, will focus on sustainable energy, with the goal of continuing dialogue and research across campus well after the Forum on Sept. 24th. Father Jenkins has also repeatedly connected sustainability with Catholic values, such as the stewardship of natural resources.

While the administration’s efforts at change are admirable, it’s surprising that this topic went without notice for so long. Until last year’s report card, "sustainability" was hardly the buzzword it is now. "An Inconvenient Truth" had already permeated American and world culture, and global warming has been a topic of concern for years.

Even the discussion of Catholicism and the environment is hardly new. Rewind over two decades to November of 1987, when Pope John Paul II oversaw a symposium on the environment through the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. The Holy Father remarked then that "the environment merits most careful attention and is truly one of tremendous importance at the present moment in the history and development of our modern world."

Why, then, have environmental issues received so little attention at Notre Dame until now? The administration seems to be taking a reactive, rather than proactive, approach to these problems. Our peer schools have been focusing on sustainability issues for years. In 2007, the Observer reported that Harvard University received an A- from the Sustainable Endowments Institute, as well as Dartmouth College, Stanford University and Williams College.

It’s clear that the administration is working to expand the potential of Our Lady’s University. One has to ask, however, if the current focus on sustainability is really motivated by a sense of our environmental responsibility.
Chairman Howard Dean without a single Obama quote. On the surface, both men are liberals, but Dean spoke a political strategy on how to win red states while Obama’s political policy affected the nation. One could argue that in an effort to maintain viewers, Fox pandered to its demographic supporter — a type of editorial content nonexistent in 2000, but one worthy of thumbs-up ratings.

I personally identify myself as liberal. Ironically, while the Vietnam War raged, I entered Notre Dame as a somewhat conservative, if you know what I mean. I do not drink the liberal kool aide like Rachel Maddow at MSNBC. In fact, I dis-agree with her she stretches logic in her “Mind Over Chatter” or “Ms. Instant Analogy” comments on her new commentary program which now fills the time slot previously held by conservative Republican presidential nominee Sarah Palin last week. Maddow played Palin’s remarks to Alaskan troops departing for Iraq in a major story with negative emotion; she stated the mission was part of God’s plan. Maddow does not need to accuse Palin of advocating a government sanctioned church. Following both political conventions, MSNBC executives announced that Chris Matthews, host of the political discussion show “Hardball,” and Keith Olbermann, host of the political satire show “Countdown,” would no longer participate in the network’s election night coverage for November. Some noted that the two personalities were so partisan that MSNBC executives averted an internal war with established NBC journalists Tom Brokaw and Brian Williams, whose sense of news reporting never had a political bent. It was no news flash for Hillary Clinton supporters who recognized the type with a Budweiser logo as the liberal type. Matthews and Olbermann’s demise began during the primary election cycle. They consistently demonstrated overt excitement of the possibility of upset Obama knocking off a Clinton. For Clinton liberals, the Clinton-bashing felt like our mother was eating her young like in the animal world. Olbermann-exposed questions about Obama differently than about Clinton. One evening, he mildly asked Maddow “Some say Obama is not capturing certain segments of the electorate. What does he need to do to appeal more to working class Democrats for example?” Later, Olbermann set up an argument with negative emotion; he stated the mission was part of God’s plan. Maddow does not need to accuse Palin of advocating a government sanctioned church.

Andrew Wesi wrote a column yesterday ("Moving beyond the “us” and “them” status draw s response from our South Bend residents," W T T, Sept. 18). The interaction with South Bend residents apart from just service experiences forming a “two-way footed engagement,” which, he argues, is the only way we can overcome our socioeconomic and historical differences. After all, he argues, an overwhelming majority of South Bend residents are “NASC-ar-loving mimographs of My Name is Earl characters.” Thanks Nesi, how gracious of you. Saying “we people have disparate interests and experiences, nuanced beyond the stereotype like muh it is we each cleanly fit ourselves and others’ sounds lofty and academic, and we need to negate the patronizing language he used in his opening paragraph to describe his experience.

I’ll summarize his unflattering description for those who didn’t get the pleasure (I mean charisma) of reading it yesterday: “The house with the bitch press on the porch ... mailbox man was shirtless ... waitress with a 'no tip' belly ... sparse, premature gray hair on his chest.” And here’s my favorite: “If you don’t say ‘hello, how are you’ you can’t call yourself a college student, instead of policies that drives students away from neighborhood where children are growing to get to know, and show yourself worthy of these policies.”

As the entire Notre Dame community, we have to make an effort to resist the temptation that comes with the presidential election — the temptation of self-aggrandize ment. Instead of accentuating differences, let’s focus on connecting individually and collectively — conduits of blessing for our local community. The tension between us and others, in truth, is not about differences but understanding and sympathetic differences or posing solutions in our everyday interactions. We have to make an effort where we can be college students, not all South Bend residents are not South Bend. Talk to your cab driver, your bar tender, have the best opportunity to break down, understand them. In every sense of the word, they are your equals, and their labor is as dignified as your schoolwork. Put pressure on student leaders and university officials to enact policies that includes students who are serving you in the Huddle members — are serving you in the Huddle for you.

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But as I thought more about it, I actually felt bad for him. Here’s a guy that sees the differences and has at least some desire to bridge the culture gap between “Domer” and “townie.” Between “haves” and “haves not,” between “us” and “them.” They’re the same differences we face every day out here in the “real world.”

Thankfully, Andrew, in your current role you have the blessing of being able to do something about it. Since you don’t know Mailbox Man’s name, it is obvious that you have not interacted with your university’s own neighbors.

Why not? Surely your differences don’t stop you from paying them even this minimum courtesy: if they were students, wouldn’t you have done so by now?

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**LEAD ACTOR IN A DRAMA SERIES**

**Analise:**
It'd be fun to see "Boston Legal" star James Spader repeat his surprise success from last year, and given the occasionally random tendencies of the Emmys, anything's possible. Still, I'm going with John Hamm; Don Draper, the advertising executive with a whole lot of drama behind those smoky eyes, "Mad Men" is incredible and Hamm's winning the statue would be the icing on the cake of a "Mad Men" sweep.

**Chris:**
James Spader has won three of the last four years in this category because "Boston Legal" gives him showy speeches to make near the end of his sample episodes. This year, his sample episode contains a 10-minute diatribe in front of the Supreme Court. Jon Hamm should win, but his superhero performance is underplayed. Michael C. Hall has a shot for "Dexter," it's hard for an actor to win four Emmys for one role, but Spader is going to do it.

**LEAD ACTRESS IN A DRAMA SERIES**

**Analise:**
Comedon — I started watching "Brothers and Sisters" towards the end of last season. It got good! Don't judge me! The point, though, is that Sally Field would be a solid winner in this category. In the end, though, I'm going with my longtime favorite, Mariska Hargitay in "Law and Order: SVU." You don't mess with Branson, fools. You just don't.

**Chris:**
FX's "Damages" received a whole bunch of nominations, but look for it to get ignored — except in this category. This year's award belongs to Glenn Close. Field won last year, but it'll be hard to repeat against another veteran actress on a new show with a lot of buzz.

**Stephanie:**
Mariska Hargitay never fails to deliver. "Law and Order" is unstoppable in any form, but she managed to take her token female character and make it indispensable. Every week she deals with the same issues, and every week she reveals something we never expected to see.

**LEAD ACTOR IN A COMEDY SERIES**

**Analise:**
As much as some part of me still loves "Monk," it's time to stop the Shalhoub Machine. I'm going with Alec Baldwin as Jack Donaghy on "30 Rock." Where is Steve Carell is funny, Baldwin is outrageous. This year is the year of "30 Rock," ladies and gentlemen. Let ready for a new era of Donaghy Domination.

**Chris:**
Most pundits have predicted Alec Baldwin, thanks to a knockout scene in his sample episode in which he impersonates Jordan's family. Steve Carell has a lot of things going for him with his sample episode. He gets a lot of screen time, whereas Baldwin is only in his episode for a few minutes. Baldwin may be the popular choice, but I'm picking Carell to finally win his overdue Emmy.

**Stephanie:**
Though I will take Steve Carell any time, Baldwin is running away with all predictions. And you'd be a fool not to jump onto that bandwagon. "30 Rock" without blink is an eye. This category is caught somewhere between "Rock" and "The Office," and I'm going with Baldwin.

**LEAD ACTRESS IN A COMEDY SERIES**

**Analise:**
Frey is in the "it" girl right now. When she accepted a SAG award last year, Fey compared acting with Alec Baldwin to Fred Astaire dancing with a hat rack and people saying, "Oh, the hat rack's pretty good too." Expect the hat rack to take home an acting Emmy.

**Chris:**
Oh, Christina, I love ya. Christina! Gotta love a woman who makes the transition from Broadway to television seamlessly, like "Samatha Who?" and "30 Rock." Christina Applegate. I adore her, but I must admit this category is pretty locked up by Tina Fey. She's riding down the mountain on her metaphorical snowboard, and right now, nothing can stop her.

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**Chris:**
Again, a very solid category. I think Michael Emerson from "Lost," if anyone deserves an Emmy for what is arguably the most popular television show of the year and the amoral man who gives a tour de force in his Shape of Things will be hard for anyone such a performance and they won't.

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CHRIS HINE AND STEPHANIE DEPREZ

AWARDS LIVE ON ABC THIS SUNDAY

OUTSTANDING DRAMA SERIES

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Chris: “Mad Men” has all the buzz and deservedly so. It’s a layered drama featuring outstanding performances, particularly by Jon Hamm and Elisabeth Moss. Expect this to win; however, past champ “Lost” is the dark horse now that it’s finally back in the race after getting snubbed the past two seasons. But this category has two glaring omissions from the nominee list — “Friday Night Lights” and “The Wire.”

OUTSTANDING COMEDY SERIES

Stephenie: I love Sandra Oh. I’ve loved her ever since she fawned over Julie Andrews in “The Princess Diaries.” And I love her even more today. She walks the line between serious actress and funny woman.

Chris: Both 2006 winner “The Office” and 2007 winner “30 Rock” tailed off a bit from their Emmy-winning seasons, but “30 Rock” still has the coolness factor with voters since its win last year. No new comedies have come along to challenge it. In fact, I’m picking “30 Rock” on the grounds of “30 Rock” tailed off a bit from their Emmy-winning seasons, but “30 Rock” still has the coolness factor with voters since its win last year. No new comedies have come along to challenge it. In fact, I’m picking “30 Rock” to defend its crown.

OUTSTANDING REALITY SERIES

Stephenie: Despite the guilty pleasure status of “America’s Next Top Model,” I’m picking “Project Runway” in this category. I love the hosting moment, though, as this show is going to Rainn Wilson. “The Office” deserves a win, and it’s coming in right here.

Chris: It’s hot, it’s cool, and it’s oh so project-runwayish. “30 Rock” is my pick. That being said, nothing really soothes the soul like a good episode of “The Office.” But I do think this is the year of the Rock.

BEST VARIETY SHOW HOST

Stephenie: It’s Barry Kurland still even on TV? God bless Colbert. Now, come on and speak and graduation, who’s on.

Chris: Colbert may get his win in this category. Each of the past two years, a legendary singer has won this category — Barry Manilow and Tony Bennett — and another legend is in it this year, albeit a comedic one. Don Rickles. But I have a feeling voters have waited long enough to honor Colbert.
By NATHANIEL LEE, CHRIS MASOD, KELLEN MATHERS, BRYAN BECHT, and MOLLY SAMMON

This Sunday the Chaos will begin their quest for a second consecutive state championship against the veteran McGinn Shamrocks. The title, led by Senior Quarterback Katie Dunn, have only one goal in mind: win it all.

"This year is about a repeat, but it's also about getting freshers playing time," Dunn said. "Basically, we're going to dominate."

The first obstacle on the path to the title will be Garfield deGroot and the girls of McGinn. Coming off an 0-5 season, the Shamrocks will use experienced players with a fresh strategy.

"We lost a lot of close games last year, but hope the new administration of our new, more complete offense, will come out on top" deGroot said.

Senior tackle Maddie Walsh, while still in stalling some of the offense, will be looking to "make quarterbacks go," she said.

Meanwhile, the defense will focus on "forming a pocket big enough to hide the quarterback in the dining hall." Garfield deGroot will look to senior wide receivers Lulu Merez and Jennifer Fedyina for the big plays. Senior tackle Maddy Holcomb is the only one familiar with the defensive side of the ball. deGroot said that while the seniors will be key, "the team features both new and returning talent."

The ball games will clash Sunday at LaBar Fields at 1 p.m.

Howard vs. Lyons

Looking to build upon a successful season last year that saw the Orange's first playoff appearance, the Ducks are confident they can begin the season with a statement win on Sunday.

Senior Quarterback Kayla Bishop said her team's discipline in practice will translate into success on the field.

"We're going to march down the field and I don't care how we get it done," Bishop said. "We won't be looking for the long play, but if it happens we'll take it."

With the return of Katie Sylvia and Mary Jenkins to the defensive line, the Ducks are expecting great things from the Lyons in the trenches. Wide receiver Laura Giezeman will pres­ent the Lyons a defense and will be key in their successes this season.

Lyons will also be looking to return to the playoffs this year after a successful campaign last year. Led by junior captain Claire Connell, the Lions are poised to make a name for themselves.

"We had a solid team last year, but just didn't have enough bodies," Connell said. "This year we have plenty of young talent to support our veteran core."

Connell will try to connect with sophomore running back and receiver Neva Landy to ignite the Lions offense. Middle linebacker Shannon Brady, who brings the talent and toughness to the young team, will anchor the defense.

"In the end, I think we will come down to defense," Connell said.

"Basically, we're going to anchor the offense," Dunn said.

"We're always the first game to be entertaining because there will be a lot of freshness out there," she said.

The team faces Lyons at 2 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Walsh vs. Farley

With the arrival of fall, Walsh has moved into first place. The Wild Women of Walsh, led by Captains Kehau Mayer and Cindy Breen-Phillips, are relying on their veteran leadership and young talent to compete against the Lady Lions of Farley.

"We have a really good young team," Mayer said. "We are just hoping that our seniors and underclassmen set an example for the younger ones that Walsh takes interhall seriously."

Walsh returns plenty of talent on both sides of the ball and along with the addition of incoming freshers, could field a potentially fearsome squad.

Farley's Finest are excited about their prospects as well. Coming off a loss to the Finest in the semifinals, Farley hopes to build on their past success along with a renewed motivation and energy.

"We're a little bit younger," Farley captain Jenny Rolfs said.

"On offense, we're a very old-fashioned aerial attack.

"We have a solid set of receivers and our quarterback is going to do a good job hitting them," Rolfs said.

Defensively, an experienced linebacking corps is the way for the Finest. Overall, Rolfs has focused on "getting back into the swing of things," while still installing some new plays in practice.

As for Sunday, though, Rolfs is unsure what to expect from both teams.

"We had a great game against Walsh last year, probably our best game of the year," she said. "But they had a lot of players graduating, so it's a new team entirely."

"Meyer envisions an inspired, if not flawless, performance against her team," she added.

"We always expect the first game to be entertaining because there will be a lot of freshness out there," she said.

The teams face off Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Pangborn vs. Welsh Family

The Pangborn Phoxes are point starting championship season at Pangborn this Sunday.

"For us seniors, this is an opportunity to lead our team's in the midst of rebuilding," senior Mary Blood said. "We're always willing to put our defense and offense.

"Neither team is willing to field a guess as to the outcome on Sunday."

"You never really know who is going to step up, it's very exciting," Blood said. "It's all about learning who's going to work best together."

The game is at 3 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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**Los Angeles Dodgers closer Jonathan Broxton celebrates with teammate Manny Ramirez after closing down the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 12th inning to preserve a 4-3 win in Pittsburgh yesterday.**

**Schilling blasts Ramirez for attitude**

Associated Press

**BOSTON — The media called Manny Ramirez's quirks "Manny being Manny." Curt Schilling sees it differently.**

In an interview Wednesday on Boston radio station WEEI-AM, the injured Boston Red Sox starting pitcher took former teammate to task, saying Manny's "level of disrespect to teammates and people was unfathomable."

Ramirez was dealt to the Los Angeles Dodgers at the trade deadline after complaining the team had tried to turn the fans against him and that the Red Sox no longer deserved him.

Ramirez was in the last year of his contract, with the team holding two one-year options for $20 million each.

In eight seasons in Boston, Ramirez's quirks were widely seen as harmless, or dismissed as a small price to pay for having such a gifted hitter in the lineup. But Schilling, speaking with "Big Show" late Wednesday on Boston radio station WEEI-AM, the former Red Sox players were widely seen as arrogant and self-centered.

"There were times when you had players who were on like fire duty, 'Show up tomorrow, I'm not sure if you're playing or not, we've gotta find out what [Manny] wants to do,' That's not fair to anybody."
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SMC CROSS-COUNTRY Invite to test Belles’ success

By KATELYN GRABAREK Sports Writer Although the Belles have had success early this season, they face tough competition when they head to the Calvin Invitational. "I am looking for progress out of the team," head coach Jackie Bauters said. "I want to see them continue to push themselves and find their race. It’s a pretty stacked race with some ranked Division-III teams, so it’s not necessarily about seeing the team place well so much as seeing them work on the things we’ve been talking about and hopefully with the caliber of the meet, have some really great times." The field will include teams from Alma, Aquinas, Baldwin Wallace, Calvin, Case Western Reserve, Denison, Ohio Northern University, Oshkosh, and Spring Arbor. Calvin’s team is ranked No. 2 in the Division-III rankings. Case Western Reserve is ranked No. 10, and Oshkosh is ranked No. 50. The Belles are coming off of two fourth place finishes in their last two races at the Hokem Karem and the Bradley Invite. "I was pretty pleased with their performance last Friday," Bauters said. "They definitely went out to compete. We’re not to the point of them feeling good for the last half-mile but we’re getting there, they are running more tired and I think they all ran well given the circumstances." Leading the Belles racers in each of their last two races has been junior Megan Mcclowry. Mcclowry finished 12th out of 111 runners at the Bradley Invite last week and teamed with freshman Arihane Rodriguez in the Hokem Karem to again lead the Belles to their fourth place finish. "The difference for me this season is due to summer training," Mcclowry said. "I was able to come in with a good base and then my teammates have helped push the pace at workouts this season." Mcclowry and her teammates will be looking to improve on their times this weekend before hosting the MIAA Jamboree. "One of our goals for the team this year is to improve upon our finish in the conference," Mcclowry said. "Last year we got fourth place, which was the highest place we had gotten, and we hope to better our place this year. One of my goals, along with some of the other girls is to consistently break the 20-minute barrier in the 5k." Jackie Bauters Belles coach "I want to see them continue to push themselves and find their race."
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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Teams to compete at Catholic race

Race to be held at Notre Dame Golf Course; men and women both look for repeat wins

By LAURA MYERS

It's fitting that the Notre Dame cross-country team historically dominated an event its coach created.

The men's and women's cross-country teams will run at home today in the National Catholic Championships, which head coach Joe Piane started in 1980.

"It was a nice concept, all the Catholic teams competing," Piane said.

The Irish men have won 19 of the 28 running, including 17 of the past 20. The women have won 16 of the last 20, and both took the title last year.

"I think we're real prepared. We have a bunch of young guys and it should be an exciting meet for us," Piane said.

Piane said only one of the seven runners who ran last year will be competing in the race, but that does not worry him.

"I think we're real prepared," he said. "We have a bunch of young guys and it should be an exciting meet for us."

The women's team will be going with experience, running only two freshmen, women's head coach Tim Connelly said.

Included in the lineup for the women are sophomore Marissa Treece and junior Lindsey Ferguson, who took first and fourth, respectively, at this event last year. Treece also finished first of 61 runners at the Valparaiso Invitational two weeks ago, while Ferguson finished second. (Treece) is training really well. I expect her and (Ferguson) to run well on Friday," Connelly said.

Both teams go into the race with added pressure because they were ranked in the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll. The US TrackCCCA ranked the Irish men No. 20 in the nation, out of about 320 teams. The men were also ranked third in the Great Lakes Region, behind Michigan and Wisconsin. The women were ranked No. 4 in the region, behind Michigan State, Wisconsin and Michigan.

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Both teams can start to prove themselves today at 3:30.

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MLB

Reds to host Civil Rights Games

The Cincinnati Reds will host the majors' first two regular-season Civil Rights Games. Major League Baseball made the announcement on Thursday at Great American Ball Park. The Reds' game against the Chicago White Sox on June 20 will serve as the first one to be held during the season, followed by another to be played in Cincinnati in 2010.

"It's pretty exciting that they're having the game here, especially when you've got the Freedom Center right next door and the history of the town," said Reds manager Dusty Baker, who is black.

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9/21 vs. W. Michigan @ 2 pm
Big Red
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top as well. Last year, the Big Red lost in the first round of the playoffs to eventual champ­ion Stanford.
Cugliari thinks his team has a good chance at improving on their 2-1-1 record from last year because of their style of play. He said that his team was looking to hit hard on both sides of the ball.
Like Bono, Cugliari also says his team will have the best chance at victory on Sunday if they execute well and don’t turn the ball over.
The teams play at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon on Riehle Field.
Keenan vs. Keough
After falling short in the championship last year, the Keenan Knights have one mis­sion: a return to the title game. Keenan team captain Barton Dear is optimistic about his team’s prospects for the upcoming season.
"We lost a few key players," Dear said. "But I think we can replace them and hopefully win it all.
Dear’s balance of talent on both offense and defense makes them a formidable threat.
"We should be pretty strong on both sides of the ball," Dear said. "Last year defense was our main strength, but we have evened out a little more this year.
Dear added that the line play on both sides of the ball, and how Keenan’s two freshman quarterbacks handle pressure, will be key. Freshmen Terry Mahoney and Pat Kelly will split time behind center for the Knights.
"We are really going to be counting on our quarterbacks ... to come through for us."
Dear said.
On the other sideline, Keough will try to rebound after a 1-3 season last year.
Captain Nazur Ahmed is cau­tiously optimistic about the upcoming season for the Kangaroos.
"We are a lot more organized than in the past. We have a lot of new talent we are excited about," he said.
In addition to some key new players, Keough will rely on its solid receiving corps led by Chris Kossinski and Dorian Inzunza. Ahmed said Inzunza was, "extremely athletic, quick and powerful. We rely on him heavily and he always per­forms.
While Ahmed understands Keenan’s reputation, he said his squad isn’t afraid of them.
"We have a lot of respect for Keenan. They are per­sonally a very tough competitor," he said. "(But) we prepare for anything.
The two will meet Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Fields.
Fisher vs. Sorin
A year ago, the Fisher Green Wave came within one game of the interhall championship, losing to eventual champion Stanford.
This year’s team will have a new look, returning only nine players. Nonetheless, team captain Brian Monson isn’t worried.
"Fisher football hasn’t skipped a beat from last year," he said.
The Green Wave hopes to back up that confidence with a strong defense. Monson points to a few key returning starters on defense to uphold the Fisher tradition.
The young Fisher team will have to maximize quickly, as they face Sorin Sunday.
Otters captain Bob Gallagher pointed to his team’s offensive line as their greatest asset. The line hopes to plow a path for highly-touted freshman Bobby Sullivan. The Otters are so con­fident in Sullivan’s ability that they have adopted the phrase “Wanna win? Let Bobby spin,” as their team motto.
Both teams know the impor­tance of starting the season off with a victory, and each squad is eager to finally gauge where they are as a team. In a four-week regular season, each contest can be the difference between the Stadium and the dorm room.
The game kicks off Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle fields.
Duncan vs. Knott
Duncan Hall and Knott Hall will kick off their respective Interhall Football seasons at 2 p.m. Sunday on the Riehle Fields.
This will be the inaugural season for Duncan Hall — nicknamed to be announced.
Led by senior captain Garrett Burke, Duncan will try to begin a winning tradition Sunday.
Duncan will field a young team, with many freshman players. However, Burke said skill and experience will be a factor.
"Our team has a handful of upperclassmen with strong leadership that has helped our freshman get ready for game time," he said.
Burke also added having a lot of freshmen on the team may be beneficial. Many of the freshmen played large roles on their high school football teams only a year ago.
"They are still sharp from years of high school experi­ence," he said.
On the offensive side of the ball, Duncan has high hopes for running backs Mike Kaerns and quarterback Chris Topps.
"Topps is pretty good if you like 6-foot-2 230-pound quar­terbacks with a laser rocket left hand," Burke, referencing one of Colts quarterback Peyton Manning’s many com­mercials.
On the other side of the ball, Knott will try to rebound from a disappointing 1-3 campaign last season.
Junior captain Aidan Fitzgerald said that Knott’s ground game will be one of the team’s strengths and they expect to establish a dominant rushing attack.
“We have a very deep back­field which will allow us to keep fresh legs carrying the ball,” he said.
While the Juggerknotts lost one of their biggest threats at wide receiver, Nate Prochaska, to graduation, they return many starters from last season’s squad.
Sophomore Cam Smith and Junior Jeff Skorup return, and should provide stability at the rushing and receiving posi­tions, respectively. While fellow returning sophomore J.T. Redshaw will make his first start at quarterback for Knott.
Both teams are ready to begin their runs at the stadium.
"We are looking forward to hitting someone else for a change," Fitzgerald said.
Alumni vs. Morrissey
Interest was so high in the Alumni Interhall football squad that it took three practices to make cuts and finalize the ro­ster. The result of those cuts? A team that consists mostly of freshmen and sophomores.
After a rough season last year, the team will try to be a strong force in the league.
"There are quite a few fresh­men with a lot of experience from high school, that the team will be relying both offensively and defensively," captain Luke Betterman said.
One of these key players is freshman running back Barrick Bollmin.
"Our quarterback can throw a great ball, we have a physical fullback, and look to be an attacking defense," said Bollmin, who is looking for­ward to the season’s first Notre Dame Interhall football.
As a whole, Alumni’s strength lies in its speed, and the team has also made an effort to spend quite a bit of time in the classroom during preseason, which it hopes will give them an edge on Sunday.
Captain Joe McBryder said Morrissey is "ready to go, ready to play," and will be counting on a strong defense to bring them the win. On the other side of the ball, the team has been working on a new spread offense, with the quar­terback receiving most snaps out of the shotgun.
"For the past few years we were a ‘three and a yard and a cloud of dust’ running team, but this year our offense will be much more explosive and fluid," sophomore Phil Yuhas said.
A key to their success in the past, Yuhas should be a strong force on an aggressive defen­sive squad.
Other players to look for this fall include wide receiver Carl Anderson, and left tackle Mike Kaiser. The Monarchs are also hoping to use speed to their advantage on both sides of the field.
Due to the recent rainfall, the two teams have had limited practice opportunities and are currently working to fit in a few extra practices before the big game.
Alumni and Morrissey will face off at 1:00p.m, Sunday, at Riehle Field, in the opening game of the men’s interhall football season.
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Belles head to MIAA jamboree in third place

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

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Belles to play Depauw after two home wins

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

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"They're telling him that wherever he can get on the field first is where he'll play. In the end it might end up being Notre Dame, but they're right in it with Penn State and Rutgers for the lead."

Defensive end Chris Boudin of Columbus, S.C., soaked in his first visit to Notre Dame campus and came away impressed. Another person who enjoyed the experience was Boudin's mother, who could influence the selection process.

"Bonds came in thinking, 'I don't know about Notre Dame,'" Frank said. "But he left thinking 'this is actually a really nice place.' The key for the Irish is to continue giving him attention. They've got defensive coordinator Corwin Brown recruiting him and he's been great at reeling in top talent."

'The Irish opened his eyes on the Notre Dame campus and came away impressed. Another person who enjoyed the experience was Boudin's mother, who could influence the selection process.

"He's been looking at schools in the Southeastern Conference, and the leaders in the Southeastern Conference and the leaders are Alabama and Tennessee. If Alabama is perfect for that.

"With Davon, it's interesting," Frank said. "He likes Notre Dame, but Boston College was kind of leading. The Irish opened his eyes on the latest visit. There aren't too many defensive ends left on the board, so he's a big target. He'll probably have his final look at Notre Dame on his official, and that could solve all his questions."

Although sometimes inclement weather spells trouble for recruiting during game days, the rain heightened the passion and atmosphere of the crowd — something the high school talent quickly picked up on.

"It's huge for the Irish," Frank said. "The most important thing for them was that kids wanted to see a winner again. They want to see emotion and passion in the environment, and I think Michigan was perfect for that."

"I think Nyschler Oliver is the most likely at this point," Frank said. "He's still taking his visits and looking around, but they need a speed receiver and he would be a huge get."

In addition to the high school seniors, Notre Dame laid out some solid groundwork on the prospects of the recruiting class of 2010. Of the 13 that have been offered scholarships thus far, six were present against the Wolverines.

"They really did a great job of bringing in some top junior talent," Frank said. "They set themselves up for the future with a great win. Also, the recruits were able to meet each other and spend some time together which is always good."

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the Golden Dome Invitational.

"We are not looking ahead right now," Brown said. "We are looking at every game and we are going to worry about face to face."

Coming into its ninth Golden Dome Invitational, Notre Dame is 13-8-1 all-time, having won 10 of its last 14 matches in the event.

The Irish are entering some uncharted territory, however. They have not faced Liberty, UC Irvine or Western Michigan in a long time, according to Brown.

"We have played them before, but not recently," Brown said. "So we do know that they are having pretty good pre-seasons."

Up first for the Irish on Friday is Liberty with an impressive 8-2 record and a decent schedule. The Flames won their first eight matches of the season before finally losing their first two games to Northern Iowa and No. 18 Kansas State.

Liberty likes to rely on its star sophomore middle hitter Nikki Scipio, Brown said. "They try to get her the ball a lot," Brown said.

To beat Liberty, Brown stressed the need to work hard and serve aggressively. "Brown said. "We need to take their options away."

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Defensive end Chris Bonds of Columbus, S.C., soaked in his first visit to Notre Dame campus and came away impressed. Another person who enjoyed the experience was Boudin's mother, who could influence the selection process.

"We have done so well in the conference, we typically win our league," he said. "We're excited to play in the Big East this year and I'm sure there's extra motivation to keep it up."

Waldrum said even though DePaul is 2-6, the matchup is a dangerous one for the Irish because it is the first Big East game for both teams.

'It's the first conference game so you have to see if everyone on the conference is like and you want to rack up as many in-conference wins as possible," the coach said.

In addition, DePaul plays on a small, turf field that Waldrum said nullifies some of Notre Dame's athleticism.

"The facility they use is very small," he said. "Hopefully it keeps us sharp and we realize that it might present some difficulty for us."

The Blue Demons have won two of their last three games after dropping their first five contests.

After facing off against DePaul, Notre Dame will fly back home to take on No. 17 Penn State. Brown upper their Big Ten status. Last Friday before beating No. 25 Connecticut on the road, the Irish fell in the rankings, a factor Waldrum said could make the home team hungrier when the Irish come to town.

"I almost wish they hadn't lost to Brown because that might have added some fuel to their fire," he said. "And with us beating them, they're gonna be really ready to go."

Penn State beat the Irish 2-1 at Alumni Field in the teams' only meeting last season. Waldrum said his squad outplayed the Nittany Lions in that game but the visitors had one great equalizer — then-sophomore goalie Alyssa Naeher.

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SOCCER

Creams of the crop

No. 1 women open Big East competition

By FRAN TOLAN
Assistant Sports Editor

Another weekend, another tough road trip for the Irish. Top-ranked Notre Dame (6-0-0) opens Big East play at DePaul tonight before heading to State College to take on No. 17 Penn State Sunday.

The Irish have not talked as a team about the No. 1 ranking that they earned for the first time of the season this week. But coach Randy Waldrum said he knows his players will have added incentive to win this weekend in order to retain it.

"The program and the team is used to (being ranked No. 1) but I'm not naive enough to think the girls don't read see RANKING/page 21

INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Young Carroll squad seeks improvement on 0-4 season

By CHARLIE SPOKES, ALEX WEST, KYLE SMITH, DOUGLAS FARMER, MATTHEW WILSEY AND LIZA NAVARRO
Sports Writers

Despite different results last season, both St. Ewars and Carroll will try to get their interhall seasons off to a hot start on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Rehle fields.

The Stedsmen, who had a 3-2 record last season, return sophomore quarterback Matt Abeling. "Last year was totally unexpected and fun after St. E'd's supposedly failed to score a single point during the previous four seasons," team captain Andy Nester said.

St. Ed's has been working extensively on perfecting its kickoff return and coverage teams and is intent on playing together as a team.

"We really want to stress team unity and being on the same page," Nester said. "The Verm-in are looking to improve their team after going 0-4 last season. "We had our ups and downs," captain Nick Ruof said. "But we've been working on smashmouth football with our double tight-end formations and a clever defensive scheme."

Carroll's squad is comprised mostly of young players, but does return last year's quarterback Kris Kast. "We just want to have some fun and score more points than the other team," Ruof said.

Dillon vs. O'Neill

The Dillon Big Red and The Angry Mob from O'Neill square off Sunday in a season-opening matchup of two teams searching for redemption.

After a disappointing 2007 season, the Mob are determined to rebound. Hopes were high after reaching the championship game in 2006, but O'Neill couldn't get things together last year.

"We had a lot of talent, we just didn't get much out of it," Captain Matthew Bono said of last year's squad. "All I can say is that it's a different offense from last year."

"O'Neill is changing their offensive strategy, Bono said their best chance for victory will come from good execution and playing mistake-free football.

Big Red team captain Chris Cugliari also said a rebound is possible for O'Neill.

"We're not taking O'Neill lightly," he said. "We believe they will be back at the top."

The Big Red captain is confident in his team's ability to

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Golden chance to improve

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame looks to build momentum this weekend when it hosts the Golden Dome Invitational against Liberty, UC Irvine and Western Michigan.

The Irish (3-0) had a tough couple of weeks against some of the best competition in the country. They faced No. 11 Minnesota, No. 4 California and No. 16 Cal in a span of only three days.

"We have learned so much in the past few weeks," head coach Debbie Brown said. "Now we need to apply what we have learned."

The Irish want to build momentum this weekend to carry over into Big East play next week, but Brown said the team's focus is still squarely on

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FOOTBALL

Rainy game may have attracted top recruits

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Imagine being a highly touted recruit visiting one of the premier football programs in the nation on a fall Saturday in September, in which the hosts played their most barb wire in a rainy, raucous atmosphere to pick up a convincing win.

For the high school talents in attendance at Notre Dame's 2017 win over Michigan last week, this was precisely the case.

As a result, the Irish coaching staff is thrilled with the progress made toward receiving verbal commitments from some of these young talents. Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame football for Scout.com, said the win over the

Wolverines is exactly what the Irish needed.

"What the Irish did do is record on the season, and of these recruits had about Notre Dame," Frank said. "That and all the guys who already committed had a great time too, so it was a big week."

Some players that originally weren't highly interested in the Irish have now started to strongly consider Notre Dame as a possible destination. According to Frank, linebacker Glenn Carson from Southern Regional High School in Mahanawkin, N.J., is a perfect example.

"Notre Dame wants Carson to play from the fullback position, but he wants to stick to his natural linebacker position," Frank

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NO ONE—NOT EVEN HIS HOUSEMATES—
CAN STOP KYLE MCCARTHY,
THE NATION'S LEADING SOLO TACKLER.
Defenses turn to lead ND to victory

Against Michigan it was turnovers.
Against San Diego State it was... well, it was San Diego State. Against Michigan State it has to be stopping Javan Ringer.

Two weeks in a row Notre Dame has been able to point to a specific reason why it came away with a victory. If the Irish want to be 3-0 Saturday night, they will have to be able to shut down Ringer, Michigan State's running back.

Ringer has rushed for 498 yards and nine of his team's 12 total touchdowns. So, saying he is a focal point isn't exactly breaking new ground.

The question is: is it possible for Notre Dame to slow down the 3-foot-9, 202-pounder who looks like he is firing out of a slingshot every time he touches the ball?

Last Saturday, Michigan freshman Sam McGuffie torched the Irish defense for 131 yards on the ground. Like McGuffie, Ringer is a smaller, shifty back with a great burst of speed. But Ringer brings even more to the table.

His great vision and agility allow him to slip through the eye of a needle to find daylight, and once he gets a step on you there is no catching up.

With all the areas that Notre Dame has so noticeably improved, the one department that is lagging behind is the run defense. In their season opener, the Irish gave up 4.7 yards per carry to the Aztecs -- a predominantly passing team.

The following week the same off-tackle play sprung McGuffie again and again for big gains. It's usually not a good sign when the top two tacklers on your team are both safeties.

The problem comes from the fact that in the first two games, Notre Dame faced spread offenses that normally kept at least three receivers on the field. The extra receiver meant the Irish have spent most of the season in a nickel package with five defensive backs.

Safeties David Bruton and Kyle McCarthy have both done good jobs coming up and making plays, but by the time they read the play and get to the ball carrier, he is already a few yards downfield.

The extra man in the secondary meant that linebackers Brian Smith and Maurice Crum Jr. were on an island as the third backer, usually John Ryan, moved down to a three-point stance where a defensive end would normally play.

Playing out of position, Ryan has been about as effective as a screen door on a submarine. Right now he has as many solo tackles as wide receiver Duval Kamara -- one.

While Ryan struggled, defensive ends Ethan Johnson and Morrow Richardson watched big chunks of the game from the sidelines. If Ryan's job was to clog up the works up front rather than make tackles, it makes more sense to have an end in the game who is more comfortable using his hands to get free in tight spaces.

Michigan State does not run the spread offense. This week defensive coordinator Corwin Brown will be able to return to his normal 3-4 set that puts an extra linebacker on the field. Instead of a man in the box who should help in getting to Ringer a little bit quicker, but bringing him down will still be a challenge.

The defense has definitely improved its tackling since last season, but it is still not where it needs to be against a slippery back. McGuffie proved that last week when he turned a two-yard catch into a 40-yard touchdown littered with missed tackles in the second quarter.

In week one, the offense -- especially the line -- stepped up to avoid an embarrassing loss to the Aztecs. In week two, the special teams created good field position and big turnovers to set the tone early.

In week three, it's the defense's turn to carry the burden and lead the team to a victory.

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Man of the house

Irish safety Kyle McCarthy anchors both a tough Irish defense and his off-campus home

By BILL BRINK

"Take off your shirt!" Kyle McCarthy shakes his head, unable to hide a sheepish grin.

"Take off your shirt!" the yell comes again. It's not from a female student dying to see a football player topless, but rather from nose tackle Pat Kuntz, one of McCarthy's housemates.

"I don't want you guys to get the wrong impression, it's not a shack. It's a nice house," he said.

"It was a tough decision, but the lure of playing big-time college football really won me over."

Kyle McCarthy
Irish safety

"It taught me that no one's going to underestimate me, to be honest, to get my respect."

Kyle McCarthy Irish safety

By BILL BRINK

Irish senior safeties David Bruton (27) and Kyle McCarthy wrap up Wolverines running back Sam McGuffie during Notre Dame's 35-17 victory Saturday.

Irish defensive coordinator Gerwin Brown said McCarthy is a reliable guy and someone who does what he's taught.

"Javon Ringer is a Heisman hopeful, he's got that kind of talent. We've got to be prepared ... to come up and tackle him."

Kyle McCarthy
Irish safety

Ireland safety Kyle McCarthy anchors both a tough Irish defense and his off-campus home

now plays for the Baltimore Ravens, in front of him, but he said the two became close.

"I've tried to keep my head down, keep working." McCarthy said.

"I'm the new guy, right? I hope they underestimate me. And it kind of motivates me, to be honest, to get my respect." Kyle McCarthy Irish safety

McCarthy, Bruton and the rest of the Irish defense have a new task this weekend: stop Spartans running back Javon Ringer, who has nine touchdowns in three games this season.

"The guy that they've got, he's a Heisman hopeful, he's got that kind of talent," McCarthy said. "We've got to be prepared, the defensive line, linebackers and safeties to come up and tackle him." Tackling Ringer, he said, was "not so much a matter of positioning as one of prepping oneself for a potential big hit.

"Honestly, you probably just have to buckle up a little bit tighter," McCarthy said. "He's a guy that will juk e you, but he's got some weight to him, he's a big boy now."

"If one were to look at his teammates' stage theatrics for his photo shoot, however, one might think McCarthy capable of stopping anyone. In various poses, with Kuntz as the art director, he has a foot on Parrish's gut while Kuntz holds on for dear life. Duncan, who wanted no part of any of this, stood in hysterics in the background.

Will McCarthy to live up to his teammates' view of him, as well as his lead in solo tackles? He doesn't know, but he's not so much a matter of positioning as one of prepping oneself for a potential big hit.

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Charlie Weis
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**COACHING**

Charlie Weis proved he can handle the rigors of coaching against a tough team, showing that he can coach a team against a power-run game.

**IRISH QUARTERBACKS**

Jimmy Clausen played a decent game against Michigan, completing 10-of-21 passes with two touchdowns. He's developed a good rapport with receiver Golden Tate and should continue to improve.

Spartan quarterback Kirk Cousins has thrown only one touchdown this season and averages 185 yards per game. He did throw for 321 yards against Cal, his toughest opponent.

**IRISH RUSHING**

Robert Hughes dumped trucked his way to 79 yards and two touchdowns and averaged 4.2 yards per carry. With Armando Allen giving the defense a different look, the Irish ground game will produce good yardage.

**IRISH PASSING**

Notre Dame can now play-fake effectively, which adds one more tool to its passing repertoire. With height (Davon Kamara) and speed (Tate) at receiver, Michigan State's secondary will have to respect the pass.

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**Irish experts**

Bill Brink
Sports Editor

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**ANALYSIS**

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Dan Murphy
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As usual, a battle with the Spartans will be hard-fought and high-scoring. The passing game is good for a few big plays each game, and Hughes will continue to establish himself as the main back for the Irish with a busy day. Michigan State's Ringer will run wild with another 100-plus yard performance, but if Notre Dame can continue to play stingy defense in the red zone, it will hold off Sparty.

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Celebrity Pick

Luke Harangody
Irish forward

Harangody averaged 20.4 points per game and 10.6 rebounds per game in his sophomore season and was named Big East Player of the Year. His performances included a career-high 40 points at Louisville, a 32-point game at Connecticut.

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Irish experts
Crunching the numbers

2007 Season Averages Per Game

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What's your favorite spot on campus?
I'm going to have to say Siegfried Hall.

If you got to go anywhere in the world where would you go?
I wouldn't mind seeing the pyramids in Egypt. I think that would be pretty cool.

If you weren't playing football, what sport would you play?
I like baseball. I mean I stink at it, but I like baseball. I played when I was a little kid, but it's been a long time. I played third base back then.

What's the least favorite class you've taken at Notre Dame?
Wow, there's a whole bunch of them, it's tough to narrow it down to one. I think I'd have to say Calc II.

What is the best memory you'll take away from your time here?
Probably my freshman year when we beat Stanford to get into a BCS bowl, because of that bowl game.

Who's your favorite team to play against?
I'd say Michigan State. They're a bunch of tough guys and you have to play tough to beat them. I like banging.

Who talks the most trash out on the field?
Actually, it's probably a freshman, Rob Blanton. He's got a big mouth on him, man.

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By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

"Huuuughes! That chant — heard every time sophomore running back Robert Hughes carries the ball — has bellowed from the student section 35 times this season, and Hughes has been-listening each time.

I definitely like it, just to get the crowd into it, to know they’re having fun in the stands,” Hughes said Tuesday after practice. “It’s entertainment and I appreciate the fans getting behind it and it definitely helps the offensive line. They get behind it and it helps me run better, it motivates me.

But coming into the season, it was hard to tell how many times the students would get to yell that chant. Hughes, a powerful runner who’s rushed for 139 yards in two games, is one of three running backs the Irish use. The other two, sophomore Armando Allen, more of a speed back, and junior James Aldridge, a combination of power and instincts, have seen as many carries as Hughes has thus far.

But that still doesn’t mean Hughes will get the most carries from now on.

According to offensive coordinator Michael Haywood, the situation of the game dictates which back gets on the field, and in a driving rainstorm against Michigan, the situation called for a slower but tougher back.

“We get into a situation where there’s a downpour and you have to pound the football, and when you have to pound the football it goes to two people. James Aldridge or Robert Hughes because that’s not Armando Allen’s type of game,” Haywood said.

And when Notre Dame is near the goal line, Hughes is also called upon. Against Michigan, Hughes scored twice on short touchdown runs. So will the goal line one day become Robert Hughes’ territory?

“I wouldn’t say that,” Hughes said. “I’d say it’s Notre Dame’s territory. Because our goal is to get the ball in the end zone every time we’re inside the 20-yard line ... Your mentality is always score, no matter where you are on the field, you have to score. Whether you drive the ball in 13 plays or one play, you have to score.”

Even if hp doesn’t get the most carries every game, the coaching staff has shown that it trusts Hughes to shoulder a load in the backfield, something Hughes said he works on during spring ball. “What I’ve tried to do is, lower my pad level, Hughes said. “In high school, it was all jistsuits. Now, the game has changed. You have to have upper technique, you have to lower your pad level. Lowering his pad level has been a constant point of emphasis for Hughes. All of the power he generates when he runs could be negated if he runs straight up for a big defender to easily send him backwards. But by working to lower his pad level, Hughes has tried to use that power to gain yardage after contact.

“If he’s working on finishing runs and lowering may pad level, I worked on it going into the season thus far,” Hughes said. “That’s not going to stop him.”

Weis also said Hughes’ individual performance made the team’s "Top Ten" list of goals for this week’s game because he knows Ringer will be an integral part of the Michigan State offensive game plan.

"You might stop [Ringer] a few times but that’s not going to stop [Dantonio] from giving him the ball," Weis said.

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

Michigan State running back Javon Ringer has earned Big Ten offensive player of the week honors each of the past two weeks.


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