New research park breaks ground
Facilities will support high-level research; first building to be finished in 2009

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Notre Dame joined forces with the South Bend community Friday to break ground on the construction of Innovation Park at Notre Dame, a technology park focused on transforming high-level research from theory to practical application. University President Thomas Burish said at the groundbreaking ceremony.

"The aim of the park is to "facilitate the transformation of innovative ideas into viable marketplace ventures," according to the company's mission statement.

Innovation Park will foster research in areas such as aerospace, the environment, nanoelectronics, life sciences and more, Burish said. It will be a learning environment for students and will hopefully make South Bend more economically vibrant, he said.

An artist's rendering shows the future Innovation Park at Notre Dame. University and community officials broke ground for the research facility Friday.

Duncan reveals 'Highlander' mascot

By ROBERT SINGER
Sports Writer

A band of highlanders from Duncan Hall breached the gates of the Joyce Center on Friday evening to help host the pep rally. The other host dorms were Lyons Hall, St. Edward's Hall, Walsh Hall, Lewis Hall and Radin Hall.

Though the name "Highlander" was announced a week ago, it marked the first time that the Duncan mascot has been displayed to the public.

Many Duncan Hall residents in attendance sported T-shirts bearing the official design, a silhouette of the Scottish warrior. Others heeded the battle cry, donning kilts and war paint and arming themselves with plastic swords and shields.

They were pleased with their mascot, emphasizing its toughness.

'It's intimidating; it's Braveheart meets Notre Dame," senior Graham Sand said.

Other Duncan residents at the pep rally commented that the choice was a good fit for their dorm's Scottish heritage.

Residents of Duncan Hall dressed in costume for Friday's pep rally where their new mascot, the Highlander, was revealed.

Gryffindor defeats Slytherin on Stepan Fields

ND students organize, play Quidditch game

By JENN METZ
News Editor

If you paid attention to the scoreboard during Saturday's Irish victory over the Boilermakers of Purdue, you would have seen something strange appear between the results of other football games across the nation. Gryffindor: 170, Slytherin 60.

No, you weren't dreaming. The score of a land Quidditch match, based on the immensely popular game for wizards, was displayed Saturday, much to the surprise of the members of the rival House teams.

"I guess the score got up there by magic," junior Tamuto Takakura, of Gryffindor, said.

Takakura, and nine other Notre Dame students suited up in their Quidditch robes—meaning regular athletic apparel and caps of either scarlet or forest green—to play the magical sport, adapted, of course, for Muggles.

Junior Tim Latham, who played for Slytherin, told The Observer how one plays the game—typically played on flying broomsticks—on land.

"Exactly the way you would if you were a wizard," he said.

"Except you put a broom between your legs and run.
INSIDE COLUMN

Ethan: ‘Lost’ and found

Ethan, I thought you were out of my life forever.

Last year, over Christmas break, I had my tonsils removed and a deviated septum fixed up my nose. For a few weeks, I couldn’t do much except eat soft food, pop Percocet like it was candy and watch “Lost.”

“I never got into “Lost” when it first premiered, but when I was stuck at home in the redline, I decided it would be a good time to check it out.”

Like millions of others two pain intended, I became instantly hooked, and stayed up late at night watching the DVDs.

For those of you who aren’t fans of the above, Ethan was an “other,” or someone who was on the island before the plane crashed in the first episode.

He gave me nightmares. He tried to abduct Claire, a pregnant woman on the island, then, he tried to kill another character, Charlie.

But what really got to me was his face. Ethan just had this face that scared the crap out of me. And when you’re watching TV at 2 a.m., all the lights are off and everyone’s asleep, Ethan’s face, full of mysteriously bad intentions, is enough to send chills up your spine.

When I was younger, I hated the dark. I dreaded having to turn off all the lights and walk up our stairs by myself, completely in the dark. I never felt that way for years—then I saw Ethan. For about a week, as I walked up the steps, I was afraid that Ethan, his creepily grinning face illuminated by the glow of a nightlight, was waiting to kill me at the top of the staircase.

Then, as before alert after a few more episodes, and few nights of waking up in a cold sweat, Charlie killed Ethan. Now, even when Ethan shows up in a flashback, I don’t care because I know he gets killed. So no more worries—until now.

Ethan is still with me. How do I know? I saw him getting lunch in South Dining Hall on Friday.

I was walking out of the DH with two friends, both of whom gave me “Lost” fans, when we spotted him making his way around the stations. I have trouble with fans, but not his. The second I saw I knew him and so did my friends. But why would he be at Notre Dame?

It turns out Ethan is played by an actor named William Mapother, who, according to his official website, graduated from Notre Dame in 1987 with a degree in English Literature. Dan Murphy, an Observer sports editor, told me Mr. Mapother spoke to one of his classes last week, and I’m sure he was staying for the football game.

I regret this now, but I didn’t approach Mr. Mapother to say “Hi” or tell him about all the nightmares he gave me a few months ago. Plus, I’m sure he’s probably tired of people saying “Hey, are you Ethan? I’m sure he’ll be hearing enough of that the rest of his life.

Thankfully, I’ve slept the past two nights without any problems, but my mind will never be completely at ease. Even if he is a Denver, Ethan is still out there.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU GOT TO MEET SARAH PALIN IN PERSON, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

“I can see Canada from my house.”

“I think global warming is God hugging us too close.”

“Hot for teacher,” by Vanillafan.

“What will you marry me?”

“What will you marry him?”

IN BRIEF

A lecture entitled, “Women & Conflict: Does Transitional Justice Have a Gender?” on Monday from 12 to 1:30 p.m. will be given by Nahla Valji, of the transitional justice Program, Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa. This event is open, to the public, and located in C-103 Hesburgh Center. It is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

The Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy, in conjunction with the Hispanic Law Students Association, is sponsoring “Yearning to Breathe Free: Immigrants and the American Dream,” a symposium on immigration, on Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Law School courtroom.

Haiti experts from campus and abroad will be leading Round Table Discussions Tuesday, from 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center.

The film, ‘The Fog of War’ a documentary about the life of former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, will be shown on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center. The film, directed by Errol Morris, follows McNamara’s life from WWII through the Vietnam War. It won the 2004 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature and the Independent Spirit Award for Best Documentary Feature.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, we email detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Woman finds bat in coffee filter after drinking

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — It wasn’t just the caffeine that gave an Iowa woman an extra jolt after she had her morning coffee. It was also the bat she found in the filter.

The Iowa Department of Public Health says the woman reported a bat in her house but wasn’t too worried about it. She turned on her automatic coffee maker before bedtime and drank her coffee the next morning. She discovered the bat in the filter when she went to clean it that night. The woman has undergone treatment for possible rabies.

Health officials say that the bat was sent to a lab but that its brain was too cooked by the hot water to determine whether it had rabies.

Man steals uniform, poses as Dodger

LOS ANGELES — A man faces criminal charges for allegedly stealing a uniform from Dodger Stadium and posing as one of the team’s players.

Ronald Higgins pleaded not guilty to several charges Friday, including burglary and trespassing.

The 47-year-old Higgins was arrested Wednesday morning after a security guard found him walking on the field in a Dodger’s uniform and holding a glove with two balls. Higgins allegedly identified himself as a Dodgers player, but the guard recognized him from an earlier incident and called police.

Prosecutors say Higgins’ clothes were later found in the bat boys’ locker room. It was not immediately clear where he got the uniform.
Charity walk attracts over 75 dogs

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Yesterday afternoon, the Notre Dame and South Bend area community came together in front of the Rockne Memorial to participate in the 3rd Annual Domer Doggy Walk.

The dog walk's proceeds go to the St. Joseph County Spay Neuter Assistance Program, or SJC-SNAP, a program that strives to reduce the pet overpopulation in the St. Joseph County area, according to the pamphlet handed out to participants.

Around 75 dogs and their owners showed up to participate, said head coordinator, senior Meghan O'Donoghue.

The walk and corresponding charity were founded three years ago by the Animal Welfare and the Human Animal Bond class taught by Professors Michelle Whaley and Kay Stewart, said Whaley.

"The charity that the walk is supporting is important, ... The Saint Joseph County Spay Neuter Assistance Program, Inc. in front of the Rockne Memorial, and the blessing of the animals took place at 1 p.m.

Other events scheduled were the one and two-mile walks around the lakes, spray-on doggy tattoos, and contests, according to the pamphlet.

Before the walk began, Father Michael Driscoll gave the blessing of the animals. A dog owner himself, Father Driscoll was asked by the Biology department to give the blessing at last year's and this year's event said Driscoll. Father Driscoll read the blessing from the steps of the Rockne Memorial.

The dogs and owners were blessed as they made their ways to the walk.

Walkers brought their pets and feelings towards the issue at hand.

"It's a fun day to get together, take your dog for a walk, and raise money for a good cause."

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Chris, from Mishawaka, and Hershers, her miniature schnauzer, came out to support the program's charity.

"Overpopulation in sad," Chris said. "That's why I'm excited about the charity."

Volunteers from local shelters, like The Humane Society and Pet Refuge, were also in attendance.

Abby, from Clay Township and a volunteer at Pet Refuge, brought Nemo, her own dog, and Chloe, a dog that she is fostering, to the Walk.

"It's nice, just coming out, seeing other dogs, and having fun," she said.

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Century-old statue protects College

St. Michael statue on Saint Mary's campus has history of watching over students, Sisters

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

In front of Augusta Hall on Saint Mary's College campus stands a statue of Saint Michael the Archangel.

"It's a very impressive statue," said Saint Mary's Archivist Director John Kovach.

According to a 1906 narrative to know how the Sisters of the Holy Cross, St. Michael was placed on its pedestal in that year.

Kovach said that the statue was made as a gift by John J. Longe. This date marked the fifty-year anniversary of Saint Mary's College in its current site, he said. The statue still stands in its original location, watching over the Sisters of the Holy Cross and Holy Cross Hall, he said.

The statue appeared in the June 1906 edition of the Saint Mary's Chimes. According to Chimes, the statue is of "Italian workmanship, is of white marble, and is nine feet high; the massive pedestal on which it rests is of granite."

According to a monetary record from the sisters' narrative, the statue was first thought of after "Exhibition Hall on the campus of the Michael Chapel" was set on fire. After the fire, a statue was promised to St. Michael with all of the buildings placed under his "crimson lights."

According to the Chimes, "The Great Archangel is one of Mary's special patrons and his protection is invoked against fire and pestilence." Funds were collected for the statue as early as 1880, according to a monetary record from the sisters' narrative.

The present statue is surrounded by lights, which response is like unto God. The "crimson lights" were first lit on September 14, 1906, the narrative said. According to Kovach, the lights were lit during the blessing.

The light on St. Michael had always been on since the statue was dedicated. At some point in time there were some financial difficulties for either the college or the congregation, so the decision was made to turn the lights off, Kovach said. "The very first night that the lights were off there was this fire in a barn on campus. Once that happened, the decision was made that whatever happened to the lights' lights above St. Michael need to always be on.

Saint Mary's junior Mia Cipperoni said, "I think there's truth in the story. I think when you try to take away from what God is trying to let you see and what you learn everyday, he will punish you in a way."

Since that point in time the lights above the statue have always remained lit, Kovach. "It's a very beautiful statue, and the story is very interesting. It kind of gives us hope for future generations," said Kovach.

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The bus is coming.

October 1st, Northwest Corner of Notre Dame Stadium
www.underclassmen.org

By LIZ HARTER
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Russ' book made its debut Thursday night at Saint Mary's Student Center as the closing event of "Love Your Body Week," put on by both Women's Resource Center, Feminists United and the Women's Studies Program.

Saint Mary's Women's Studies Program and Communications, Dance and Theatre Department also collaborated to put together the event. The event was free and open to the public.

The night's events included a book reading and signing by the author and a student interpretive dance performance entitled "Because of Barbies and other Dumb Birds." Members of the Saint Mary's Dance Company performed the dance, choreographed by Saint Mary's alumnus Jaclyn Thompson. The dance illustrated how intense pressures can lead to body dissatisfaction and how this can become a competition between women — even to the point of downright fighting.

Hannah Fischer, one of the performers, knows that the dance was not simply for entertainment; it shared an important message about body dissatisfaction that hits home for women of all ages.

"I think that the coolest part about it is the stories at the beginning of all the chapters," Toth said. "That's why I want to read it. I like the kind of stories that make me feel like I'm not the only one who feels this way.

The book is available at Saint Mary's Bookstore. Russ has a blog by the same name as the book that deals with the same issues and has opportunities for discussion, she said. In addition to the blog, Russ is currently working on a complementary book to her first publication, a book titled "**w** Back," an anthology of essays, stories, artwork, and poems about personal body dissatisfaction composed by men and women of all ages.

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Around like a bolt.

"For those unfamiliar with the traditional rules, each Oquidditch team normally consists of seven players: three Keepers, two Beaters, one Keeper and one Seeker. Full explanation of the rules can be found in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire,"" she said.

Fullard ran, "taunting the competition," she said. "He said he feels "that this has the potential to grow on campus. If there is enough interest, we may consider applying for club status, or even just having a Quidditch event," she said.

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As far as a possible tournament, Mushenheim is open to challenges, "We only have supplies for two teams," he said. "If there are four or more teams to take up the other two houses ad compete with us, they should show up on Saturday." Contact Jenn Metz at jmeece@nd.edu

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Alleged tampering in Belarus election

MINSK, Belarus — Reformists in parliament elections that opposition leaders insisted were already rigged, despite promises by the country's friendly authorities that international voting standards were followed. President Alexander Lukashenko welcomed more than 400 election monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to prove his country in embracing democrat reforms. In national elections four years ago, the opposition wasn't even allowed to run. "It will be very difficult for the observers not to recognize these elections," Lukashenko said after being his bullet Sunday.

A total of 263 candidates, including 70 from the opposition, competed in Sunday's elections for 110 parliamentary seats.

China's spacewalk team returns home

BEIJING — Three Chinese astronauts emerged from their capsule Sunday after a milestone mission to carry out the country's first spacewalk, showing off China's technological knowhow and converting its status into a space power and future competitor to the United States.

A senior space official said the mission China's most ambitious yet — took the country one step closer in its plan to build a space station and land on the moon.

Wang Zhaoyao, deputy director of manned space flight, said the program is looking to launch new orbiting vehicles and set up a simple space lab by 2011. There are also hopes of sending unmanned and manned space vehicles to perform docking activities with the target vehicle.

By 2020, China wants to launch a manned mission to experiment with technologies that will make possible a trip to Mars in the long run for longer periods of time, Wang told reporters.

Maryland helicopter crash kills four

DISTRICT HEIGHTS, Md. — A medevac helicopter taking accident victims to a trauma center crashed in suburban Washington early Sunday, killing four of the five people aboard, authorities said.

The accident killed two police officers on board, one of them the pilot. Also killed were an Emergency Medical Service staff and one of the accident victims, said Mark Brady, a spokesman for the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department.

A second accident victim survived the crash, which happened near Andrews AFB. Officials believe the craft crashed after hitting the craft, known as Trooper 2, around 12:30 a.m. as it was headed to a trauma or non-trauma emergency.

Lynette Miller, Maryland State Police. The crew had radioed in plans for evacuations in Maine, although residents were warned of potential power outages and interruptions in ferry service.

Lobstermen in Millbridge, Maine take precautions to protect their boat from Hurricane Kyle on Sunday.

Residents brace for severe weather, power outages as Hurricane Kyle approaches

Associated Press

MACHIAS, Maine — Fishermen moved boats to shelter from gusting winds Sunday along Maine's rugged eastern coast as a weakening Hurricane Kyle spun past on its way to Canada, threatening a glancing blow equivalent to a classic nor'easter.

A hurricane watch for Maine was discontinued Sunday, but a tropical storm warning remained in effect in conflicting forecasts. The Canadian Hurricane Centre issued a hurricane watch for parts of southwestern Nova Scotia, with tropical storm watches in place for parts of southwestern Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The Category 1 storm's track was expected to bring the center ashore in southwestern Nova Scotia late Sunday, but by then it is expected to have less than hurricane strength, said Peter Rosayer of the Canadian Centre in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

There were no immediate plans for evacuations in Maine, although residents were warned of potential power outages and interruptions in ferry service.

Heavy rain lashed the state Sunday for a third straight day. As much as 5.5 inches had already fallen along coastal areas. Flood watches were in effect for the southern two-thirds of New Hampshire and southern Maine through Sunday evening.

Maine emergency responders had been bracing for winds gusts as high as 60 mph and waves up to 20 feet, but as the storm pushed toward the Canadian Maritime Provinces, it became clear that the night had escaped a direct hit.

Officials still expect strong winds and "the attendant power outages," Lynette Miller, spokeswoman for the Maine Emergency Management Agency, said Sunday evening. "We're cautiously optimistic that things will not be as bad as we originally feared."

Residents of the area, which New Englanders refer to as Down East, are accustomed to rough weather, but it most often comes in the winter when nor'easters howl along the coast. Maine hasn't had anything like a hurricane since Bob was downgraded as it moved into the state in 1991 after causing problems in southern New England.

While residents took precautions, many weren't impressed by Kyle. "It probably won't be much different than a Nor'easter except we don't have to deal with the snow," said Jason Beale, who planned to ride out the wind and rain at home with his wife and 2-month-old daughter. It grew up his vehicles and generator, took in his deck furniture and filled up water jugs, but said that's what he does for any big storm.

"Down East we get storms with 50 to 60 mph winds every winter. Those storms can become ferocious," said Washington County Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Hinerman. Down East is the rugged, sparsely populated area from about Bar Harbor to the Canadian border.

Many lobstermen moved their boats to sheltered coves, said Dwight Carver, a lobsterman on Baal Island. Some also moved lobster traps from shallow water.

"I'm sure we'll have a lot of snarls, a lot of mess, to take care of when it's done," Carver said. "It'll take us a few days to straighten things out."

Lobstermen in Millbridge, Maine take precautions to protect their boat from Hurricane Kyle on Sunday.

Pirates seize the Ukrainian-operated ship Faina off the coast of Somalia on Thursday as it headed to Kenya carry

Associated Press

35 Russian-built T-72 tanks and a substantial amount of ammunition and spare parts. The ordnance was ordered by the Kenyan government.

The guided missile destroyer USS Howard was stationed off the Somali coast on Sunday, making sure that the pirates didn't remove the tanks, ammunition and other heavy weapons from the ship, which was anchored off the coast.

A spokesman for the U.S. 5th fleet said the Navy remained "deeply concerned" over the fate of the ship's 21-member crew and cargo.

In a rare gesture of cooperation, the Americans appeared to keep an eye on the Faina until the Russian military was in the area. The Russian ship was still in the Atlantic on Sunday, the Russian navy reported.

Pirate spokesman Soughe Ali said he was speaking Sunday from the deck of the Faina via a satellite phone — and verified his location by handing the phone over to the ship's captain, who also spoke with the AP. It was not possible to further confirm their identities. 
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cial crisis on Wall Street — and took place at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss.

Lehrer asked the candidates to discuss how they would approach the proposed financial recovery plan, whether there were fundamental differences between the two candidates’ approaches to relieving the financial cri-

sis and what spending cuts the next president will be forced to make as a result of the proposed bailout.

The questions then turned to foreign policy, with Lehrer ask- ing the candidates what they believed the les-

sons of Iraq were, whether more troops should be sent to Afghanistan, what threats Iran poses, their thoughts on Russia and what the candidates believed were the chances of another Sept. 11-type attack on American soil.

ND Votes ’08, a non-partisan campaign of the Center for Social Justice, held the debate in Coleman-Morse.

Senior Mallory Laurel, a co-chair for ND Votes ’08, said she was “rea-

sonably surprised” by how many stu-

dents took part in the group’s debate watch.

Laurel said she thought Lehrer did a good job moderating the debate.

“I liked him. I think he let the cccc-

ents speak,” she said.

“His arguments were well put,” she added.

There was only slight vocal reac-

tion from the group in Coleman-

Morse to the candidates’ answers, but many people in the group tried to encour- age the candidates to have more back and forth and address each other, rather than the moderator, in their answers.

The chairman, Nerita Burson, a McCain supporter, watched the debates at Coleman-Morse.

Afterwards, she said both candid-

ates did a good job answering the questions, but that McCain did a better job.

“I felt McCain’s parts were more substantial,” she said. “A few buildings away from the Coleman-Morse debate watch, the Noble Hall debateDEMOCRATS rooted for Obama in the first floor television lounge of LaFortune. Clark co-president Spencer Howard said. Howard said he felt the first floor of LaFortune was overwhelmed with Obama sup-

porters. The local news actually showed up,” he said, “and were trying to find a McCain supporter and couldn’t find an interview.”

“McCain] showed how strong he is on foreign policy and how he would be the leader that leads us through this current war in the war in Iraq and brings lasting peace to America,” Yap said. Yap said his apartment was crowded with McCain supporters, and also a few undecided voters. The crowd was “enthusiastic, Yap said — they ran out of McCain- ers.”

Two more presidential debates are scheduled, on Oct. 7 and Oct. 15.

ND Votes ’08 will host a debate watch for the vice presidential debate between Republican candidate Sarah Palin and Democratic candidate Sen. Joe Biden on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

The Notre Dame Debate Team will provide post-debate commentary in the lounge at 10:30 p.m., according to an e-mail from ND Votes ’08.

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“The Duncan family is Scottish, and Highlanders are Scots, so we wanted at least a tribute to them,” freshman Nien Voikovsky said.

“Duncan is a Scottish name and we’re right near the golf course, so we asked ourselves how we can build on the Scottish heritage?” senior Josh Laksowski said.

The Duncan family, the main benefactors of the hall, has ancestral roots in Scotland and will be visiting next week for the dorm’s inscription.

“We’re trying to give a Scottish heart to our dorm which has a Scottish name,” senior Chip Brady said. “We want to get the ideas come to life,” he said.

The company will hire student interns to take part in research and turn their great ideas into reality, Brenner said.

“Students will have the opportunity to take what they have learned and turn it into something useful to society,” he said.

South Bend mayor Stephen Luke spoke at the event, emphasizing the importance of Innovation Park to South Bend as well as Notre Dame.

“Impiration Park will be a vital economic driver for this region,” he said. “We will stimulate new jobs and investments throughout South Bend.”

The city of South Bend is proud to join with Notre Dame in the endeavor, Luke said.

“Impiration Park at Notre Dame will be the new connection between Town and Gown,” he said.

The South Bend community is excited about the research that will happen, but is more

fought among the six host dorms of the pep rally.

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landers, wild women, chicks, and buffs battled it out in a single elimination tournament that featured musical chairs, a “dancing bee,” a paper airplane toss, crab walk, and borging eating contest.

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“[Innovation Park] will make Notre Dame a more complete university,” Burish said.

President and CEO of Innovation Park at ND David Brenner said the park is a transformative space that will connect innovative ideas with experts who can carry them out. The park will act as a vehicle to accelerate viability and growth potential, he said.

“The growth potential goes well beyond the immediate footprint of these 12 acres,” Brenner said, noting the possi-

bility of spin offs for major corporations and opportuni-

ties in bringing business to South Bend.

Brenner said that Notre Dame students will be able to benefit from Innovation Park as well.

“This, for the students, is going to be one of the greatest opportunities to see their

ideas come to life,” he said.

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Agreement reached for rescue deal
The White House and Congressional leaders agree on terms for $700 million bailout

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid discuss the financial crisis during a news conference on Sunday.

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders and the White House agreed Sunday to a $700 billion rescue of the ailing financial industry after lawmakers insisted on sharing spending controls with the Bush administration. The biggest U.S. bailout in history won the tentative support of both presidential candidates and goes to the House for a vote Monday.

The plan, boilied up for days by election-year politics, would give the administration broad power to use taxpayers’ money to purchase billions upon billions of home-mortgage-related assets held by cash-starved financial firms.

President Bush called the vote a difficult one for lawmakers but said he is confident it will pass.

"Without this rescue plan, the cost to the American economy could be disastrous," Bush said in a written statement issued by the White House. He was to speak publicly about the plan early Monday morning, before U.S. markets open.

Flexing its political muscle, Congress insisted on a stronger hand in controlling the money than the White House had wanted. Lawmakers had to nail down language between angry voters with little regard for Wall Street and administration officials who warned that inaction would cause the economy to seize up and spiral into recession.

A deal in hand, Capitol Hill leaders hailed the day as historic. They told constituents in both parties and acknowledged they were not certain if they would get the vote, "said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., the majority leader.

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IN BRIEF

Freight train brakeman sues railroad
LOS ANGELES — The brakeman on the freight train involved in a deadly collision with a passenger train filed a lawsuit Friday against the commuter railroad and the companies that provide its engineers.

The lawsuit, filed by Dominick Fravola and his wife, blames the defendants for not properly screening, supervising and training the Metrolink engineer who ran his commuter train past a red signal at Foothill Ranch, and coincided with a Union Pacific freight train. Twenty-five people died in the crash, the nation’s deadliest train accident since 1993.

"Basically the guy was asleep and not paying attention to what was going on around him," said Fravola’s attorney, Barry Novack, of the Metrolink engineer, who was killed in the crash.

The lawsuit also names Veolia Transportation and the Metrolink, who employs the Metrolink’s engineers. It seeks an unspecified amount in damages, medical and psychological expenses and loss of income. Fravola’s wife also seeks damages for loss of consortium.

The trains collided at a curve in the track near where a tunnel separated the Chatsworth area of Los Angeles from Simi Valley and Moorpark in Ventura County. Federal investigators have said the engineers had only seconds to brake before the crash.

Farmers open ‘green’ restaurant
WASHINGTON — North Dakota farmers have spent $6 million to open a pair of restaurants on a switch of Washington restaurants, one just blocks from the White House, to showcase food from family farms. The new eatery hopes to be "Washington’s greenest restaurant."

"We hope we can show others what the Internet can do — doing it the right way, and the profit will come," says Ralph Belford, general manager of Founding Farmers, a modern space with an environmentally friendly design.

The same Dakota Farmer’s Discount, which has 42,000 members, has made the investment despite the economic downturn, high food prices and risks inherent in running a restaurant. With Founding Farmers, which opened this month, the group is betting on the success of a growing trend in the business: food straight from the farm, in a place with a green focus.

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The plan, boilied up for days by election-year politics, would give the administration broad power to use taxpayers’ money to purchase billions upon billions of home-mortgage-related assets held by cash-starved financial firms.

President Bush called the vote a difficult one for lawmakers but said he is confident it will pass.

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There are two main reasons I write this column, which I suspect are true for everyone else who contributes to this paper. Obviously, there is plain and simple egoism — the knowledge that several thousand pairs of eyes at least slide past your writing before going on to the sports page (especially on a Monday), and the hope that some of them even stop to read it. Deep down, writers are all quite self-ish. They desire to be read, understood, talked about and, if they get particularly lucky, to be seen as at least clever, if not intelligent.

But during the course of these bi-monthly ego trips, I also try to make everyone who reads this column think just a little harder about the topics on which I write: education in general and Notre Dame in particular. Notre Dame boasts nearly 12,000 students, 5,000 faculty and staff and 120,000 or more alumni — and just as many opinions. Just last week, Viewpoint featured articles and letters about sustainability, parietals, football, underage drinking and politics, among others. Yet every single person who reads this paper has (or has had) a personal stake in educational issues and in Notre Dame's intellectual life. There is as much reason for our concern for Notre Dame's intellectual life as there is for our concern for Notre Dame to stop once we leave the classroom as there is for our concern for Notre Dame to stop once we set foot off campus.

Still, there is also the risk that Viewpoint writers come off not like thoughtful, nuanced commentators but like gadflies and nitpickers, eternal detractors who prefer to beat their audiences rather than to offer anything constructive. Between deadlines and word limits, op-ed pieces have pretty strict constraints and they are almost always half-baked. But for all their shortcomings, they all serve a political purpose, not in the sense that each has an ideological axe to grind, but in the broad and very crude sense that they try and push people in a particular direction or to get them to realize that they should uphold a particular cause. And at a time when policies and ideology are used interchangeably, when verisimilitude (“truthiness”) is more important than truth itself, when some people think that political campaigns are a more trustworthy source of information than the media, and when it's easier to find a blog, a commentator, or a politician to think for you instead of doing the intellectual heavy lifting yourself, I really do believe that education and all its attendant side effects — critical and analytical thought, healthy measures both of skepticism and curiosity and the realization that there is more to the world than our own limited personal experience — is as important now as ever. I have strong opinions on the things that I write about simply because I care about them. If I didn't, then this column would probably be nothing more than artistic expression, and I'm not much of an artist.

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Stop the chop

Notre Dame Student Body: Please, please, please do not do the chop after a first down. We are not Notre Dame, and please do not make the mistake of comparing the two. The chop is a Notre Dame tradition and it is our responsibility as students to uphold this tradition. We are not Florida State University, and we do not make the same mistakes as they do.

Kevin Kimbely
O'Neil Hall
Sept. 27

Show solidarity, keep Charlie

Michael Burdell's Sept. 26 piece titled "Time for Weis to go," while articulate, is uninformed and unnecessary. First, we need to take a look at Notre Dame during and after Ty. Ty couldn't win with his and Davie's players. Davie was a good recruiter who recruited McKnight, Stovall, etc. Then, Ty has one class (Quinn's), but leaves the cupboard bare with the following two classes. In 2004 class, six players stayed with the Irish out of 16 that Ty recruited. Ty followed that class with a 15-man class, of which 13 are still with us. Corso and other talking heads like to credit this last class (Krantz's class) as Charlie's, but anyone who knows recruiting knows it takes more than a year to recruit these kids, so that is Dave's class, adding up the numbers, Ty had Brady's class, then proceeded to recruit 31 players for 50 available spots, retaining 19 players for the season. There is a lack of numbers in the senior class and fifth-year class from a pure mentorship perspective. There aren't enough bodies. A player's junior year is a magic year, when the player tends to mature. Charlie's first class is maturing this year. Wait until next year when Jimmy's class does the same. This talk of "fire Charlie" is ridiculous and shows a lack of fortitude. I ask The Observer to stay above the regular media (rip-stop, etc.) and publish articles like "Time for Weis to go," especially when Shaq Evans is on campus.

Also, we don't need bubble screens. Burdell was uninformed about a number of issues.

Notre Dame needs off-campus all-student neighborhood

Say what you will about Notre Dame's relationship with SBPD and the Excise police, but as long as we lack a true student neighborhood, we will continue to debate a never-ending issue. Let's face it, college students just don't mix with families. What baffles me is the enforcement of the drinking laws, the response to neighbor complaints or the numerosous hosts I've seen in my four years here. The real issue is that nobody is attacking the root of the problem: we have no real student neighborhood or college town and nothing is in development. The Eddy Commons do not count because they lack student housing and bars — in an alleged college town! Sadly, despite all the developments around campus, nothing is working to give us students a decent place to be off-campus. We have the Eddy Commons, Irish Crossings, Westford Place, Dublin Village and the Northeast Neighborhood Renovation, among others, and they are all specifically targeted at non-students. I cannot blame developers, but certainly the University is at fault here.

Notre Dame has the money, the influence and the available land tax shown by all the new stuff being built to work to develop a student neighborhood off campus. In a student neighborhood, we would no longer have to disturb and NSPD could even aid in the policing of the area. As much as Notre Dame tries to keep us in the dark, the University should demand more from the college so much better that I wish I had done earlier (weier). We need to do, not just for the sake of our social lives, but also for preventing dorm overcrowding. It's high time that the administration recognizes that and steps up to the plate. Until that happens, we will continue to be spied on, in our own neighborhoods, and causing all community relations because — well, we're college students and we will always have parties on the weekends.

There are of legal age. Since when was Carrie Nation and apparently are not even allowed to have parties in their own off-campus houses when the primary residents are of legal age. Since when was Carrie Nation appointed Chief of Police in South Bend? As a refresher for those who don't know, which doubtlessly includes every single member of the South Bend Police Department, Carrie Nation was a member of the temperance movement in the early 20th century who would destroy taverns with a hatchet. The idea that Notre Dame is the only place in the country where college students drink before legal age is laughable. While drinking and driving and other more serious crimes should never be tolerated, having a quiet off-campus party that results in a SWAT team raid is not only absurd, it's negligent. To think there were other more serious crimes going on Saturday night at the exact moment the police were myopically focused on a few inebriated students with SAT scores in the 99th percentile should make everyone question the priorities of local law enforcement. Aren't the police paid to serve and protect the public?

The story makes it sound like South Bend police are far more concerned with telling Notre Dame students "just who's boss." The residence in question received no noise complaints and the police claimed that an officer was myopically focused on a party that resulted in a SWAT team raid. To describe this official line of the SBPD as preposterous is being generous; it is obvious the students were targeted by the police department. This is from the article I referred above: "According to statistics released by the South Bend Police Department, there have been 10 murders in South Bend, 24 rapes and 235 aggravated assaults so far this year. Those numbers compared with the same time frame since 2005, and this year the numbers are higher in every category. I hope the residents of South Bend will have enough sense to demand that their valuable public resources be spent on combating violent crime instead of repressing common college student behavior.

Ellis Carson
alum
class of 2001
Sept. 26

The multi-ethnic "raid" on an off-campus house Sept. 21, in which 37 Notre Dame students were arrested for underage drinking, must be row of the most colossal wastes of resources in St. Joseph's County history. According to reports, members of SBPD, St. Joseph's County Police, Indiana Excise Police and the Indiana State Police joined forces — not to break up a crack ring, but to arrest University of Notre Dame students who were drinking (gasp!) beer out of a keg. Yes, underage drinking is illegal, and yes, authori­ties are there to enforce the law. Nevertheless, instead of writing a few citations and breaking up the party, a patrolling officer felt it necessary to call in pretty much everyone but Patton's First Infantry Division.

What makes this particularly disturbing is that police resources are said to be in short supply. I recently read an article from the South Bend Tribune from Sept. 24 entitled "Police: Violent Crime Up in South Bend," detailing the rise of violent crime in South Bend, with the Chief of the South Bend Police Department describing some of the murders as "scary." It goes on to explain that the Mayor and the Chief of Police believe that budget cuts will make it difficult to reduce crime in the city. I find it fascinating that while violent crime escalates, there are still plenty of resources available to persecute the dangerous lot of Notre Dame students.

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By ANALISE LI PARI
Senior Editor

Television’s longest-running animated series is at it again, and for the twentieth time. Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie and the rest of the Springfield crew have entered our TV screens once more, with no sign of quitting while they’re ahead.

The show’s lifespan is an impressive one, given the brief shelf lives of most series on any of the major networks, let alone those on Fox. It’s a testament to the ability of “The Simpsons” to continually stay relevant, not to mention funny, through two decades of programming. Even a jump to the silver screen in the series’ full-length film last year didn’t put a stop to the residents of Springfield. If anything, the film, which grossed over $500 million at the box office, strengthened the power of the show. The best of Fox’s “Animation Domination” Sunday night lineup, “The Simpsons” can’t be missed.

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The seventh season of “Family Guy” looks like the six before it. With consistent spontaneity and enough pop culture references to stump Ken Jennings, fans can expect to get much more of the same.

The first episode of the season didn’t start on a particularly strong note; in fact, it focused on the family’s dog Brian, and his search for a love life. Though the narrative was straightforward and mostly uninteresting, references to older episodes are readily available.

The show feels tired after its six-year run, its gags looking for references to older episodes are reused endlessly like the “Family Guy” writers do. Perhaps it’s a lack of creativity or effort, but “Family Guy” seems like a one-trick pony.

The episode also opens with an unexpected holiday celebration, a booze-free Saint Patrick’s Day parade and festival. With both Northern and Southern Irishmen in attendance, only Lisa’s peace-keeping abilities can stay the fighting for more than five minutes. The leprechaun battle is particularly funny.

If the premiere suffers from anything, it might be a lack of invention. The episode doesn’t feel like a huge departure from the preceding season; if anything, it fits so well into the grain of the show that viewers would need to be told it was a season premiere.

This is a small criticism, however, of a show that’s been as consistently witty and creative as “The Simpsons.” Much has been made of a debate between “Family Guy” and “The Simpsons,” and often the teasing and interplay are explicitly done on both shows. When it comes to a discussion of superiority, however, “The Simpsons” will likely be remembered as the better of the two. If the premiere is any indication, it’s virtually impossible that this season will be its last.

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By SZYMON RYZNER
Scene Editor

Cleveland Brown, one of Peter Griffin’s friends, has even managed to get a spin-off show of his own. “The Cleveland Show,” as it will be called, will start airing in 2009 and will undoubtedly have the same charm as other MacFarlane shows.

In fact, Cleveland will have a daughter and two sons, one of which appears to be a toddler, not to forget the potential antics of his neighbors, anthropomorphic bears and a family of rednecks.

Hilarity will undoubtedly ensue in this completely original and unique spin-off.

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How does a cartoon stay on the air for 20 years? Maybe humor, gags and allusions are part of it, but sincerity and sentimentality provide the viewer with a stronger bond to these animated characters.

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Off to the races

Notre Dame put up 21 points in the third quarter on their way to a 38-21 win

By JARED JEDICK

Third quarter? No problem.

Prior to Saturday's game Notre Dame had failed to put up a single point in the third quarter this season. This time around was a little bit different.

The Irish (3-1) busted out of the locker room after a 14-14 halftime deadlock and put 21 third quarter points on Purdue (2-2) to seal a 38-21 win, the team needed to prove their mental toughness.

"It's 14-14 at halftime, and basically I told these guys it's the most important drive of the entire season," head coach Charlie Weis said. "Put us with the momentum in our favor and it carried it through right into the fourth quarter.'

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Allen rushed for a career high 136 yards on 17 carries and a TD to carry the Irish running game, taking pressure off Clausen and the wide receivers.

"It was huge," junior linebacker John Ryan said. "At the time we were down, and they almost made it a two score game. Blanton's interception put us right back into the ballgame.

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One drive can change it all

Sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws to freshman tight end Kyle Rudolph during the third quarter of Saturday’s game. Rudolph had three catches for 32 yards and a touchdown against Purdue.

At halftime on Saturday, Irish head coach Charlie Weis told his team that the most important drive of the game — and the season — was the opening one of the second half. He said it would define the team’s season after an uneven first half and a last-second field goal before the break.

That game could obviously have gone either way at that point. For us to be able to take the ball right down the field and score, it kind of put us, you know with the momentum in our favor and carried it through right into the fourth quarter,” he said.

And fortunately for Weis, his team responded.

The Irish scored just over two minutes into the half of a 16-yard touchdown run by sophomore tailback Armando Allen. Armando Allen, the team’s first touchdown in the third quarter of the season. But Notre Dame did not stop there.

The Irish scored twice more in the quarter to push their lead to 35-21 going into the final 15 minutes. This is how you can be confident that this game is nowhere near last year.

Notre Dame had only eight first downs in the first half and only carried the ball 14 times for 62 yards, but understood that the offense needed to jump start the Irish going into the second half.

“It was definitely an important drive (to start the third quarter),” Irish guard Eric Olsen said. “We needed to put points on the board. If we came out and sputtered, it could have given them the ball right away, and with their high-powered offense, anything can happen.”

Sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate put it best when he described the Irish team that played the third quarter as a different one completely from the rest of the season.

“We just turned into a different team. We felt we could throw the ball and run the ball at any time.”

Golden Tate
Irish sophomore

“I think the promising thing was how they came out in the second half and the game could go either way. Remember now, it wasn’t in the too distant past that we would go in the tank,” Olsen said in his post-game news conference.

“Obviously, anytime you’re throwing the ball well the defense is going to start teeing off on you. It really starts getting the running game going first because then you get the defense trying to get up in the box and get as many guys as they can to stop the run and that helps with the passing game,” Olsen said.

This offensive efficiency was helped by Notre Dame’s strong defensive performance in the second half, allowing only seven points.

Unlike the turnover-filled Michigan game, the defense played smart, and the only takeaway was freshman Robert Blanton’s pick-six in the second quarter.

But beyond the team’s improvements from the other games this year, Notre Dame was able to take another step away from last season’s debacle.

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The Irish looked solid running the ball — in part because it complemented sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen’s passing game.

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

Jeff Fitzpatrick
Managing Editor

The Observer
By MATT GAMBER

**Irish sophomore running back Armando Allen breaks free of a Purdue tackle during one of his 17 carries in Notre Dame’s 38-21 win on Saturday.**

**Notre Dame running on all cylinders**

By MATT GAMBER

It’s been more than two years, he said, but sophomore running back Armando Allen is back.

Allen totaled a career-best 247 all-purpose yards Saturday, including 164 rushing on 17 carries, in his most explosive performance since a left ankle injury forced him out of his senior high school season.

“This off-season I really worked on strengthening my ankle,” Allen said, “and the wind just kept blowing, and I came into spring ball feeling very confident...but now that I feel better, I think I can produce.”

Allen looked so little like the player who ran for 110 yards in the season’s first three games that Irish coach Charlie Weis could only ask on the sideline, “Where have you been?”

“We talk about it all the time,” Allen said. “I practice hard and sometimes in games it doesn’t go as well as we planned, but today everything was just perfect.”

Not just for Allen, but for an offensive line that “took it personal” when the Irish mustered only 16 yards on the ground last week at Michigan State, Weis said.

“The line of scrimmage was moving the wrong way last week...but they did something about it,” Weis said.

Junior right tackle Sam Young said the Irish agreed to “pamper and feed” a way to make strides in the running game, and 201 team rushing yards later, it “Anytime you get the run game going, it’s positive for the offensive line,” Young said. “It’s a fun game, and it’s meant to be played with emotion.”

Notre Dame out of the halftime intermission with that mindset, and after sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen completed a pair of long passes to his targets, Allen took the Irish to the end zone for a 21-14 lead.

Brilliant,” Young said. “Our job is to make Armando’s job easy. He found the holes and just skated right through them.”

Allen showed the big-play capability that netted him a scholarship to Notre Dame in the first place, both out of the backfield and on kick returns.

He returned four kick-offs for a total of 105 yards, including two he nearly took to the house following Purdue touchdowns.

Allen’s 35-yard return in the second quarter set up the Irish at the 45-yard-line, and another 19-year-old quarterback Jimmy Clausen completed a 46-yard pass to the Irish in the end zone for a 21-14 lead.

“We take pride in our special teams,” Allen said. “We haven’t had a kickoff return in a long time, so I think that’s one of our goals this year. Each week we’re getting closer and closer, and so now we’re just waiting for that big one.”

Before Saturday, the same could have been said about Allen as a running back — his longest career rush was 15 yards. But he shredded a Boilermakers defense decimated by injuries at linebacker for four runs of at least that distance.

“That was awesome,” junior guard Eric Olsen said. “Any time you can get a big run it makes everybody feel great. Sometimes there are games where you just have to throw the ball the whole time and the defense can just tee off on you, so any time you can run the ball it’s great.”

And it wasn’t just Allen who enjoyed the fruits of the offensive line’s labor. Junior James Aldridge (8 carries, 34 yards) and sophomore Robert Hughes (9 carries, 26 yards) and sophomore Robert Hughes (9 carries, 26 yards) each ran with infinitely more success than they did a week ago against the Spartans.

“Our backfield is full of talent, so no matter who’s in the game you’re going to get the production,” Allen said.

He said, it was his day, though, as the Irish spread the field and allowed Allen to have space on a heavy diet of stretch plays that called for him to get outside the tackle box and use his speed.

“We went out there today, with the offensive line setting up our schematic for a touchdown pass, our running back — his longest career rush was 15 yards. But he shredded a Boilermakers defense decimated by injuries at linebacker for four runs of at least that distance.

Notre Dame entered the game allowing an average of 14.0 yards per return, good for third in the country.

“Senior Mike Anello made his team-leading eighth special teams tackle on the opening kickoff. Seven of his eight tackles were solo.”

The ‘Golden’ Boy

Sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate caught his third touchdown of the season and the fourth of his career. Tate also caught a touchdown pass against Purdue last season.

He finished with five receptions for 64 yards, giving him 20 catches for 367 through four games. He leads the Irish in receptions, yards, touchdowns, and yards per catch (18.4).

Adios, Coach

Purdue coach Joe Tiller, who earlier this year announced this season would be his last, finished his career 5-7 against the Irish, including 1-5 on the road.

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**First quarter**

Purdue 7, Notre Dame 0

Kory Sheets 22-yard run with 8:44 remaining

Drive: 8 plays, 56 yards, 4:18 elapsed

**Second quarter**

Purdue 14, Notre Dame 7

Austin Starr 3-yard pass from Curtis Painter with 4:46 remaining

Drive: 14 plays, 78 yards, 5:10 elapsed

**Third quarter**

Notre Dame 21, Purdue 14

Armando Allen 16-yard run with 12:56 remaining

Drive: 5 plays, 81 yards, 2:04 elapsed

Notre Dame 28, Purdue 14

Kyle Rudolph 9-yard pass from Austin Starr with 1:24 remaining

Drive: 4 plays, 94 yards, 1:13 elapsed

Notre Dame 35, Purdue 21

David Grimes 30-yard pass from Jimmy Clausen with 2:20 remaining

Drive: 9 plays, 54 yards, 4:00 elapsed

**Fourth quarter**

Notre Dame 38, Purdue 21

Brandon Walker 45-yard field goal with 19:26 remaining

Drive: 9 plays, 64 yards, 3:35 elapsed

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Youth ruled the day for the Irish. Sophomore sensations Jimmy Clausen and Armando Allen both had career days. Allen with 134 yards rushing on 17 attempts and Clausen with three touchdown passes and no interceptions. Their classmate Golden Tate also added his third touchdown reception of the year. Freshmen Kyle Rudolph and Robert Blanton also added big touchdowns as the Irish rolled to a 38-21 victory over the Boilermakers. Michael Floyd also added 100 yards receiving for the freshmen class. The game remained close through two quarters. But Notre Dame emerged from the locker room after half time as a team possessed. They put together three third quarter scoring drives which but the game out of reach, and placekicker Brandon Walker put an exclamation point on the decisive win with a 41-yard field goal in the third quarter.
Monday, September 29, 2008

By ANALISE LIPARI

"Slow and steady" might be the best way to describe Fox's "King of the Hill." The show has been part of the network's animated lineup since 1997, yet it has a lower profile image than "The Simpsons" and less obvious humor than "Family Guy." A creation of Mike Judge, the brainchild behind MTV'S "Beavis and Butthead," "King of the Hill" tells the story of Texan Hank Hill (Mike Judge), his wife Peggy (Kathy Najimy), their son Bobby (Pamela Adlon) and their older niece Luanne Platter (Brittany Murphy). Hank's drinking buddies also make regular appearances on "King of the Hill," as does Bobby's school friends.

"King of the Hill" returns to the Animation Domination lineup with "Dia-BILL-ic Shock," its premiere episode for the show's eleventh season. Airng just after "The Simpsons" is a prime time slot, and "King of the Hill" undoubtedly benefits from the residual audience. In the premiere, Hank's friend Bill, a snacker with a passion for sweets, collapses at the local carnival after showing Bobby and Hank how to ask for a lollipop wrapped in cotton candy.

His cantankerous doctor tells him that he is showing signs of adult onset diabetes, prompting Bill to start using a wheelchair. Luckily enough, the chair introduces him to a paraplegic rugby player named Thunder, who shows Bill the bright side — or, perhaps, the crazier side — of life. Funnily enough, the chair is reminiscent of Peter Griffin of "Family Guy." The story of C.I.A. agent Stan Smith and his family is often compared to "American Dad," as is satirizing various political and social issues.

Though ripe for a parody of adult onset diabetes, "King of the Hill" plays their second rate jokes. This second season from Seth MacFarlane has several of its weak spots. Though it follows the ever-popular "Family Guy" and poses a similar humor, almost half the viewers choose to change the channel when it comes on. Its ratings, though, have been stable, and it does about as well as it can with second rate jokes.

The show's funniest subplot involves Peg making a similar health-conscious approach to life that Bill is forced to take by doctor's orders. Bobby's snacks go from candy bars to seaweed bars, and the fallout is pretty funny. At one point, Bobby's friend Junior gives his friend a chocolate bar out of concern. Bobby, however, finds that his taste buds have been altered by the onslaught of health consciousness and can't bring himself to eat, unhealthy snacks anymore.

"It's too sweet," he says after a bite of chocolate. "I'm making my teeth itch!"

The episode is as low-key as its protagonist, Hank Hill. Unlike his neighbor in Springfield, he is, surprisingly enough, not an idiot sitcom dad. He cares about his friends and family, even if that caring is stilted and humorous more often than not. When Bill thinks he'll be in a wheelchair for life, Hank and his friends remodel Bill's house, lowering all of the countertops by two feet and painting a handicap symbol on the driveway. Plus, the Texas drawl is hard to resist.

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Cleveland 20, Cincinnati 12

Three quarters, three points. Cleveland’s offense was having another meltdown day, and Derek Anderson was running out of chances to keep his job. Coach Mike Holmgren’s one good moment was enough to save his job—and the Browns’ season.

With Brady Quinn on the sideline ready to take over at any time Sunday, the embattled Anderson threw a touchdown pass and rallied the Browns to a victory over a winless Cincinnati Bengals team missing its starting quarterback.

“I decided to give him another chance,” said coach Romeo Crennel, who considered replacing Anderson but held off and took advantage of it and fashioned one of the best days of his career (1-3) ahead to stay in the fourth quarter, his best play on an afternoon that had few of them. Even that moment came with an asterisk: A Bengals penalty wiped out a potential interception for the Browns.

Anderson wore a green T-shirt, tan cargo shorts, brown flip-flops and a big grin to his postgame news conference. He cut off the first mention of losing his job.

“Now, don’t go there,” said Anderson, who went 15-of-24 for 135 yards with an interception. “I stayed in the game. You’re not going to score every single down.”

He had help from the down-and-out Bengals.

Carson Palmer reset a sure passing elbow that forced him to miss a game for the first time since 2004, a huge setback for a struggling offense. Cincinnati couldn’t do much behind Ryan Fitzpatrick, who hadn’t completed a pass in a regular-season game in three years.

Fitzpatrick threw three interceptions and finished the game as Cincinnati’s leading rusher with 41 yards on four carries.

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In Brief

Bryant kicks three field goals a day after burying son

Tampa, Fla. — Matt Bryant choked back tears.

A day after burying his 3-month-old son in Texas, the Tampa Bay kicker booted three field goals to help the Buccaneers beat the Green Bay Packers 30-21 on Sunday.

"I don't know what I needed today," Bryant said. "It worked out OK. Could've been better, but given the circumstances it turned out OK." Bryant's youngest son, Matthew Tryson, was found dead at home in Tampa on Wednesday. It will be several weeks before the kicker and his wife learn the cause of death.

Bryant did not practice all week, and coach Jon Gruden left it up to him to decide if he would play.

"The biggest thing for me, I wanted to honor Tryson's name," Bryant said. "I mean, I don't think it was very fair for his life to end so short. This is the best way I believe I could get out and honor him."
**SMC CROSS-COUNTRY**

*Squad finishes fifth at home race*

By KATE GRABAREK  Sport Writer

Host Saint Mary's took fifth place at Friday's nine-team MIAA Jamboree as junior Megan McClowery led a tightly-grouped Belles unit that had all its runners finish within 20 seconds of each other.

This was the first home meet for the Belles since the 2002-2003 season, and the Belles took it as an opportunity to show off the program's progress in recent years.

"The Saint Mary's cross country team is such a great group of women," senior co-captain Caitlin Brodmerkel said. "We have a difficult time getting people to see that since we always compete so far from campus. I am so glad that we finally got to show our friends, classmates and faculty what our hours of hard work has enabled us to do."

"I am so glad that we finally got to show our friends, classmates and faculty what our hours of hard work has enabled us to do," said McClowery.

McClowery finished in 20:44 in position 14, and sophomore Caitlin Salter (21:03) also provided counting times for the Belles.

"We are looking for our pack to finally get to show off the program's young talent from the 2003 season, and the Belles will compete in the Adrian Invitationals on Oct. 3 and then head to Kalamazoo for the MIAA Championships on Nov. 1.

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

*Team's morning loss fuels afternoon victory*

By MICHAEL BLASCO  Sport Writer

Saint Mary's split its week-ends matches against a pair of conference opponents, falling to No. 16 Calvin in straight sets Saturday morning (25-14, 25-13, 25-12) before rebounding against Adrian (25-22, 25-23, 29-27) that afternoon.

The Belles (11-5, 4-3 MIAA) remain in fourth place in the conference after the MIAA minitournament at Calvin's Huizenga Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.

After the blowout loss in the morning, Saint Mary's rallied to scrape out three tough sets in the late match, playing off the motivation and teamwork that Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek has emphasized throughout the season.

"More than anything else I want this team to believe in themselves," Schroeder-Biek said. "They have a lot of ability. If they can come together as a team and play as one cohesive unit, we will be in position to be a top team in the league standings."

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The Belles bounced back in the afternoon as a team against the No. 17 Belles, who had dropped Saint Mary's in straight sets in meeting earlier this season.

The Belles ground out the win with a workman-like effort posting a 215:40 advantage in kills while holding Adrian to .179.

Junior hitter Lorna Slupczynski and senior hitter Kaela Hellmann both had seven kills to lead Saint Mary's. Sophomore defensive specialist Ellen Huebschman had a team-high 13 digs in the loss.

The Belles will compete in a 2nd set game against Calvin on Saturday.

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**SMC SOCCER**

*Belles fall after eleven day layoff*

By MIKE GOTIMER  Sport Writer

Saint Mary's dropped its first conference match of the season to Olivet College 3-1 on Saturday.

The match was the Belles' first since Sept. 17, when they lost a heartbreaker to Hope 2-1. Coach Ryan Crabbe thought the long layoff may have affected his squad.

"Certainly a tough loss," he said. "We started the game still looking tired and were asleep on the bus. By the time we fell behind, two goals, it was a large deficit to overcome seeing as we haven't been able to score goals in practice."

Olivet (5-4-1, 1-0 MIAA) freshman Lizzy Julien capitalized on the Belles' slow start and scored back-to-back goals in the 2nd and 30th minutes to give the Comets a 2-0 lead heading into the half.

The Comets scored first in the second half as well, as senior Corl Barreca scored in the 75th minute to widen Olivet's lead to 3-0.

The Belles finally got on the board with freshman Katelyn Tomczak scoring her first career goal in the 81st minute. Junior captain Bridget Bonayne got the assist.

Saint Mary's was outshot for the second straight game, this time by a 17-9 margin.

Against Hope, the Belles were outshot 20-8.

Junior goalkeeper Patty Duffy allowed all 90 minutes in goal and recorded 11 saves despite giving up three goals.

The Belles return action at home against Illinois Wesleyan on Wednesday before a rematch at Olivet on Saturday.

"Hopefully getting into a more normal playing rhythm this week with two games we can get on track," Crabbe said.

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Redskins top Cowboys, shake up NFC East

Bills beat struggling Rams to improve to 4-0; Tomlinson scores 2 late TDs to lead Chargers comeback at Raiders

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Jim Zorn will return to a job he didn't want as the Washington Redskins coach with his team going down in history as the only NFL team to lose back-to-back games after starting the season 8-0.

Zorn said the 26-24 road victory over the Cowboys Sunday, coming back late to stop the evening, was a process that the Redskins need to go through.

It was the first time in 16 years. Unlike the last time, however, there were still questions about Zorn's job security and many expected him to be fired.

"I don't have a situation where we're going to the road to beat one of the most dominant teams in football certainly improves their perception," Zorn said. "I've been doing this, and I'm doing things that I think are right - and I think we're going to get better, and I think we're going to do well." Zorn was fired after the 2017 season.

The Redskins came in with consecutive wins since a lackluster performance in the opener, but there were still questions about how good they were. Going into this game, they had no less than 18 questions.

"It's no secret, when I get involved, I move the chains," Zorn said. "When I don't, we're more stagnant in our offense," Owen said.

Campbell turned a 7-0 deficit into a 17-7 lead over the Cowboys by picking out Washington's defense in the first half. Linehan wouldn't commit to another start for Green, or Washington on Oct. 12 in the first game after the bye.

"I think we wanted to come out and be aggressive," Linesman said. "That's what I've heard about in the first half." The Bills' first defensive score of the year — also Green's first career touchdown — came on a 13-yard touchdown pass to Owens.

The Redskins again got a field goal after a 43-yard drive that ended with another field goal, then Romo threw an interception, leading to yet another Washington field goal and a 23-17 lead.

"I'm going to do the rest of the season, and I'm going to do it the right way," he said. "I'm going to do the rest of the season, and I'm going to do it the right way."

Darren Sproles' long kickoff return set up San Diego's go-ahead 47-yard field goal with 2:55 left in the game. Tomlinson sealed the 28-18 victory Sunday with his second fourth-quarter touchdown that gave him yet another 100-yard game.

"Every year is different," said Tomlinson, who had 75 of his 106 yards in the fourth quarter. "We pride ourselves on now matter how we start, finishing the game strong. It didn't matter that it was against the Raiders." closing a game out was important for the Chargers (2-0), who lost their first two games of the season in the final minute. But those games weren't against the Raiders (1-3), who showed they can blow a lead against the Chargers as easily as they can get blown out.

"Unfortunately, that kind of player doesn't have it. It was our first two games of the season in the final minute. But those games weren't against the Raiders (1-3), who showed they can blow a lead against the Chargers as easily as they can get blown out.

"We just kept fighting. It wasn't our prettiest win, but our defense gave us a chance. There was no panicking," Linesman said. "The game was on our side and that weights heavily on me."

Buffalo drove 81 yards on its first possession, capped by Lee Evans' 39-yard reception and conversion catch for a 28-14 cushion.

The Bills are 4-0 for the first time since 1992, the middle of its dominant AFC years. The Bills have gotten an early jump on the franchise's second-winning season since 1999. But the previous two wins were narrow, not convincing. The Bills had six new starters in all, four on defense.

"We have the right players, we have the right momentum, we have the right chemistry," Linesman said. "That's what I've done my whole life and that's what I'm going to do the rest of the season." The Bills' first second-week straight win, the Raiders (1-3) were unable to hold onto two score lead in the fourth quarter and might finally signal the end of coach Lane Kiffin's tenure in Oakland.

The Raiders blew a nine-point fourth-quarter lead last week in Buffalo. They led 15-0 at half-time Sunday and went into the fourth quarter with a 13-6 lead. Now with a bye coming up this week, the questions about Kiffin's job security will certainly intensify.

"That's not my call," he said. "I don't know what I expect. I'm not going to do anything different than I've been doing, keeping this team together the best I can."
NCAA Football

Week of upsets shakes Associated Press poll

Oklahoma moves to No. 1, Alabama is No. 2

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oklahoma, where the No. 1 ranking rests again.

The Sooners sit atop the AP Top 25 on Sunday after the first upset-filled weekend of the season gave the media poll a powerful shake. Alabama was both a mover and a shaker, as the Crimson Tide rose to No. 2 after a surprising 41-30 pounding of Georgia.

Previously top-ranked Southern California lost at Oregon State to set the tone for a weekend that brought back memories of the topsy-turvy 2007 season.

On Saturday, two more top-five teams fell. Florida was stunned at home by Mississippi, 31-30. Georgia, which started the season No. 1, was down 31 points by halftime to Alabama and never recovered.

Overall, nine ranked teams lost, six to unranked foes.

The last time such a shake-up occurred? One year ago, when in the last week of September three of the top-five teams fell and seven ranked teams lost to unranked opponents.

"I think we talked (Friday) that anyone can beat anyone on any given Saturday, and that's why you've got to come out and you've got to play on edge, full till every game because if not, someone's liable to come in and beat you," Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford said after the Sooners' 35-10 victory over TCU on Saturday.

Oklahoma is No. 1 for the 96th time in the history of the AP poll, breaking a tie with Notre Dame for the most ever. The last time the Sooners were No. 1 was 2003, when they were atop the polls all season before losing the Big 12 title game to Kansas State.

Oklahoma received 43 of a possible 65 first-place votes and 1,599 points.

Alabama's impressive performance jumped the Tide six spots. Alabama hasn't been ranked this high since it was No. 2 for the first eight polls of the 1993 season.

The Tide received 21 first-place votes and 1,565 points.

LSU is No. 3, moving up two spots. No. 4 Missouri, which received a first-place vote, and No. 5 Texas also moved up two places and left the top five under the control of the Big 12 (three teams) and Southeastern Conference (two).

Penn State moved up six spots to No. 6 after its 38-24 victory against Illinois.

Texas Tech was idle, but took advantage of the attrition in the top 10 to move up to No. 7. BYU is eighth, USC dropped eight spots to No. 9 and South Florida is No. 10.

In the USA Today coaches' poll, Oklahoma was No. 1, but LSU was No. 2, followed by Missouri, Alabama and Texas.

In the Harris poll, which came out for the first time this season Sunday and is used in the BCS standings, Oklahoma was No. 1, followed by LSU, Alabama, Missouri and Texas.

Georgia and Florida each dropped eight spots in the AP poll. The Bulldogs are No. 11 and Florida is No. 12, followed by fellow SEC rival Auburn at No. 13.
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Already standing tall: CC Sabathia climbed on top of the Brewers dugout and sprayed fairy water on himself.

A vintage scene, indeed.

For the first time since 1982, when the catcher of the American League and well before the advent of Milwaukee is going to the playoffs.

"It was very disappointing to lose on a penalty kick in the 90th minute," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "That's always a tough one. I thought we opened the game well, but I thought we didn't follow through on the whole second half and 2-10 for the entire match.

Despite Louisville's superiority in the second half, the Irish overpowered the team to find the back of the net. In the 51st minute, sophomore forward Jeb Brotzky's shot was deflected by Cardinals' keeper Andre Bordeaux straight to Irish forward Bright Dike. The senior controlled the ball and shot into give Notre Dame the lead and register his team-leading sixth goal of the season.

Dike's goal was followed by an onslaught of Louisville pressure. The Cardinals created chances in the 71st and 87th minute, but they wouldn't break through until the penalty in the final minute.

"At that point, we kind of back out of it," Clark said. "They became very direct and they have some pretty big boys. They were going to be dangerous whether in corner kicks or long throw-ins. They pinned us in for long periods of the second half.

Notre Dame didn't leave themselves such a slim margin earlier in the second half, the Irish pushed home two more goals for the Irish to 3-0 win over the Bearcats.

The first tally came twelve minutes into the second half when junior forward Tamba Samba received a pass from fellow forward Steven Perry, turned his defender and finished past. It was the second consecutive game that Tamba scored off of a feed from Perry, and Clark was complimentary of the play of his two forwards.

"The thing today was the play of Steven Perry and Tamba Samba," Clark said. "They were terrific. They came on and for the first season I feel they really stepped up and filled the authority in a game and that was terrific.

After Samba's goal, some of the Irish, Irishmidfielder Mitch Thomas, and Thomas turned passed around the box from fellow midfielder Justin Carmona and fired home from six yards out.

No telling yet about the Minnesota Twins and Chicago White Sox. They still haven't sorted out their AL Central scramble.

While athletes at Wrigley field and Tropicana Field put up a show for the fire past Cincinnati keeper Robert Cavichiola for his fifth goal of the season.

Dike would finish off the scoring in the 83rd minute unassisted when he muscled through the Bearcats defense and fired home from six yards out.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Still rolling

Top-ranked Irish outscore two Big East opponents 10-1 in cruising to a pair of conference wins

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Assistant Managing Editor

The Irish stepped off the field at the end of the first half with a 2-0 lead over Cincinnati, but the Irish were nowhere near done Sunday. Kerri Binks notched the first goal for Notre Dame, followed by freshman Melissa Henderson in what proved to be a rough and gritty first half. The Bears tried to stop Notre Dame from gaining any sort of rhythm by pulling shirts and racking up nine fouls in the first half.

"It wasn't that they were overly physical or more physically than us, it was just that they were more disruptive," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Every time you would beat a player off the dribble they were pulling your shirt or they're fouling you and they just never let you get a rhythm.

But that only fed Notre Dame's fire and the Irish came out running in the second half.

Henderson scored her second goal of the game in the 71st minute, followed four minutes later by Courtney Rosen. And just 33 seconds later Henderson buried her third goal, giving the freshman her first career hat trick.

With three goals within five minutes of each other, the Bearcats knew who they were dealing with.

"We came out with a much higher level of intensity, and even though the first half, we had the game handled, and they were never really dangerous, it was just one of those things that I think we needed to come out and make sure we stepped up the intensity level and make them try to match that and they couldn't match the depth and they couldn't match the intensity level once we really got it going in the second half," Haley Fortt said.

Sophomore midfielder/forward Erica Lanterno boxes out a defender during Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Louisville Friday.

ND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Team starts conference slate with a pair of victories

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish stepped up to the plate and came up huge this weekend, starting the Big East season off right with two solid wins against South Florida and Georgetown.

Notre Dame improved its overall record to 2-0 in the Big East (7-7 overall) to propel itself into a tie for first place in the conference with Seton Hall.

Irish coach Debbie Brown kept things in perspective.

"It's still way too early to get ahead of themselves," Brown said. "It's still way too early to worry about first place," Brown said.

Up first for the Irish on Friday was a strong South Florida (10-6, 1-1 Big East) team led by All-American junior outside hitter Marcela Gurgel. The Irish defeated the Bulls 3-1.

Gurgel paced the Bulls with 19 kills and 11 digs, but the Irish were able to control her for the most part.

"We had a pretty high number of kills, which helps," Brown said. "We held her under her percentage average, and we took some of her shots away.

Notre Dame's lineup changes in light of junior outside hitter Serenity Phillips absence due to an ankle injury saw senior outside hitter Justine Streemick on the right with junior middle blocker Tara Enzwiler and Sciacca in the middle. Brown cited this formation as helping her team deal with USF.

Starring for the Irish against the Bulls was sophomore outside hitter Kellie Sciacca. Sciacca had 20 kills on 28 attacks for a .643 average in the match.

"Sciacca came alive offensively, she was on her game," Brown said. "It was really, really good to see.

Junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin also pitched in with 18 kills and a .429 hitting average.

"Kaelin let her competitiveness take over," Brown said. "She wanted the ball and she had some great swings. I was really pleased with her performance."