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**Reish, Schmidt talk with Trustees**

*Student leaders discuss developing concern about police over-targeting students*

By AARON STEINER

In their first presentation to the Student Affairs Committee of the University Board of Trustees, student body president Bob Reish and vice president Donna Defino explained the goals of their administration and discussed what they termed the current “hot-button” issue at Notre Dame—developing concerns surrounding student relations with police and security on and off campus.

In the first of three presentations Reish and Schmidt will make to the committee during their term, the pair detailed what their administration has already accomplished this year and what they hope to do in the months ahead.

Reish said that when asked to present on the most pressing issue among the student body, he and Schmidt saw only one outstanding issue.

Reish explained that there have been numerous recent arrests related to underage alcohol consumption on and off campus, including the 37 people arrested Sept. 21 at a party on the 700-block of E. Colfax Ave. and recent arrests on football weekends in tailgate areas.

“(Somel) students feel they are over-targeted,” Reish said.

One concern is that because there is a perception of emphasis on underage alcohol consumption, some students believe there is less emphasis on student safety, he said.

The issue leads to an examination of the relationship between students and on campus and local police forces, Reish said.

Reish said there are three reasons for the increased discussion of the issue this year. The first is the lack of other “hot-button issues,” he said. Also, students hold conflicting opinions about what was deemed acceptable “in a different time,” he said; and what is accepted today regarding alcohol enforcement. A third is the possibility of an actual increase in incidents, Reish said.

One Trustee commented that he understood the point about a conflict between what was accepted in the past and what is accepted today in Notre Dame—senior Diana Defino, poses with Sen. Barack Obama.

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**ElectioN 2008**

**Students call debate a tie**

By LIZ O’DONNELL

Students filled the Coleman-Morse Lounge on Thursday night to watch the much-anticipated Vice-Presidential Debate between Republican Governor Sarah Palin and Democratic Senator Joe Biden.

The debate, held at the Washington University in St. Louis, was the first and only debate between the two candidates and was partaking.

The candidates discussed a number of topics, which ran the gamut from domestic issues to foreign policy.

The debate was divided into five.

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**Election 2008**

**‘Inner’ peace a goal in Saint Liam**

By JENN METZ AND KAITLYNN RIELY

Running the News section of a daily paper, even a student one, is a stressful job, so when Dr. Wendy Settle of the University Counseling Center sent an e-mail inviting us to use the Inner Resources Room, we accepted, gladly.

We arrived at St. Liam Hall on Thursday afternoon, 12 hours after one of us had spent nine hours helping to put out Thursday’s paper, and four hours before one of us would spend another nine hours helping to put out Friday’s paper.

But we needed de-stress. We'd tried other methods of relaxation. Drinking a glass of wine before bed, exercises.

The Inner Resources Room makes de-stressing a possibility for students with features like soft lighting and a massage chair.

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**Twins on the Hill**

Sisters support opposing candidates in primaries, then unite for Obama

By KAITLYNN RIELY

Notre Dame seniors Diana and Donna Defino are planning to vote for Democratic Sen. Barack Obama, for president this fall.

The identical twins are in agreement — they support Obama and they are confident he will win in November.

But last fall and through the primary season, the loyalties of the Definos were split between the two leading Democratic nominees, Obama and Sen. Hillary Clinton.

The twins worked on Capitol Hill as part of the Notre Dame Washington Program during the fall of 2007 — long before the opening primary contests in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Donna worked for Obama’s Senate office and Diana worked for Sen. Clinton’s.

“People always said, ‘Oh, you guys should switch offices one day and see if anyone noticed.’ But we never did that. I think we’d be too nervous,” said Donna.

Obama’s office is in the Hart Senate Office Building, and Clinton’s is in the Russell, so the Definos seldom crossed paths while they were working.

But at lunch, Donna and other interns from Obama’s office met with Diana and the Clinton interns. The first day, Donna said, they joked about rumors of starting if people noticed the Clinton and Obama camps eating together.

“We were just like, ‘Watch, the next day the front page of the newspaper is going to be, “Hillary and Barack’s interns eat lunch together — trading top secret information.”’

But the interns all ended up being friends, the Definos said.

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**Officers explain arrests**

Police: Students not specifically targeted

By JENN METZ

This season, almost 100 people have been arrested on Notre Dame home football Saturdays.

Most of the citations issued were for alcohol-related offenses and determining which individuals to cite or arrest, out of the many people consuming alcohol on campus, depends on the circumstances of the incident, police said.

Dave Chapman, assistant director of Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) said in an e-mail, “If the officer has probable cause to believe the person is intoxicated they may take action.”

He said NDSP officers observe the behaviors of people, both in the games and at tailgates, and if the behavior is suspicious, an officer “may speak with the person to gather more information.”

“Police only get involved if someone is thought to be in violation of the law, for example public intoxication, disorderly conduct, minor consuming alcohol, etc,” Chapman said in the e-mail.

Generally police interact with these people away from the crowds. Chapman said police will video tape interactions between officers and members of the public from time-to-time.
INSIDE COLUMN

What's in a name?

Sometimes, I think the Office of Residence Life and Housing has a sense of humor.

A friend once told me two boys who lived in his hall had the last names Ying and Yang. There have been rumors of two Brian Lee's living together as freshmen.

Now, two unrelated girls with the last name Metz are next-door neighbors.

In perusing nytimes.com one evening early in the semester, I discovered an article published in 2007 that featured an interactive list of the 5,000 most-popular surnames in America. And by "discovered," I mean I saw it on the Web site's list of most-read articles.

Out of curiosity, I decided to search my last name to see if it made the cut, though I had my doubts. I hadn't met that many Metzes before that weren't related to me, and the few I did meet did not even come close to the number of say, Smiths or Andersons I've come across.

Much to my surprise, Metz ranked at number 1640, right after Ybarra and right before Root. I've never met a Ybarra or Root before. The Metzes are on the rise — the ranking listed, based off the 2000 United States Census, marks a 36-place jump from 1990.

According to the list, you can find seven Metzes in every 100,000 people.

With two out of one of those sets of seven can be found not in every 100,000 people, not even in every 8,000 people, but in every 50 people, namely the population of the fourth floor of Cavanaugh Hall.

So, good one, Residence Life and Housing.

Your room assignment for my freshman neighbor has sparked so many questions: "Is she your sister?" No, we are not from the same town. "Is she your cousin?" No, not that I know of. Those are actually the only two questions.

But it made me wonder: what is her name, written in glitter on a vintage record just a few feet down the hall from mine, there as a pure coincidence? Because if that's the case, it's a little strange.

Or was it there because Residence Life and Housing wanted to provide us with a conversation starter? At our first meeting, I explained "So you're the other Metz?"

Personally, I think it was their own little joke.

Luckily, after living next door to Elizabeth Metz for a month, I have nothing to complain about. She's pretty cool.

It was a bit of a shock, though, when she posted fliers about running for Freshman Class Council all over the dorm, with her last name — my last name — in big letters, as part of the slogan "Got Metz?"

It was cute.

My answer, of course, was yes.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

In a Sep 24 football article, The Observer misquoted Cavanaugh resident Kurt Dunn when referring to a bad call by the officials in Cavanaugh's 4-1 victory over Fordham. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SONG DO YOU SING IN THE SHOWER AND WHY?

Alexa Altman
junior Regina

"Jason Mraz's 'I'm Yours' because it is catchy."

Allie Meyers
junior Le Mans

"Pretty Fly for a White Guy because it's awesome."

Katie Putz
senior Le Mans

"Chris Brown's 'Forever' because I look what I can do with my feet."

Kim Burkhardt
senior Le Mans

"Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head."

Mickey Gruscininski
senior Le Mans

"Blue Hawaii because I have the lyrics in my bathroom."

OFFBEAT

Man arrested after fireworks ignite inside car

CENTRAL FALLS, R.I. — A Central Falls man faces criminal charges after the cigarette he was smoking inside a car apparently ignited fireworks. Police arrested a 28-year-old man on Sunday after an officer found a block 1997 Infinity smoking in the middle of the street.

Firefighters were called to the scene to extinguish the blaze. No one was injured.

The man told police he was smoking a cigarette inside the Infinity when fireworks near his feet ignited. Witnesses told police they saw a passenger in the infinity tossing fireworks from the vehicle shortly before police arrived.

The man was charged with the use or possession of fireworks under $500.

DLI charge dropped: It was marge's milk, not beer

ALMATY, Kazakhstan — A court in Kazakhstan has dropped drunken-driving charges against a man who admits he had a few drinks before he was arrested. The reason? He consumed fermented mare's milk, not beer of liquor.

Fermented mare's milk, or kumys, is not listed as an alcoholic beverage in Kazakhstan, although it can contain up to 4 per cent alcohol. The popular drink is believed to have health-boosting properties.

The man, identified only as R. Iskendirov, told a court he had drunk about 1.6 quarts of kumys for medicinal purposes before getting behind the wheel in June. He was arrested on suspicion of being drunk from beer.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Student Activities Office will host Tom Deluca today in Washington Hall at 4 p.m. to hypnosis student volunteers in a 90 minute show. Doors open at 8:30 p.m.

The College of Science is having a seminar on "Translation to Treatment in Orbital Disease" in DeBartolo Hall Room 210 at 2 p.m. today. Dr. Louise A. Mawn, a specialist from the University Eye Institute will be speaking.

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be showing the movie "The Exiles" today at 4:30 p.m. There will be a panel of Native American students discussing current human rights' issues in the film immediately after the screening.

The College of Arts and Letters is having a lecture on "The Sub-Prime Mortgage Mess and Federal Reserve Policy" at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the Chernoff Auditorium in Snite Museum. It is part of the Saturday Scholars Series.

The Student Activities Office will host "End Zone: Breakfast and Bings" at 10 a.m. Saturday in Lafortune Ballroom and will feature Denny's breakfast, Music Video Bings and "The Breakfast Club."

The Off-Campus Council will be hosting a series of block parties for students and their neighbors. The first block party will take place in front of a building in the fields behind 109-119 N. St. Peters and is for all the students and residents living south of LaSalle Ave.

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

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Students ready for next home victory

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

This weekend's game against Stanford, which kicks off at 2:30 p.m., gives the Irish a chance to build on last Saturday's decisive 38-21 victory over Purdue. Stanford has had a mixed season so far. It posted a 36-28 win over Oregon State, however, the Cardinals lost 41-17 to then No. 15 Arizona State. Their biggest win last season came during an upset win over Oregon State, however, the Irish will not have much trouble running from 5 p.m. until midnight.

Andrew McCorry, a junior, said Notre Dame's campus a more positive vibe. "I felt like the atmosphere better when the team is winning," he said. "Everyone seems to be in a better mood."

To add to the excitement of the football weekend, the Junior Class Council has planned a "Cat Smash Bash" event. Students will be able to smash an old car decorated in Stanford colors and symbols at Fieldhouse Mall Friday. Using a hammer will cost $1, a baseball bat will cost $2, and a sledgehammer will cost $5. The event will run from 5 p.m. until midnight.

Steve Bold, the Junior Class Council's treasurer, has high hopes for the event. "If we find this to be successful on Friday, then we will certainly consider doing it again for more of the home games," Bold said.

The pep rally will be held Friday at 6 p.m. at the Joyce Center. Contact Irena Zajickova at irena.zajickova.19@nd.edu

Student computers face virus threats

Bad applications, e-mails, and websites causing problems

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Members of the Notre Dame community continue to face threats from computer viruses, and students' computers in particular present a "steady rate" of virus infections, according to Mike Chappie, Information Security Program Manager of the Office of Information Technologies at Notre Dame.

"We see virus infections every year, happening most often on student systems," Chappie said.

Computer viruses are "malicious code, bad applications or e-mails or websites that attempt to take control of your computer or do bad things to your computer," according to Aaron Striegel, assistant professor of Computer Science and Engineering.

Student systems are particularly vulnerable to viruses because they often lack up-to-date anti-virus software, according to Chappie.

"Not only should students have anti-virus software installed, they must also [download] updates," Chappie said. "If software hasn't been updated in months it won't work against [new] viruses that have appeared in that time."

Anti-virus software is designed to examine the communications passing through a computer from the Internet or from CDs or flash drives to determine if they are infected with a virus, according to Striegel.

"Each virus has a signature that defines it, certain bits of that define it, certain bits of it are distinct," Striegel said. "So anti-virus [software programs] have lists of all known viruses and characteristics that all viruses have, and they look for suspicious behavior."

Anti-virus software that comes with new computers is often useable during a "trial period," according to Chappie, and students often do not want to pay after the trial period is over. However, Notre Dame offers a solution: free anti-virus software.

"We want students to know that we offer anti-virus software at no charge, and students will get updates as long as they're affiliated with the University," Chappie said. "The software is available at secure.nd.edu and protects against viruses and spyware."

Viruses can delete all the files on a computer or render it unable to operate applications and infect multiple computers and form a "botnet, an army of 'zombie' machines used to send spam [e-mails] or attack other computers," Striegel said.

Another important computer security tool is called a firewall, which "only authorizes certain applications to talk to your computer," and thereby prevents "people from just sending things to your computer," Striegel said.

"A firewall is like call waiting, you only take the calls your want and everyone else is on your do-not-call list," Striegel said. "Windows machines have a best firewall by default - you should turn that on - and Notre Dame has its own firewall to keep out bad traffic."

No one operating system, like Microsoft Windows or Apple's Mac OS X, is safe from the threats posed by viruses, according to Chappie, although because there are more PCs using Windows, there are "a lot more viruses out there than for the Windows operating system."

The simplest solution regardless of the type of computer or operating system is to "install antivirus software, let it run, and let it protect you," Chappie said. "If, however, a computer is infected by a virus the best course of action is to bring it to the OIT service center on the first floor of the IT Center building, located next to the Hesburgh Library, Chappie said.

"The technicians [at the service center] have the tools and training to make sure the virus is off your computer," Chappie said.
Trustee discusses success

By EMILY DABISH

Catherine Black, president of Hearst Magazines and a Notre Dame Trustee, gave a lecture at Mendoza College of Business Jordan Auditorium as part of the Bergest Lecture Series in Business Ethics. Black has been listed among Fortune magazine’s “50 Most Powerful Women in Business” for seven consecutive years, and she is credited with the success of USA Today.

Black began the lecture by stressing how important it is to have the “360 degree life” — a life not just focused on work because, “happiness is more important to success than success is to happiness.”

“We all have to make our own success... It is what is inside of you, the essence of living life; work, family, friends... Success is not just about work. We need variety and zest for life. We work very hard so why not enjoy it,” she said.

Black concentrated on five key success strategies. An individual should “take risks that are calculated not crazy,” she said, reminding the audience to remember that “the worst case scenario is rarely as bad as you think.”

“There is an upside to failure,” she said. “Failure can be a great learning experience...”

Black told of when she moved from New York to San Francisco to take a job for Francis Ford Coppola’s new magazine that ended up tanking several months later.

When she was asked if her radical move had been a mistake, she replied that it hadn’t.

“There is always discovery and disappointment... How can you not benefit from that knowledge?”

She told the audience to never stop in their career for learning and to be loyal.

“Loyalty is when people can count on you in the good and bad times,” she said.

When making decisions, Black said, it is best to keep ethics in mind. The ethical decision is always the right decision,” she said. “It’s about things in business and your personal life... Ethics are within you; what your parents gave you.”

Black left her audience with a message about achieving their dreams.

“Success is not just about chasing the salary, title and lifestyle, but about what is going to fulfill you,” she said.

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Crowd greets carrier upon return to N.Y.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The World War II aircraft carrier Intrepid, powered by tugs and accompanied by a festive Hudson River traffic jam, was returned Thursday to the Manhattan pier where it has served for 24 years as a military and space museum.

Onlookers gathered along the riverbanks and in passing pleasure craft as the huge vessel was ceremoniously escorted Thursday on its 10-mile journey from Staten Island.

The Intrepid Sea Air & Space Museum had occupied the Manhattan space until late 2006, when it was moved for extensive repairs and improvements costing nearly $120 million.

“She looks good, brand new — but I admit to a little bias,” said retired Adm. James “Doc” Abbot Jr., 82, who commanded the carrier in the early 1960s and was back on board as honorary skipper.

About 400 guests and former crew members also rode along, mingling on the flight deck in 60-degree weather.

Jeff McMillion, commanding a tugboat fleet generating about 18,000 horsepower, said a stiff westerly wind helped guide the estimated 38,900-ton carrier into its newly rebuilt pier.

The Intrepid arrived home following brief stops to salute the Statue of Liberty and unfurl a large American flag near ground zero, honoring victims of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

When it left the Manhattan pier two years ago, problems plagued the ship. Its propellers got stuck in the mud, and the Army Corps of Engineers has since dredged the pierside channel to 35 feet, giving the Intrepid 11 feet of bottom clearance at high tide. The channel also was widened to 110 feet to accommodate the hull, which is 103 feet wide at the water line.

Launched in 1943 as one of the Navy’s then-new Essex-class attack carriers, the USS Intrepid figured in six major Pacific theater campaigns including Leyte Gulf, the war’s greatest naval battle, it survived five Japanese kamikaze planes and a torpedo but lost 270 crew members in combat.

On Thursday, veterans who served on the Intrepid relived those events with a mixture of sadness and pride.

Ray Stone, 83, of South Salem, N.Y., struggled to keep his composure as he told how one kamikaze attack killed 26 of his fellow radarmen and how his friend Winston Goodloe, 86, of Clifton Park, won a medal for rushing into the chaos.

“The bodies were lying in rows on the deck,” Stone said. “Winston — I didn’t know him then — went down to fight the fires and pull out bodies.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Somali pirates hold ship ransom
Mogadishu, Somalia — Somali pirates holding a hijacked arm ship said Thursday they would not release it for less than $20 million and warned they will fight back against any commando-style rescue attempts.

A half-dozen U.S. warships have surrounded the Ukrainian cargo ship MV Faina, which was seized last Thursday by the coastal Somali coast of it transported 33 Soviet-designed tanks and heavy weapons to a Kenyan port.

"We would never release the ransom," pirates spokesman Suleib Ali told the Associated Press in a satellite telephone interview from the Faina.

The Somali government on Wednesday authorized foreign powers to use whatever force is necessary to free the ship from the pirates. Asked about fears that a foreign country might attack — as French commandoes have done in the past to free hijacked ships — Ali insisted his pirates will fight back.

India law bans public smoking
NEW DELHI — India banned smoking in public places on Thursday, leaving public health officials with a much tougher task: get the roughly 120 million smokers to quit out their cigarettes.

As more countries have clamped down on smoking in recent years, Indians have freely puffed away at playgrounds, railway stations, walk cafes and even hospitals. No more, and a violator will get a $5 fine.

For years, anti-smoking laws in this nation of nearly 1.2 billion people have been widely ignored. And the home countries have fought the government to keep warnings off boxes.

National News

NYC officer commits suicide
NEW YORK — A police officer was found lifeless on a building ledge and jabbing at police with a 9-foot-long fluorescent bulb as a crowd gathered below.

Lt. Michael Pigot responded by ordering an officer to fire stun gun at the man, who froze and plunged headfirst to his death in a scene captured on amateur video and replayed frequently on TV.

The officer was remorseful and distraught. He apologized to his family and the department's forgetfulness. Then he went to his unit's headquarters Thursday morning and fatally shot himself, just hours before the family laid the victim to rest.

No cell phones for rail workers
LOS ANGELES — Federal railroad regulators issued an emergency order prohibiting the use of personal electronic devices by rail workers operating trains and performing other key jobs.

The Federal Railroad Administration issued the order Thursday. It says violators will be subject to civil penalties and removed from "safety-sensitive" jobs.

The order comes a day after federal investigators announced that a MetroLink engine sent a text message from his cell phone 22 seconds before his commuter train crashed into a freight train last month. The crash at a suburban Chatsworth killed 25 people, including the engineer.

Local News

BP charged with Air violation
WHITING, Ind. — Federal regulators say BP PLC, which has been making modifications at its Indiana oil refinery along Lake Michigan to process Canadian crude, should get federal permission before it proceeds.

The allegations announced Thursday is included in a civil complaint complaint by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The complaint alleges BP violated the law by making several unapproved changes in 2005 when it altered a unit at the Whiting refinery that converts heavy oils into lighter products such as gasoline.

WORLD & NATION

Compiled from The Observer's wire services

$700 billion bailout closer to passing
Bush lobbies for more approval as crucial 'no' votes change to 'yes'

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Desperate to avoid another market- crushing debate, House leaders won key convert Thursday to approve the $700 billion financial industry bailout on the first make-or-break second vote.

President Bush and congressional leaders labored furiously for the dozen or so supporters they'd needed in the House since Monday's stunning setback and approve a massive rescue package to avoid a national economic disaster.

Anything but refusal, investors sent the Dow Jones industrials plunging another $45 points, suggesting Wall Street is expecting tougher economic times even if the measure is rushed into law.

The Federal Reserve reported record emergency lending to banks and investment firms, fresh evidence of the troubles squeezing the country.

"A lot of people are watching," Bush pointed out — as lawmakers sought to mend their fences — and he argued from the White House that the huge rescue measure was the best chance to calm unnerved financial markets and ease the credit crunch. He was calling dozens of lawmakers, a spokesman said.

Democratic and Republican leaders worked over wayward colleagues wherever they could find them.

Rep. Steny Hoyer, the sec- ond-ranking House Democrat, said there was a "good prospect" of approving the measure but stopped short of predicting passage — or even promising a vote. Nonetheless, the vote was expected of Friday. "I'm going to be pretty confident that we'll see the right action," the House leader said.

The top Republican vote-counter, Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, did predict the measure would be approved.

Minds were changing in both parties in favor of the much-delayed measure, which would let the government spend billions of dollars to buy bad mortgage-related securities and other devaused assets from troubled financial institutions. If the plan works, advocates say, that would allow frozen credit to begin flowing again and prevent a serious recession.

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Democratic Rep. Emanuel Cleaver of Missouri was switching, too, said spokesman Danny Rotert, declaring, "America feels differently today than it did on Friday about this bill."

Emboldened by the feverish bidding for votes, other mem- bers of both parties were demanding substantial changes to the legislation before they would vote for it. A group of Republican oppos- ition indicated they'd back it if the price tag were slashed to $520 billion and several spec- ial tax breaks added by the Senate — including for chil- dren's archery bow makers, imported rum producers and racetrack owners — were removed. Democrats wanted to add a way to pay for the bailout and more help for homeowners staring at fore­ closure.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D- Calit. said no, such revisions were impossible because they would slow the measure's enactment and further shake markets.

Government rejects medicine ban

WASHINGTON — A top government health official Thursday rejected pediatri­ cians' calls for an immediate ban on over- the-counter cough and cold medicines for young children, saying it might cause unintended harm.

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Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Matthew 25:40

An Urgent Call to Solidarity

To the Notre Dame Community and our Friends,

The Notre Dame undergraduates and the Alumni Association are sponsoring a month of round table discussions, reflections and documentary films on Haiti entitled Hope in Haiti - The Poorest of the Poor: A Call to Solidarity. The groups are participating in a clothing drive to assist the people in Haiti from October 27 through November 9. We urge you to support this important initiative.

The poor and long-suffering people of Haiti once again face death and suffering, this time from the ravages which two successive hurricanes have caused. We invite you to assist our brothers and sisters at this critical moment.

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Campus Ministry
Retailers rush to attract customers

Prices fall in stores as market meltdown continues to take Wall Street by storm

**In Brief**

Market falls even further Thursday

NEW YORK — Pessimism about a protracted economic downturn washed over the financial markets Thursday, sending stocks plunging and further tightening the credit markets. Reports on declining factory orders and a seven-year high in jobless claims shook fears that the government's financial rescue plan won't be enough to rescue a receiving Dow Jones industrials skidded nearly 350 points.

Investors appeared to be setting in for a prolonged economic winter. The main concern is that the $700 billion bailout plan won't be enough to rescue an economy that has been dealing for months with high gas and food prices, weaker job and housing markets and tighter credit.

Many economists predict spending could deteriorate as the problems on Wall Street cascade through the economy, with layoffs expected to rise and frozen credit markets meaning shoppers are having a harder time getting loans and credit lines. Eight in 10 fear the financial crisis will affect them directly, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll.

Noelle Snow, 41, of Deerfield, Ill., said the economic turmoil has made her cut her holiday budget for her two children to $200 from $500.

"I'm just trying to stretch all the way I can between budgeting for a couple of things that have broken in my house," said Snow, who worries about her job and financial services and her stock funds. "I'd rather put that money toward a couple of things." A Walmart shopper walks past a sale display in Rosemead, Calif., on Thursday. Wal-Mart is one of many retailers marking down prices in hopes of retaining shoppers.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alarmed by the financial meltdown, stores nationwide hanging sale signs on everything from fall sweaters to furniture — frantically trying to attract shoppers who are cutting back.

Some analysts were already expecting the weakest sales growth for the holiday season in 24 years, and with uncertainty roiling the banking system and a teetering economy, they figure Americans will make them lists and check them three or four times.

"I haven't seen this kind of fright since '91," said Faith Hope Consolo, chairman of real estate firm Prudential Douglas Elliman's retail leasing sales division. She said stores are "all arming themselves up for what is probably the most difficult season across the board."

At malls, shopping districts and on the Web, discounts are growing desperate. "Up to 60 percent off," say signs at AnnTaylor Loft stores, "50 percent off at Old Navy, Benetton. Hardwick Hardware Inc. e-mailed $100 gift vouchers to our customers Thursday for purchases of $400 or more. Holiday items are streaming in to flow into stores — and they're expected to run out," said a mark down marked immediately, said Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst for NPD Group Inc.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, is opening its Christmas shops a week earlier than last year to lure shoppers. Wal-Mart is also counting on 10 popular toys to $10 each. Holiday catalogs are already arriving in the mail.

But it may take more than sale signs and price cuts to spur shoppers, who have been dealing for months with high gas and food prices, weaker job and housing markets and tighter credit.

People are doing a lot more window shopping. Instead of buying four or five items, they are buying one or two," said Plummer.

Nevertheless, at clothing stores in malls, the volume and level of discounting is running about 10 percent more than a year ago, said John D. Morris, an analyst at Wachovia Capital Markets.

Holiday orders from clothing stores were already about 15 percent below last year's, and some stores are now canceling orders, said Arnold Cohen, co-founder of Mahoney Cohen and Co., an accounting firm for the apparel industry.

And industry figures indicate more shoppers are just staying home. Some industry sales forecasts say the holiday season could have the weakest growth since the early 1980s.

**World Trade Center hub delayed**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The owners of the World Trade Center site announced a delay in the completion of a multi­ billion-dollar project Thursday but pledged to open a nearly finished 9/11 memorial by the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

They set no firm schedule for the completion of the memorial, which includes four office towers and a performing arts center. The report also said the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower skyscraper has been delayed by a "great deal," though it is expected to be signed off the project of the site won't open until at least 2013.

In a 78-page report on ground zero's tortuous rebuilding process, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said the elaborate rail hub will cost $3.2 billion, $700 million more than planned, and should open in 2014, five years after the original projected completion date.

The memorial, "Reflecting Absence," will open on Sept. 13, 2011, with two waterfall-filled pools built in the shape of the twin towers' footprints, and surrounded by the names of nearly 3,000 victims, the report said. But some of the 500 trees in a cobblestoned plaza may not all be planted by that time and a visitor's center may not be open.

The report was issued after Gov. David Paterson ordered a re-evaluation of the rebuilding process in June, saying that there was little clarity about who was responsible for rebuilding the site. He and Mayor Michael Bloomberg had publicly urged the agency to go forward with completion of the memorial by the anniversary.

The report gives certainty to the rebuilding process, Paterson said. "We know what we are building, how long it will take and how much it will cost," he said.

Bloomberg, who leads the foundation building the memorial, gave only measured support to the pledge to open the memorial on time.

"Fully completing the memorial by the 10th anniversary of 9/11 remains our goal, and this plan doesn't accomplish that," he said.

The Port Authority's executive director, Christopher Ward, said he could not offer a schedule for three office towers being built by developer Larry Silverstein or for the arts center.
Victory march celebrates anniversary
Notre Dame fight song commemorates 100 years as college anthem

Special to The Observer

"Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame..." The greatest of all university fight songs is a century old this month. Now, on Notre Dame's 108th birthday to "Victory March" it is probably the most recognized and performed of college fight songs.

"It's a fantastic tune," said Kenneth Quadagno, director of Notre Dame Band. "It's a very memorable tune. It's got a lot of rhythm and tempo create an energy that encourages fans to cheer." And enjoy the music.

The 500 band alumni will join with the current band to "Wake up the echoes, cheer her name" during halftime of the Stanford game Oct. 4 at the Centennial Celebration of the anthem that has proudly been played in all 50 states and 22 countries.

"Victory March" was written in 1908 by Notre Dame graduates Joe Casarosa arranged the song to sound as we know it today. "Now the most recognizable collegiate fight song in the country," Victory March" was ranked No. 1 by former Northern Illinois University professor William Strong in his book "College Fight Songs: An Annotated Anthology" in which he ranked the songs of 175 schools. Although his personal favorite is Michigan's "The Victors," Studwell concedes "What tho' the odds be great or small, Old Notre Dame will win over all." He said "Victory March" is more borrowed, more famous and, frankly, you just hear it more. Anybody who says that Notre Dame's isn't one of the top five songs is out of his mind. That's like saying Shakespeare didn't how how to write.

The tune has, in fact, been borrowed by many American high school teams, a handful of Canadian schools and by the Australian Rules football team Sydney Swans. In 2003, the Celtic punk band Dropkick Murphys released an instrumental version of "Victory March," called "Victory." Earlier this year, hundreds of thousands of people witnessed another traditional tribute in the Shea brothers' hometown. The Holyoke St. Patrick's St. Patrick's Parade attracted a record 600,000 roadside spectators and more than 1 million television viewers who watched "While her loyal sons are marching," several area bands perform "Notre Dame Victory March.

Incidentally, a float honoring the Shea brothers won first place, and the "Here Come the Irish" banner from Notre Dame's Zahn Hall was prominently displayed along the parade route.

All over the world, audiences love "Victory March." On its tour of China in May, the Notre Dame Concert Band played the song to conclude each of its shows, and thousands of Chinese concert-goers spontaneously stood and clapped along every time. Afterward, a few audience members said they already knew the song, but most indicated they simply found it so exciting that they were unable to remain seated.

The significance of "Victory March" 100th year will be announced at each of the band's pre-game and halftime performances all season, and each band member will wear a commemorative patch and pin. In addition, the band has produced a celebratory book and box set.

The hardcover book "100 Years of the Notre Dame Victory March; A Centennial Celebration of the Band of the Fighting Irish Performing the Greatest University Fight Songs" is a collection of images that features memorable band formations, scenes from the tradition-filled concert on the steps and game day parades, all of which enjoyed "Victory March" as their soundtrack.

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and working for rival presidential candidates didn't lead to fights in the Washington Program living quarters after work.

"Completely undecided"

When Diana Defino received an e-mail sophomore year about an interview with the Clinton Program, she was a gap in Obama's schedule, morning, Donna said, and they both used the phrase "memories of the moment" they picked who they wanted to support offices. Donna was accepted to Washington, D.C., locations in Washington, D.C., degree. Once they were accepted to the Washington Program, she told an e-mail sophomore year, and working for rival presidential candidates during the election."

"This aura" for the election.

"That actually made the decision harder, because I hadn't picked who I wanted to support for the election."

"We were both completely undecided," Diana Defino said. "That makes you smile."

Diana said she visited around the office at least once a week, and said from her perspective, the senator was much more "personable" than the way she appears on television.

"She's one of the funniest people I've ever met," Diana said. "She's so friendly and she just lights up around you which makes you smile."

Diana never met Obama, and Donna never met Clinton, but they saw each other with the senator's intern, Donna said.

"Almost identical"

Diana and Donna arrived in Washington sure they would vote for a Democrat in November 2008, but not sure which Democrat they wanted to be the nominee. Through working with Clinton's staffers in the office and researching her political positions and legislative history, Donna soon became a Clinton supporter.

"I defined wanted her to win the nomination," she said. "I'm really visible for her. She was hard when she did not win."

Over in Obama's office, Donna was leaning more and more towards Obama. The Definos agree they are identical in most ways, the only difference in political views. How then, can identical twins divide their support for the four candidates embodied in a battle for the Democratic nomination?

Donna suggested that she and Diana were working for senators who could, in many ways, be described as identical. When you compare the two candidates closely, you can see how truly similar they are, she said. "Compared to others, their positions are almost identical." Clinton and Obama were both "amazing candidates," Donna said, and both would have made great presidents. But his experience working closely with Obama's staffers and interns, all of whom were enthusiastic about the senator, increased her enthusiasm about him.

"They really believe in him as a politician, senator and presidential candidate for making a difference in people's everyday lives," Donna said. As an intern, Donna had to learn to work with the senator and his legislation so she could explain his decisions to his constituents.

"Being surrounded by that "aura" makes you smile."

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But that Obama is the Democratic presidential nominee, they have both thrown their support towards him because of that," Donna said. Her sister had the same "in-depth perspective" for Clinton, and that's important to her. Diana said: "I'm excited about my sister's job, I know it's going to be amazing." Donna said, "I'll have to get her one, too." Contact Kaitlynn Riely at kriely@nd.edu

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"Video-taping can help clear up questions about what happened in a particular situation," he said. "It's not only an effective police action, through in-car police cameras, is a common practice and is commonly believed to improve police-citizen interaction."

He said police did not videotape "in a public place" and may be used, if needed as evidence," Chapman said in the e-mail.

Police are trained, Chapman said, in how to determine whether or not an individual is intoxicated in their observation of behavior and other criteria like "sharred speech, the smell of intoxication, Alcohol consumption before and after games takes place primarily at tail-gates, Chapman said, "fans who are 21-years of age and older are welcome to enjoy alcohol while in the parking lots."

He called tail-gating a "great game day tradition — a time for reunion of family and alumni and said, "the university is pleased to serve as the host for these gatherings." At the same time,NDSP wants to "promote a family-friendly environment and ask people to drink responsibly, and not to infringe upon the rights of others," Chapman said.

Tail-gating in the parking lots are not permitted during and after football games, he said. Wearing the appropriate citations, eject individuals from the stadium or arrest individuals vary upon the circumstances of the incident or the behavior of the individual, Chapman said.

"Our interest is maintaining the safety of the person that the police are dealing with, as well as maintaining safety of others if the person is released," Chapman said.

"If we receive calls about a certain location, that's something we have to prioritize where we go, but our main priorities are to avoid situations that are a problem."

The sideline said the Excise Police do not target everyone at a tailgate, for example, but they do "give a special attention to themselves or are drinking too much or in a situation that could cause potential they will do harm to themselves or others. "Police patrol both inside and outside the stadium," Chapman said. They do not target students specifically, Chapman said.

"From my experience, 99 percent of students are in contact with are legal, pleasant and understanding and they are good people." Chapman said.

Cleveland said the number of people on campus on game day, the Excise Police make it "a conscious decision," he said. This year's number is on par with the average from previous years, and Cleveland said he did not see any increase in arrests or decreases in the frequency of arrests.

Arrests that are made are "coincidental," he said. "I'm not sure what people you come in contact with are legal, pleasant and understanding and they are good people." Cleveland said.

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Katie Kohler contributed to this report.

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minute segments for each question, with ninety-second answers from both candidates, followed by two minutes of discussion. Biden answered the first question, after the order of response was determined by a coin toss. Both vice-presidential candidates maintained their running mates’ platform, while criticizing the policies of their competitor. Neither candidate answered the second question of the evening, “How would you stop the polarization in Washington?” Instead, the two took turns discounting the other’s political experience.

Biden, sticking to one of the Obama campaign’s basic strategies, tried to link McCain’s policies to those of President George W. Bush. The candidates each pushed traditional party platforms on the economy, with Biden representing the Democratic ideal of raising taxes, specifically on the upper marriage as anything other than tolerant of same-sex couples, she heterosexual couples,” Biden said. Marriage couples are guaranteed other domestic issues debated economy, with Biden representing those of President George W. Bush. tried to link McCain’s policies to Obama campaign’s basic strategies, with Biden representing modern experience. The two candidates, followed by two minutes of answer the first question, after it was a good debate. I think both candidates did well,” he said. Biden supported an exit strategy provided that there was a specific timeline included with it. Other issues discussed pertaining to foreign policy included the dangers of nuclear Iran and unstable Pakistan, the Bush administration’s Mid-east policy, intervention in the Darfur crisis, and the genocide in Darfur.

Members from Notre Dame’s Debate Club were on hand to analyze and comment on the candidates’ performances. They said that Palin was a genuine, relatable character and that she also solidified herself as a strong candidate on the ticket. However, they said that overall Biden had stronger rebuttals and that Biden played Palin’s inexperience to his advantage. Overall, the four indicated that Palin was the victor because all she needed to do to win was “stay in there”.

Gwen Walr, a member of NIDe’s ‘08 felt that the event was a success. “A lot of people showed up, it was a good debate. I think both candidates did well,” he said. "I give McCain a 10, Biden a 7.5". McCain deserved full marks for a hard-hitting performance, while Biden delivered a measured and persuasion. He crafted the debate as a discussion of American values, with Palin as the embodiment of what those values should be. In the face of her aggressive style, Biden maintained his cool, responding with calm and measured responses. The debates were watched by millions of Americans, who were eager to see how the candidates would perform and how their differences would play out on the national stage. The vice-presidential debate was a key moment in the presidential campaign, as it provided a glimpse into the candidates’ character and political style. The two candidates continued to campaign through the debates, with Palin gaining momentum in the polls and Biden maintaining a steady lead. The outcome of the election was uncertain as the candidates headed into the final stretch of the campaign. The debates were a crucial moment in the election, as they allowed the candidates to demonstrate their political acumen and appeal to the electorate. The vice-presidential candidates continued to campaign through the debates, with Palin gaining momentum in the polls and Biden maintaining a steady lead. The outcome of the election was uncertain as the candidates headed into the final stretch of the campaign. The debates were a crucial moment in the election, as they allowed the candidates to demonstrate their political acumen and appeal to the electorate.
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Relax

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ing, watching "West Wing" episodes. We were considering taking up smoking (no), that was just one of us. But those approaches don't work when Libertarian Presidential Candidate Bob Barr is on his way to campus, the Board of Trustees are in town and you have to choose whether to write a paper for class or cover a story.

We met Dr. Settle on the third floor of St. Liam's, and told her we wanted to learn about what the resources room offered, but we also wanted to experience it.

It was our first time meeting Dr. Settle, a staff psychologist for the University Counseling Center. She showed us around the Center, then led us into the Inner Resources Room.

Room 305 is a small, square room, with soft lighting and soft-sounding music. The light strains of the "Quiet Joy" CD accompanied the sounds of water falling from the fountain suspended on the wall. The room includes a desk with a computer and a large lamp, a television, deep red draperies, and, most prominently, a large massage chair.

"That's usually what attracts people to use the room," Dr. Settle said.

Jean claimed the massage chair and turned the control to the "kneading" setting. Dr. Settle first showed us how the light therapy lamp. Light therapy, she said, can be an effective treatment for people who suffer from seasonal affective disorder (SAD). People may experience SAD during the winter months, due to the decline in the amount of light coming through the eyes. Dr. Settle said. She compared it to a bear wanting to hibernate.

People who have SAD, which usually happens between October and February, may experience fatigue, they may crave carbohydrates and chocolates and could be gaining weight.

Studies have found that light therapy is helpful for most people with seasonal depression, Dr. Settle said.

We sat in front of the Counseling Center's light box, and she turned it on. Ten thousand lux of light radiated from the rectangular panel. The therapy works best if a person sits in front of the lamp for 30 minutes to an hour each day for a couple of weeks, Dr. Settle said. A person who believes they have SAD should know within four days to two weeks whether the light therapy is helping.

We weren't feeling sad, but we were tired, and we can see how the bright light could make living beneath the perma-cloud of South Bend more bearable.

But for everyone who thinks they've found a way to keep, or regain, their summer tans for free, put your swim trunks and tanning goggles away — the light box will not give your pale skin a healthy-looking tinge.

Next, Dr. Settle showed us a black box in the corner of the room — the negative ion generator. Dr. Settle was knowledgeable about the effect of positive and negative ions in the biochemistry. For simplicity's sake, we'll just say that negative ions can make you feel good since, in the bloodstream, they speed up the delivery of oxygen to cells and tissues. The negative ion generator, which emits 200 trillion negative ions per cubic centimeter per second, can help people breathe easier and so relieve various types of depression.

The three of us breathed in the air in which, we assumed, trillions of negative ions circled around us. Then Dr. Settle said something neither of us expected to ever hear in an interview:

"I am going to tell you the negative ion generator." She did just that, linking Jenn to the machine, so the negative ions would stick to her more.

Even if students are not depressed, Dr. Settle said, the negative ion generator could help students relax and improve their moods if they use it on a regular basis for 30 minutes to an hour at a time. We're probably going back.

Dr. Settle demonstrated a relaxation device that teaches you how to slow down your breathing and relax. Kailyn placed head-phones over her ears, and as soft music played, she breathed in and out, following the directions of the graphic on the machine on her lap. But it's hard to concentrate on the instructions and interviewing someone at the same time, so the little man showing her how to breathe gave up on her and disappeared from the screen.

After teaching Kailyn to breathe rhythmically, we logged into the computer and used some of the several bi-blend-back programs the Counseling Center has uploaded, like "Wisdom Quest" and "Wild Divine: The Journey.

Dr. Settle got Jenn started on a game that guided her into a tem-porary state of the "kneading" and "calm and foot" settings of the massage chair. We decided — with a combined six plus years of Observer employment — this is the best assignment we have ever been on.

The Inner Resources Room, a joint gift from the senior class of 2004 and donor William K. Warren, Sr. in free for Notre Dame students, faculty and staff and open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students can stop by the Counseling Center and sign up for half an hour to hour-long slots.

Dr. Settle teaches a mindfulness and relaxation class on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Rolfs. The course costs $12 and will be held the next two Wednesdays. Students can sign up through the RecSports Web site.

When we left the Inner Resources Room, we felt calm, relaxed, at one with St. Liam. But descending down the stairs, we realized that, between the two of us, we had missed five calls. We had deadheads to homework to hit and work to do and people to e-mail. But for a wonderful 75 minutes, Dr. Settle had settled our nerves and slowed down our heart rates.

We'll be signing up for return sessions, just like the Inner Resources Room. And maybe asking The Observer to provide a negative ion generator for the office.

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IRAQ

Suicide bombers kill 24, injure dozens of others

BAHDAD — Suicide bombers struck two Shiite mosques in Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 24 people and wounding dozens during celebrations marking the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

To the north, suspected Shiite militiamen gunned down six members of a Sunni family, including women and children, police reported.

Those attacks occurred four days after a series of explosions killed 32 people and wounded nearly 100 in Shiite areas of Baghdad, raising fears that al-Qaeda in Iraq is trying to provoke Sunni-Shiite reprisal killings now that the last of the American "surge" troops have left the country.

In the deadliest attack, a suicide car bomber detonated his explosives about 20 yards from a mosque in Zafaraniyah in southeastern Baghdad. The blast killed 14 people, including three Iraqi soldiers, and wounded 28, police said.

The death toll would likely have been higher, but Iraqi soldiers prevented the attacker from driving closer to the mosque, police said.

"Pools of blood and the smell of burned flesh were everywhere and I saw a man of about 70 bleeding and lying on the ground," said Ammar Hashim, 24, whose brother was also wounded by broken glass in his shop.

In the other attack in the capital, a suicide bomber who appeared to be in his late teens detonated his explosive belt as worshippers were leaving the Rasoul mosque in the eastern New Baghdad district.

Ten people died and 24 were wounded, police and officials at al-Kindi and the al-Hasani hospitals said. The dead included a guard who blocked the attacker from entering the mosque, police said.

The Iraqi army said 17 people were killed in the two blasts. But area hospitals said that figure did not include victims who died later from their wounds.

The attack on the Sunni family occurred in Diyala, a heavily mixed province north of the capital. Police said gunmen sprayed the family's vehicle with automatic weapons fire as they traveled to the provincial capital of Baqubah to visit relatives.

The death toll included two children, three women and a man, police said. Another woman and her small child were wounded.

Police said the area was controlled by mostly Shiite security forces and that they suspected Shiite militiamen were responsible for the attack.

The police officials all spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the press.

Victims of the Baghdad attacks were attending prayers marking Eid al-Fitr, the religious holiday that comes at the end of Ramadan. Sunnis and other Shiite groups celebrated Eid al-Fitr earlier in the week.

Iraqi police and soldiers have been on alert for sectarian attacks around Ramadan, when devout Muslims fast from dawn until dusk and religious fervor runs high.

Last Sunday, five bombs exploded in Shiite areas of Baghdad, killing 32 people and wounding about 100, U.S. officials believed al-Qaida was behind the blasts.

Shiite cleric and lawmaker Jalaluddin al-Saghir blamed the mosque attacks on "the beasts of al-Qaida" that consider Shiites as religious heretics and collaborators with the Americans.

"After being weakened and isolated, the terrorists want to make a comeback in the capital and show that they are still powerful," al-Saghir told The Associated Press. "I think the al-Qaida efforts will fail because Iraqis now are more aware of the heavy price of any new round of sectarian violence."

The main Sunni political group, the Iraqi Islamic Party, joined in condemning the mosque attacks and called on Iraqis to unite against "those who want to transfer political disputes into the language of violence."

Bloody assaults on Shiite civilians helped trigger the massive wave of sectarian fighting that led to President Bush's decision to dispatch nearly 30,000 reinforcements to Iraq in 2007.

The last of those "surge" troops left Iraq in July after violence in the capital dropped to its lowest level in four years.

U.S. commanders have acknowledged a small increase in attacks recently in the Baghdad area as Iraqi forces assume a greater role in security. Late Thursday, a rocket or mortar shell exploded in the Green Zone, causing no injuries, the U.S. military said. It was the first known attack against the U.S.-protected area in weeks.

In a statement Thursday, U.N. special representative Staffan de Mistura expressed concern over the "recent spike in violence," urging Iraqis to maintain unity "in foiling the aims of those who want to push them back into the murderous cycle of sectarian violence."

Also Thursday, a bomb wounded four American soldiers in western Baghdad, according to U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Steven Stover. He gave no other details, but Baghdad police said the attacker detonated an explosive-laden car alongside a U.S. convoy.

Two Iraqi civilians were also wounded, a police official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

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Voting accounts for much of the basis of democracy: government for the people, by the people. Allowing the citizens to choose those who will represent their interests makes a country and what democratic countries around the world stand for. Americans have a right to vote, but they also have the privilege to vote. Should they spurn that privilege, the right may soon follow suit.

For out of state students, filling out a form for an absentee ballot simply requires a Google search, a printer and a few minutes to fill out a half-page form to mail it in. If you don’t vote on it and you’re done. Feel like your state is already decided? Vote in Indiana, where a recent South Bend TribuneWBST poll has the candidates separated by only a single percentage point.

Our Observer Poll

When you have the good fortune to live in a country where democracy prevails and the people select who will lead that democracy, why choose not to enjoy it? The 2008 presidential election is the first in a long time when neither a former president nor vice president is on the ballot. American groups are at war in Iraq and Afghanistan and the economy recently tumbled off a cliff. If the current state of the country doesn’t inspire you to vote, your priorities need to change.

Voting accounts for much of the basis of democracy: government for the people, by the people. Allowing the citizens to choose those who will represent their interests makes a country and what democratic countries around the world stand for. Americans have a right to vote, but they also have the privilege to vote. Should they spurn that privilege, the right may soon follow suit.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks, NSDP and SBPD
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to learn how to fend for ourselves at the present time. It is now time we take the lead as a professional as any law enforcement group I have ever seen. The situation inside the stadium has now progressed so much, that unless you have the balance of an 80-year-old, being even a suspect is too much of an experience for the students as well as the crowd.

Kevin Sonn
Siegfried Hall
Sept. 30

Hail to the Stadium Ushers
Part of the reason my tailgating experience lasts, but it created a rift between us and the fans. I was accused of spitting in the bathroom and embarrassingly harass the officers if off our campus.

There is the story of the war veteran who has combat induced vertigo that lost his balance in the stands, accidentally vomited on an usher, was forcibly removed from the stadium and nearly arrested. There are the rumors of the overseas using his binoculars from his high perch looking for trouble makers. He issues warnings. He is a warrior with a different shade of gold on his daughter.

There is the filming of innocent bystanders. People who are not doing anything wrong being filmed by law enforcement for future records. There is the roving band of enforcement officers rogue to find some poor souls to take down.

There is the stifling of tradition in a place that used to be the roving band of enforcers. These are the stories that I have read the week before I go to a game, and it is shocking that I have been able to see this as I have been a night terror. If any outsider heard these stories, he might think that I am talking about England as imagined in the graphic novel "V" by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons. These are our own stories. They come from our fans and alumni alike.

There are the stories of a police force that is seemingly out of control and an administration that has no plans to reign in their excesses. These stories scare me and upset me, and I can only hope that they are all untrue. I can only hope that they are simply stories.

I can only hope that it's untrue that a Vice-President of the University is banished from Notre Dame grounds.

I can only hope that it's untrue that a man was arrested for making fun of the band. I can only hope that it's untrue that a man's belt was cut off in the drunk tank and he was forced to wear the paddies on his pants at his knees and his arms curled behind his back.

I can only hope that it's untrue that the head of Stadium Security mocked us with verve.

I can only hope that all of our Police Officer's Eagues at Notre Dame. Students, Fans, and Alumni have more respect for each other than these other stories. Because if they don't, then the entire community we are all a part of has major problems on its hands regardless of the truth to these stories.

I tend to believe these stories. I don't think that people who love Notre Dame as much as I do would have the capacity to make up things that are as appalling. However, after meeting with an NSDP official this week, I saw the other side to these stories. I reminded myself of the fact that in three years I'll be gone and I am very much looking forward to leaving the dorm and go on a run. Now I feel like I need to drive to campus and make sure that everything is in order. In three years on campus my safety was never threatened and if my parents were never stolen.

There is a reason why the Notre Dame has instituted certain policies in the student section over to 31 to stand with a graduate of the University has instituted certain policies in the student section.

My dad's first game at Notre Dame was in the Class of 2005.

Kevin Sonn
Siegfried Hall
Sept. 30

A love hate relationship
It's a well known fact that most people cut off their love Notre Dame or Notre Dame. I am writing today to make the very much away from this group of people who are creating with their policies. One that both loves and hates Notre Dame.

I love Notre Dame for the education I received. I love the friends I have formed with dorm mates and classmates. I love playing pick up football on south and watching the President and the spirituality that is an actual physical presence on campus if you let yourself feel it. I love all the things that make us proud to say. We are ND.

I hate that Notre Dame is now employing a roving band of enforcers that is a professional as any law enforcement group.

Kevin Ryona
Fisher Hall
Oct. 1

Boo Tim McCarthy
Although I admire you, I say the students of Notre Dame hoo "Officer Tim McCarthy of the Indiana State Police" to get free tickets for each of them in the student section. I was able to get tickets for each of the student section over to 31 to stand with a graduate of Notre Dame in the student section.

My sister (a 2007 grad) and her boyfriend were accused of spiked a Coke in his seat, but rather justly tore the ticket to shreds and began to escort its holder out of the stadium. It is nice to know that even if you refuse to protect us from armed robbers.

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For the next few months, Americans will be bombarded with campaign ads and news reports emphasizing the supposed stark choice they will face in the voting booth on Nov. 4. The basic storyline will be set: on the right, conservatives Ben Lindsey and Michael Eardley will push a course roughly contiguous with the Bush administration's policies; on the left, liberal crusaders Edward Maginn and Laura Schaffer will pursue a course of sweeping change and reform. Accompanying such policy disputes will be the usual array of personal attacks and innately cloudy allegations: John McCain is too inexperienced, Obama is out of touch, Bush is a radical, and so forth. While a constant stream of formulacolonic can quickly become numbing and tedious to the average voter, it's worth a closer examination. Are the candidates really as different as they claim? Behind the Democrats' and Republicans' war of words lies a seldom-examined truth: on virtually every issue, Barack Obama and John McCain share the same essential philosophy on the role of government. They both agree, for example, that airports and highways and street corners across America with campaign signs. There is considerable overlap and a certain superficial resemblance of John's proposals. For example, he advocates an increase in the minimum wage, a national health care plan, and the withdrawal of our troops from Iraq. John's policy proposals are all consistent with the principles of his campaign. He also supports full funding of the war on terrorism, which I believe is a necessary and responsible course of action.

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Ben Lindsey
Guest Columnist

A declaration of war

We, the Gentlemen of St. Edward's Hall, in accordance with the desires of our patron, St. Edward, King and Confessor, hereby adopt an Ended Dormitory on campus, we feel the obligations and, most importantly, the duty to uphold the traditions of our University, and counter the base sonority of our Lady's youngest sons.

Thus, a rivalry is born. We the Gentlemen of St. Edward's Hall hereby reprimand the Highlanders of Duncan Hall for their insidious offenses, and will pursue a multi-measure order against the University, student hall of not only St. Edward's Hall, but the entirety of Our Lady's youngest sons.

While the presence of Duncan has allowed for minimal benefits, such as increasing space in other dorms and providing a haven for social misfits, we feel that Duncan's despicable violations against our dorm's tradition are of exceeding concern, and greatly outweigh the said advantages.

Primarily, the Highlanders of Duncan Hall are untrustworthy. Abandoning their previous dorms in favor of Duncan's ostentatious halls, these men dishonor the tradition, established institutions of our University, and suggest a propensity for the disparagement of tradition and lore.

Furthermore, as eloquently summarized by one F. Blanck in "Duncan Disappoints," Sept. 30, numerous character flaws have been loudly and clearly symmetrically stolen from our beloved, storied residence hall, including but not limited to: our second-floor chapel, the rec room, and perhaps, most importantly, the dorm's secret identity: the nephew of the tradition, established institutions of our University.

We acknowledge that in stealing the traditions the Highlanders simply attempt to steal from us the traditions of the superior dorm. However, as the oldest dormitory on campus, we have a holy obligation to uphala our message, writing off his principle ideology as kooks and bizarre.

There is nothing strange or dangerous about the simple ideology of limited, minimal government. It is the oldest philosophy in our nation's founding fathers, and it is alive and well in the 21st century. Though the other parties attempt to silence debate, presenting statis, big-government parlous as the only viable solutions to the challenges our country faces, libertarianism, a political philosophy of strictly limited government, remains a vibrant and growing force in American political life. Thanks to the Libertarian Party, Americans will have a real choice in this year's presidential election. Presidential nominee Bob Barr, a former U.S. congressman from Georgia, is meaningful on the campaign trail这一刻，明晰 McCartney and Barack Obama's promises of ever-expanding government, and Barr has put forth viable proposals to lower taxes for all Americans, bring American troops home and out of harm's way, protect our civil liberties, dramatically cut wasteful spending, and end government meddling in Americans' personal lives. These goals have strong support — a wave of momentum and a dearth of funds, Barr regains the support of 5 percent of Americans in the latest Zogby poll.

The Republican and Democratic parties know that Bob Barr's Libertarian Party presents a real threat to their continued dominance of American politics. Barr has the potential to swing a number of states' highly contested electoral votes, but more importantly, he is sharing the party's political space and the media attention with a candidate I believe should run in the 21st century: the Green Party's Jill Stein.

As exit polls show, there is a clear non-party movement that is not necessarily those of The Observer.

Football players are allowed to have beer.

According to a study conducted by the American Medical Association, 34 percent of college students admitted to drinking while playing organized sports. Despite this, no one suggested that football players should be officially banned from drinking over the weekend. Grelf, who's in charge of our team, should be responsible — but free — decision from each member.

In fact, this addresses your fourth point as well: our football players are responsible enough to make responsible choices, and no one disputes their freedom to do what they see fit. It is not the task of the Green Party to make that decision for them.

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Scene Ticks Modern Movements

By ALEXANDRA KILPATRICK
Scene Writer

Titanic: A classic love story about the real-life tragedy of the 1912 sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic, this movie is well-known as the highest-grossing film of all time. It propelled Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet into superstardom and won eleven Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

American Beauty: Set in modern American suburbie, the movie artistically shows the beauty in life by following the character of Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey) who has a messy family life and a boring job. The drama dominated the 2000 Academy Awards, won Best Picture, and is best summed up through a final quote from Burnham: "I guess I could be really pissed off about what happened to me... but it's hard to stay mad, when there's so much beauty in the world."

The Sixth Sense: M. Night Shyamalan's psychological thriller is about a young boy, played by Haley Joel Osment troubled by the ability to see and talk to the deceased, and his child psychologist, portrayed by Bruce Willis. The movie has everything an award-winning thriller needs: Shyamalan as writer and director, the instant-classic line "I see dead people," and a surprising twist ending.

Fight Club: "The first rule of Fight Club is - you do not talk about Fight Club. The second rule of Fight Club is - you DO NOT talk about Fight Club." An adaptation of Chuck Palahniuk's 1996 novel, this controversial black comedy has become a pop culture phenomenon. The movie stars Edward Norton as a nameless protagonist who becomes increasingly disenchanted with consumerism in a way of life until he meets Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt) who inspires him to create an underground fighting club.

A Beautiful Mind: The award-winning biographical film stars Russell Crowe as John Nash, the Nobel Laureate in Economics, and follows the difficulties of his early years at Princeton. The movie won four Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

Lord of the Rings trilogy: Adapted from J.R.R. Tolkien's three-volume book, The Lord of the Rings, the epic trilogy is set in Middle-earth and chronicles the journey of Frodo Baggins and the Fellowship to destroy the Ring. The critically acclaimed films are three of the highest-grossing of all time and won 17 Academy Awards in total.

Harry Potter series: Based on J.K. Rowling's fantasy novels about an adolescent wizard, the films follow Harry Potter and his friends' adventures at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The sixth movie, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince is set to be released in theaters July 17, 2009.

Little Miss Sunshine: This unique American comedy-drama chronicles the journey of a dysfunctional family taking a road trip to the Little Miss Sunshine beauty pageant. Viewers saw an unexpectedly serious performance from Steve Carell and an exceptional performance from young Abigail Breslin, the fourth youngest actress ever to be nominated for an Academy Award.

June: Starring Ellen Page as an independent-minded pregnant teenager, this hilariously quirky love story is best embodied by the line, "I know people are supposed to fall in love before they reproduce, but normalcy's not really our style." The low-budget independent film premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and went on to surpass all expectations by winning an Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay.

The Dark Knight: This Batman Begins sequel could easily be called one of the most anticipated movies of all time. After Heath Ledger's death in January, fans of the actor looked forward to seeing one of his last performances amidst talk of a posthumous Academy Award for his performance as the Joker. Still in theaters after 11 months, the movie has earned more than a half-billion dollars in domestic revenue and is now the second highest-grossing film of all time domestically, behind "Titanic."

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By JESS SHAFFER
Assistant Scene Editor

Pirates of the Caribbean: Providing the perfect blend of comedy, action, fantasy, and romance, this film took an old-school Disney ride and made it into a household favorite.

Intended as a summer blockbuster, "Pirates" exceeded expectations and broke records. Though the consequential sequels were more than disappointing, Johnny Depp's performance was enough to put this lengthy film on the record books.

The Lord of the Rings Trilogy: It brought out the inner geek in all of us. Truly epic, the journey through Tolkien's magical world lasted for over nine hours across the span of three films. With a huge cast, LOTR was a cultural and box office success, taking that will no doubt be remembered for years to come for its enthralling intensity.

Love Actually: This is arguably the best romantic comedy in years. The film follows several, entangled love stories all based in London. Pulling on heartstrings, British filmmaking offers a wide spectrum of the highs and lows of love.

Showing a lasting understanding of romance, this is not merely a chick flick but seems to speak to viewers everywhere with humor and heart.

Borat: Shockingly offensive. Shockingly wonderful. Shockingly hilarious. This comedy was a surprise hit that took America by storm. Following a Eastern European journalist through his cross-country romp through the US, Borat left nothing off limits. Pushing comedy to the extreme, Borat is far from forgettable.

Little Miss Sunshine: Making extraordinary use of an ensemble cast, Little Miss Sunshine road-trips with a dysfunctional, new American family. With an offbeat indie vibe, Little Miss Sunshine allowed audiences to revel in delicious sarcasm and magnificently dynamic characters. These lovable losers somehow survive the obstacle course that is life, giving us all a bit more hope.

Chicago: 1920's criminal queens never sounded so good. Taking a stage classic to the cinema, Hollywood stars showed their musical and dancing talents.

Darkly cynical and strikingly visual, Chicago is not your grandma's musical. It updated an old-fashioned musical and brought it into modernity with class and charisma.

Pan's Labyrinth: Shifting between disturbingly twisted fairy tale and the backdrop of the Spanish Civil War, this award winner from the Mexican Cinema challenged viewers' morality. Hitting on universally challenging moral themes, Pan's Labyrinth is a dark fairytale for a modern generation.

The Departed: It's a classical game of cops versus mafia. But this film is a roller coaster, set in Boston, of unpredictable twists and turns. Packed with an all-star cast, this intense drama will definitely stay in the mind of future viewers.

Gladiator: This film is largely responsible for Russell Crowe's colossal ego. Still, this film details the dramatic life of a Roman Gladiator with the throws of romance, the pains of loss, political intrigue, and the Illustrious glory that comes from kicking butt gladiator style. It promises to be shown in high school history classes for years to come because of its classical quality.

Pride and Prejudice: Finally, cinema was able to capture a faithful adaptation of Jane Austen's memorable heroine. Elizabeth Bennet. With beautiful, British scenery and a delightfully committed cast, this period piece found a place in the hearts of literary lovers and film goers alike.

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American Beauty: Kevin Spacey is brilliant in this ode to self-discovery and American family values. With seemingly strange plot points viewers can be turned off to this film at first, but after convincing character growth and development the message of the film will stay with the viewer long after the credits.

The Dark Knight: The most recent film on this list takes the conventional superhero film and ups the ante. With brilliant performances by the three leads (Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, and the mind-blowing Heath Ledger) we experience the story of a city on the brink of collapse. A masked vigilante, a mad man who thrives off destruction, and a passionate district attorney weave together a captivating crime drama which will most likely be remembered this award season and long afterwards.

The Shawshank Redemption: Based on a novel by Stephen King, "The Shawshank Redemption" tells the story of a state penitentiary and the brutal regime the men in the prison must live by. The tag line "Fear can hold you prisoner. Hope can set you free" is probably the best summation of all this film manages to accomplish within its run time.

The Usual Suspects: This crime thriller with a compelling narration causes the viewer to ask many questions, but it entertains throughout. Told through the eyes of Verbal Kint, the viewers are led on mission filled with twists by a man who has been described as the devil, the dangerous Keyser Soze.

The Lord of the Rings, The Return of the King: Though it is only a third of the trilogy, ROTK is where everything truly comes together for the viewers. With infinitely epic battle sequences and a musical score that ranks amongst the best, this film trilogy impacted the cinema landscape during our lives. Roasting 11 academy awards, this film caused both fans and critics alike to find something to love in this fantastical narrative.

WALL-E: Another recently-released film, it gives viewers a children's cartoon with the depth and social commentary that few other films achieve. Perhaps the greatest filmic achievement thus far for the team at Pixar, it tells the story of the last remaining robot on earth. The film manages to run for a full 30 minutes without any dialogue, intriguing and captivating audiences with simple visuals and a charming little robot.

The Departed: A crowd favorite, this film has an all-star cast, Martin Scorsese, and Notre Dame references. With two separate, simultaneous stories, a series of twists, and a significant amount of double agents, "The Departed" departed with four Academy Awards and gave Scorsese his first directorial Oscar win.

Requiem for a Dream: Darren Aronofsky's second film is about drug addiction in many of its forms, and the prices that are ultimately paid. The story is merciless to its characters, and as the seasons slip into winter so do the characters slide into the comfort of their addictions until the shocking conclusion leaves the viewer shaken and perturbed. A combination of stylistic camera work, clever film editing and a string-filled score, "Requiem for a Dream" is artistic and unforgettable.

Forrest Gump: A charming story about a man with physical and mental challenges who makes history wherever he goes. Be it Vietnam, the desegregation of the University of Alabama, or the playing of ping-pong with the communist Chinese, Forrest is a lovable character wand lives by the motto that "stupid is as stupid does."

Pulp Fiction: Director Quentin Tarantino filled "Pulp Fiction" with quick dialogue and non-linear story telling, and it helped kick start the careers of many of its actors. With a significant amount of violence, a barefooted dance scene, and humor in the most bizarre situations, Tarantino scored major success with both critics and fans alike.
By MOLLY SAMMON, CHRISTINA M. MC DONNELL, RYAN O'CONNELL, BOBBY CRAY \n\nWomen's Internhall
Pasquerilla East set to break out of the cellar against Lyons

Farley and Welsh Fam ready to start the battle of the undefeateds; Pasquerilla West is building momentum

Farley and Welsh Fam

Two undefeated teams will face off as the Welsh Fam (2-0) takes on Farley (2-0-1) Sunday at 3 p.m. at LaBar Fields. Farley's strong start is a result of its potent, dynamic offense. However, the team has had difficulty finishing drives.

"We have been moving the ball downfield, but well short of the goal," said Farley's captain Jennifer Rolfs said. However, we have been unable to capitalize on our chances and finish in the red zone.

This offense has assembled in its last game, which ultimately ended in a scoreless tie against Green-Phillips. The lack of a score may be attributed to the lack of two starting receivers, one of which is out because of an injury.

Although its defense held Breene-Phillips scoreless, further work is needed for Farley on the defensive side of the ball.

"We have a young defense and don't really have the experience," Rolfs said.

"I expect backer Brigid McGann and corner Emma Kleskerson both bolster the defense. The linebacker combination of Emily Murphy will rely upon接收者Kelly Weberg and Kelly Hogan as well as receiver/running back Molly Casanova.

"They are preparing for a competitive, aggressive game this Sunday."

Despite their record, there have been a few bright spots for the Pyros.

"Two freshman wide receivers continue to stand out week after week, and we are working toward having three more varsity players," Connell said. "Lundie Ekehukwu and Kristin B. Ruiz have been standouts.

Based on the previous performances of each team, Sunday should be interesting as they each show support in opposing strengths of the game.

"The offensive line has shown a lot of improvement and gave me the time to move around in the pocket and find my receivers downfield," Connell said.

For the Pyros, the defense remains the strong point.

"Our defense as a whole is a strong force and is excelling to watch."

The battle between the Pyros and the Lions will start at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday at LaBar fields.

Pasquerilla West

"The West Quad team's tend to play on the defensive side of the ball, but we pull it through. I think our strength lies in our ability to make huge plays just like they did in our last two games," said PW captain Carole Pimpinelli.

"Their offense to make big plays, from our quarterback Amy Langmecker, our offensive line and our athletic receivers and flex backs," said Pimpinelli. "I plan on missing one of them will make huge plays just like they did in our last two games."

"Our defensive playmakers will definitely include senior captain Kelly Weber and our defensive playmakers Molly McCarthy, Bennett Valley and Allison Finzo," Pimpinelli said. However, Walsh is at its best in the air.

"Our strength lies in our ability to make big plays when it counts," said McCarthy. "We don't have the most experienced team, considering they are so young, but we pull it through. I think our great coaches and our team work are a big part of that."

"We can't afford to miss scoring opportunities because of dumb mistakes. We're going to move ball downfield on offense one down at a time.

PF is strong on the defensive side of the ball and performed well against Howard, shortening the score of 12-0. The Pyros backfield had to throw with little success.

"On defense, we're setting a lot of pressure and time," Davies said.

"McGill vs Pasquerilla West"

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"I'm really proud of the girls for not giving up and staying focused until the very end," McGinn said.

"We have to bring some of this energy with them into the game," said Pasquerilla West's captain Jennifer Rolfs. They have been consistent on both offense and defense throughout their first two games. In the opener, Maddie Boyer has anchored the offensive line this year on the other side of the ball, Junior Emily Dore and Freshman Jill Stinchcomb have manned the tight defense and placed constant pressure on the opposing quarterback.

"I expect big things from the offense this week. We're going to get the ball against PW, De Groote said."

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**Cubs centerfielder Jim Edmonds can’t handle a hit during the Los Angeles Dodgers’ 10-3 win over Chicago Thursday. The Cubs committed four errors in the game.**

**Errors help Dodgers take two-game lead**

Associated Press

CHICAGO — After two duds by the Cubs at Wrigley Field, Manny Ramirez and the Los Angeles Dodgers look ready to run Chicago’s championship drought to 100 years.

Ramirez hit a mammoth homer to extend his post-season record, Russell Martin had a three-run double and the Dodgers took advantage of four errors by the clumsy Cubs in a 10-3 victory Thursday night that gave them a 2-1 lead in the best-of-7 NL division series.

“It wasn’t good baseball. In fact, the last two days, that’s probably been the two worst games we’ve played all year,” frustrated Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. “It wasn’t fun to watch, I’ll tell you that.”

Chicago became the 23rd major league team to lose the first two games at home in a best-of-five playoff series, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Only one has come back to win — the 2001 New York Yankees against Oakland.

Of course, that Yankees team was managed by Joe Torre, now in the Dodgers’ dugout.

The series switches to Dodger Stadium for Game 3 on Saturday night. Rich Harden will face Hiroki Kuroda, who pitched a four-hit shutout against the Cubs in Los Angeles on June 6.

“We’re going to come out and try to jump on them again at home. That would be nice,” Billingsley said.

Just days ago, Cubs fans were excited about the team’s chance to win its first World Series title since 1908. But suddenly, Chicago is on the brink of elimination. The Cubs must win two consecutive games in Los Angeles to get the series back to Wrigley.

“We’ve still got one more game to win,” Ramirez said. “We’re not there yet.”

Billingsley shut down Chicago’s slumping lineup and Ramirez’s 26th post-season home run landed on the roof of the batter’s eye club in center, at least 450 feet away. It was his second jaw-dropping shot in two nights.

On defense, the Cubs collapsed. All four infielders made an error, includ­ing two in the second that led to a five-run inning for Los Angeles. The four errors by Chicago tied a division series record.

Billingsley allowed five hits and a run in 6 2-3 innings to the Cubs, who haven’t played like the team with the NL’s best record or one that went 55-26 this season in its home park.
NEW YORK — David Stern resigned as NBA commissioner Thursday by vowing to build the "most effective possible system" to monitor illegal gambling and preserve the game's integrity.

The commissioner ordered the investigation August after former referee Tim Donaghy was accused of betting on games he officiated and providing inside information to gambling associates to win their bets. Donaghy began serving a 15-month sentence on Sept. 23 at a federal prison in Pensacola, Fla.

Stern promised to implement all the recommendations included in former federal prosecutor Lawrence Pedowitz's review of the NBA's referees operations department, the result of a 14-month probe that cost the league several million dollars.

"We will be up there with the very best. No one will have a better system than we do," Stern said on a conference call. "But all of that said, the idea that you know, criminal activity will exist every now and then, in the world except in sports just something that we can't guarantee. But we're going to have the most effective possible system that's ever been devised."

Federal authorities have probed that Donaghy intervened with people connected to gambling, as Donaghy was. "It's really about who they are with and what information they give, because gamblers are always looking for an edge," Stern said. "And that's the concern that we have begun to address in rookies and we'll be more of with respect to players."

Stern has asked Pedowitz to review the new program at the end of the season.

"We believe that gambling can affect many players," Pedowitz said. "We have a concern that the culture of the NBA ought to be a disciplined one. So we worry about players."

The league already has made a number of changes, including restructuring its referees operations department and began posting officiating assignments the morning of games.

The report also suggests mandatory gambling education for players. "We believe that gambling can expose the players and the league to significant risks," the report said. "It is important that players be educated regarding those risks."

The 116-page document disputed Donaghy's allegations of specific misconduct and favoritism toward certain players and teams, but warned "because the potential for referee bias remains a threat to the integrity of the game, the league can do more."

It agreed with the federal government that there was no evidence Donaghy made any calls to affect the outcome of games after studying his work in 17 of them, including 16 during the 2006-07 season in which it was believed Donaghy made picks.

It also blasted the government's stance that referee Scott Foster wasn't involved in any of Donaghy's activities. Foster called Foster 134 times from Oct. 2006-April 2007, the FBI and the report said.

"We don't think Foster's description of their relationship as longtime friends provided a reasonable explanation for the calls," the report said. "The report speaks for itself," said Lamell McMorris, spokesman for the referees union.

Boston Celtics players Paul Pierce and Ray Allen endorsed the recommended mandatory gambling education.

"Throughout the years we have a number of different meetings. A gambling meeting wouldn't hurt," Allen said from training camp in Newport, R.I. "I think is just as important to educate the guys to make sure they don't give money away that you've worked hard for and you want to continue to work hard for. This education would definitely help."
Led by Longoria’s two homers, Rays take down White Sox

Tampa Bay wins first playoff game in franchise history, Shields allows three runs on six hits in 6 1/3 innings

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Cool and calm, or so it seemed.

Evan Longoria and the Tampa Bay Rays appeared perfectly at home in the playoffs with a Game 1 victory over Chicago. The rookie said looks can be deceiving, though.

"I was nervous," he said. "I think if you're not nervous in this situation, you're really not soaking in the moment." manager Joe Maddon

The All-Star third baseman homered in his first two at-bats and the surprising AL East champions were a big hit in their postseason debut, beating the White Sox 6-4 Thursday in their AL playoff opener.

"He's always got this way about him. He's not going to be overwhelmed by the situation. And that speaks beyond his skill level," manager Joe Maddon

said. "Obviously, his skills are very good ... and he likes these moments in a non-cocky way. He's just very confident." After 10 seasons as baseball's doormat, the Rays took the division with the best home record (57-24) in the majors. A lack of postseason experience was not a factor as they kept winning at Tropicana Field behind James Shields' effective start and Grant Balfour's tress, bases-loaded escape.

"It feels like you're in a dream," said Carl Crawford, who at 27 is the longest-tenured player in team history. "I'm just glad we got this first win out of the way. It was real special." Tampa Bay ranked near the bottom of the attendance charts this year, but The Trop rocked this day with a sellout crowd of 35,041. Rays season-ticket holders Dick Vitale joined in the fun, waving a "We Love Longoria" placard from his first-row seat next to the visi­tor's dugout.

Game 2 is Friday, when Tampa Bay's Scott Kazmir (12-8) faces Mark Buehrle (15-12).

"We want to win both of them now. We have such an advantage at home," Longoria said.

Chicago beat Minnesota in the AL Central tiebreaker Tuesday, and took a 3-1 lead on Dewayne Wise's three-run homer in the third inning. But Javier Vazquez, who has a history of flopping in big games, could not hold it.

Longoria became the second player to homer in his first two postseason at-bats, joining one of his former minor league hitting coaches, Gary Gaetti, who did it with the Minnesota Twins in 1987.

Longoria started the year in the minors and still hit 27 homers in the big leagues despite missing 30 games with a broken right wrist.

"This guy is a star. He's going to be an outstanding ballplayer," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "You see his face in the field, and you just know he's going to be a great, great player."

Longoria homered on his first postseason pitch, a 421-foot leadoff drive in the second. He put Tampa Bay ahead 4-3 with another solo shot in the third, a 430-foot homer off one of the infamous catwalks that support the roof of Tropicana.

"I was just looking for a pitch out over the plate I could hit," Longoria said.

He also had an RBI single and finished 3-for-3 with three RBIs. The Rays led 6-3 in the seventh when the game got tense.

Balfour relieved Shields with the bases loaded and one out, and struck out Juan Uribe. Orlando Cabrera was up next and after ball one, he kicked dirt toward the mound and appeared to shout something at Balfour. The reliever walked toward the plate before being stopped by umpire Joe West.

Cabrera fanned Cabrera to end the threat and his 27th at-bat and batted at the White Sox shortstop. The exchange also brought Maddon and bench coach Dave Martinez out of the dugout and more words were exchanged.

Cabrera said he was responding to something Balfour said.

"They say that he always gets pumped up like this," Cabrera said. "I didn't know that so I just got m ad a little bit and I was pumped up. ... It was just heat of the moment."

Said Balfour, "I fire myself up. That's what I do."

"I haven't changed anything. I'm not going to change," he said.

It was the same kind of feisty attitude the Rays displayed in spring training during a workout with the New York Yankees and a bench-clearing brawl in June on their first visit to Boston to play the Red Sox.

Shields allowed three runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings — the eighth hits in 41-3 innings. Balfour struck out both batters he faced and J.P. Howell worked a perfect eighth.

Dan Wheeler gave up a solo home run to Paul Konerko in finishing for a save. Wheeler is filling in for closer Troy Percival, who has been slowed by injuries and was left off the playoff roster.

Tampa Bay slugger Carlos Pena left after the second inning with slightly blurred vision in his left eye. The Rays said he accidentally scratched his eye at home, and was expected to return to the lineup for Game 2.

Longoria's RBI single in the fifth made it 5-3 and chased Vazquez.

Crawford, back in the lineup for the first time since injuring his finger on Aug. 9, hit an RBI single off Clayton Richard.

Vazquez allowed six runs and eight hits in 4 1/3 innings — the fourth consecutive start, all losses, he's gone less than five innings.

"We have to win tomorrow," Guillen said. "I mean, it's not a do or die thing, but I'd rather go home with one win than go home with our backs to the wall. This organization has been against the wall a lot of times, but we've pulled it out before."
Shevchenko's goal against Zurich puts AC Milan into tourney

Despite poor Premier League record, Tottenham sneaks into Cup after Wisla's Glowacki scores own-goal

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England — AC Milan eased past FC Zurich into the UEFA Cup group stage on Thursday along with two-time champion Tottenham.

Borussia Dortmund, the 1997 Champions League winner, was eliminated by Udinese 4-3 on penalty kicks, but Hamburg, Stuttgart, Schalke and Wolfsburg will form a strong German representation.

Four Spanish teams — 2006 and '07 champion Sevilla, league leader Valencia, Real Santander and Deportivo La Coruna — also marched into the next phase, as did Manchester City, Portsmouth, Everton and Spurs from the Premier League.

Andry Shevchenko scored his first goal since returning to Milan — the only one of the night — to secure the seven-time European Cup champion's passage 4-1 on aggregate.

Samfodora is the third Serie A team of the 40 in Tuesday's draw.

Tottenham eased the pressure on under-fire manager Juande Ramos by completing a 3-1 aggregate win with a 1-1 draw at cabo Krakow and will join Manchester City in the next phase after the newly enriched Premier League club repeated its 2-1 first-leg victory over Omonia Nicola.

Aston Villa was held 1-1 by Lises Lovech, but was carried through 4-2 on aggregate.

Standard Liege defeated equal 2-1 to take the two-leg series 4-3. Portsmouth had surrendered its 2-0 first-leg cushion within 32 minutes against Guimaraes, but Peter Crouch scored twice in extra time for the FA Cup winner to leave Portugal 4-2 aggregate victors.

Stuttgart drew 2-2 with Chernio More Varna, but progressed 4-3 past the Bulgaria.

Schalke had a comfortable 4-1 first-leg advantage over Apol Nicola and played out a 1-1 draw. Wolfsburg tied Rapid Bucharest 1-1 to oust the Romanians 2-1 on aggregate, and after a scoreless first leg, Hamburg overcame Unirea Vasluiharmurea 2-0 in Romania.

Benfica turned around a 3-2 first-leg loss to beat Napoli 2-0, with goals from Jose Antonio Reyes and Nuno Gomez.

Milan, the favorite to lift the UEFA Cup next May, didn't need to exert itself to defend its 3-1 lead from the first leg at the San Siro two weeks ago.

Ukraini strike Shevchenko timed his run to beat the off-side trap and collect Ronaldinho's flicked pass before slipping his shot under Zurich goalkeeper Johnny Leoni.

"I'm extremely happy that I've finally done it," Shevchenko said after scoring for the first time since returning to Milan from Chelsea in August. "Every time it seemed something was preventing me from scoring. Today again, the goalkeeper blocked my shot at the start. Even though I could have done better, the goal finally came and it's a big step for me.

"I'm still seeking my best form."

Tottenham's progression was secured by Arkadiusz Glowacki's own-goal in the 58th minute.

As Gareth Bale swung in a low cross from the left, Fraizer Campbell was almost clinging on rushing Brazil goalkeeper, who made amends in the 87th by repelling the striker's head-ball inside the far post.

The Poles equalized when Pawel Brozek lobbed the onrushing Brazil goalkeeper, who made amends in the 87th by repelling the striker's header as well on his knees.

Spar, who are last in the Premier League after its worst domestic start in 53 years, held on in the anxious closing moments.

There was no euphoria, it was just a sense of getting the job done," Ramos said. "To play another four matches in the competition for the club is very important. Most important now is Hull (on Sunday) and we need to get off the bottom quickly."

Udinese defender Aleksandar Lukovic converted the decisive spot kick after the Italians' goalkeeper Samir Handanovic blocked shots from Toros Najdal and Jakub Blaszczynski in the shootout.

Hungary midfielder Hajnal scored at the end of each half as Dortmund evened the aggregate following Udinese's 2-0 win in the first leg.

Asier del Horno and David Villa scored second-half goals as Valencia rallied for a 2-1 victory over CS Maritime, which trailed 1-0 going into the second leg.

Elano and Shaun Wright-Phillips scored before the end of the first ten minutes of the second half to clinch Man City's victory over Omonia Nicola.

The Premier League club endured an anxious final 12 minutes after Olamide Abai celebrated poor defending to pull one back for the Cypriots.

Elano, made amends for being denied a berth in the Champions League group stage at Liverpool by preventing its city rival Everton from progressing in the second-tier European competition.

Despite the away-goal advantage following a 2-2 draw in England, the Belgian champion took the initiative and teenager Axel Witsel slid the ball in from a tight angle in the 22nd.

Everton equalized when goalkeeper Espinosa fumbled a corner and defender Phil Jagielka pounced to jab the ball in through the legs of Standard defender Benjamin Nicale in the 67th.

Eleven minutes later, Serb forward Jovancvic ran through the Everton defense and was brought down by Leighton Baines in the center of the penalty area.

He stepped up to convert the penalty himself.

Four-time European champion Ajax breezed past Borac 2-0 to advance 6-1 on aggregate.

Porto's Hame Diaz passed to Kaunaus 2-1, the Italians' passage was never in doubt thanks to its 5-0 victory two weeks ago.

Spar's Moscow side defended its 1-0 first-leg advantage with a 1-1 draw.

Two-tine winner Feyenoord went through on away goals, recovering from a 1-0 first-leg deficit to beat Kalmar 2-1.

Former English manager Steve McClaren steered FC Twente through 2-2 on away goals, after the Dutch side recovered a 2-1 loss at Fener.
MLB
Sabathia stumbles as Phillies take 2-0 lead

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — One more loss to the Phillies, and CC Sabathia and the Milwaukee Brewers will have all winter to rest.

Brett Myers ranks Sabathia with a pesky at-bat and dominated the rest of the Brewers from the mound, and Philadelphia beat Milwaukee 5-2 on Thursday behind Shane Victorino's grand slam for a 2-0 lead in their best-of-five NL playoff series.

Myers allowed two runs and two hits in seven innings, pulling the Phillies within one win of the NL championship series.

Ryan Madson and J.C. Romero worked the eighth, and Brad Lidge had a suspense-free ninth for a change.

Pitching on three days' rest for the fourth consecutive start, Sabathia had his worst outing since joining the Brewers in a trade with Cleveland on July 2.

The burly left-hander allowed five runs and six hits — all extra bases — in 2 2-3 innings. He walked four, hissecond-highest total of the season.

Now, Sabathia might have to wait six months for his next start. And, that might be in a different uniform.

The 28-year-old will be one of the most sought-after free agents at the end of the season.

The Phillies need one victory to advance to the NLCS for the first time in 15 years. Game 3 is Saturday night in Milwaukee, with 45-year-old Jamie Moyer (16-7) pitching for the NL East champions against Dave Bush (9-10).

Sabathia was 11-2 with a 1.65 ERA in 17 starts for Milwaukee, almost single-handedly leading the wild-card Brewers to their first postseason birth since 1982.

But Sabathia struggled in the playoffs — again. He's lost his last three postseason starts, including two against Boston in last year's ALCS. Overall, Sabathia is 2-3 with a 7.92 ERA in the playoffs.

Sabathia had all his pitches working in the first. Victorino doubled with one out and stole third, but Sabathia struck out Chase Utley and Ryan Howard to end the threat.

Utley couldn't touch Sabathia's off-speed stuff and Howard had no chance against a 96 mph fastball.

Sabathia was uncharacteristically erratic in the second and the Phillies took advantage. Jayson Werth lined a one-out double to left-center and Pedro Feliz followed with an RBI double down the left-field line to tie it 1-1.

After Carlos Ruiz grounded out, Myers kept the inning going by working a walk, a double and chasing in and copping a foul ball.

Myers drew cheers for fanning off a 1-2 pitch after wildly missing the first two pitches.

He loaded up two more on the at-bat and earned a standing ovation from an appreciative crowd that understood the importance of making Sabathia throw more pitches. Sabathia then walked Jimmy Rollins on four pitches to load the bases.

That brought up Victorino, who had a career-high 14 homers this season. Victorino fell behind 1-2 before driving a hanging curve into the seats in left to give the Phillies a 5-1 lead. The Flyin' Hawaiian raised his arm in the air as he circled the bases with his father watching in the stands.

The sellout crowd of 46,208, the largest in the five-year history of Citizens Bank Park — went wild, waving open 'Fightin' Phils' rally towels and bringing Victorino out of the dugout for a curtain call.

Myers, who batted .059 (4-for-58) this season with four walks, made Sabathia throw 10 pitches his second time up. During the at-bat, a fan reached over the railing down the right-field line and caught a foul ball with his cap. The guy got a standing ovation.

So did Myers after he fanned out.

It was that good a night for the Phillies and their championship-starved fans, who haven't celebrated a title since the NBA's 76ers won it all in 1983.

The Phillies chased Sabathia in the fourth. Rollins doubled with two outs and Victorino was intentionally walked. Utley walked to load the bases, ending Sabathia's night.

Mills walked in and struck out Howard looking.

Myers lined a two-out single to right off Seth McClung to load the bases in the fifth. But Rollins lined out to end the threat.

The Brewers missed an opportunity to break it open in the first after Myers walked in a run with one out.

Myers threw three straight called strikes to Mike Cameron to start the game, but quickly lost his control. He walked Ray Durham on four pitches and Ryan Braun followed with a double off the wall in left-center. After Prince Fielder was intentionally walked to load the bases, Myers walked J.J. Hardy to force in a run.

But Myers escaped further trouble by getting Corey Hart to hit into a home-to-first double play on a bouncer to the mound.

Braun doubled and scored on Craig Counsell's RBI groundout to cut it to 2-3 in the seventh.

Fielder was the tying run when he came up against Romero in the eighth, but he shattered his bat on a weak grounder to second base.

Lidge, 41-for-41 in save chances this season, allowed one run and had the tying run on second base in Game 1 before striking out Hurt to secure a 3-1 win.

Myers beat the Brewers on three days' rest on Sept. 14, tossing a one-hitter in a 4-1 victory that completed a four-game sweep and ended Ned Yost's tenure as Milwaukee's manager. The sweep moved the Phillies into a tie with the Brewers for the wild-card spot and pulled them within a game of the New York Mets in the division.

Myers wasn't the same in his next two starts, allowing 14 runs in 8-1-3 innings.
MLB

Minaya gets contract to 2012

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Omar Minaya is staying as general manager of the New York Mets. Jerry Manuel is likely to remain as manager. Players, however, could be on the move.

Following the Mets’ second straight September collapse, fans are angry with the team, the front office and the players.

“They all work hard. They all prepare. They all care. All those ingredients are there. So what is it that we lack? What is it that we need to get across that finish line?” Minaya said Thursday when his new contract was announced. “When we bring in personnel into New York, are they able to handle the pressures that go with it? Those things do have to be considered.”

Minaya became general manager in 2004 and was signed to a five-year deal. He was given three additional guaranteed seasons in a new contract that runs through 2013 and 2014.

“We felt he’s the right person to lead our baseball operations today and through the entire extension period here,” chief operating officer Jeff Wilpon said. “You know, listen, we failed this year and we want to get the redemption that we need and move forward, and we thought Omar and his staff was the best group to put in that position. We obviously weren’t a very good team when Omar came aboard, and he’s turned that thing around, and we think he deserves another chance to get us to where we want to be.”

The Mets made it to Game 7 of the NL championship series in 2006. The next two years they missed out on the playoffs on the last day of the regular season.

NFL

Bills’ Evans receives extension

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Having stuck it out through the tough times in Buffalo, receiver Lee Evans had no intention of leaving now that the Bills have begun to turn their locker room into a place where victories are common.

Evans certainly didn’t play as if he was distracted because he’s off to the hottest start of his career this season with 14 catches, a team-leading 332 yards receiving and one touchdown.

He’s second among AFC receivers in yards and has six catches of 25 yards or longer, tying Green Bay’s Greg Jennings for most in the NFL.

Evans already ranks seventh on the Bills’ career list with 4,059 yards receiving, and fifth with 30 career touchdowns receiving.

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Welsh Family storms to undefeated record against Walsh

Pangborn roles over Breen-Phillips on strong arm and quick legs of senior Tate, Meagher leads Babes’ effort

By MATTHEW WILSEY and DOUGLAS FARMER

Welsh Family continued its dominance on the Interhall gridiron Thursday with an 18-7 victory over Walsh. The undefeated Whirlwinds (3-0) jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

On their first possession Whirlwind quarterback Jenni Gargula threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Charlotte Seals for a 6-0 lead. On the following possession, Welsh Family quarterback Gabby Tate, who threw for two scores and ran for two more, Pangborn rolled to a victory over Breen-Phillips.

Kaiser had high praise for Gargula, who was a force with both her arm and her legs, throwing for three touchdowns and running for 60 yards. "She is a fierce competitor," Kaiser said. "She makes my job easy because she sees the field so well and can make any throw." Welsh Family coach Mike Kaiser said, "You can't expect to go the whole season without giving up some points." However, over all I am very pleased with the defense's performance. Although Welsh Family surrendered its first touchdown of the season, it seemed as if it was competing with its own offense for most of the game.

The defense answered every touchdown with an interception, each one by Jenna Spizzirri and Katie Rehberger, and a fourth-and-goal stand. However, at least for tonight, the offense got the last laugh. Pangborn 26, Breen-Phillips 13

Led by sophomore quarterback Gabby Tate, who threw for two scores and ran for two more, Pangborn roared to a victory over Breen-Phillips.

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to move the ball into scoring hard for the Highlander offense with South Florida (5-1, 0-1) in back Ryan McSwain. The also be relying on a tough game plan," said McBrayer.

After dropping its first two games, the Bulls are looking to build a foundation for their size is our main focus," said Siegfried. Nevertheless, Alumni remains a good team.

"We get a big play here and there," said Burke. "We just have to show up and play our best against Stanford."
ND CROSS-COUNTRY

ND golf course hosts Notre Dame Invitational

60 schools travel to South Bend for meet

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Running is never easy, but it is going to get a little more difficult for the men's and women's cross country teams this afternoon.

The Irish will host 60 schools today at the Notre Dame Invitational at the Notre Dame Golf Course. Five of the men's teams and eight of the women's teams competing are currently ranked in the Top 30 of the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

"I think it's going to be a real challenge," men's head coach Joe Piane said. "I think we're as ready as we can be at this point."

The ranked men's teams include No. 8 Michigan and No. 9 Georgetown, and the women's teams include No. 3 Florida State and No. 6 Princeton.

Both Fighting Irish teams have done well so far against less intense competition. The men placed second at the Sept. 5 Granader Open in Valparaiso and came in seventh at the Sept. 18 National Catholic Champions at Notre Dame. The women came in second in Valparaiso and won the Catholic Championships.

The No. 22 Irish men will run several upperclassmen in the five-mile race, including senior Patrick Smyth, who finished second in this event in 2007, and sophomore Paul Springer, who won the Catholic Championships, where the Irish finished third.

Badin's passing game aids win over Lewis

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Badin kept its slim playoff hopes alive with a close victory last night over the winless Lewis.

The Bullfrogs offense, led by senior quarterback Katie Rose Hackney, started the game firing on all cylinders. Using the passing game, Hackney quickly led the team down the field, capping the drive with a touchdown pass to senior Courtney Rains. Another pass to Rains tacked on the extra point, giving Badin a 7-0 lead.

Both defenses held strong until late in the second half when Lewis (0-3) moved the ball into the red zone. With three quarter-back keepers by junior Catherine Guarnieri, the Chicks finally found the endzone. However, the end-around play for the extra point failed as receiver Katie Sushinsky's flag was pulled just before her lunge into the end zone, leaving the score at 7-6.

After the game, Hackney was just happy to walk away with the win. "We really nice to see smiles on the girls' faces," she said. "Lewis coach Perry Shoomaker felt the same way, despite the loss. "The game is meant to be fun, and the girls had fun," he said. "They played their hearts out."

Ultimately the game just didn't go how we wanted it to."

Although the Chicks are still winless, Shoomaker felt his team played well overall and was only hurt by a few intermittent mistakes.

"It wasn't one single problem, just a few dropped passes here and there," he said.

On the Badin sideline, Hackney was pleased in every way.

"We stuck to our game plan and the players ran their routes," she said. "We have a lot of freshman and in this game everything clicked. Everyone went where they were supposed to."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Two Big East foes await Irish

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame heads to the Ohio River Valley this weekend to face Big East opponents Louisville and Cincinnati and will try to keep its undefeated Big East record alive.

The Irish (7-7, 2-0 Big East) are tied on top of league standings with a perfect conference record. The Irish share the lead with St. John’s (11-4) and Pittsburgh (9-7) through one week of league competition.

“This weekend we’re facing big games against Louisville, who is a very good team. We need to bring our A game and perform well,” coach Tim Welsh said. “We also play Cincinnati, who has a good team in conference. We need to get the win there.”

Notre Dame’s next games will be challenging, with both teams ranked in the top 25. Louisville is ranked No. 22, while Cincinnati is ranked No. 25. The Irish enter the weekend with a 7-7 overall record and a 2-0 conference mark.

Swimmers open season with Relays

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

The men’s and women’s swim teams will kick off their seasons with the Dennis Stark Relays against several local teams today.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Tefft and Krisik drop tourney match

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Senior Kelsey Tefft and junior Kalli Krisik dropped their opening-round matches at the All-American Tournament in Palmetto, Fla.

Tefft and Krisik won three qualifying matches against ranked opponents before getting to the main draw of the tournament.

In the opening round, the No. 25 duo fell to Florida’s No. 6 Megan Alexander and Marritt Roustra 8-4.

While Tefft and Krisik were in California, the rest of the team has been working with new assistant Julia Sciacca.

"We are in the middle of our fall competition so our focus is geared toward individual improvement," Sciacca said. "Each player has different things they need to work on, so that by the time we get to the Big East they can come together as a team and win a title." The team hopes to continue its dominance under Sciacca, and returning head coach Jay Barnes.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Tefft and Krisik drop tourney match

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Senior Kelsey Tefft and junior Kalli Krisik dropped their opening-round matches at the All-American Tournament in Palmetto, Fla.

Tefft and Krisik won three qualifying matches against ranked opponents before getting to the main draw of the tournament.

In the opening round, the No. 25 duo fell to Florida’s No. 6 Megan Alexander and Marritt Roustra 8-4.

While Tefft and Krisik were in California, the rest of the team has been working with new assistant Julia Sciacca.

"We are in the middle of our fall competition so our focus is geared toward individual improvement," Sciacca said. "Each player has different things they need to work on, so that by the time we get to the Big East they can come together as a team and win a title." The team hopes to continue its dominance under Sciacca, and returning head coach Jay Barnes.

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central defenders, and they have a very good defensive midfielder," Clark said. "It's a balanced team, and it's very well coached."

Notre Dame's defense has not been as stingy. After an impressive start to the season that included a seven-game stretch where the defense allowed only three goals, the Irish have given up five during their two-game losing streak.

Despite the recent drop in defensive results, Clark hasn't been upset with his defense's performance.

"In both losses, I think the team has played well," Clark said. "We know we're going to be judged by results, but you also have to look at how the team plays. We have to take ourselves away from getting sucked in (to concentrating on results), and we have to concentrate on how we play."

Georgetown coach Brian Wiese played for Clark at Dartmouth and later served as an assistant coach under Clark at both Stanford and Dartmouth.

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season and is the current Big East Goalkeeper of the Week. With Lofton-Malachi at the spine of the Bulls, the Irish will look to dissect South Florida's defense: "We've been working a little bit on how to break it down, and spent quite a bit of time trying to get balls in the wide areas of the field and getting in behind them a little bit," Waldrum said. "They tend to drop off a little deeper than most teams do so we're hopeful that we can play in front of them some and get time with the ball with a little space to run at them."

And after looking to break down the Bulls defense, Notre Dame gets one day of rest before taking on Marquette Sunday. But the Irish boast a strong defense start that should keep their logs fresh. "If you look at most teams their Sunday performance is not nearly as good as their Friday night, there's just not enough rest time," Waldrum said. "I think that's where our depth has really helped us, we've been able to start different players Friday than we do on Sunday, and I think that depth has really helped keep us fresh, and given us the chance to have a little bit more energy and intensity on a Sunday game."

Besides having the advantage of a strong bench, the Irish will have to adjust their style of play for the Marquette defense, one that attacks the ball early and often.

"They pressure you, they get a lot of players around the ball wherever it is, it almost seems like a lot of defensive chaos ... when they defend they just really work hard to get a lot of players around the ball very quickly, and they're good at that," Waldrum said. "So that kind of game Sunday is one that I think will be more disruptive."

Waldrum said the team will keep the ball moving at a fast past to counteract the Golden Eagles defense, and with nearly enough players to suit up two teams, there's little possibility the speed of the game will slow down.

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But with No. 1 ranking on their back, the Irish are used to high expectations and being seen as the team to beat.

South Florida steps onto Notre Dame's campus for the first time. The two teams only played each other once before, in 2005 in Tampa, and the Irish won 4-0. But Waldrum said he knows the Bulls present a threat, primarily in their defense: "I think they're going to be a really good team defensively, so I think it's gonna be a tough game for us cause I think they may be one of the more disciplined teams than we've seen all year," he said.

South Florida enters the contest having won its last three matchups. The three wins were all shutouts, thanks in large part to Bulls goalkeeper Mallori Lofton-Malachi, who has given up only six goals all year," he said.

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I am really looking forward to it," Holtz said. "We will bring a very competitive team that is not only excited about representing the University of Notre Dame in this game, but about the prospect of visiting Japan." Holtz will announce his intentions this afternoon at the weekly Notre Dame Football Luncheon, the release said.

Former Irish running back Reggie Brooks, who currently handles Notre Dame Football Alumni Relations, will recruit players for the game, the release said. He will focus on those who have graduated in the last 10 years.

The team, the release said, will meet in South Bend July 17 and 18 for mini-camp before heading to Japan.

"I have previously coached in Japan three different times and had a memorable experience each time," Holtz said. "The Japanese people were kind, congenial and helpful. I learned a great deal on each and every trip."

The game will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Japanese American Football Association (JAFA), the release said.

Global Football, an organization that coordinates football at all levels and runs fantasy camps, has organized the game. Patrick Steenberge, President of Global Football and the U.S. event producer for the game, played quarterback for Notre Dame in the 1970s under Ara Parseghian.

"We are honored to be working with Notre Dame and of course with Coach Holtz on this exciting venture," he said in the release. Steenberge is also the camp director of Notre Dame's fantasy camp that takes place every July as well.

"We have enjoyed a successful run with the Notre Dame Football Fantasy Camp and are now looking forward to some great experiences both on and off the field in Japan," Steenberge said in the release. "This event fits perfectly within the Global Football mission of unifying the world through American football."

Holtz named Bill Lewis, a former assistant coach at Notre Dame and former coach at Georgia Tech, East Carolina and Wyoming, as his assistant coach and defensive backs coach. Holtz said in the release he was excited about the game and felt fans and alumni would be as well.

"The fine players we have contacted to play in this game are excited about the prospect of helping the Japan American Football Association celebrate 75 years of football," he said. "We are also aware that Japan's football is very good and we will have to play our very best to compete with their national team and you can rest assured we will bring a very good team."

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Frank said this visit is just what the Irish needed to get back into the race for Evans. "ND is in great shape with Shaquelle after the visit," Frank said. "It all boils down to whether or not he wants to leave his home. He knows that the Irish are building something, and they could use a receiver like him, because he's a special player and can change a game with one play."

So did the Irish coaching staff do enough to entice him away from Southern California?

"I think it's down to ND or SC," Frank said.

"One of those two. It's hard to say at this point. He's batting that in his mind now and it's going to come down to distance. He told me that sometimes you have to leave your home, though, to grow up and mature. That sentence right there let's me know that he's strongly considering the Irish."

Zeke Motta

Motta, a four-star safety out of Vero Beach High School, has turned heads lately and will be on campus this weekend. The Irish liked what they saw early on in the process. It all started in early July when Motta visited Notre Dame to partake in a football camp for high school talents. Weis and the rest of the coaching staff were impressed and extended him an offer shortly after.

Since then, the Irish have been in the list of favorites for the safety's signature.

Frank said his official visit on Saturday could swing the momentum in favor of the Irish.

"I think it's going to be really important," he said. "He likes Notre Dame a great deal. The staff likes him too. He's a great blitzer, and has the type of body that could develop down the road into a line­backer."

"Playing for coach [Corwin] Brown is something that he is fond of, and if he were to switch to linebacker, coach [Jon] Tenuta is just as an attractive option. I think he's one of the most under­rated football prospects out there in the nation right now. He's a fast kid, but more importantly, he's a great football player."

Also visiting

A pair of verbal commitments will also be in attendance this Saturday against Stanford including running back Cierre Wood and cornerback Marlon Pollard. Wood is considered one of the best halfback prospects in the nation and has put up some impressive stats thus far in his senior season at Santa Clara High School in Oxnard, Ca.

Through four games, Wood has amassed 54 carries for 751 yards resulting in an impressive average of 13.9 yards per carry to go along with 10 touchdowns. The five-star running back also has four catches for 100 yards and two receiving touchdowns in addi­tion to one completion for 28 yards and a touchdown.

Pollard also comes from California, out of Cajon High School.

Another class of 2010 prospect will be visiting Notre Dame for the Stanford contest is running back Anthony Barr. Out of Loyola High School located in Los Angeles, Ca., Barr is an impressive back with imposing physical gifts. Frank said Barr could be the top-ranked player in the state of California next year, thanks in part to his speed that goes with his 6-foot 4, 225-pound frame.

Barr has ties to Notre Dame, as he is Tony Brooks' son, and nephew to Reggie Brooks, both Irish greats in their own time. Because of this connec­tion to the Irish, Frank said Notre Dame could be in the early lead to land the talent.

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Fridays with Fran
Sophomore forward Taylor Knock, left, controls the ball during Notre Dame’s 5-0 win over...weekend.

Two Olympics, two gold medals in Beijing, and a little extra incentive to play well this weekend.

Kate (Sherrera) Markgraf (1998) and Shannon Boxx (1999), who once graced the Irish pitch, will be in the stands this weekend cheering on their fellow Irish soccer players as Notre Dame takes on South Florida tonight and Marquette Sunday.

“I think it’s exciting for them because I think they’ll want to do well and show well in front of the alumini,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “Cause we always talk a lot about the history of our program and living up the standards that were set by the alumini that came before...they’ll want to show...”

Southern California is a soft verbal commit for Notre Dame coach Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame football for Scout.com and Notre Dame football fans on the recruiting market.

“I think it’s a big commit,” Frank said. “He can change field position in a hurry. I think he’s got a lot of Golden Tate in him in the way that he can stretch the field and go deep. A big, big part of it was the visit. He thought that this was a school where he could see himself as and doing some things on the field.”

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PAT KUNTZ ONCE PLAYED WITH A BROKEN ARM. NOW HE PLAYS TO BREAK DOWN OPPOSING OFFENSES.
COMMENTARY

Irish need to find winning attitude

It was hard not to get the feeling of deja vu while watching Notre Dame's second half against Purdue last weekend. (But careful, don't let that deja vu didn't make you dizzy and stumble all over yourself, or else you'll be drinking)

Notre Dame's offense was about as effective as a windbreaker in a hurricane last season, but in the second half against the Boilermakers, the Irish put up 24 points. Good enough to bring you back to 2006.

During that season, the Irish offense went out and made defenses off Purdue, Stanford and Navy look like IV, high school teams. You knew going into those games — games where the Irish were facing a middling opponent — that they weren't going to be close.

The Irish were going to put on an offensive clinic and the games would be over quickly. Last weekend was the first time Notre Dame approached that level of performance. It's the next logical step in the progression of this young Irish team — beating the teams they're supposed to beat.

The 2006 team was at that level, but there was a problem with that team — it wasn't quite at the level of other top tier programs, as it suffered crushing losses to LSU, Southern Cal and Michigan.

Before this year's team can challenge for a national title again, and compete with Southern Cal and other top-tier teams on a regular basis, it has to assert its dominance over teams like Purdue and Stanford like the 2006 team did. The 2006 team created a feeling in the fan base that every time the Irish played a Purdue or Stanford, they were going to win. There was no doubt. It was a feeling Notre Dame fans hadn't experienced for a long time.

That being said, look at the rest of the schedule, every team is another version of Purdue and Stanford — there are no upper echelon programs except for Southern Cal.

After watching the Irish last weekend, they should cruise into the USC game with a one-loss record, right? Think again.

This team lacks the experience that 2006 team had and experience is something a team needs to develop a winning attitude.

Notre Dame is still a young team, and for as many flashes of brilliance this team has, it'll have almost as many moments that will leave fans scratching their heads. It may happen this week, it may not, but those signs of growing pains will be evident, and the Irish may drop a game or two that they probably should win.

The Irish had a great win over Michigan earlier this season, but then Michigan State brought them back down to earth the following weekend. Why did it happen? Mostly because of experience.

This weekend is a chance for Notre Dame to show it learned its lesson from two weeks ago and begin to develop that culture of winning. Right now, most fans assume the Irish will get trounced when they head to Los Angeles in November.

But if the Irish can have a few more games like Purdue, that attitude won't be so presumable.

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Playing high school football meant a great deal to Kuntz. “That was probably one of my best experiences of my life,” he said. “People take it for granted playing with guys you’ve known your whole life that would basically die for you. With the success my football team had — we won three consecutive state championships — it was just one of the best times of my life.”

Notre Dame was a logical choice coming from a Catholic high school in Indianapolis, Kuntz said. He grew up a Notre Dame fan. But for Kuntz, coming to South Bend was about more than fandom. “What made me want to come here was tradition and being the guy from my town who went here.”

“It was a lot more attacking mentality,” he said. “It’s that attitude that helped Kuntz become what he is.”

At just wanting to get there. "Whether it’s opponents’ offensive lines or teammates’ sanity, Pat Kuntz is a disruptive force to a senior. If you do something stupid, everybody’s going to get after you."

"Everybody’s open game. It doesn’t matter if you’re a freshman or a senior. If you do something stupid, everybody’s going to get after you."
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

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Charlie Weis has his troops pumped up and executing on both sides of the ball. He's erased doubts and inspired his team to play to its potential.

Tavita Pritchard passed efficiently against Washington as well, completing 16-of-24 passes for 222 yards, three touchdowns and no picks. He's also identifying blitzes and avoiding pressure well.

The average pass efficiency of Stanford's opponents is 131.9 and the Cardinal have not poked out a pick since Week Two, Oregon State passed for 404 yards, and Arizona State passed for 345 yards.

Clausen's receivers are so hot right now. Golden Tate, Michael Floyd and, as of late, Kyle Rudolph are all in sync with their quarterback and should continue to threaten opposing secondaries.

It will be hard for Stanford to come into South Bend and beat the 11-1 Irish. The team is riding high after a solid win over Tufts. This week Stanford faces a team that can play defense.

Notre Dame rides its high after beating Purdue against an outmatched Stanford team. Clausen and Allen continue to improve this week and Michael Floyd will have another beastly game. The defense goes blitz-crazy and stiffs the Cardinal offense. Another late field goal to build his confidence.

Notre Dame won't rush quite as effectively, but it won't matter, because it will run to set up the play-action pass. The Irish run defense will bend, but not break, and the pass defense finally stands now an opposing quarterback. Get a good night's sleep Friday; come Saturday you'll be doing some push-ups.

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Stanford

**Record:** 3-2

**AP:** NR

**Coaches:** NR

Jim Harbaugh
2nd season at Stanford career record: 7-10

against Notre Dame: 0-1

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**Cardinal Rushing**

Stanford primarily rushed the ball. After running back Toby Gerhart left the Washington game because of a concussion, Anthony Kimble came in off the bench and rushed for 137 yards and two touchdowns.

**Cardinal Passing**

Pritchard has thrown a touchdown pass to four different receivers this season and hit eight different receivers this season. Opponents have allowed 4.0 yards per carry this season and hit eight different receivers this season.

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**Special Teams**

Through the grace of God, Notre Dame made a field goal against Purdue. Armando Allen came within inches of breaking a big return, and Eric Maust showed he has the leg to be a solid punter.

**Intangibles**

Confidence couldn't be higher right now. The defense was balanced and moved the ball both through the air and on the ground against Purdue. The defense continues to make game-changing plays.

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**Final Score:** Notre Dame 35

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**Celebrity Pick**

Last week you saw a football team and a quarterback growing right before your eyes. They responded well to the loss to MSU. They are a very young team, but I think a lot of the credit has to go to Charlie and his staff to show the perseverance that you’re going to take a lot of body punches and you just have to stay the course.

**Dan Murphy**

Sports Editor

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**Irish experts**

Joe Theismann
former Irish quarterback

Theismann, a former resident of Zahn Hall, played quarterback for Notre Dame and finished second in Heisman voting in 1970. He played in the NFL from 1974 to 1985 for the Washington Redskins and won two Super Bowl rings. He was the NFL’s MVP in 1983 and went to the Pro Bowl twice.

**José Theismann**

former Irish quarterback

**FINAL SCORE:** Notre Dame 35

**Michigan State 17**
Crunching the numbers

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Why do you wear No. 4?
I was going to wear No. 3, but Demetrius (Jones) wanted it and I didn’t want to get anything higher than a single digit so I went with four.

What’s the worst class you’ve taken so far at Notre Dame?
I don’t think any of them are all that horrible, but I had a hard time with Intro to Film and Television in my first semester here.

Where’s your favorite place to be on campus other than the stadium?
I think I’d have to say my bed in St. Edward’s Hall.

What’s your favorite meal?
Fried chicken. My mom’s fried chicken.

Who has the best nickname on the team?
I would have to say myself. They call me G-squared.

If you could go anywhere on Earth, where would it be?
I would probably go to Brazil for the fun in the sun I guess. My friend went there and he said it was real nice.

Who is the most intimidating coach on staff?
Sometimes it’s Coach [Corwin] Brown, but I’d probably have to say [tight ends] Coach [Bernie] Parmalee because he’s quiet, scary quiet.

What’s the top song in your iPod right now?
That’s a tough one. Probably a song from Lil’Wayne or Jny-Z, something like that.

What’s your favorite show to watch on television right now?
Heroes.

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Sports Editor

Every fall since he was five years old, Harrison Smith has spent his Saturdays watching Tennessee football with his family. That is until he started playing for the Irish last year.

"Tennessee is a great place," he said. "Pretty much all my friends go there, my brother and my sister go there, my parents went there. I just feel more at home here."

Smith was born and raised a Volunteer fan in the heart of Rocky Top Nation, but he went to Knoxville Catholic High School and still roots for the orange when he gets a chance.

Smith, who is still listed as a safety on the Irish roster, has given his family something to cheer about as he gets more involved with the Notre Dame defense in each game.

He spent his freshman season buried behind Tom Zbikowski (now with the Baltimore Ravens) and seniors David Bruton and Kyle McCarthy.

This spring the coaching staff approached Smith and said they wanted him to give outside linebacker a try. They thought his speed and football knowledge was being wasted on the sidelines and could add a new dimension to their linebacker corps.

"I was a little bit hesitant at first because I didn't really know what to expect," Smith said. "I thought it was going to be a whole new process and I was just starting to feel comfortable playing in a new way."

The transition didn't take long. By the time the first depth chart was released this season Smith was the No. 1 Sam (outside linebacker) on the Irish defense.

"At first it was a little bit awkward, but it's not too bad. A lot of it is the same you just line up in a different spot," Smith said.

One adjustment that Smith did have to make was having to adjust to a slightly more physical style of play. He said the new job called for a different mentality that he was used to.

"You just have to line up and be ready to play," Smith said.

At 6-foot-2, 206 pounds Smith is slightly undersized as a linebacker, but it's not a lot of fun," he said.

"I think if I get running I can usually match people size when I get through him. "It's been a lot of fun," he said.

"Smith's speed works well in the blitz-happy Notre Dame defense. Smith has been able to turn his speed and attacking style of play into a solid defensive lineman and put pressure on the quarterback, especially in the past few weeks.

"He's played well and he's really against the run," he said. "At first it was a little bit awkward and he's done it well."

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Harrison Smith Irish sophomore

"I think one of the best things is being able to play as you kind of like it. Playing in front of a unique one in college football."

"I told our team it's kind of like when you were nine-years old playing in the backyard and visualizing playing in front of a big crowd."

Jim Harbaugh Stanford coach

If there is one good thing about last year's debacle, it's that this Notre Dame understands how important each week is, Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

"I think one of the best things this team understands is winning last year, this is not a team that's set up for a letdown. Some teams like that sometimes have trap games, you know, where you just don't play. I see, just figure they can show up and win," he said.

The team is coming off an impressive win last week against Purdue — whose only previous loss was in double overtime against No. 23 Oregon.

Weis said that his team treats each individual game separately because it's useless to think sure it can win.

"That's why we go to the binary in football, you can't have to say, well, they are going to feel good because they are playing Purdue and not show up for Stanford," Weis said.

Up next for the Irish is the Cardinal, a team Notre Dame has beaten only six times they have met.

Despite Notre Dame's recent success against Stanford, Weis said every game on the schedule is lcoal if his team fails to perform.

"We could lose to anybody on the schedule if we just show up," Weis said. "There's teams, the upper echelon teams, I'm not going to say any of them in particular, but there's a lot of upper echelon teams that because they already have that mentality where they expect to win every week, okay, when they show up for a game, they figure, well, we'll still end up winning it at the end of the day, and guess what, it doesn't always work out that way," he said.

Last weekend, four top-10 teams (No. 1 USC, No. 3 Georgia, No. 4 Florida and No. 9 Wisconsin) all lost, and only Georgia lost to a ranked team (41-30 at home to No. 8 Alabama).

Steve Spurrier had struggled of late, going only 4-8 last season, but with wins at Southern Cal and at Arizona. This year, the Cardinal already have three wins, including a go-ahead 20-17 victory over Oregon State in the season opener.

One reason for this turn-around is head coach Jim Harbaugh, who is in his middle of his second year with the program.

Although this is Harbaugh's first trip to South Bend as a coach, he is no stranger to Notre Dame Stadium, having played there as a senior at Michigan in 1986. Harbaugh's Wolverines won that game 24-23 en route to an 11-2 record and a Rose Bowl berth.

Harbaugh said in his weekly media news conference Tuesday that he told his players to remember this moment because it is a unique one in college football.

"Notre Dame is an unbelievable setting. I had a chance to play there as a college freshman. It's something you'll remember the rest of your life," he said.

"I told our team it's kind of like when you were nine-years old playing in the back yard and visualizing playing in front of a big crowd. Put yourself in that setting. We're not nine-years old anymore but we are in that setting."

While their Michigan playing careers never overlapped, Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said he personally knows Harbaugh from working football camps with him. Their professional careers also overlapped.

Brown also said the Cardinal have taken on Harbaugh's tough attitude.

"It looks like they have taken on his personality. They play hard and try to execute, kind of what you expect from a team he coaches," Brown said.

The Irish run the ball 39 times and threw the ball 35 times with one sack. Both the run and pass were effective against Purdue, leading to 476 yards of total offense.

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