Event will be setting precedents
Cummings believes ‘this year’ s game and I felt like we just played Baraka Boats held Friday; program grows in participation, funds raised
testament to the success of the Friday night in the annual Baraka Dame did not have a ticket lottery,
for years to come. “We had more girls, more fundraising and more passion than ever,” Cummings said. “It’s a testament to the success of the program. Baraka Boats, the female version of Bengal Boats, raises money annually for the Holy Cross
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Students disheartened by Irish loss
By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

As all teams know, winning and losing is part of the game, but it’s never easy to watch your favorite team lose and never easy for Notre Dame stu­dents to suffer through a loss in foot­ball.

And many students expressed their disappointment after Saturday night’s 17-0 loss to Boston College.

“I was depressed because I had higher expectations going into the game and I felt like we just played really poorly as a team,” sophomore Andrew Fereshman said.

Fereshman Bobby Abdo traveled to Boston for the game and to visit some friends. He was upset because Notre Dame did not have a ticket lottery, and he was forced to pretend he was a Boston College student, purchase a $150 ticket from a student, and sit in their student section.

For him, the game was especially frustrating: “Having to sit in the student section was a rough experience. I was surrounded by 8,000 students and they weren’t happy about having me there,” he said.

He also commented on the behavior of the students around him. “They ripped off of some of our cheers, like they ripped off of the push-ups ... They were generally saying [chants] like ‘Notre Dame sucks,’ ‘Cleveland sucks,’ chants like that,” he said. “It was bad enough the team was losing, but to experience it at Boston
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Ecuador visit provides medical aid
By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Instead of using fall break to catch up on sleep, 11 students spent their break in Ecuador giving medical treatment to people without access to affordable health care.

Senior Megan Rybarczyk organized the trip through the Timmy Foundation, a medical service organization. The trip was unaffiliated with the University this year because the Foundation does not have a Notre Dame chapter, Rybarczyk said.

“I am trying to start a chapter here because the Foundation mainly
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McKenna to give first ‘Last Lecture’
By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Professor James McKenna will be the first in a series of four Notre Dame professors to deliver a “Last Lecture,” in which he shares the most important lessons he has learned.

McKenna, the Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Chair of Anthropology, will deliver a lecture on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

He taught at both Panama College in California and the University of California at Berkeley prior to teaching at Notre Dame, according to a University press release from 2001, when he was awarded the Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Chair of Anthropology. McKenna was also a recipient of the Thomas Madden Teaching Award for outstanding instruction of first-year students in 2000, according to the press release.

According to the website of the Office of the Provost, “It is pre­sented annually to that member of the faculty who is in the opinion of a committee of former Madden Award winners, contributed most to the teaching of first-year stu­dents.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Everwood memories

I made an amazing discovery yesterday. I am probably one of the few people in this generation who deeply lamented the cancellation of The WB's dramady Everwood about three years ago. Television is probably the extracurricular activity I devote the most of my time to, which is a little sad for me, but very good for the box set industry. My box set collection remains incomplete, however. I have Everwood season one, which came out shortly after the first season finale in 2003. The other three seasons have yet to appear on DVD, and could not be found online.

Until yesterday, that is. TheWB.com now has full episodes of its old, canceled shows — Everwood, Gilmore Girls, Jack and Bobby, Friends and more — and makes for a great way to spend an hour, or three.

Unfortunately for me, there are only five episodes of Everwood, the critically-acclaimed tale of Dr. Andrew Brown and his misinformed parenting and free medical practice in a small mountain town in Colorado, up on the Web site as of this writing. I am so excited that more episodes are available online for my viewing pleasure. Because Everwood tops my list of series that were cancelled far too early, but now, thanks to technology, can be watched right anytime, right on my laptop.

Other wonderful Web sites to bookmark: Hulu.com, SideReel.com (which may or may not direct you to a screen almost entirely filled with yellow Chinese subtitles) and the trusty IMDb.com, which now offers full episodes of some shows.

So if you’re looking for a study break, check out these two shows:

1. Everwood — This is one show my friends in high school always made fun of me for watching. Ephraim Brown might be one of the most beloved, multi-dimensional, and multi-channeled teenagers in ever great prime time network television. It’s very well acted, and the story lines, although a little off the wall sometimes, are really very heartwarming. It featured the woman who posthumously narrates Desperate Housewives, again playing a dead woman. The show made me love mountains, increase my affection for Ferris wheels and love the name Ephraim, which according to baby-namers.net is really a name at all.

2. Arrested Development — This is probably a give-in, but Arrested Development in the funniest show you never watch on television. It’s now carries the complete series, which, fortunately, is also available in box set form. Each episode is 20-or so minutes of absurdity, highly quotable and extremely absurd. It tells the story of the Bluth family, centering around the misinformed parenting and free medical practice in a small mountain town in Colorado.

The view expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Jenn Metz at jmetz@nd.edu

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY: WHAT DOG SHOULD PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA CHOOSE AND WHY?

Jorge Romero
Junior Duncan
"Golden Retriever because he could totally be the first dog."

Andy Manak
"Snoop Dogg 'cause he's the one and only 'D' — O' double 'G'"

Catlin Hildebrand
"Wishbone because he's good at solving problems."

Shannon Brown
"A Husky 'cause they're the bomb."

M.C. O'Donnell
freshman McGlinn
"He shouldn't get a dog."

IN BRIEF

A lecture entitled “Economics, Money & Attitudes toward Homosexuality” featuring Tina Peters, assistant professor of sociology, McMaster University, will be given tomorrow from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. It will be held in room C103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Center for the Study of Social Movements and Social Change, Gender Studies and the Department of Sociology.

St. Edward’s Hall is hosting “ND’s Got Talent?” Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. There are going to be first, second and third place prizes and it’s to support Holy Cross schools in Uganda. Any questions can contact Michael Earnley at mearnley@nd.edu

“Faith, Democracy and Values: The Challenge of Moral Formation in Families, Schools and Societies” is part of the Association for Moral Education’s (AME) 34th annual conference. The conference aims to examine moral education and the ways it informs and, in turn is informed by, faith and political perspectives in a diverse and complex global community. This event is to be held all day Thursday in McKenna Hall and is sponsored by the Center for Ethical Education (CEE).

Submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mailed detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

OFFBEAT

Pilot blinded by stroke lands safely

LONDON — A British pilot who was suddenly blinded by a stroke during a solo flight was talked safely down by a military pilot, the Royal Air Force said Friday.

Jim O’Neill asked for help after he was blinded 40 minutes into a flight from Scotland to southeastern England last week. The BBC reported that O’Neill, flying a small Cesna aircraft, lost his sight 5,500 feet in the air. It seems President Bush’s dog Barney wasn’t much in the mood for friendly attention during his walk outside the White House on Thursday. So when Reuters reporter Jen Decker reached down to pet the Scottish terrier, the seemingly docile dog snapped at him and Decker’s right index finger. Reporter April Ryan of American Urban Radio Networks happened to capture the moment on video.

And, naturally, it soon wound up on YouTube. The video comes to an end with a freeze frame on Barney’s flanks.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY           TONIGHT
HIGH   40        HIGH   34
LOW    35        LOW    28

THURSDAY           FRIDAY
HIGH   52        HIGH   49
LOW    42        LOW    35

NATIONAL WEATHER

Judge to speak on prosecution
Lecture to address human rights during and after Chile dictatorship

Special to The Observer

Juan Guzman Tapia, the Chilean judge known around the world for indicting Augusto Pinochet, will preside Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center at Notre Dame.

Co-sponsored by Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies and Center for Civil and Human Rights, the lecture is free and open to the public.

Currently director of the Center for Human Rights at the Universidad Central de Chile, Guzman will speak about his prosecution of Pinochet after he was appointed in 1998 to investigate crimes against the former dictator and his murderous regime.

A film on the confrontation between Guzman and Pinochet will set the stage for Guzman's lecture. "The Judge and the General," which follows the twists and turns of the efforts of Guzman and others to overcome Pinochet's immunity and bring him to trial, will be shown Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

The screening is free and open to the public.

Produced and directed by Jhabris Farnsworth and Patricio Lanfranco, the film of the case in which Chile can find truth and reconciliation through a legal accounting of its recent violent past.

For Guzman, a man who says that his investigations "opened the eyes of [his] soul," there is one clear choice: "A wounded country needs to know the truth.

The screening is a collaboration with the award-winning PBS documentary series P.O.V., the Kellogg Institute and the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

On Sept. 11, 1973, Pinochet seized power from Chile's democratically elected president, Salvador Allende. Thousands of Chileans were tortured, killed or disappeared in the coup's aftermath; the Pinochet regime lasted 17 years.

A conservative judge, Guzman—who had supported the coup—took his job as investigator seriously, pressing ahead with the case despite intense social and political pressure to desist. Guzman's memoir has been a bestseller in Chile, which continues to vigorously debate the period.

"The Judge and the General" follows two of Guzman's investigations. One is the killing of a young sociology professor during the "caravan of death," when Pinochet's right-hand man, General Sergio Arrellano Stark, flew in a helicopter from town to town, listing the names of those to be executed.

The second involves a law student and political activist who disappeared, whose mother was forced to lead the women's boxing club.

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University of Chicago, where Kopko liked to go and work out.

But Kopko never joined in on those basketball games. "I don't usually play pickup there, because it's more than 20 years since my pickup and just having fun," Kopko said. "But he's played there and I remember seeing him in there playing. He's got a really nice shot. He's known to have a good jump shot and is a decent player."

The night Obama won his U.S. Senate seat in 2004, garnering 70 percent of the vote, the Special reported that the neighborhood became a frenzy with people trying to catch a glimpse of Obama, who was eating dinner at his home that night.

"The night he got elected, he said there was chaos in the neighborhood, all trying to get as close as they could but with all these people, they couldn't get within a block," Kopko said.

Kopko added that he would be won over by such a landslide for Senate, they were saying he had such momentum that he could possibly in four years be running for president, but nobody gave it too much serious thought, Kopko said. "It's politics, you can't count on it by one vote."

Kopko said it was hard to believe that he actually would become president, but he said it started to hit home for him after Obama won his first primary in Iowa.

As Obama's prospects of becoming president increased, so did the security in Kopko's neighborhood.

During this time, he was starting to get momentum against Hillary Clinton, you couldn't get near his house without roadblocks. "Kopko said. "There are roadblocks all over the place now. It's ridiculous. You can't walk through businesses without some ID claiming that you're a resident on that block. You can't drive through.

"When he first started running in the primaries, Secret Service told us, 'Don't be shocked. There will be people on the corners standing or Chey Suburbs sitting, parked somewhere with guys in uniforms."

The level security differs with who is at home at the time, Kopko said.

"You could always tell when he was there because when his kids were there, there'd be just one suburban out, one guy out side, just kind of pacing, walking around. If his wife was there, there'd be three or four Suburbs on either end of the neighborhood."

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out of the building, said it looked like a snowstorm from inside.
"There was a lot of steam coming from the pipes," Toth said. "From a distance [out­­side] it is probably looking like the building was on fire." This happened to steam, which reappeared on Saturday, Nov. 1 and continued throughout the day. The steam was a loud sound which can be heard both in Biedenharn Lounge, just inside the residence hall’s lobby, and outside the building. Said Director of Facilities Bill Hamblin told The Observer that while the steam is "noisy, loud and scary sounding thing" it is not dangerous.
"The steam that is releasing is not a danger to anyone," he said. "In fact, it is a good thing that the steam pressure is relieving itself."

The steam is coming from the residence hall’s heating system relief valves. Hamblin said the relief valve is functioning as it should, but it needs to be con­stantly monitored and adjusted when necessary to prevent outside change from warm to cold rapidly because the tempera­ture affects the heating demands from LeMans.
"We are monitoring it daily and rest assured no one is in any danger," he said.

Hamblin also said there have been steam issues with the General Utility Plant at the College that have been rectified as well.

David Coleman, the College’s heating, ventilation and air conditioning manager, said he periodically checking the valves at LeMans to make sure they are continuing to work properly, Hamblin said.

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ents. Nominations are submitted by first-year students and first­year excursers.
In 2000, McKenna was also awarded the KB TB Award for exceptional teaching of undergraduates, according to the University press release.
His lecture will be delivered in the home of Professor Randy Pausch of Carnegie Mellon University.
"Where Pausch discovered he was dying of pancreatic cancer, he delivered a "last lecture." The lecture, also published as a book, became a worldwide sensa­tion and generated interest in the "last lecture" practice.
The Last Lecture series is not new to Notre Dame. Notre Dame featured a previous Last Lecture series in 2002.
The current series was part of the campus platform for stu­dent president Rob Hinds and student body vice president Grant McDonnel.
"We partly modeled our series off the 2002 series," Schmidt said. "We thought we could share the story of Randy Pausch, and the concept of the last lecture was real­ly interesting."
The Last Lectures will go beyond sharing a theory or idea, he said.
"This is a very unique lecture. It’s more of a professor’s vision. It carries a deeper meaning, making us howl eligible. I think getting to a bowl is a welcome­improvement to last year’s dis­appointing season."
According to some students, winning one more game should be possible for the team, especially considering this year’s team preparations for the season.
"It’s time to start a new tra­dition," said sophomore Erin Michonel, referring to Notre Dame’s previous record of 43 consecutive wins against Navy, the longest all-time consecu­tive winning streak between two teams in college football, which was broken last year.
"Some students declined com­ment because they felt that their opinions would anger their fellow classmates. Others said they were too speechless or embarrassed to comment.
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Dr. Charles Dietzgen, founder of the Timmy Foundation, is shown. The group also helped start a partnership with a medical center in Quito, the capital. Schmidt said.
Rybarczyk said the service trip draws mostly pre-med students because it is a good way to gain experience in the field without having to live in another country for a summer or semester.
"I know a lot of people can’t take the whole summer...this way you get to be involved all year round and get to know each other and experience it," she said.
Rybarczyk said the students who participated in the trip will talk about their experiences Thursday in the Lyons Hall chapel.
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Ecuador has college chapters," she said. "The student chapters have three tasks, to advocate, fundraise and serve."
The campus chapters are given a partner organization, and the students involved in the club educate their peers about the community they are serving, fundraise for the community and then travel to the country to do a service project, Rybarczyk said.
"The major thing is to educate people so they hold educational events about the language, culture and needs of the people in the community they are serv­ing, and foster a global perspec­tive about things, especially with health care in other countries," she said.
Rybarczyk said the trip was a "best run" for the prospective club. She said she found interested students, and they had infor­mal meetings and paid for the service trip themselves.
If SGA approves the chapter, the group would be able to edu­cate and raise money on campus for a yearly trip to serve the University’s partner organization, she said.
"We probably wouldn’t be able to have all the trips said for Notre Dame, but we would be able to use facilities to have fund raisers, and we could have access to some of the grants and things Notre Dame offers for travels like this," Rybarczyk said.
On the service trip, the stu­dents set up medical brigades where people were treated for health problems in four areas in Ecuador. Rybarczyk said.
The brigade consisted of a triage sec­tion where the patient history and vital signs are taken, a con­sultation center where they have patients meet with a medical professional for a diagnosis and a pharmacy where the patients get the medicine they need, she said.
"The people there are absolutely incredible," Rybarczyk said. "I have worked as a medical assistant here in the U.S. and patients wait for five or ten minutes and they are upset, but in Ecuador, we had people who would get there early, wait for almost an hour to get a prescription.
"We were in involved in all aspects," she said. "We had people translating, taking vital signs and patient histories. We had people playing with kids, admin­istering flu shots and helping out in the pharmacy."
The group also helped start a program to move from using a paper format of patient records to electronic charts, Rybarczyk said.
Rybarczyk said a major goal of the Timmy Foundation is educa­tion so the students had the opportunity to partake in several cultural events.
"We had multiple discussions called charlas with community leaders and leaders of differ­ent neighborhoods," she said. "We talked about their everyday life, politics, a lot of things."
The group also saw an Andrea ballet and went on a tour of the colonial center in Quito, the capital," she said.
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Paloma destroys homes in Cuba

OMAGUE, Cuba — Crashing waves and a powerful sea surge from Hurricane Paloma destroyed hundreds of homes along Cuba’s southern coast, but the storm rapidly weakened into a tropical depression Sunday as it moved hundreds of miles to the north.

Early damage reports were limited, but state media said the late-season storm topped a communication tower, interrupted electricity and phone service and sent seawater almost a mile (kilometers) inland, ravaging a coastal community near where it made landfall.

No reported deaths or injuries were immediately reported.

Eight killed after bombing in Iraq

BAGHDAD — Bombs killed at least eight people Sunday across Iraq and wounded dozens of others, officials said. Syria’s president blamed the U.S. military presence for Iraq’s instability and said U.S. troops should leave.

In the northern city of Mosul, a roadside bomb ripped through an Iraqi army patrol soon after sundown, killing three soldiers and wounding two more, police said.

U.S. and Iraqi troops have been fighting for months to clear al-Qaida in Iraq and about a dozen other Sunni insurgent groups from Mosul, Iraq’s third largest city.

To the south, a bomb attached to a bike wrapped in a trash bag exploded outside a cafe in Khalis, 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Baghdad. Killing at least two people and wounding 13, including the city mayor, the attack was the worst in Khalis in years.

The cafe is located in a market area that includes a public health clinic and the precise target was unclear.

ELECTION 2008

New England votes challenge GOP

Two Republican senators remain from the New England States after 2008 elections

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A generation ago, the Republican Party was the dominant political force in New England, populating the region’s congressional delegations with moderates like Connecticut’s Lowell P. Weicker Jr. and Rhode Island’s John Chafee.

But today, GOP-led by a more socially conservative wing of the party, is finding votes harder to come by.

Voters on Tuesday cast out Connecticut’s veteran Rep. Chris Shays, the last New England Republican to represent the U.S. House of Representatives. Sen. John Sestak was ousted in New Hampshire, leaving that state’s Judd Gregg and Olympia Snowe as the only Republicans in the region’s 12 senators.

Shays’ loss to former Goldman Sachs executive Jim Himes marks the first time since 1969 that south-western Connecticut will be represented by a Democrat in the House.

"I felt that we were going to win this, I really did," Shays told supporters. "I felt that people were so good to me, they were so nice to me. But they were deciding they were going to do the only way.

"New England’s decision to "go the other way" in recent elections is in a dramatic transformation for a region of the country once considered a Republican stronghold a generation ago.

The Republican Party and New England have a long history together.

And 21 descendants of Patrick Dunne — the wealthy businessman who stashed the money that financed a time of bank collapses and joblessness — will each get a mere fraction of the find.

Vitamin C, no help for heart disease

NEW ORLEANS — Vitamins C and E — pills taken by millions of Americans — do nothing to prevent heart disease in men, one of the largest and longest studies of these supplements has found.

Vitamin E even appeared to raise the risk of bleeding strokes, a danger seen in at least one earlier study.

Besides questioning whether vitamins help, "we have to worry about potential harm," said Barbara Howard, a nutrition scientist at the BTNResearch Institute of Hyattsville, Md.

LOCAL NEWS

Immunization rate on the rise

MUNCIE, Ind. — Despite some parents’ concerns that health officials want their children to get too many vaccines, too soon, Indiana’s immunization rate is on the rise.

According to the state Department of Health, 94 percent of public schools and 68 percent of private schools reported complete immunization data for the 2006-07 school year — an increase from the previous year.

Sue Goebel, a nurse with the Delaware County Health Department, said a growing number of children are getting the department’s free shots during its Shots for Tots clinic.

By the late 1940s, Republicans held 21 of 28 of New England’s seats in the House of Representatives. But the turning point came in 1964, when the Republicans nominated conservative Barry Goldwater for president, said Gary Rose, a political science professor at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

Known for being fiscally conservative but more socially liberal, Northeast moderates — dubbed the Rockefeller Republicans after the former New York governor — started to be eclipsed by the more socially conservative wing of the party.

"The eastern establishment got weaker and weaker," Rose said. "Today, there’s really no eastern establishment to speak of."

Chafee’s son, Lincoln, was appointed to the Senate in 1999 after his father’s death and was elected in 2000 to a six-year term. A moderate like his father, Chafee was the only Republican in the Senate to vote against authorizing the use of force in Iraq. But he was defeated by a Democrat in 2006.

That same year, Reps. Nancy Johnson and Rob Simmons of Connecticut also were defeated by Democrats, buoyed by anti-Iraq-war and anti-President Bush sentiment.

"There is no longer, to speak of, a moderate voice within the party," Rose said. "It’s a party that’s becoming more narrow and there’s really no sense of compromise within the party."

Jennifer Donahue, political director of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College, said she believes the GOP can still come back, at least in independent-minded New Hampshire where the state motto is “Live Free or Die.”

Russia

20 killed, 21 injured in submarine

MOSCOW — The fire safety system on a brand-new Russian nuclear submarine accidentally turned on as the sub was being tested in the Sea of Japan, opening a gas that suffocated 20 people and sent 21 others to the hospital, officials said Tuesday.

The Russian Navy said the submarine itself was not damaged in Saturday’s accident and returned to its base on Russia’s Pacific coast under its own power Sunday. The accident also did not pose any radiation danger, the navy said.

Yet it was Russia’s worst naval accident since torpedoes explosions sank another nuclear-powered submarine the Kursk, in the Barents Sea in 2000, killing all 118 seamen aboard.

Overcrowding may have been a significant factor on Saturday.

The submarine being tested had 208 people aboard, including 81 seamen, according to Russian navy spokesman Capt. Igor Dygal. Yet Russian news agencies said a sub of this type normally carries only a crew of 73.

"A submarine is the most vulnerable during trials. With both navy and civilian personnel on board, it’s very difficult to keep such a large number of people organized," Gennady Bilyanov, a retired submarine officer, told the RIA Novosti news agency.

The victims suffocated after the submarine’s fire-extinguishing system released Freon gas, said Vladimir Markin, an official with Russia’s top investigative agency. He said forensic tests found Freon in the victims’ lungs.

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Palin: Anonymous critics are 'cowards'

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Gov. Sarah Palin denounced anony­mous criticisms leveled at her by former John McCain aides as baseless, including allegations that Republican lawyers were travel­ling to Alaska to reclaim her high-priced wardrobe and that she didn't know Africa was a continent.

"Those accounts are not true," the former Republican vice presidential candidate said in her first public comments on the matter since the election Tuesday.

Palin returned Friday to her Anchorage governor's office and said she had no immediate plans to build on her newfound national name-recognition and popularity with the Republican base for a possible 2012 presidential run.

Instead, Palin said, she wanted only to get back to the govern­nor's desk to advance a pro­posed pipeline tapping Alaska's vast North Slope natural gas reserves and to prepare Alaska's proposed 2010 budget.

As for the vice presidential campaign, Palin denounced criticism from unidentified McCain campaign aides as "cowardly." She said she found it frustrating trying to respond to false allegations when she didn't know who was making them.

"It's ridiculous," she told reporters. "You guys report based on anonymous sources, so it's hard to have a defense."

One report said she and her family went on a shopping spree, spending more than the $150,000 in clothing that the Republican National Committee had earlier reported.

"The RNC purchased clothes," Palin said.

"These are the RNC's clothes. They're not my clothes. I never forced anybody to buy anything. I never asked for anything more than maybe a Diet Dr Pepper once in a while."
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SMC SWIMMING

Belles earn first MIAA victory against Alma

By ERIC PRISTER

Saint Mary's undergrads put on an impressive performance Saturday as the Belles defeated Alma College 167-104, their first conference win of this young season. A trio of Belles ended the day with three first-place finishes -- sophomore Maggie Williams, freshman Audrey Dalrymple and freshman Evan Cavadini. Cavadini's three victories came in individual events, including the 100-yard freestyle, the 200-yard butterfly and the 500-yard freestyle. Williams and Dalrymple both were members of the first-place 200-yard medley relay team and also finished first in two individual events each.

"I was especially pleased with the performances of [Dalrymple] and [Cavadini]," Belles coach Ryan Dombkowski said.

Along with the stellar individual performances by the Belles, they also were solid as a team, attaining the top three spots in two different events. In the 1,000-yard freestyle, Cavadini finished first with a time of 11:15.50, followed by freshman Barbara Beidler and sophomore Anna Frantz, who finished with times of 12:12.14 and 14:13.22, respectively.

Then, in the 200-yard freestyle, Saint Mary's went 1-2-3 again, with first-place going to freshman Megan Price with a time of 2:07.05, second to junior Lindsey Nellis in 2:08.14, and third to junior Sara Niemann with a time of 2:09.02.

"All in all, I'm pleased with the team's performance," Dombkowski said.

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ND SWIMMING

Women win, men fall against Purdue

By MIKE GOTIMER

The Notre Dame men's and women's teams experienced mixed results on Saturday when they faced Purdue. While the women were able to defeat their in-state rivals, the men could not pull off the upset against the Boilermakers.

The No. 24 women's team remained perfect at home with a 189-111 win at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. The Irish won all but three events in the meet, as Notre Dame lost its first event in its home pool when Purdue's Allie Smith took first place in the 100-yard backstroke.

"We were tired after our hardest week of training at this point of the season," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "The purpose of this meet was to race tough, and we did it."

Irish sophomore Samantha Maxwell and freshman Gwen Ilgny got the Irish on the board with points with their sweeps of the 100 and 200-breaststroke. Sophomores Amygnor Miller and Katie Casey both contributed sweeps of their own as Miller won both the 50 and 100-breaststroke and Casey won the 100 and 200-butterfly. Senior Casey Wagner earned nine points for the Irish with her win in the 1000-freestyle.

On the other side, the Notre Dame men came up short against the No. 16 Boilermakers with a 187-108 loss. Purdue freshman Olympian David Beaudin headlined the Boilermakers wins as he set two pool records with his wins in the 5-meter and 1-meter diving events.

Despite the loss, Irish coach Tim Welsh still saw positives from the Notre Dame loss.

"Congratulations to Purdue. They've been on the road for two days and swam great [Friday at Northwestern] and again [Saturday]. They're a very good team and they earned it," Welsh said. "Our improvements are hard to see from the stands, but during this serious training phase we're going through we're seeing signs that our best wins still lie ahead."

Irish sophomore Michael Sullivan took first place finishes in the 200-backstroke and 400-individual medley. Sullivan took the 200-back with a time of 1:52.79. Sullivan narrowly edged Irish junior Andrew Doets in the 400-M, winning by a half-second.

The Notre Dame women will not compete for nearly a month until they head to the Ohio State Invitational from Dec. 5-7. The men return to action Saturday in a tri-meet at Cleveland State against the Vikings and Miami (Ohio).
moved as she attacked, while Meghan stood flat-footed, exhausted to defend the punches. Koors won in a unanimous decision.

Tanya “B-girl Reppin”
Barrios def. Kia “The Hurt” Johnson

In an active fight, both Barrios and Johnson, a junior, came out swinging. Three times within the first 90 seconds, the two met and proceeded to confound any theory of fist. The second round was not as exhilarating as the first, but Barrios still managed to land numerous punches, including a few powerful hooks. Eventually, the third round in an even fight, it seemed clear that Barrios desired the win at any cost. She bullied Johnson around the ring for the majority of the round, but Johnson was nonetheless able to land enough punches to keep it interesting.

In a true moment of sportsmanship, the two competitors embraced in the middle of the ring before the referee had even resumed the round. Barrios won by split decision.

Emily “ATM” Kolbus def.
Kelly “Fearsome” Pierson

With Pierson's legs under her, Kolbus left their corners for the start of the third round to catch without her guard—she successfully planted a mouthpiece— and the fight soon resumed. It was an even round, ending with Kolbus working Pierson's ribcage at the bell.

By the third round, Kolbus was out of gas, but Pierson was able to keep Kolbus from finding her rhythm. The mouthpiece was not helpful to Kolbus in claiming a split-decision victory.

Jackie “The Deieving Devi” Johnson
Bugos def. Kyle “The Hostile Crocodile” Haggard

Friday's sixth fight was truly a clash of styles. Sheridan's long leg held off Hagelskamp's strength in the first round. Sheridan was able to deliver numerous blows to Hagelskamp's head while Hagelskamp could not reach her.

In the second round, Hagelskamp took to sacrificing position to try to tire Sheridan. Hagelskamp, however, was unable to connect with her left hook. Eventually, Gallegos began blocking the punches, but she did not attempt a counter, so Burke simply continued. In the second round, Gallegos began throwing a few punches, but it didn't amount to much, so Burke simply continued.

During the third round, Burke worked a right hook and a left jab. Burke trudged forward and her victory with a few more left-right combinations. Gallegos never truly fought back.

Burke won in a unanimous decision.

Deborah “The O'Nihilator” Notardonato
Olmstead def. “Black” Olivas

The eighth fight of the Bout was the first to feature a truly body-battering performance. From the start, Notardonato attacked Olivas' body. Having escaped the body blows, Olivas threw a roundhouse right hook seconds before the bell. But Notardonato ducked and went back to Olivas' body. In the second round, Notardonato again ducked an Olivas right hook. However, the round was largely marked by inactivity as both competitors appeared to save energy for the final round.

Olivas performed well in the third round. She landed several blows to Notardonato's head, while Notardonato continued working Olivas' body. Instead of punching up, Olivas would push her off, and fall to counterpunches.

Notardonato was victorious in a unanimous decision.

Kristin “The Little One” Burke de.
Chelsi “Chain Bites” Olivas

Burke opened this fight with her usual jabbing innumerable jabs within a few seconds. Eventually, Gallegos began blocking the punches, but she did not attempt a counter, so Burke simply continued.

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Erika “Boxer #22” Harmon
def. Vivian “Bull Got Yo Muff” Ford

Harmon, a Lyons senior, took the glory in the first round of her match up. Harmon was able to chase Kim against the ropes, as Kim was unable to throw any truly damaging punches.

Kim, a sophomore in Pangborn, brought a much more aggressive strategy, but suffered from Harmon's critical left hook to end the second round. In the third round, Kim showed good body shots remaining in the fight, but Harmon's strong blows to the face were too much for her. Both boxers came out throwing.

In the end, Harmon won via unanimous decision.

Laura “Rain Maker” Szejka
def. Chelsi “Built Tough” Ford

Szejka threw the first hard hit of the fight with a left hook across Ahn's cheek, which Ahn was later able to recuperate with a combo hit, biting Szejka at the back of the head.

Early in the second round Ahn, a senior from McGinn, unable to maintain her balance and fell as Szejka, a McGinn sophomore, aggress­ively charged into the ropes. Ahn got her second wind in the latter half of the second round, but Szejka was unable to keep it throughout the third round as Szejka really stood up and charged forward with her left hooks.

Szejka was proclaimed the winner by unanimous decision.

Juliana Hoffelder def. Laura “The Lady” Carugo

Hoffelder, a junior from Cavanaugh, had the obvious advantage in the first round on most of her
China announces stimulus package

$586 billion spent in an attempt to remedy financial crisis

BEIJING — China announced a $586 billion stimulus package Sunday in its biggest move to date to head off a global financial crisis from hitting the world's fourth-largest economy.

A statement on the government's Web site said China's Cabinet had approved a plan to invest the amount in infrastructure and social welfare by the end of 2010.

Some of the money will come from the private sector. The statement did not say how much of the spending is on new projects and how much is for fuel shortages already in the pipeline that will be speeded up.

China's export-driven economy is starting to feel the impact of the economic slowdown in the United States and Europe, and the government has already cut key interest rates three times in less than two months in a bid to spur economic expansion.

Economic growth slowed to 9 percent in the third quarter, the lowest level in five years and a sharp decline from the year-ago pace of 13.3 percent. That is considered dangerously slow for a time when China needs to create jobs for millions of new workers who enter the economy every year and to satisfy a population that has come to expect steadily rising incomes.

Experts have been growing at an annual rate of more than 20 percent but analysts expect that may fall as low as 15 percent over the next eight months as global demand weakens.

The statement said the Cabinet, at a meeting chaired by Premier Wen Jiabao, had "decided to adopt active fiscal policy and moderately easy monetary policies," it did not give details.

The statement said the spending would focus on 10 areas. They included picking up the pace of spending on low-cost housing — an urgent need in many parts of the country — as well as increased spending on rural infrastructure.

Money will also be poured into new railway lines, roads and airports. Spending on health and education will be increased, as well as on environmental protection and high technology.

Spending on rebuilding disaster areas, such as Sichuan province where 70,000 people were killed and millions left homeless by a massive earthquake in May, will also be sped up.

That includes $2.93 billion planned for next year that will be moved up to the fourth quarter of this year.

The statement, without giving details, said rural and urban incomes would be increased. Credit limits for commercial banks will also be removed to channel more lending to priority projects and rural development, it said.

As well, reform of the value-added tax system will cut taxes by $17.5 billion for enterprises, the statement said.

The plan was announced before President Hu Jintao goes to Washington to push Western leaders to give poorer countries a bigger role in global financial institutions at a Nov. 15 summit of the Group of 20 major economies on the financial crisis.
Post-election hope

And here we are. Our first full campaigns and elections were now find themselves in as a nation and as a world now rest heavily upon our shoulders. There's no national com-

petition to rest us any longer. Welcome to Reality. Gray and sobering.

This immediate shift kind of bothers me. Not the call to accept reality, but rather the tone of it. "It's not what you say, it's how you say it!" (Thanks, Dad), or the Austrian, "Der Ton macht die Musik" (the tune makes the music). I am unfortunately not in America to see the reaction first hand, so I've been relying on word of mouth and online newspapers. Thank goodness for the Internet. What I have found here, in any case, is that everyone felt the hope and optimism that Barack Obama seemed to radiate during the election. And I mean radiated — I don't know why we're concerned about using nuclear energy when we get so much radiation from our presiden-
tial candidates. But anyways, now that the anticipation is over and Europe is no longer praying for our eternal souls, it has become fashionable here — in the course of not days, but hours — to question the capability of anyone to turn America around, and to resort to a pessimism that this election did so much to combat. Once again, maybe the feelings are different at home. But there seems to be a similar despair, a rhetorically-

inspired "this is the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression." By no means am I trying to repudiate this statement. To describe our situation in the oh-so-graceful formation of words in American English that no other lan-
guage can quite duplicate, this really sucks.

As an observer, all the rhetoric during the election reminded us, we have so much for which to hope, to be thank-
ful. While other nations are facing starvation, epidemics and wars in the face of the food crisis, the oil crisis, the financial crisis, the global warm-
ing crisis, we are in dire straits because we are too focused to reassess our excessive lifestyles. We literal-

ly have the breathing room to revise our way of life instead of facing the endangerment of life itself.

Our sheer amount of natural resources has historically catapulted us to our current prominence and will
discontinue to do so. We aren't even close to worrying whether we will have enough food to feed our population for the next five, 10, 20 years. Rather, we are worried about how much money the government gives out to farmers who don't make any money because we as a "free market" decided that food is not as important a product as, say, entertainment technology, or whether or not we use food supply for energy that only indi-
rectly supports human life.

We import food from thousands of miles away because it tastes good and it satisfies our wants. Despite this, we have some of the best farmlands in the world, upon which we prefer to build subdivisions. Our nation is so large that if global warming begins to dev-

astatingly disrupt climate patterns, the climate changes will shift agricultural zones, rather than annih-
lating them. We look past the essential to that which we look for. We can achieve by earn-

This September, The Observer was invited to participate in the Midwest Newspaper Publishers Association's "Midwest Journalism Institute," a week-long intensive workshop on business and multimedia editors. The Observer was given the opportunity to attend the workshop free of charge.

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denied a voice at our University and they fear that speaking out will result in punishment. A discussion on paychecks, benefits and respect in the workplace. The workers on our campus are all concerns I consistently hear from workers. CLAP has recently begun a campaign to support Notre Dame workers by supporting their right to organize a union. Our federal law, the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights all sanction the right to unionize. As the United States Council of Catholic Bishops wrote, the basic rights of all workers includes specifically "the organization and joining of unions." A worker here at Notre Dame, a friend now for over three years, has told me the story of when he worked with workers to form a union. He remembers how the corporate management pressured workers to oppose the union and when it looked like the union might win, workers supporting the union were fired systematically. In the recent letter sent by President John Jenkins to students concerned with the issues of labor rights, he said: "A situation in which we find that the legally protected rights of workers are interfered with is unacceptable at the University." We, as the University community, must hold our administrators to their words. We must allow for a fair, free and open dialogue about the rights of workers to organize a union on campus.

For the past three years I have talked with Notre Dame workers about their jobs, their lives and their hopes for the future. Stories of family, friends and community often turn into more than simply opposing abortion. Consider lawyers. These policies, which have serious implications for the working class, are not those of an average American. Many anti-abortion advocates claim that anti-abortion laws are necessary to protect the sanctity of life, yet the most infamous for its egregious human rights abuses was Ceausescu's regime in Romania, which dealt brutally with suspected political dissidents and his lavish lifestyle belied the suffering of which he and his despotic regime quickly became infamous for its egregious human rights abuses. Many anti-abortion advocates claim that the corporate management pressured workers to oppose the union and when it looked like the union might win, workers supporting the union were fired systematically. We, as the University community, must hold our administrators to their words. We must allow for a fair, free and open dialogue about the rights of workers to organize a union on campus. CLAP is a member of the University community, a voice to communicate with our University workers. Our community must be a free place from fear where all members are safe to speak up. You can support workers by signing a Union Support Card. Workers recognize the rights of a Union when a Union Support Card is found by contacting any CLAP member. Together we can show that Notre Dame will not be a place of fear and that a union is welcome here. Michael Angulo

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America the beautiful

Election night 2008 has drawn to a close. I know that for many of us, the results were not as we might have hoped. In trying to define what I think of this pivotal moment in American history, I've written a few reflections that I'd like to share with you.

One of the greatest things about our country is that for the past 220 years, we have had peaceful exchange of power — something practically unprecedented in the history of civilization. I am proud to say without a doubt that we will have a peaceful exchange of power once more. Jan. 20, when Barack Obama becomes America's 44th president.

For all of us as citizens, to draw from what I can only describe as one of the most honorable concession speeches in the history of politics: come Jan. 20, we will all continue to be, as we have always been, united as Americans. We will all continue, I hope, to believe in this great nation, America is bigger than any one of us. At the end of the day, victory goes to the candidate who can understand what it is that our nation is about, who can lead with intelligence, compassion and conviction and who can inspire the whole world with the love of freedom. America's place in the world will be secure only if everyone of us thinks that we are part of something greater than ourselves, greater than any one of us, but together we can make it happen.

Nicole Burson

Obama's radical endorsement

The mainstream media has done rather poorly reporting on an issue with the president-elect Barack Obama that everyone at Notre Dame should consider significant. Obama has been formally endorsed by a man who stands in direct opposition to Notre Dame for years. He has unflinching, direct and unrepentant opposition to Notre Dame for years. He has done damage to the very fabric of college football with his nonstop whining whenever his team is not selected to play in the national championship. Furthermore, he does not reject what he does and will continue to do it until we send a clear message (preferably this year) that we will not stand for it any longer.

Though the media has not said much about it, Obama has not rejected it unconditionally. They are still needed at Notre Dame. I therefore encourage all students to send letters to the president-elect, Congress, news stations, newspapers and distant relatives demanding explanation for this 'Obama-ness.'

Matt Gore
A personal favorite is “Some Might Say,” a song with ingenious guitar chords and simple yet insightful lyrics. “Some might say that sunshine follows blunders! Go and tell it to the man who cannot shine! Some might say that we should never ponder on our thoughts too deeply, it’s just for show.”

Another favorite is “Don’t Look Back in Anger,” a song that can very easily be mislabeled for a Beatles hit with its adept sense of timing and loud vocals. According to Pops and Scratches, a music news site, even Noel, the elder brother Gallagher, principal songwriter, lead guitarist, backing vocalist, and lead vocalist on “Don’t Look Back in Anger,” admitted in his Manchester newspaper, “I’ll remind you of a cross between “All the Young Dudes” and summate and the Beatles might’ve done.”

The CD’s closing track, “Champagne Supernova” ended as No. 1. Radio hit in spite of many believing it was too long at seven and a half minutes. The mellow indie anthem spent five weeks as Billboard Modern Rock Tracks’ number-one single. The lyrics (“How many special people change?”) bring back memories of the Beatles’ “Let It Be.”

The album proved to listeners that the Gallagher brothers’ music could be clear and focused. Often characterized as avid fans as the archetype Oasis song, the 90s baldlad has exquisitely-written lyrics (“Because maybe you’re gonna be the one that saves me, and after all, you’re my wonderwall”) accompanied by melancholy violin, soft guitar chords, and well-placed cymbal crashes.

The British group’s most popular song brought back the concept of a simple love song, supplementing it with the poignancy of the decade, and listened to it bring back memories of the Beatles’ “I’m Staying Alive.”

The CD’s classic pop-inspired lyrics are not always that deep and hardly susuful (fingers crossed toward “She’s Electric,” which has somewhat nonsensical lyrics but a popular appeal), but coupled with modern pop’s vapid lyrics, they’re well written for their genre and often desirable to the point.

**Scene Writer**

Oasis is the quintessential Britpop band. Their second coming of the band was 1995, not only establishing them as not only a best-selling band on their home turf but also establishing Oasis to wider fame.

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**“Dig Out Your Soul” Invites New Influences**

**Scene Writer**

Oasis’ newest album, “Dig Out Your Soul,” released in early October, helps to transform the band into more of a democracy rather than a monarchy ruled by the Gallagher Brothers, Noel and Liam. Each brother of the Britpop band contributed to the songwriting: Noel, previously always the principal songwriter, wrote six songs, while brother Liam wrote a few and lesser-known members Gem Archer and Andy Bell each contributed a song.

The Manchester-based band has always been blatantly influenced by the Beatles, the extent that Oasis has actually stolen lyrics from the Liverpool-based 1960s pop rock band. In “Dig Out Your Soul,” however, Oasis broadens its horizons and takes influences from various classic rock bands, from Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd to the Doors and who.

The CD opens with Noel’s “Bag It Up,” a song with a bluesy sound yet lyrics that prompt the much-needed question, “I-nee-bee-je bees? Really?” The album quickly moves on to two other Noel Gallagher pieces, “The Turning,” and “Waiting for the Rapture.” These songs both have strong Doors influences, made apparent with the eerie keyboard in “The Turning” from the Doors’ “Riders on the Storm” and the dirty guitar in “Waiting for the Rapture,” taken from the Doors’ “Five to One.”

Oasis’ newest outlook allows them to drop their Britpop sound and create a completely different sound on “Dig Out Your Soul.”

**“Dig Out Your Soul” Offers Fans a Departure From Their Previous Albums.**

**Scene Writer**

Musician Ryan Adams recently told NME that their new sound was “marvelous.”
Wednesday press conference, to make plays that were not much once Notre Dame fell 66 yards rushing, with sophomore defense. Never once did Notre back Paul Anderson, as Notre touchdown by Eagles defensive was returned 76 yards for aceptions, including one that for 226 yards and four inter season.

Notre Dame sophomore quar backer Jimmy Clausen threw for 226 yards and four inter cep tions, including one that was returned 76 yards for a touchdown by Eagles defensive back Paul Anderson, as Notre Dame's mistake-prone offense failed to mount a significant threat against Boston College's defense. Never once did Notre Dame snap the ball inside the red zone. Notre Dame had just 66 yards rushing, with sophomore running back Armando Allen leaving the game with just 24 yards on six carries.

Weis attributed the offense's ineffectiveness to trying to do much once Notre Dame fell behind.

"I think everyone was trying to make plays that weren't there to be made and we started forcing the issue and that was to an inconsistent night across the board," Weis said.

Notre Dame did not make Clausen available for comment after the game.

The Irish committed five turnovers in all. The 0th came when Golden Tate muffed a punt deep in the third quarter. The fumble was recovered by Boston College linemen Brad Newman to set up a Boston College touchdown - a nine-yard pass from Eagles quarterback Chris Crane to wide receiver Brandon Robinson - a turn of events from which Notre Dame couldn't recover.

"There was a deflating point in the game and that was early in the third quarter where we fumbled a punt after going third-and-out and you could feel the air being punched out of a balloon, let out of a balloon's sails at that time," Weis said.

Notre Dame actually outgained Boston College 229 yards to 226 and held Eagles quarterback Chris Crane to just 79 yards through the air on 9-for-22 passing. But Boston College running back Montel Harris had 120 yards and 23 carries, 74 of those coming in the second half when Boston College seemed content to run the ball and not risk a turnover through the air. Crane finished with nine carries for 43 yards.

"The defense put out a winning performance," Weis said. "Unfortunately that's only one-third of the composition of the team."

Crane added: "If we needed to step on the accelerator we would have, but that point never really presented itself because we always had good field position and we didn’t want to put the defense in a bad hole."

Notre Dame’s opening drive was an omen of things to come for the Irish in the first half. The Irish were penalized twice, one for a 15-yard chop block, and had to punt. "Early in the first quarter, we put ourselves into some very bad down and distance situations with some penalties in the first quarter," Weis said. "When they called a chop block, we got into no ebb and flow in the first quarter."

The rest of the half didn’t go much better for Notre Dame. Clausen threw two interceptions, and the unit had just 121 total yards. The offensive line had a chop block, false start, and two holding penalties called against it. Notre Dame’s best chance to score was on its final drive of the half.

With time winding down, Clausen drove the Irish to Boston College’s 25-yard line. A holding penalty on Dan Wenger drove the Irish back 10 yards and Clausen, trying to get the ball to receiver Golden Tate down the sideline, threw his second interception.

But for as bad as Notre Dame played offensively in the first half, the Irish were still only down 10-0 going into the locker room. Three times during the half, Boston College began drives inside Notre Dame territory and on each of those drives, the Eagles did not score. One drive ended with a missed 34-yard field goal from kicker Steve Aponavicius that hit the left upright. The others ended in punts.

Notre Dame’s defense allowed just three points in the half, a 27-yard field goal from Aponavicius late in the first quarter.

"Fortunately, while we're in no ebb and flow on offense, the defense is putting it out, which they really did through-out the entire night," Weis said.

But Notre Dame cold never mount a sustained drive in the second half. Notre Dame failed to convert on fourth down inside Boston College territory late in the third quarter. On fourth-and-six from the 41-yard line, Clausen found Allen on a swing pass, but Allen was tackled before he could reach the first down marker.

Clausen’s third interception came early in the fourth quarter with Notre Dame driving again. On first-and-10 from the Boston College 27-yard line, Clausen overthrow tight end Kyle Rudolph in the end zone and was intercepted by Eagles safety Paul Anderson.

After that interception, the game was in little doubt.

"I'm not taking anything away from BC's defense and [Boston College defensive coordinator] Frank Spaziani is a good coach and they played well and I commend them for that," Weis said. "But still at the end of the day, to pitch a goose egg is unacceptable."

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Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen gets rid of the ball as he is pulled down by a Boston College defender during Notre Dame's 17-0 loss to the Eagles Saturday night. Clausen threw four interceptions in the game.

Clausen takes big step back

With just over 10 minutes left in the third quarter, Chris Crane threw his best pass of the game to put the Irish up 17-0. Statistically, Notre Dame was still very much in the game at that point. They had 25 minutes to make a big play and turn things around.

Mentally, Weis and his boys were already in the locker room. It looked like the Irish had just shot the team puppy. The entire sideline was dead and they stayed that way for the remainder of the game.

Weis said after the game that the drive, which was prolonged by a muffed punt, was "deflating." "You could feel like the air was being punched out of the balloon at that time," Weis said.

The drive was clearly a dagger, but the balloon was popped a long time before the second half started. Maybe it was the tough loss to Pittsburgh, or a long week of hard practices or the memory of five straight depressing losses to the Eagles, but for whatever reason the Irish were flat from the opening kickoff.

Leading the way for the Sulkin' Irish was quarterback Jimmy Clausen. Clausen's body language was negative all night long and it clearly hurt his performance.

No. 7 looked much more like the true freshman who took the field against Michigan last year than the developing field generalistically for three-straight 300-plus yard games earlier this season. Things went sour early, starting on the second drive of the game.

Clausen was hit late and the penalty resulted in a first down at the 42-yard line. The next three plays were mistakes. On first down, he fired a low bullet over the field that was tipped twice by Eagle defenders. On second down he tried to hit freshman Michael Floyd on a 10-yard comeback route. The pass was fine, but Floyd ran a fade. Then on third down, Clausen looked downfield, but the route sailed high and Paul Anderson took it 76 yards in the opposite direction in what turned out to be the biggest play of the game.

No. 7 went on to throw three more picks, including twice when the Irish were threatening to score. Four interceptions — a career high for the sophomore — was bad, but it didn't stop there.

The chemistry that seemed to be building between the quarterback and his young stud receivers was non-existent in Boston. There were at least four occasions when a receiver ran one route and Clausen made a throw that looked like he was expecting something different. Those passes are usually pre-snap reads depending on what the defense lines up in, so it's tough to tell exactly who was at fault each time unless you can find out what was going on in the play.

In Weis' postgame press conference, he said that Boston College running a fairly simple soft zone defense throughout most of the game in Clausen's postgame press conference mentally before heloging. Unfortunately, for the first time this year, Jimmy wasn't available after the game.

At this stage Clausen has as much experience as most quarterbacks playing college football. He has had two years as a starter and is old enough to face the music. We hear a lot about Jimmy's maturation process and learning to take the bad with the good as much as a part of that process as anything else.

Last year Clausen was praised after poor performances because of a Notre Dame rule that does not allow freshman to speak to the media. This time around there is no good excuse for his absence. The more he has to face his problems head on, the more he will be able to improve and move beyond them. It's tough to say exactly who was behind that decision, but it was another bad one to add to the list.

Overall, this game should serve as a wake-up call that Clausen still has plenty of room to grow.

There will be plenty of fans shouting for Weis' head on a platter. I'm sure there will be some pleas for Evan Sharpley or true freshman Dane Crist to take over at the helm. Clausen has earned his place as a starter on the team and is definitely the future of Notre Dame's success as a football team, but he still has some growing to do.

Clausen has the skills to do the job, but it was very clear against the Eagles that he needs to learn to keep his emotions in check and not let the game change the ranks of Notre Dame's losses.

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Crucial penalties sink Notre Dame

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

BOSTON — It took only two plays from scrimmage before Notre Dame made its first mistake. The Irish were called for a 15-yard chop block penalty, which started a trend of big penalties killing drives before they got started.

The chop block negated a 13-yard reception by freshman receiver Michael Floyd and pushed the offense back to a second-and-20 situation from the 17-yard line.

Two plays later, the Irish hit with and illegal procedure penalty and were eventually forced to punt the ball from the 15.

"Early in the first quarter we put ourselves in some very bad and distance situations with some penalties," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "We got in to no ebb and flow in the first quarter."

Referees hit the Irish with four penalties in the first quarter for a total of 38 yards. Notre Dame's offense racked up only 28 yards on its 11 plays in the quarter.

The third Notre Dame penalty also put the Irish in a hole they needed to dig themselves out of early. Golden Tate had almost half of his 22-yard kick return negated because of a holding call with just under two minutes remaining in the quarter. The hold set the starting point back to the 14-yard line.

"The penalties" were a big factor it put us in a lot of long yard situations and a couple times stopped those drives," Irish tackle Sam Young said.

On the very next play Notre Dame lost another solid run when freshman Kyle Rudolph was called for a hold. Three plays later the Irish punted again.

"It's frustrating. I had two of them and it's just inexcusable. I take responsibility for that and we just have to learn and get better," Young said.

Both drives gave Boston College the ball inside Notre Dame territory to start its drive. Neither drive resulted in points for the Eagles, but eventually the penalties caught up to them.

With time running out in the first half, Notre Dame punted again.

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Irish sophomore Golden Tate is brought down by a pair of Eagle defenders after hauling in one of his six catches on Saturday at Alumni Field.

Notre Dame appeared to be moving down field on route to at least tying the game. On a first-and-10 from the 25-yard line, Armando Allen caught a pass out of the backfield and scampered 17 yards before being shoved out of bounds.

It wouldn't stand. Irish center Dan Wenger was called for holding on the play causing another 27 yard swing in favor of the Eagles. The very next play Clausen tried to force a pass into coverage and Boston College safety Paul Anderson picked it off at midfield. "I felt that the team on offense was just pressing to try to make a play most of the rest of the night," Weis said.

The Irish were only flagged once in the entire second half, but by that time the damage had been done. Penalties were an indicator of the mental mistakes that cost Notre Dame the game.

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Jagodzinski uses spite to motivate team

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

During Boston College's first team meeting to discuss Notre Dame last week, Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski had a question for his players:

"I asked how many guys were recruited, visited and enamored by Notre Dame last week, " Jagodzinski said. "I told these guys that they may not be good enough to be recruited by Notre Dame but they're sure damn good enough to play at Boston College."

Coming up empty-handed

The Irish failed to score on the first drive of the game for the first time in their last four games. Boston College scored first, making Weis 13 in his career at Notre Dame when a team scores first. Other records of down-Weis era: Notre Dame is now 16-1 under Weis when it allows 19 points or fewer, 5-14 when it allows an opponent's running back to rush for 100 yards, 7-10 when coming off of a loss and 4-15 when trailing at halftime.

Getting blocked

For the second week in a row, punter Eric Maust had only one of his punts blocked. This time Boston College's Joseph Romanowski blocked it and returned it 23 yards.

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"It was pressure coming from that side as well," Weis said. "Tonight, there was a guy, who didn't blow the protection, he just got run right by. So therefore, you blow the protection and turn one free."

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Not much went right for Notre Dame, as the Irish lost their sixth straight game to Boston College and were shut out by the Eagles for the first time in the rivalry's history. The Irish moved the ball early but were unable to score, and the Eagles struck first on a field goal late in the first quarter. Notre Dame was driving again midway through the second quarter, but Boston College's Paul Anderson turned the game around, intercepting Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen and returning it 76 yards for a score and a 10-0 lead. Sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate finished with 199 yards of total offense, including 133 on returns, but his muffed punt led to the game's only offensive touchdown — a nine-yard strike from Chris Crane to Brandon Robinson early in the third quarter. The offense could never mount a comeback despite outgaining Boston College 292-246, as Clausen was picked four times and the offense committed six penalties for 58 yards. Eagles freshman running back Montel Harris ran for 120 yards, becoming the fifth player to gain at least 100 yards against the Irish this season.
"It's the first video game you can play with your butt!"

Or so rabid cartoon bunnies told me.

I was growled with this advertisement for the Wii release.

"Rayman Raving Rabbids TV Party," at my most recent trip to the theater. My first response was shock; my next was awe. My final reaction was a nearly endless peal of laughter.

Though I'm genetically inclined to embellish, even I lack the sick genius it takes to make up something like this. Furthermore, in case you were skeptical after my introduction, I do not have any mental deficiencies to speak of. Therefore, I can only conclude that this demonic cartoon ad does indeed exist. And, unfortunately, I also must accept, with gags of simultaneous laughter and disgust, its claim that it is possible to play video games with your butt.

After recovering from such an immediate shock to my conscience, I come back to the phrase, "Oh God, won't somebody please think of the children?!" Old school "Simpsons" references, anyone?! Because apparently someone needs to. Those "rain rat rabbits" aren't, and I guess the current toy industry isn't so concerned with children's psychological or social well-being.

Seriously, what is this video game priming kids to do? First, they start playing video games with their butts more than they interact with other kids. Then what? Will those same little kids grow up to be alarmingly comfortable with their butts? Or will they grow up with a complete lack of social awareness, which has its own mixed bag of trauma and drama?

It's not just this video game, though. Think seriously about the toys, children's movies, and even children's clothing that are painfully common. Bratz dolls, for one, basically have unnaturally (and unhealthy) skinny bodies, with grossly oversized heads. Their eyes rival those of cartoon aliens.

I'm not 100 percent sure what the message to children is here. I guess it's trying to damage body image as early as possible, as if movies and magazines won't accomplish that goal soon enough.

Or perhaps the makers of Bratz are obsessive supporters of unnaturally big hair, and the only way to represent this in their product is to triple the size of a proportionately sized head. Either way, these factors don't seem to add up to a healthy, well-adjusted image for children that assuredly will only get worse with time.

And as far as children's movies go, I have to speculate that they've run out of cute, endearing human stories. They may even have run out of cute, endearing animals-with-human-attributes stories. Now it seems that aliens, robots, monsters, vegetables, and some species that is 80 percent android, 10 percent protein, and 10 percent commercialized "rocker" have become the new childhood heroes. Cinderella, Robin Hood, Captain Planet, The Simpsons and Sesame Street were my heroes. The princes and heroines were my heroes. The princesses regulated her independenc from her horrid stepfamily and won her prince. The medieval fox hero (the Disney version, of course) robbed the rich to feed the poor. That blue guy with green hair brought together environmentally friendly children to save a mother earth. And Big Bird chatted me up about kindergarten social skills, grammar, and math.

And while all these films and shows have their own bag of psychologically scarifying material, and maybe I'm idealizing them because they were part of my childhood, I do firmly believe that any of the aforementioned childhood heroes could totally kick Hannah Montana, WALL-E, Veggie Tales, Stitch, etc. butt. Cinderella, Robin Hood, Captain Planet and Big Bird could probably defeat those crazy, rabid cartoon bunnies. I would even venture to say that in a throw down where the competition was to play a video game with your butt, my favorite old-school characters would still win.

Even if they did find it to be a tasteless and socially awkward display.

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Nintendo Wii has marketed "Rayman Raving Rabbids TV Party" for kids' ability to use their backsides to play the game, raising its fair share of eyebrows.
Jets earn biggest win in team history vs. Rams

Collins throws two TD passes as Titans shut out defeated; Colts keep playoff hopes alive against Steelers

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — LenDale White had just scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter of Tennessee's 21-14 win.

The dominant Jets took advantage of every mistake by the St. Louis Rams, making their 47-3 rout Sunday look more like a scrimmage than an NFL game. They planned to celebrate for at least a few hours before they started preparing for their big matchup New England on Thursday night.

"I've only had about 5 minutes to really think about it," coach Eric Mangini said. "It's New England. It's a tough one, a game on the front burner for us in a lot of respects.

"It's awesome to be in a game like that," a grinning Favre said. That is, as long as you're on the winning side.

"It was embarrassing," Rams interim coach Jim Haslett said. "That was bad football all the way around. I can't even describe it."

"A game like this does a lot for you, but I don't think this team will be overconfident."

Titans 21, Bears 14

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Titans running back LenDale White reaches across the goal line for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of Tennessee's 21-14 win.

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AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Boston Celtics showed the Detroit Pistons that Allen Iverson may not be the answer for them.

Tony Allen scored 12 of his 23 points in the pivotal second quarter, lifting Boston to an 88-76 win over Detroit on Sunday night.

Iverson was given a standing ovation when he was introduced for the first time as a Piston at The Palace. The frenzied fans so loud the public-address announcer couldn’t be heard.

A sell-out crowd stayed in the game during a closely contested first quarter before being quieted in the second, when Boston used four reserves to outscore Detroit 30-10.

The defending champions didn’t have any trouble keeping their big cushion in a rematch of the Eastern Conference finals.

Iverson finished his third home debut with 10 points on 4-of-11 shooting, with four assists and four turnovers.

Detroit acquired the former league MVP, Denver Nuggets and Philadelphia 76ers last week for All-Star point guard Chauncey Billups, key reserve Antonio McDyess and throw-in Cheikh Samb. McDyess will be bought out of his contract, according to his agent Andy Miller, and the Pistons would welcome the power forward back.

The Celtics had enough to eliminate Detroit in Game 6 of the conference finals on its home court and clearly seemed to be the better team again.

Boston didn’t even need all of its stars to shine in the easy win.

Jimmy Johnson nearly clinches NASCAR title

MONDALE, Ariz. — Just when Carl Edwards seemed to have Jimmie Johnson on the ropes, the two-time defending NASCAR champion delivered the knockout punch.

Johnson moved inches away from his record-tying third consecutive Cup championship with a dominating victory Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway, where he led a race-high 217 of the 313 laps to deflate Edwards’ title hopes.

Johnson had inches to spare in next week’s season finale up 141 points over Edwards and needs only to finish 16th or better to join Dale Jarrett (1997-98) as the only drivers in NASCAR history to win three straight Cup titles.

“This is what I’ve worked my whole life for,” Johnson said in Victory Lane. The win was his third straight at Phoenix, and had Edwards on the edge of conceding after his own fourth-place finish.

Tony Parker out for a month due to ankle

san Antonio — Tony Parker will be out about four weeks with a sprained left ankle, a critical blow to the San Antonio Spurs, who are off to their worst start in 12 years.

An MRI taken Saturday confirmed the injury to the Spurs’ star guard, who was hurt during a 99-83 loss to the Miami Heat on Friday — two nights after scoring a career-high 55 points against the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Iverson disappoints in Detroit

Newly acquired Detroit Pistons guard Allen Iverson, left, listens to forward Tayshaun Prince during the Pistons’ home loss to the Boston Celtics on Sunday evening.

Ray Allen had 17 points, five rebounds and a key three-pointer in the fourth with 4:04 left.

Kevin Garnett scored eight on 4-0-15 shooting and Paul Pierce added seven on 3-0-10 shooting.

Rajon Rondo scored 13 points and Eddie House had eight points as one of four reserves with at least six points for the Celtics.

Detroit’s Tayshaun Prince had 23 points and eight rebounds. Rasheed Wallace had 10 points on 4-0-17 shooting and 11 rebounds. Reserve Will Bynum added 11 points.

Richard Hamilton, who was 0-for-8, scored just three points on free throws.

In Brief

Venus Williams wins tournament in Qatar

DOHRA, Qatar — Venus Williams rallied to win the WTA’s Sony Ericsson Championships for the first time, defeating Vera Zvonareva 6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-2 Sunday at the season-ending event.

The Wimbledon champion took command in the last two sets with powerful serving, smash and aggressive groundstrokes against her Russian opponent.

“I’m so excited,” Williams said. “It was really tough. It took us some time, but we were able to come through.

Williams won $1.34 million at the event, which is for the first time offered the same prize money as the men at the ATP’s season-ending Masters Cup.

The first lady of Qatar, a conservative Muslim sheikhdom, presented the trophy to Williams, shaking her hand and kissing her on both cheeks.

Sheika Mozah bint Nasser wore a traditional black headscarf and robe.

Olympic Speed Skating

Olympic figures skater Brian Joubert had his own shot at winning a medal Wednesday night.

Joubert took fifth place at the World Cup event in Salt Lake City.

But the 26-year-old Frenchman’s hopes were dashed when he spun out of the first lap of the short program on the last lap.

McNulty’s three-peat

Andy McNulty had the start he wanted for the Americanline World Cup season.

McNulty won the opening race of the season in the men’s division.

McNulty, 27, had another strong performance in the opening round.

In the men’s division, McNulty finished third.

The 20-year-old Cincinnati Bearcats were among the biggest surprises, finishing fifth.

The Bearcats had six of its seven stars to shine in the easy win.

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In Brief

Jimmy Johnson nearly clinches NASCAR title

MONDALE, Ariz. — Just when Carl Edwards seemed to have Jimmie Johnson on the ropes, the two-time defending NASCAR champion delivered the knockout punch.

Johnson moved inches away from his record-tying third consecutive Cup championship with a dominating victory Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway, where he led a race-high 217 of the 313 laps to deflate Edwards’ title hopes.

Johnson heads into next week’s season finale up 141 points over Edwards and needs only to finish 16th or better to join Dale Jarrett (1997-98) as the only drivers in NASCAR history to win three straight Cup titles.

“This is what I’ve worked my whole life for,” Johnson said in Victory Lane. The win was his third straight at Phoenix, and had Edwards on the edge of conceding after his own fourth-place finish.

Tony Parker out for a month due to ankle

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker will be out about four weeks with a sprained left ankle, a critical blow to the San Antonio Spurs, who are off to their worst start in 12 years.

An MRI taken Saturday confirmed the injury to the Spurs’ star guard, who was hurt during a 99-83 loss to the Miami Heat on Friday — two nights after scoring a career-high 55 points against the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Parker was driving for a layup when he rolled his ankle.

The 26-year-old Parker was using crutches and wearing a protective boot while watching Sunday’s practice. He was second in the league in scoring behind LeBron James at 27.4 points per game.

“The Spurs are 1-4 and play at home against the New York Knicks on Tuesday. In 1996, they opened the season 1-5.

Parker will be replaced by either rookie George Hill or 12th-year veteran Jacque Vaughn. Hill took Parker’s place against the Heat.

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Irish Volleyball

By SAM WERNER

Notre Dame earned its biggest win of the 25-point era Sunday, beating Rutgers 25-8 in the final game to close out a 3-0 (25-13, 25-16, 25-8) victory Sunday. The 38-point total margin of victory was the largest for the Irish (13-12, 3-4 Big East) this season, besting a 32-point margin over West Virginia on Oct. 11.

The win moved the Irish to fifth in the Big East with only two games remaining on their schedule. Notre Dame will take on conference leader St. John's at Sunday. The Scarlet Knights won the first set and took the second 25-22, but the Irish rallied back to win the third 25-16 and the final set 25-13.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said she wanted her team to hold opponents to lower hitting percentages, and Notre Dame did just that Sunday. The Scarlet Knights posted a .281 hitting percentage, the lowest by an Irish opponent since Notre Dame held DePaul in a .110 clip in 2005. On the other side of the net, the Irish received a balanced effort, with four players tallying six or more kills. Sophomore middle blocker Kelle Sciacca and junior outside hitter Serenity Phillips had seven each, and junior middle blocker Justine Stremick chipped in with six apiece.

Junior setter Jamel Nicholas added 21 assists. Stremick led the Irish with a .500 hitting percentage, with Notre Dame hitting .287 as a team.

The Irish earned 16 kills on the attack while holding Rutgers to just nine. The Irish also had a 12-7 block edge and a 19-2 edge in service aces. Notre Dame held Rutgers to a .110 percentage, the lowest by an Irish opponent since Notre Dame held DePaul in a .110 clip in 2005.

Irish Tennis

By KATE GRABAREK

Watt and Fitzgerald round out singles action with a victory over Roshan Potarazau. Davis also went 1-1 in flight five over Alex Aksanov of Maryland. Fitzgerald rounded out singles action with a victory over Roshan Potarazau.

Notre Dame R O T C Veteran's Day Ceremony

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MEN'S TENNIS

Helgeson falls in second round

By KATE GRABAREK

Watt, also playing at No. 4 singles, earned a pair of wins as well. Freshman Niall Fitzgerald earned a victory over Ija Orre of William and Mary at No. 3 singles. Fitzgerald and sophomore Matt Johnson round­ed out action of day one with victories in flight six.

At No. 1 doubles, Davis and Watt lost on day one to William and Mary 8-6. Anderson teamed with Sean Tan to lose their No. 2 doubles match while Havens and Phillips combined for a loss at No. 3 doubles.

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Bobby Bayliss Irish coach

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After winning his opening round match in three sets at the ITA National Indoors, senior Brett Helgeson fell to East Tennessee's Enrique Olives, 7-5, 7-5.

"The best thing about his appearance there is the opportunity to play some of the country's best players," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Thus securing a strong national ranking and increasing his NCAA status."

While Helgeson was at the ITA National Indoors, the rest of the team was participating in the William and Mary Invitational, rounding out the fall season.

Sophomores Stephen Havens and Dan Stahl flipped-flopped, as each played at No. 1 and No. 2 singles over the weekend. The pair combined for 10 singles wins this weekend, and along with freshman Casey Watt, made the all-tournament team.

Sophomore Tyler Davis played at No. 3 singles, earning a singles win over William and Mary's Sebastian Vidal 6-3, 6-2, but dropping a match to College of Charleston's Michael Boyer.

At No. 4 singles, Davis and Anderson beat Joe Niclazzi of the College of Charleston, with Anderson picking up another singles victory in flight three on day three of the Tribe Invitational.

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Watt and Fitzgerald combined for another doubles win, while Watt and Anderson rounded out the Irish's fall action with a win.

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throws, which continued into the second round as well. Her opponent, Smith, a McClintom sophomore, proved she had long lasting reflexes in the second round, as she improved on Hodgell's throws.

But the third round became conclusive as Hodgell was still able to tirelessly follow through on all her shots, but faced losing as the referee called her for kicking. Smith looked dazed towards the end, but was still able to throw a few before the bell. Hodgell won the match by unanimous decision.

Brooke "Bananaarama" Bonnette def. Colleen "The Hurricane" Huml

Bonnette came out fighting with a pair of intense right power punches directly to Huml's face. Huml, was able to touch Bonnette's chin a few times, but the inability to fully follow through, caused little damage to Bonnette.

In the second round, Huml came out far more aggressive than the first time, and she had a few last ting right-handed shots that might have tipped the fight in her favor. But a final last ting blow from Bonnette shifted the judge's opinion, as they declared Bonnette the unanimous victor.

Jenny "The Dahninator" Dahm def. Mary "Ice Box" Jenkins

At the sound of the opening bell, Dahm came out evading Jenkins' throwing combination punches right and left. Jenkins was forced on the defensive but recovered in the last 20 sec-

onds of the first round with a few quick jabs. Dahm and Jenkins both focused on punches to the head in the second, with a few solid jabs to the body by Jenkins. Dahm, forcing Jenkins on the defensive once again, set the tone in the third with a great uppercut. In the end, Jenkins was declared the winner in an unanimous decision.

Chrissy "Magic Two" Nypaver def. Kerry "California Wildfire" Olinger

Sophomore Chrissy Nypaver's two quick jabs to Kerry Olinger's face in the first round gave Olinger a bloody nose that just would not stop bleeding. However, Olinger stuck it out, taking a few hard hits and even delivering a strong uppercut into Nypaver's stomach.

The fight was called after the second round due to the nosebleed, and Nypaver was given the victory.

Sara "The Terra ... Riza" Farias def. Sarah "My Real Name is Lilwyne" Layne

In the first fight, Farias defeated Layne by unanimous decision in a battle of seniors.

"Training hard, getting strong, and fighting with your heart is what I will always remember and take from this experience," Farias said.

This fight was one that was played out with a lot of heart from both members of the senior class.

The fight opened with Layne on the ropes, taking multiple jabs to the head from Layne. Farias moved on the offensive quickly from that point, causing Layne to lose her balance twice.

Three jabs, three punches in the second round, with an uppercut to Farias' stomach by Layne, and a left hook to Layne's head from Farias. In the third, Farias and Layne continued to hit hard with punches to the head.

"Baraka Bouts is by far the most physically intense sport I have ever participated in," Farias said. "To take it all in and fight in the end regardless of the result, is an amazing, worthwhile experience that not everyone can say they have had."


McNeill took this bout by unanimous decision, setting the tone from the opening bell with an uppercut to Kratz's face. Kratz returned with a right hook to McNeill's head to end the first round.

The second round put McNeill on the defensive with three quick jabs to the face from Kratz. However, with two consecutive face jabs and a right hook to end the third round, McNeill was able to take the fight.

Lauren "Live Responsibly" Corona def. Kylynn "Make it Rain" Fontaine

Corona made good use of the combination from the start of the first round, and her controlled fighting technique allowed her to make solid punches. Fontaine staid strong through the second and last round, giving the great jabs to Corona's head.

But Corona came out with continuous punches straight to the head in the third round, putting Fontaine on the defensive.

Corona took the fight by unanimous decision. "By the end of the third round, I was dizzily exhausted, the last 30 sec-

onds were the longest I have ever had, but having my hand raised by the end of the ref was so cool," Farias said.

Holly "Hacksaw" Hinz def. Kim "Quick Feet" Hickey

Hinchohohonior knocked the tone for this bout with a right hook to Hickey's face immediately after the opening bell. Hickey returned with a strong uppercut, but was soon forced against the ropes by Hinchohohonior.

The third yielded a strong left hook from Hinz, and consecutive jabs to the face from Hinchohohonior.

Hinz declared the victor by a unanimous decision.

"Being my first year of boxing was great, but I wasn't fast enough, but once I was in the ring and the adrenaline got going, it went by really fast and I had so much fun," Hinz said. "It was great being able to win my fight all with my friends cheering me on."

Meghan "Hard Rock" Ryan def. Adrienne "Meatball" Murdy

Ryan dominated the first round, but Murdy turned up the heat in the second with three straight jabs to the head, but Murdy didn't have a right hook with a great right hook.

Ryan came back to the face to begin the third, and Murdy returned with the 1-2 combination in the last round, giving the victory.

Ryan took the bout by unanimous decision.

"Bloody" Mary Beaucharl def. Elizabeth "La Jaws" Martinez

From the opening bell, junior Beaucharl came out strong, with continuous face jabs, but was taken down on the offensive.

In the second round, Martinez knocked down Beaucharl in the last two seconds, but Beaucharl came back in the third with some strong cross punches.

The decision was unanimous in favor of Beaucharl.

"I Should Have Been a Chefskin!" Pike def. Angela "Bring it" Rossi

Pike, a senior, came out throwing some great jabs to the body, and junior Rossi gave Pike a strong left hook to the chin in the first round.

Pike returned with a 1-2 punching rhythm in the second, receiving some hard jabs to her torso from Rossi.

The third yielded a left hook from Pike and continuous jabs from Rossi.

However, it was Pike's hand that was raised in the end, and she took the bout by split decision.

Anna "Thunda Punch" Dwyer def. Molly "The Peacemaker" McCarthy

Sophomore Dwyer took the last few rounds rather peacefully, by unanimous decision.

Dwyer began the first round going up against the ropes by McCarthy, a junior, but came back in the second with a few continuous punches to McCarthy's face.

In the third, McCarthy returned with a great left hook, but Dwyer had some solid left and right hand jabs, eventually giving her the win.

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great, and there were a lot of times where you would go in and try to stand somebody up, or go in for a tackle and you're losing your footing and there was a lot more contact because of that,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

But the weather conditions weren't the only thing that turned the game into a physical contest. As the No. 1 team in the country, the Irish have no worries about the NCAA tournament, but that isn’t the case for Connecticut. A win in the Big East championship would have guaranteed Huskies a tournament berth, and it was clear they weren’t going down without a fight.

"We run into a Connecticut team that really had to win, and win the tournament to get into the NCAA," Waldrum said. "They're throwing everything out there, they're on their last leg — it was their last hope. We ran into a team that had an awful lot of light in them." Lalbe led the Huskies fight by ruining Notre Dame’s many attempts to take the early lead. The senior keeper had her strongest season for Connecticut coming off a summer as a reserve for the Canadian Olympic team. And her experience helped her team all the way the Big East finals. "(Lalbe is) a big reason why Connecticut made it all the way through to the final," Waldrum said. "She had a really good tournament, a great game against West Virginia and she was very good against us." And teams usually turn to their strongest goal scorers to test a keeper like Lalbe, but stars Kerri Hanks and Brittany Bock remained sidelined with injuries. Hanks strained her MCL in Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Cincinnati in the Big East quarterfinals, and Bock hurt her knee in a 2-0 win over Marquette in the semifinals Friday. Both are likely to recover in time for NCAA competition.

"You don't ever want to play without two players who are probably arguably two of the best players in the country, so it certainly hurts not having them on the field," Waldrum said. "But I think the one thing that we've always talked about this year, even with the team, is depth, we've done nothing but speak about our depth. I just felt like trying to put them out there when they're not 100 percent is not fair to them and their health."

And the Irish showed their depth throughout the tournament. Weisenhofer and Taylor Knaack tallied the two goals in the win.

The senior keeper had her team all the way the Big East tournament, that experience helped lead the Irish to an NCAA berth, and she was very good against us."

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for a goal kick, but fellow defender Matt Besler managed to head the ball back across the six-yard box. Morrow was there to deliver aipping half volley, but Cardinals keeper Andre Boudreaux deflected the shot out for a corner kick.

The Irish held a 7-4 advantage in shots and a 3-0 edge in corners in the first half, but the teams entered the locker room deadlocked at zero.

The second half saw Notre Dame continue the same wind that had blown back many potential Cardinals' counterattacks in the first half. Clark said the wind affected his team's play early in the second half.

"The only mistake we made for a little while was we tried to kick the ball into the wind," Clark said. "We had to get the ball down and play. Once we put down and still played, we looked as though we could make chances."

The Irish did create multiple chances on the ground, but ironically enough, their loan goal came off a ball into the teeth of the wind. With 10 minutes remaining, freshman defender Aaron Maund clipped a high floating ball from midfield towards the 18-yard box. Sophomore forward Jobi Brousky managed to flick the ball into fellow striker Bright Dike's path. The senior controlled the bouncing ball and made no mistake sending a thunderous strike past Boudreaux from the top of the box.

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the shots began to fall for Notre Dame, as they normally do.

The Irish shot 20-for-35 in the second half.

"I thought we did a better job of putting them on the ground, but the offense wasn't going well," Irish coach Mike Irey said after the game, referring to Notre Dame's first exhibition win, a 103-76 win over Indiana.

"And I think that's why we were able to start the second half in a pretty good rhythm

offensively and make some shots and move the ball a little better."

Irey had flown to London for an exhibition game away. Notre Dame went on an 18-7 run that featured a little bit of everything — a jumper and layup from Jackson and 3-pointers from senior guard Kyle McArlarney, who finished with nine points, and senior forward Luke Zeller, who finished with 10 points and eight rebounds. The run put Notre Dame up 47-31.

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**ND Women's Soccer**

**Nearing perfection**

Henderson's goal gives top-ranked Notre Dame Big East championship, keeps undefeated hopes alive

*By Deirdre Krasula*

It was a slick battle, and far from the clean, smooth, familiar game of Irish soccer. But even in the snow and rain, freshman Melissa Henderson was able to clinch the 1-0 win over Connecticut and the Big East title in the first period of overtime.

With under four minutes left in the first overtime period of a scoreless draw, junior Michelle Meunier drilled a shot from the point into the top glove. Neitherfighter attempt ed any attack on the body in the first round. The second round saw the two fighters go punch-for-exhausted-punch. As the fight slowly came to an end, Coe, a freshman, managed to keep Meunier somewhat distant.

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**BARAKA BOUTS**

**Nearly 60 participate in annual women's boxing event**

*By Douglas Farmer, Molly Sammon and Liza Navarro*


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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Irish run away with victory**

*By Chris Hine*

Irish guard Tory Jackson said it was just “one of those halves” when nothing seemed to go in for Notre Dame in its 79-47 exhibition win over Stonehill Sunday. The Irish missed multiple layups and the half 12-for-32 shooting from the floor and only held a five-point halftime lead.

But the Irish had the right remedy for their problem—a little laughter. "We got in the basket, it just didn't go in, like a lid was on top of the basket," Jackson said. "It was kind of funny to us. We kind of just laughed it off." And in the second half, the lid was raised from the basket and...