Students excited for Navy game

Despite disappointing losses, many plan to flock to Annapolis for Saturday's showdown

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News Writer

Despite Notre Dame's shutout loss to Boston College last Saturday, students are excited for the matchup with Navy Saturday. The Midshipmen come into the game fresh from a bye week. Sophomore Katrina Corcoran, whose brother is a senior at the Naval Academy, will be attending Saturday's game. Corcoran said she believes the Irish will be able to win on Saturday.

"I believe the talent of our team will come together as one to defeat the Midshipmen," Corcoran said. "If we don't win, I'll be hearing about it for a long time."

Some students said the game against Navy will be a chance for the Irish to rebound from their recent losing streak.

"I think this is the week we finally get back on track," junior Sara Seidler said.

Students said the team might have added incentive to defeat Navy this weekend, since a win will give Notre Dame bowl eligibility. "We're one game away from being able to go to a bowl game," sophomore

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On Phillies and Phamily

It’s been over two weeks since the Philadelphia Phillies clinched the decisive game 5 of the 2008 World Series, to win the team’s first championship since 1980.

It’s been an eventful two weeks, during which we elected a new president and saw gas prices fall dramatically. (I saw gas at $1.17.7 at the Marathon by the Broom Road the other night. Crazy.)

But if you can remember back two weeks ago, the World Series was pretty eventful itself. The inclement weather that postponed game 5 in the sixth inning for two days led many pundits to call 2008’s Fall Classic the most disastrous in memory.

The 2008 World Series may have been messy, gross, and somewhat antifeminist, but led to great joy for the winning side. The Phillies’ victory was especially joyful for a certain 85-year-old lady of those of The Observer.

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SMC sends letters to soldiers in Iraq

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In a way to show support for the men and women currently stationed overseas, the Saint Mary's College Office of Civil and Social Engagement sponsored a letter writing campaign for the troops in Afghanistan this past week. "We are writing letters of appreciation for our troops are over in Afghanistan," Saint Mary's senior Erin Seidelman said. "I started by just asking a few people I knew on campus to write letters, but there seemed to be a lot of interest so it grew into a Campus wide event thanks to Carrie Call, the director of the Office of Civil and Social Engagement at Saint Mary's." Students were prompted to write a letter of any length with words of encouragement, prayers or gratitude. Letters were for both men and women, and could include quotes or images. Cards will be sent in time for the holiday, the Saint Mary's student center.

"Saint Mary's College is participating because we rarely have the opportunity to do something so direct that would benefit our troops," Call said. "Many students, and faculty and staff, have siblings, cousins, and children serving overseas. This is a way to reach out to those serving and send our support and love overseas." However, Call said the ultimate goal of the letters is simply to provide support to the troops. "I hope to achieve some comfort for those who are far from home, and allow our students to express their support and gratitude to some folks that they don't even know," Call said.

Letters are due today.

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"I don't remember one that didn't cry. Everyone cried. And I cried with them," Guzmán said.

Guzmán began his lecture with a description of the coup Pinochet staged on Sept. 11, 1973. "La Moneda, our White House, was bombed theatrically," Guzmán said. "The president was killed. Pinochet gave the order to have him killed.

Guzmán also described the consequences of the coup, which he described as "human sacrifices." According to official figures, over 3,000 people were assassinated, over 1,200 people are still missing and over 2,500 people were exiled. Guzmán said the actual numbers, however, are much higher than the numbers given.

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After the end of Pinochet's regime, impunity ran rampant through Chile. An amnesty law that applied to the harshest years of the regime prevented the prosecution of violent crimes such as homicide and torture.

Advances in human rights language in the 1990s, Guzmán said. A new criminal procedure put all the weight in the judges' hands, and an investigation provided judges with the names of those killed, abducted and tortured, as well as who committed the crimes against the victims.

"The investigations began to rise again in 1990 against Pinochet — for assassination, for abduction, for torture," Guzmán said. "Nobody ever thought Pinochet would be to subprosecution."

While the investigation was going on, Pinochet was in London, but an order was filed that he be extradited to Spain. A court found that Pinochet was mentally unfit and could not be tried in Spain.

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issues, and the winning ad will be broadcast during the Notre Dame-Syracuse football game.

"I think there will be some highlighting of Notre Dame sustainability initiatives during the football game," Long said.

Another component of Green Week will be that the football game will be carbon neutral to start the first of the University.

"This is Notre Dame's first game that will be carbon neutral. It's actually one of the first in NCAA," Long said.

Long said emissions from fan travel, team travel and any activities at the stadium on game day will all be taken into account in determining how much carbon needs to be offset in order to have a carbon neutral game. Carbon emissions will be offset with different programs students and the Office of Sustainability have done this semester, Long said.

Game day recycling, which has consistently collected over 10 tons of recyclable products each game day, will help offset carbon emissions, Long said. The energy competition that challenged dorms to conserve energy is another program that will contribute to the offset of emissions. On average, dorms reduced their energy use by eight percent, according to Long.

"Walsh Hall won and they had over 30 percent reduction over the course of the competition," Long said.

Students will have the opportunity to exchange their light bulbs for compact fluorescent light bulbs as another way of offsetting emissions. Long said 1,400 bulbs were exchanged several weeks ago, and another 3,000 will be exchanged this Sunday with the help of volunteer students.

"I don't think the realistic thing is that we're going to be exchanging 3,000 light bulbs. It's a concrete way students can help out," Long said.

The Utilities office has also trained 100 students to conduct brief energy audits in the dorms, Long said. During the audits, students will check to see that heaters are running efficiently and that computers are set to energy efficient standards, Long said.

The Office of Sustainability will host a tailgate before the game for all students and faculty who have participated in sustainability initiatives, Long said.

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Mary Kelly said. "Hopefully the team that will get the team fired up."

Another factor motivating the team this weekend will be Navy's triple overtime win over the Irish last year, which ended Notre Dame's 43-game winning streak over the Midshipmen.

"Navy beat us last year when e v e r y o n e expected us to win," Seidler said. "So that'll be good motivation for the team.

Sophomore Ashley Herrmann, who will also be attending Saturday's game, said Notre Dame's loss to Boston College did not hamper her excitement for the game against Navy.

"The Boston College game was a tough loss, but I love Notre Dame and I love Notre Dame football," Herrmann said. "I am so happy I have the chance to go and support the team at the Navy game. The players are great guys and deserve our support."

Irish coach Charlie Weis has announced he will be in charge of calling plays for Saturday's game, a development that has excited students.

"The play calling hasn't been the best lately. It'll be interesting to see how Weis does having assumed control of the offense again," junior Keith Ruehlmann said.

The trip to Baltimore will be Herrmann's first away game, and she is eager to see what Notre Dame football is like outside of South Bend.

"I think it will be great to see and experience the Notre Dame community outside of our own stadium," Herrmann said. "There is nothing like Notre Dame football and the fans it draws."

The game kicks off at noon and takes place at the MT Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Md.

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One million expected at inauguration

Hotels booked, lawmakers stop taking ticket requests as Obama's inauguration nears

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration is expected to draw 1 million-plus to the capital, and already some lawmakers have stopped taking ticket requests and hotels have booked up.

Some people are bartering on Craigslist for places to stay during the once-in-a-lifetime event when the Illinois senator takes the oath of office. They are offering cash or even help with dishes for residents willing to open up their homes.

The National Park Service, which is planning for an inaugural crowd of at least 1 million, will clear more viewing space along the Pennsylvania Avenue parade route. Jumbo TV screens will line the National Mall so people can watch the inauguration and parade.

Service spokesman David Barna said Thursday.

The District of Columbia's deputy mayor for operations, Eleanor Holmes Norton, is urging planners to use arenas and stadiums to help with overflow crowds wanting to view the ceremonies on big-screen TVs. She is also urging churchgoers to help with overflow viewing space along the Pennsylvania Avenue parade route. Jumbo TV screens will line the National Mall so people can watch the inauguration and parade.

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Seat tickets had sold for between $12 and $150 in 2005 to help pay for the inaugural parade. Details for the 2009 parade tickets have not been set because Obama's Presidential Inaugural Committee, which organizes the parade, is being formed.

There will also be designated "free speech" areas for protesters along the parade route. Barna said.

The inauguration has also been designated a National Special Security Event, giving the U.S. Secret Service the lead in coordinating all law enforcement agencies to secure the event. There are 58 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies working together.

The largest crowd ever recorded on the National Mall was for President Lyndon B. Johnson's 1965 inauguration. At the time the park service estimated 1.2 million people descended on the area.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan's inauguration drew about 500,000 people, and President Bill Clinton's 1993 inauguration drew about 800,000 people, according to park service estimates.

Nebraska parents abandon teenagers

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — The mother was running out of more than patience when she found her 11-year-old daughter at a hospital over the weekend under Nebraska's safe-haven law.

She was also running out of time; she knew that state law required that the teen be admitted to the hospital so that it would apply to newborns only.

"Where am I going to get help if they change the law?" said the mother, who lives in Lincoln and asked to be identified by name to protect her adoption order.

To the state's surprise and embarrassment, more than half of the 31 children legally abandoned under the safe-haven law since it took effect in mid-July have been teenagers.

But state officials may have inadvertently made things worse with their hesitant response to the problem: The number of drop-offs has almost tripled to about three a week since Gov. Dave Heineman announced on Oct. 29 that lawmakers would rewrite the law.

With legislators set to convene on Friday, weary parents like the Lincoln mother have been racing to drop off their children while they still can.

On Thursday, authorities searched for a 17-year-old girl who fled an Omaha hospital as her mother tried to abandon her. Her 14-year-old brother was taken into state custody, health officials said.

Child welfare experts said the late deluge of drop-offs was probably inevitable. After all, they said, some state officials may have underestimated the number of desperate families looking for help. Heineman called the special session only after a spate of five drop-offs in eight days.

ELECTION 2008

Washington's Fairmont Hotel is offering a $40,000 "inauguration package," including use of a Lexus hybrid vehicle and his and her spa treatments.

The package includes stay at the hotel for up to three nights, tickets to inauguration events and transportation around town.

The hotel is also offering a " Magical Weekend Package, " which includes a one-night stay with tickets to inauguration events and transportation around town.

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Families, he said, are now weighing the rising cost of college against the desire to sacrifice ... and a lot of hard work.

A combination of work and/or loans and University Scholarships, which make up the financial aid package, to cover the family's need to contribute to the cost of attendance. The Office of Financial Aid calls the "Cost of Attendance," which includes tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, as well as personal and transportation expenses.

The average freshman scholarship this year will be between $22,000 and $23,000, Russo said, and roughly 45 percent of students receive University scholarships.

"There are not a lot of high-cost private institutions that have this policy, and those that do are going to be looking hard at this year," he said.

Notre Dame, however, will be keeping this policy.

"Our policy is that you can't be accessible to anybody, we want the admissions committee to be based on applicants' credentials as they compete with other students, that's why they can afford to come here," Russo said.

"Only a handful of high-priced private schools can say that. If you're admitted, you can look anyone in the eye and say, 'We can make this happen.'"

"We can make it affordable — we want access and we want affordability," he said.

"The University has a very generous policy dealing with the treatment of outside scholarships — that is, scholarships from outside groups like the Ivy League, or her job or the death of a parent, "We would like to have most of our scholarship dollars be real money," Russo said. "We'd like the tuition discount rate to be zero — that's a tough goal to reach.

A $1.5 billion fundraising campaign is currently underway, he said — the third University fundraising campaign in the last 15 years. The No. 1 priority of these campaigns has been undergraduate scholarship endowment.

Reviewing packages

No immediate changes are planned to the University's policy of reviewing or re-evaluating financial aid packages.

Russo said there has been "nothing out of the ordinary in terms of circumstances brought to the Office of Financial Aid's attention, like a parent losing his or her job or the death of a parent. In these cases, the University does re-evaluate aid packages. In these cases, the University does re-evaluate aid packages.

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EPA coal-burning permit blocked
WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency was blocked Thursday from issuing a permit for a proposed coal-burning power plant in Utah without addressing global warming. The ruling by an agency appeals panel means the Obama administration probably will determine the fate of other similar plants.

The panel said the EPA Denver office failed to adequately support its decision to issue a permit for the Bonanza plant without requiring controls on carbon dioxide, the leading greenhouse gas. The permit was approved by an office, which must better explain why it failed to order limits that have hit banks, homes and whole countries. He spelled out his prescription, which includes tougher accounting rules and more modern international financial institutions. But he stopped short of the lighter oversight and regulation that European leaders want. All his ideas came with a warning: Don’t disturb capitalism.

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Democrats set to vote on auto bailout

WASHINGTON — The auto industry and labor groups mounted a lobbying onslaught Thursday to thwart GOP opposition to a $25 billion emergency loan plan for U.S. carmakers.

Senior Democrats are drafting legislation that would carve out part of the $700 billion financial rescue package for loans to the three major U.S. auto companies and their subsidiaries for government ownership stake in the companies.

They hope to push the measure through during a postelection session of Congress that begins Monday.

Bush defends free economic system

Prior to this weekend’s free economic summit, Bush praises capitalism

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush fervently defended the U.S.-style free enterprise Thursday as the cure for the world’s financial collapse. He warned foreign leaders aboard of a weekend summit not to crush global growth with restrictive new rules.

"We must recognize that government intervention is not the cure," Bush said from Wall Street, setting his own tone for the two-day meeting that begins Friday in Washington seeking solutions to the economic crisis that has spread around the world.

"Our plan should not be more government," he told the business executives. "It should be smarter government."

The president acknowledged that governments share the blame for the severe economic downturn that have hit banks, homes and whole countries. He spelled out his prescription, which includes tougher accounting rules and more modern international financial institutions. But he stopped short of the lighter oversight and regulation that European leaders want. All his ideas came with a warning: Don’t disturb capitalism.

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But Britain’s Brown, on his way to the summit, declared, “There is a need for urgency.” It was fitting that Bush’s argument against regulatory overreach was delivered not in Washington but on Wall Street. His speech venue was venerable Federal Hall, home to the first Congress and within shouting distance of the New York Stock Exchange.

There was freshly sobering news on the U.S. economy. The number of newly laid-off people seeking unemployment benefits jumped to a level not seen since just after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Stellar Dow Jones industrial average surged 553 points at the end of the trading day.
**Congo**

**Violence in Congo separates families**

Children search for parents in refugee camps; thousands homeless

Associated Press

KIBATI — Rebecca Niyigenza scanned the sprawling refugee camp near Kibati, searching for just one person among the thousands of hungry and homeless children.

"My mother is Alphonsine," she said softly, seeking out the Congo's North Kivu province.

"She's short. She's very dark." Rebecca was among more than 150 children searching for their parents Thursday in a camp in Kibati, just miles from where soldiers and Tutsi rebels guarded a fragile cease-fire line, fearing that fighting would resume in this mineral-rich region.

Some 70,000 refugees have fled to Kibati since fighting intensified in eastern Congo in August, displacing at least 250,000 people despite the presence of the largest U.N. peacekeeping force in the world.

Aid agencies took advantage of a lull in fighting this week to return to camps near the front line and reunite children who were separated from their parents during the conflict in this mineral-rich region.

None were more traumatized than the children at the sprawling camp in Kibati.

Aid workers said they plan to take photos of the children and post them at the camp to try to reunite with their families.

Congo's conflict has been fueled by fleeing refugees heading from the 1994 Rwandan genocide in which more than 500,000 Tutsis were killed. More than a million Hutu extremists who participated in the slaughter fled Rwanda for the safety of Congo.

"Some of this is probably feeding food on people's plates. We're not trying to stop any business that's legitimizing themselves," he said. "But we cannot allow our brand to be abused."

While Obama's election as the first black president may be the fulfillment of King's dream and could yield a big windfall for Kibati, raising his image and actually collecting any fees could prove to be a legal nightmare because of the great proliferation of unauthorized "King Obama" memorabilia, much of it sold by street vendors.

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Millions stage mock earthquake
Emergency drill used to test preparedness of emergency responders

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — People across Southern California on Thursday looked like they had received a dose of reality. Children ducked under their desks as Los Angeles' major airports were canceled and the lights went out.

The controlled chaos was all part of a nationwide earthquake drill billed as the largest in U.S. history and aimed at testing the preparedness of governments, emergency responders and residents.

“People dropped to the ground, covered their heads and held onto furniture. Local television stations interrupted their regular program to remind Californians that they live on shaky ground that can rupture without warning. That Southern California has not popped in more than three centuries, and scientists fear stress buildup could unleash a big quake.”

“We’re really taking a step toward earthquake safety in Southern California,” said Lucy Jones, a U.S. Geological Survey seismologist who has long urged residents to prepare.

At Bishop Alemany High School, a new earthquake drill was held as a part of a U.N. interfaith conference Thursday, the rejection of the use of religion to justify terrorism or other violence that kills and injures innocent civilians.

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Honoring ROTC

A couple times per week, they train while the rest of us sleep. They aren't training for their shot at glory in Notre Dame Stadium, they aren't practicing their jump shot and they aren't getting ready for the big game. These students are honoring another kind of ability — their ability to be a soldier.

Early wake-up calls and grueling workouts are no deterrent to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students enrolled in the ROTC programs on campus. They spend weeks over their summer vacation, doing more training, preparing for their lives after college. When they're on campus, they're just like every other Notre Dame student — they are our classmates, our dorm mates and our friends. But they are hardly ordinary.

Some of us will leave this University and enter a career, others will continue their education in graduate school, but some of our fellow students will head to the deserts of Iraq or Afghanistan, be stationed on a submarine or a ship, or fly the skies in defense of the United States. They will protect the freedoms of our country — the freedom to chase our dream jobs, the freedom to raise a family in peace and even the freedom to say a football coach should be fired.

As a country and at Notre Dame, we commemorate Veterans Day this past Tuesday. University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Heschberg spoke at the ROTC's Tri-Military Veterans Day Ceremony and said he stands "in awe, respect and gratitude to our armed forces."

We share that sentiment. As students at Notre Dame, it's easy to get caught up in the pressures and demands that come with attending this University and sometimes other issues — especially the poor performance of the football team — can cloud our judgment of what's truly important. But as we watch the Irish suit up against Navy this weekend, we should take time to pause and reflect. We should reflect upon the sacrifice and courage of our fellow classmates, of the men on the opposing sideline and of the men and women stationed around the globe. These men and women are fighting two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — wars that began when most of us weren't old enough to drive a car.

Back then, as many of us watched the world change before our very eyes, never could we imagine that soon, people our age, our friends and classmates, would be fighting in those wars for us. That bitter reality has come, but we should not be afraid for them. We should be comforted knowing they will leave this University and take its values, its morals and its teachings with them into this world, a world where peace can sometimes seem unattainable.

They train to enter that world with us, in the classroom and in the community. But unlike us, they also train to go out into that world before the sun comes up, while the rest of us sleep. And we sleep safe, thankful that they are there to protect us.

Editorial Cartoon

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"ARCHITECTURE, n: The art of how to waste space."

Philip Johnson, architect

Observer Poll

Which did you stop watching the game on Saturday?

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November 10, 2008
Forty names, beers, and movie characters. Not bad for a Nov. 12th, 2008 editorial! Why? Because the Leprechaun Legion (2) is the second best student body of all the time in the nation (no criticisms of Fr. Jenkins (3) for firing Tyrone Willingham (4) included). The Flash (me, of course) would love to send the Notre Dame confratulations over to president elect Barack Obama (5). The first black president certainly deserves a nice Samuel Adams Winter Lager (6) on me, but I can’t seem to send liquids to the future leader of the free world—sigh as I sip my Linebacker Lounge (7) sometime so I can treat him.

While on the topic of politics, The Flash would like to say happy trails to Ryan Martin O’Berghmann (8). While these two were highly entertaining in the lead up to the election, they will most likely be unwatched for the next four years. Especially O’Berghmann, who traded a second name for himself as the biggest critic of the Rush Administration (10).

As-mentioned gifts for those of you I would like to send Ms. Maddow a Bush Light (11) and Mr. Olbermann a larger Bomb (12). Speaking of news media, The Flash would also like to send a shout out to ESPN (13), which proclaimed this week that Weiss Watch (14) was beginning. I know when those airport rings through Stonehenge (20) after a sloppy win against a mediocre Bruin team it is evident where people’s priorities lie. The Flash thinks that this school needs a genuine victory soon or we could lose the student body indefinitely. A new coach is probably not going to bring that next year and we can not afford to enter another phase of rebuilding.

Sticking with the football theme for a moment, The Flash still has not gotten “Viva La Vida” (21) out of his head. The Boston College band (23) played the song incessantly and I now know how losing away fans feel after leaving Notre Dame Stadium (24). If I can’t get the Coldplay (25) song out of my head, I have no clue how fans of Florida State (26) could have gotten the Victory March (27) out of their heads after the 1993 Game of the Century (28).

Speaking of Florida, don’t we wish we were in Florida now. With the temperatures falling, we are now in a critical time of the South Bend Fall that is perfect for two things: a power running game (29) and sweatpants (30). Since the only place we’ve been able to find dorm showdowns at Stepan Fields (31), I’d like to take some time to ponder the second.

As The Flash walks across campus in this weather, he often notices that you can’t get the Coldplay (25) song out of your head. I’m guessing Minnesota (32); those people can handle levels of cold like none other. Anytime I see a person wearing a dress coat and a scarf, I immediately think they are from the East Coast (33) — I don’t know why, just seems like hillbilly fashion. But, I do know if I was on the island of Dork (34) I would take myself a little less seriously. Scully, if you want unfunny comics and visual stimulation, I recommend going and reading Family Circus in the Suite. I’ll be laughing with everyone else at The Flash.

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JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Writer

Nepal has fascinated director and producer Julie Bridgham ever since her elementary school principal talked about doing Peace Corp work there in the 1960s.

Bridgham comes to Notre Dame’s Browning Cinema on Friday with her documentary “Sari Soldiers,” about women fighting on both sides of Nepal’s brutal 10-year civil war, which killed nearly 13,000 and displaced at least 100,000 by its end in 2006. The film won Bridgham the 2008 Newser Almondron Prize for courage and commitment in human rights filmmaking at the Human Rights Watch Film Festival.

Bridgham traveled with her producer Ranayita Limbu (herself a Nepali woman) for three years through war-torn Nepal, following the lives of six women in the struggle between the government of Nepal’s king and the Maoist insurgents. These women included Devi, whose daughter was kidnapped by the Royal Nepal Army; Maoist Commander Kruni, Royal Nepal Army Officer Rajani; Krishna, a monarchist from a rural community who leads a rebellion against the Maosists; Mandira, a human rights lawyer; and Ram Kumari, a student activist with the hope of helping to reestablish democracy.

“There’s a distinct sense of empowerment they feel as women being armed,” Bridgham said. Many see it as an opportunity to have some kind of power,” said Bridgham in an interview with a reporter from Duke University in 2006, as the footage for the documentary was being assembled. Still, the film’s ultimate message is that if women had their way, most of them would bring a war to its end as soon as possible.

Initially, Bridgham was wary about showing the film in Nepal for fear that it would endanger the six protagonists, as she explained in an interview with Saathee Magazine, a publication for the South Asian community in the Carolinas region of the United States. “It was important to all of us that the film be shown, and to want to show it in Nepal until things were more stable,” she said. Amazingly, the political climate changed during the course of the filmmaking, and so we have been able to show the film in Nepal, and the women have been very supportive and encouraging of its being widely shown throughout Nepal,” she said.

Since first visiting in 1993, Bridgham now calls the country her second home. She spent most of the last six years there, making other documentaries for the Nepalese Youth Opportunity Foundation and the United Nations’ World Food Program as well as the independent features “At the Edge of Sufficiency,” about two families in Nepal’s rural region, “Indentured Daughters,” a documentary on Nepali girls sent into bonded labor, and “Children of Hope,” about Nepal orphans given new opportunities through education.

Bridgham, a graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder, has used her degrees in International Affairs and Environmental studies for projects outside Nepal, crafting footage for a record for the BBC, Discovery Channel, and TLC about global issues. Before she got into documentary-making, she worked in Costa Rica on a U.N. environmental project and in Bolivia as a researcher for the Andes Information Network human rights organization.

“As individuals, we can make a difference by making sure these issues are made public and that we pressure our governments to hold those responsible accountable,” Bridgham told Saathee Magazine. “I really think that widespread exposure is a key element to making people accountable, but at the end of the day, we need to make sure that the courts follow through on the rule of law, as well as accountability.”

Sari Soldiers will run Friday night at 6:30 and 9:30 pm at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, with Bridgham scheduled to be present at the screening. Tickets are $3 for students and $5 for faculty and staff. For more information about the film and its director, go to performingarts.nd.edu.

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Scene Writer

In the The Band’s famous Civil War-themed tune, Levon Helm exclaims, “Like my father before me/I will work the ‘This End of the Telescope’/Something Good This Way Comes.”

The album, which is a gutsy record on many levels, first, much like his father before him, Jakob has the confidence to accompany his songs with sparse instrumentation, allowing his lyrics to come to the forefront. And unlike his fellow acoustic peers, Dylan’s lyrics overcome childish sentimentality and banal quirps. Banana pancakes are tasty once in a while, but certainly don’t need a song written about them.

In an equally audacious move, Dylan not only signed to his father’s lifelong friend Columbia records, but also released his record in daddy’s staple red CD format. Despite the not so subtle trademarks, Jakob’s record here seems more akin to Johnny Cash’s or even Helm’s recent solo album than to Bob Dylan’s work.

Paired with famous producer Rick Rubin, Dylan and Columbia put out the 38 minute solo record on June 10th. The album is largely meant for Sunstructure listeners — the instrumentation contains itself to Dylan’s acoustic guitar and voice, with a muted drum and bass heard on a few songs. The beauty of the record is its thematic focus, which provides a sense of Pete Seeger populism that acknowledges the darkness in the world, but ultimately finds a sense of hope in the value of work and companionship.

During the “Valley of the Low Sun,” Dylan comments, “I know that soldiers are not paid to think but something here is making us sick.” While the Bush hawks is not so subtle, Dylan employs a Colin Meloy sense of Americana infused imagery in the tune to discover a notion of meaning within the horrors of an endless war, “of snow covered beaches and junkyards of diesel/And bombers named after girls.”

Dylan’s voice sounds world-weary throughout the record. His lyrics reveal a man who seems much older than his 38 years. The album tells stories of, “Boarded mansions and ghost filled yards,” that contain, “… a boy in a water tower counting cards,” “… an outlaw now standing at the foot of infinity.” These sorts of tales and images may be somewhat out of place on a record that began with the declaration, “...evil is alive and well,” shifts to greener pastures where there is, “…sweet apple pie on the stove.”

Dylan’s voice seems much more at ease in this song as he sits back and sings about this apple pie and a “…good woman by my side.”

The album ends with a lyrically brilliant song, “This End of the Telescope,” which reveals the former Wallflower in an unusually personal light. Jakob choreos with an ode, “Companions we make didn’t last/Tiny lovers do well with their hands/But I’ll reach you like nobody can.”

Jakob Dylan’s solo debut is not earth shattering. Yet, after the three albums that followed the Wallflowers’ commercial success, “Bringing Down the Horse,” were marked by critical indifference, the singer songwriter clearly needed a change. Jakob Dylan’s return as an acoustic troubadour proves to be a treat to fans of lyrical strength of beauty.

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When we were kids, my sister and I did not agree on much. Every day, we would come home from school, grab an afternoon snack of a brown sugar cinnamon Pop Tart, hers frosted, mine not, pour ourselves a glass of milk, hers skim, mine one percent, and sit down in front of the television. We fought over that, too, because I wanted to watch Sailor Moon and she wanted to watch Pokemon. Then came 1998, and a little show called “Total Request Live.”

I was in fourth grade and she was in sixth. We were too old to watch Pokemon (you’re never too old to watch Sailor Moon), and we needed something we could agree on. TRL soon became a fixture in my life, just as it did in the lives of almost everybody in our age group.

And after 10 years, music video lovers will stop traffic at Times Square for the last time Sunday during “Total Finale Live,” MTV’s tribute to the monumental show.

When he announced the scheduling of TFL in September, Executive Producer Dave Sirulnick said the show would not be ending for good, but simply, “taking a break.” Whether that will hold true remains to be seen.

The finale will bring back popular host Carson Daly as well as many stars, including P. Diddy, who appeared on TRL a record 36 times, members of ‘N Sync, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Fred Durst, Eminem, Marilyn Manson, Travis Barker and others. The Backstreet Boys will be performing, as will 50 Cent and Fall Out Boy.

TRL is the third longest-running show produced by MTV, behind “The Real World” (14 years) and “120 Minutes” (17 years). It is the longest-running live show.

The top-10 countdown, which was voted on by viewers who could call 1-800-DIAL-MTV or vote online, encompasses every genre of music, from bubblegum pop to hip-hop and even country. It helped launch the careers of many artists and continues to do so. It has also helped the careers of its VJ’s, or Video Jockeys. Daly left the show in 2003 to host NBC’s “Last Call.” Since then, other VJ’s have come and gone, including One Tree Hill’s Hilarie Burton. Damien Fahey and Lyndsay Rodriguez currently host the show.

The program will be remembered for its outrageous moments, including the time MC Hammer married two fans during the telecast and the interview in which Elton John asked Justin Timberlake some very personal questions about his dreams the previous night. It also had its share of awkward moments. After the debut of one of the “Harry Potter” movies, Daniel Radcliffe made an appearance on TRL and was greeted by a fan in Times Square who was wearing nothing but a towel.

In another uncomfortable moment, Daly had to interview actress and ex-girlfriend Tara Reid just days after their very public breakup.

Through its news portion of the program, TRL was able to give its viewers a glimpse of the world look outside of entertainment. It was a part of MTV’s Rock the Vote movement, which encouraged young voters to become active in the political process.

For the most part, though, TRL is about the music, one of the only shows on MTV that can say that (other contenders: “Making the Band 27,” and... no, that’s it). It has always catered to its audience with current hits and popular performers.

When it first started, TRL aired five days a week at 4 p.m., making it perfect for its demographic — teens and pre-teens who could come home from school to watch the show. In 2005, it began airing only four days a week at 3 p.m., which made it harder for many to tune in and could have led to producers’ decision to halt the show. “Total Finale Live” airs Sunday at 9 p.m. I plan to grab a frosted brown sugar cinnamon Pop Tart, pour myself a glass of skim milk, and say goodbye to the show that informed, entertained, and united my generation.

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NHL

Bruins end 12-game losing streak against Canadians with win

MacDonald makes 29 saves as Islanders defeat Senators; Penguins win Pennsylvania battle in shootout against Flyers

Associated Press

BOSTON — Marco Sturm and Stephane Yelle each scored two goals and the Boston Bruins snapped a 12-game losing streak against the Montreal Canadiens with a 6-1 victory Thursday night.

The last time when most of Boston focused on the NFL game between the New England Patriots and the New York Jets, the Bruins extended their winning streak to five games and won for the eighth time in nine contests. They had gone 0-7-2 against the Canadians in the previous 12 meetings.

Manny Fernandez made 27 saves and is 4-0-1 in his last five starts. Boston's tandem of Fernandez and Tim Thomas has allowed only nine goals in eight games.

The Bruins led 3-0 in the first period with goals by Shawn Thornton, Yelle and Sturm. Thornton took advantage of Mike Komisarek's turnover to make it 1-0 at 2:31. Yelle doubled the lead with a 3:00 goal and Sturm added another for the second goal of the season for the Canadiens in the previous 12 meetings.

New York, which had lost three straight (0-2-1), Islanders rookie Josh Bailey, who made his NHL debut on Friday, recorded his first point when he set up Okposo's second goal of the season on a 2-1 lead with an unassisted effort on another man advantage (17:30 into the second). Guerin scored his sixth of the season early in the third.

Filip Kuba netted his first goal on a power play 1:53 into the third in a row after a 4-0-1 start.

MacDonald made his sixth straight start. He has started eight of nine games since No. 1 goalie Rick DiPietro was injured.

New York's Alex Auld made 29 saves in his eighth start in nine games.

Islanders' defenseman Thomas Pock was given a major penalty and a game misconduct for throwing a stick at New York's Damion viewpoint, who made his Senators debut, had to be helped off the ice to dressing room.

New York's Rich Park was called for slashing with 4:52 seconds remaining but Ottawa, which had pulled Auld, was unable to score with a 5-on-3 skating advantage.

Senators forward Jarke Ruttulu was given a two-game NHL suspension for elbowing Montreal's Max Pacioretty in the head Tuesday in Ottawa's 4-0 road loss. Ruttu will also sit out Saturday against the Islanders on Long Island.

New York held a 16-5 shot advantage in the first, including four shots before Islanders forward Sean Bergenheim was called for hooking at 1:09.

Ottawa took advantage of the power play when Kuba scored his first goal in 16 games on the Senators' first shot. Kuba, who leads the Senators with 16 assists, once-and-only time Jason Spezza's pass from the left wing led to a shot and a goal post by McGuire from the high slot 1:53 in.

Pittsburgh, Philadelphia 4

Penguins rookie Alex Goligoski scored on his first shootout attempt after Sidney Crosby tied it late in the third period with his second goal, and Pittsburgh rallied to beat the Philadelphia Flyers after blowing a three-goal lead Thursday night.

Simon Gagne scored twice short-handed during a four-goal second period that put the Flyers up 4-3, but the Penguins came back to win two nights after they rallied from three goals down in the third period to beat Detroit 7-6 in overtime.

Goligoski, the sixth and final shootout shooter, slipped the puck from backhand to forehead before sliding it along the goal line and past goalie Martin Biron, who made 27 saves but couldn't preserve the 4-3 lead.

Backup goalie Dany Sabourin, who replaced Marc-Andre Fleury to start the third, stopped 11 shots before turning aside all six Philadelphia shooters in the shootout.

Evgeni Malkin scored and set up Crosby's tying goal as the Penguins, winning their fifth in a row, went into overtime for the eighth time in 16 games. They are 6-2-1 in shootouts.

Crosby tied it with 2:33 remaining with his sixth goal of the season and 18th in 22 career games against the Flyers. He cut toward the net from the left circle and scored when Malkin got the puck out of behind the net.

Crosby and Malkin scored on bad-angle backhanders less than three minutes apart early in the second before the Flyers surged, only to lose their eighth in a row in Pittsburgh— including games Eastern Conference finals games last spring.

Philadelphia's Jeff Carter started the comeback at 7:48 of the second. Barely a minute later, Gagne cut through Goligoski and Malkin on a short-handed breakaway and, with Malkin draped on his shoulder, put a backhander past Fleury.

Detroit 4, Tampa Bay 3

Henrik Zetterberg, Mikael Samuelsson and Johan Franzen scored third-period goals and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

Pavol Datsyuk also scored for the defending Stanley Cup champions, and Chris Osgood had 15 saves to improve to 17-0-1 against Tampa Bay.

Mark Recchi, Josi Jokinen and Matt Pettinger scored for the Lightning, who were outshot 39-18 and lost their third straight.

The Lightning paid for three penalties taken in an 18-second span during the final half-minute of the second period. Zetterberg and Samuelsson scored on the advantages to give Detroit a 3-2 lead early in the third.

Zetterberg tied it during a two-man advantage with an in-close goal at 1:38. Detroit went ahead on Samuelsson's shot from the top of the right circle at 2:30.

Franzen extended the lead to 4-2 at 9:21 before Pettinger cut the Lightning's deficit to a goal with 4:18 left.

Tampa Bay, which had scored just 30 goals in its previous 15 games, took a 2-0 lead in the first on goals by Recchi and Jokinen.

Recchi put the Lightning ahead from the right circle at 14:09 with his 1,392nd NHL point. That moved him past Brett Hull to 20th place on the league's career list.

Jokinen doubled the lead with a power-play goal with 1:41 left in the period.

Detroit dominated the second, outshooting the Lightning 19-3, but scored just once on Olle Kyrlzing when Datsyuk pulled Detroit within 2-1 at 1:33. The Red Wings outshot Tampa Bay 13-1 during the first 15 minutes of the period.

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK — Cliff Lee went from the minor leagues to the pinnacle of pitching in one fantastic year. Now, he’s eager to repeat his award-winning performance.**

**Lee took the American League Cy Young Award in a runaway Thursday, capping a dominant comeback season and making him the second consecutive Cleveland Indians lefty to earn the coveted prize. “It feels a lot better than I felt in ’07,” Lee said on a conference call from his home in Austin, Texas. “I’ve tried to make a habit of it.” Lee said he wanted to make a habit of it. “I definitely miss him being around on the team. He’s someone that I leaned on,” Lee said. “I saw how he did it in ’07 and I watched everything he did. I knew what it took because I’d seen it. It definitely was a benefit to watch it right in front of me.”

**An 18-game winner in 2005, Lee was hurt in spring training last year and struggled so badly he was sent to the minors. He returned to the big leagues and finished 5-3 with a 2.99 ERA, then was left off Cleveland’s post-season roster. “I was kind of pushed to the side,” Lee said. “That was tough.”**

**The Indians asked him to visit pitching coach Carl Willis in North Carolina last offseason, and Lee said their chat helped. Determined to re-establish himself, he won a spot in the rotation during spring training and was the league’s top pitcher from April on.**

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Irish in play to best of Big East

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

After making the semifinals the past two years, only to come up short in the final, the Shamrocks have a huge weekend for us as we prepare to head into the Big East tournament. Coach Debbie Brown said, "Each match is really important, they're not just in terms of tournament seeding, but because we want to give ourselves the best chance to go to the Final Four...we're trying to play towards the end of the year as we head into the postseason."

The Irish could leapfrog Connecticut in the standings with a weekend sweep or a head-to-head win on Wednesday. "I think it's in our control given the way we played," said Debbie Brown. "It's a matter of consistency, it's a matter of closing out games...we've had some games that have just slipped away from us."

But they will have to first get past DePaul. "We need to work on capitalizing on the mistakes we made," Brown said. "It's a mentality of us playing for longer periods of time and being consistent."

Women's Interhall

Games to decide Stadium berth

By KYLE SMITH and CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writers

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Shamrocks top Weasels

Notre Dame (13-12, 8-4 Big East) defeated the Whirlwinds and Purple Weasels on Saturday in a high-stakes game against the winner of the Shamrocks' match against Seton Hall. The Shamrocks won 14-25, 25-16, 25-8. "This is one of the most important matches we've played all season," said Amy McGlinn of Notre Dame.

"The NCAA does not hire coaches who are not minority candidates," NCAA vice president of diversity and inclusion Charlotte Westerhaus said. "We want to attract minority coaches to our school and to our program."

Notre Dame has been riding the momentum, the largest margin of victory in the Big East this season. "We usually get a lot of big hits from a lot of different players," said Amy McGlinn. "We're very excited to have a chance to win."
Cowboys owner optimistic
Jones says team can still make playoffs, coaching change not needed

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas - Jerry Jones "absolutely" believes the Dallas Cowboys will make the playoffs, isn't considering a coaching change and would welcome Adam "Pacman" Jones back to the team if he's reinstated.

The Cowboys owner, in an impromptu gathering with reporters during practice Thursday, said he expects his struggling Cowboys to recover. They have gone from Super Bowl favorites to 5-6-1 and tied for third place in the NFC East after losing four of its past six games.

"That's not optimism," Jones said. "I certainly do feel we're going to be a team that plays well enough to be thinking about the playoffs."

Coming off its open date, Dallas gets injured quarterback Tony Romo back Sunday night at Washington after he missed three games with a broken pinkie on his throwing hand.

"I would say Romo gives you a legitimate reason to not have been your best or been what you might have expected over the last three games," Jones said.

The Cowboys lost two of three without Romo, and the only win was notable for being the worst offensive performance in a victory in franchise history. But they were already struggling when he broke his finger on the opening play of overtime in a loss at Arizona on Oct. 12.

After the Cowboys lost at St. Louis a week later, Jones emphatically said that coach Wade Phillips' job wasn't in danger during this season. The owner was even more committed to the coach on Thursday.

"There's just absolutely no, I can tell you without hesitation, thought in my mind about him not coaching the Dallas Cowboys in the future. Past this year," Jones said. "No thought, I haven't given that one ounce of consideration. ... His contract is his contract."

Phillips got a three-year contract with an option for a fourth season when he replaced Bill Parcells in February 2007. The Cowboys went 13-3 and had 13 Pro Bowl players in their first season under Phillips, but lost to the New York Giants in the playoffs.

With the recent struggles, and supposed successor-in-waiting Jason Garrett already on the staff, there has been intensified speculation about Phillips' future.

Garrett, the team's offensive coordinator who was hired three weeks before Phillips, got $3 million and an expanded title (assistant head coach) to stay after being a finalist for two other NFL head coaching jobs last offseason.

"I understand why that question is. I do, and I helped make that question probably legitimate," Jones said. "But it is worth it in my mind to have him here and have Wade here. It's worth it to have to answer that question."

Asked if he was satisfied with Phillips' performance this season, Jones said he was disappointed that the Cowboys haven't won more games and that it was fair to ask the coach if he was to blame.

"What I'm hoping is that all of the positive things that Wade Phillips is about really does kick in, in a way that gives him his due and gives him his credit," Jones said. "I thought that for whatever the reasons he didn't get the credit that it should have had last year."

Told of the owner's comment's after practice, Phillips said his only concern was the Redskins.

"This game is the most important (for) our team," Phillips said. "I don't worry about all of that. I do the best I can do."

Cornerback Adam Jones was suspended indefinitely last month for violating the league's personal conduct policy. Commissioner Roger Goodell said the team wanted more information about two members of China's 2000 Olympic gymnastics team, Yang Yun and Yang Yan — saying the evidence and explanations about their ages was not satisfactory.

China won the gold medal in the women's team event. Yang won a bronze on the uneven bars.

Gymnasts must turn 16 during an Olympic year to be eligible to compete.

Dung's official broadcast is listed as Jan. 20, 1983. But her achievements in gymnastics for the Beijing Olympics, where she worked as a national technical official, lists her birthdate as Jan. 23, 1986, said Andrei Nekhushhur, the FIG's secretary general.

Yang, meanwhile, said in a June 2007 interview that when she was 15 she wasn't old enough to compete, although she turned 16 in Sydney. She has since said she misspoke.

Gueshushlber told the Associated Press earlier this week that there were no updates on the investigation of the 2000 athletes.

Karolyi, former leader of the U.S. team and husband of national team coordinator Martha Karolyi, said the 12 years of cases that have passed since the Olympics have not diminished his anger about the age issue in gymnastics. He long has been a proponent of abolishing the age limit, saying that if gymnasts have the mental and physical ability to perform the skills, they should be allowed to compete.

"If you take it away and our kids lose, they lose," he said of the age limits. "These Chinese kids are good. I have nothing against the Chinese kids. But how about the other kids who were staying home? Here's Rebecca Bross, two months short of being able to compete, sitting, crying in front of her TV, watching kids younger than her compete."

Bross, the 2007 U.S. junior champion, turns 16 next year and wasn't eligible for Beijing.

Karolyi also said he was complaining about the three funeral services for the three gymnasts that died in 2000, when he ran the U.S. women's team that finished last.

"I was screaming. "Look, look at these kids, the four girls, she was here the year before karolyi said. "How did she make up two years of age in one year? So much of our culture has come back and investigate that kid!"

Lenny, the president of USA Gymnastics, said the age controversy isn't likely to go away now that the Olympic torch is out — at least not in the minds of those involved daily in gymnastics.

"Bela makes a good point he's been saying the Chinese kids went out there and did a good job. They performed," Penny said. "They're a rule that says you've got to be 16 years old and if the 16-year-old is going to loan over the event for a long time, I think."
Squads head to regionals

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The men’s and women’s teams have one more challenge to face as the postseason begins, but they hope it will lead to an even bigger one.

The two squads will run in the Great Lakes Regional at Purdue University Saturday. The race is one of nine Div. I regionals taking place Saturday, and each will yield competitors for the NCAA Championship on Nov. 24 in Terre Haute, Ind.

The top two teams in each region receive automatic berths to the Championships, while teams that place third or fourth may receive an at-large bid.

Men’s head coach Joe Plano is confident that his team can make it to Terre Haute.

“I think we’d advance as long as we’re in the top three or four, because of how we’ve run this season,” he said.

The No. 27 Irish men have had a successful season, which was capped Oct. 31 with a second-place finish at the Big East championships in New York City. Junior Patrick Smyth finished second in that race and was one of three to earn all-conference honors, along with junior Jake Walker and freshman Joe Miller.

In 2007, Smyth finished first at the Great Lakes Regional, and he has consistently led the Irish this year. Plano said a repeat performance could be possible.

“He’s very capable,” Plano said. “Let’s put it this way — he’s going to be one of the contenders for the title.”

The team will be challenged by No. 6 Wisconsin and No. 9 Michigan, who finished first and second in the Big Ten, and Eastern Michigan, who won the Mid-American Conference title.

Women’s head coach Tim Connolly said his team also hopes to make the championships.

“Realistically, if we are in the top four, we’ve got a shot,” he said.

The women finished sixth at the Big East championships, and were paced by junior Lindsay Ferguson, who finished 14th and earned all-conference honors. Only four individuals per region who are not on a qualifying team can earn at-large bids to the championships, which makes it very difficult, Connolly said. He said, however, they are not focusing on individuals.

“[Ferguson] has done a very good chance to qualify,” he said. “But we want to qualify as a team.”

The women face their biggest challenges from No. 10 Michigan State and No. 17 Michigan.

The women’s race is set to start at 11:00 a.m., and the men will follow at 11:45.

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Men travel to Cleveland for tri-meet

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame travels to Cleveland State this weekend to take on the Vikings and Miami (OH) to compete in a tri-meet with the two schools.

In Notre Dame’s last meet, it fell to 1-2 on the season with a loss to No. 16 Purdue on Nov. 8. The Irish were overmatched on the diving board, where 2008 Beijing Olympic trials hopeful David Roudia set two Rolfs Aquatics Center records for Purdue.

In their last matchup, the Irish defeated the Vikings 171-124 at the Rolfs Aquatic Center last November. The Irish have won their past 13 meets against Cleveland State. Under Coach Tim Welsh, the Irish are 21-2 against the Vikings.

On the other hand, Notre Dame has not won against Miami in just over 10 years. The Irish and the RedHawks last met on Nov. 7, 1998 in a quad-meet with Purdue and Iowa State. The Irish finished third in the meet, while the RedHawks finished fourth.

Heading into the meet, the Irish hope to see continued high performance from sophomore Michael Sullivan, who was first in the 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley with season best times in both events.

The meet is scheduled to begin on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Cleveland State’s Robert F. Bussey Natatorium.

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Bulls come from behind to beat Mavericks

Chicago came back from 19-point deficit, Dallas loses fourth straight; Cleveland's second-half defense key in win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — They barely had time to work up a sweat before the Chicago Bulls found themselves trailing by 19 points Thursday night against the Dallas Mavericks.

And less than six minutes into the game, the bulls started rolling across the United Center.

“It’s only the first quarter of an NBA game, so I knew we’d come from behind somehow,” Chicago rookie Derrick Rose said.

And that’s what the Bulls did. They turned up the defense, started running the floor, then caught up and passed the Mavericks for a 98-91 victory, sending Dallas to its fourth straight loss.

“They were attacking us with whatever it was. We were really needing a win,” Mavs guard Jason Kidd said. “That’s been our problem. First six minutes we were playing defense and found ourselves up and that was it. We have as many offensive weapons (as anyone) in the league, but we got to find some guys who want to play defense.”

Dallas came out running and threatened to blow the Bulls out in the first quarter. Howard had 11 points and the Mavericks had eight of their first nine shots. The Bulls were flat offensively, but with 6:08 left.

Chicago’s Tyrus Thomas, a drive by Gordon and Josh Howard, returning after missing two games with sore wrist, led Dallas with 21 points and added 11 rebounds. Erick Dampier scored 16 and pulled down 17 boards.

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Gordon, who led the Bulls with 35 points, keeping them close and then came up with a steal and hit a jumper, made a 3-pointer with 6:08 left.

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Dallas’ offense, missing 12 straight shots after Drew Gooden’s jumper in the opening minute.

But just as quickly, the Bulls found their rhythm, rolling off 13 straight points from the opening minute to the fourth. Chicago ended up trailing by 10 after one quarter when the Mavs’ Desagana Diop tipped in a shot just before the buzzer.

The Bulls shot 28 percent in the opening quarter to 35 percent for the Mavs. And strangely enough, those percentages were reversed in the second quarter — 55 percent for Chicago and 28 percent for the Mavs.

With Chicago down by 12 in the second quarter, Deng led the Bulls on a 22-9 run with 12 points, hitting a late driving basket for a 51-50 halftime lead.

A 15-6 spurt to start the second half gave the Bulls a 66-56 lead as Rose scored eight.

Cavaliers 110, Nuggets 99

In the locker room at halftime, Cavaliers coach Mike Brown forced his players to watch a horror flick — highlights of their defense in the first half.

“We were watching film and it was as ugly as it looked,” Mo Williams said.

“After allowing 61 points in a first-half track meet, the Cavaliers buckled down, held Denver to 38 after halftime and won their sixth straight over the Nuggets on Thursday night.

“The first team that decided to defend in the second half was going to get the win,” Brown said. “And we did. The first half was a rate race. R-A-I, R-A-C-E.

LeBron James scored 22 points, most of them coming with good buddy Carmelo Anthony guarding him, and Williams scored a season-high 24, making a critical 3-pointer with James on the bench, as the Cavaliers improved to 5-0 at home and beat the Nuggets for the first time since 2003.

“It looked like it was headed into overtime, then Iowa nailed a pair of free throws and the ball was in the hands of the Hawkeyes,” head coach Tom Crean said.

With 2:38 left, the Big Ten had a 6-0 lead in the first half and a 12-0 lead in the second quarter before starting to pull away. Crean said.

“I don’t think they (the Hawkeyes) are going to be around the World,” Crean said.

The Hawkeyes led by 10 at halftime and by 12 after 10 minutes of the second quarter. The Big Ten had a 50-44 lead with 7:30 left.

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they’ll be a very good team Friday.”
That game was part of Notre Dame’s annual Mike Brey held Memorial Tournament and did not count toward the conference standings. With a spot in the Big East title game on the line and a chance to impress the NCAA seeding committee, Clark isn’t worried about his squad taking the Bulls lightly.

“Just look at their record (12-4-2) — in one of the polls, they’re even ranked above us,” said Clark, whose team is 12-3-2. “This is a game that no one is going to even vaguely think they’re even ranked above us,” said his team is excited for its

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Peters returns to game action for first time

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Managing Editor

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Jackson said he wanted to integrate with a lot of energy and a lot of enthusiasm in the team's championship year. "It should be a good close game, but I think we have a good chance at winning it," he said. "Stanford is our rival, and they beat us in the championship last year. It's our biggest game of the year." Kickoff is Sunday 2 p.m. at Rice-Eccles Field.

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and make them earn every yard they get." Keenan doesn't expect to win with just a solid defense, however.

"We have great players on offense including our senior running back Alex Gonzalez and Jim Zunker, our senior wide receiver," Deirdre said. "Look for them to have a big impact in the game this weekend."

The Stanford Griffins also have several players that figure to make big plays in the game.

"Our defensive back Brian Salvi and wide receiver Anthony Beene are two great players on our offense," Stanford captain John Burke said. But Stanford has an advantage that doesn't come from the talent of their players.

"Nearly every game we've played this year has been close," Burke said. "We beat Dillon by one point on a blocked field goal, extra point, 15-16. I think we have an edge because Stanford has played this year has been very complimentary to our defense. They're not giving us many big plays to worry about." Burke said.

Siegfried vs. Morrissey

It's getting down to the wire for both Morrissey and Siegfried as they approach the semifinals Sunday. A win means a trip to Notre Dame Stadium, but a loss means a season ending trip home.

Siegfried is a very talented, deep team, so we will have to bring our 'A' game to beat them," Morrissey's junior midfielder Phillip Yuhus said.

These two teams met once during the regular season, resulting in a 1-0 win for Siegfried. It was one of the Wolverines four shutouts, thanks to a stellar defense that has only let up three points this season.

"The defensive line is big, and their tight ends are strong," Morrissey's freshman left guard Angelo Brown said. "They put a lot of pressure on our quarterback, Joe McBrayer."

Though they have already defeated them once this year, the Wolverines know Morrissey has a shot at pulling out an upset win.

"Morrissey has the best big-play potential in their passing game, and their running game is very complimentary to their passing," Siegfried team captain and right end Kevin Kelly said. "Morrissey is a great opponent, and we need to be sure not to underestimate them on Sunday."

Overcoming the strong defensive pressure Siegfried serves up will take Morrissey's best effort. Siegfried can depend on its defense, but it must be wary of the passing intensive offensive strategy that renders Morrissey a worthy opponent.

"We have the best wide receivers out there," said Brown. "As long as our line can protect Joe [McBrayer], he and the wide receivers will be able to make plays."

The game will take place Sunday 1 p.m. at Rice-Eccles Field.

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The Sari Soldiers

Directed by Julie Bridgham

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Director/Producer Julie Bridgham will introduce her film and will discuss THE SARI SOLDIERS following the first screening.

Filmed over three years during the most historic and pivotal time in Nepal's modern history, THE SARI SOLDIERS is an extraordinary story of six women's courageous efforts to shape Nepal's future in the midst of an escalating civil war against Maoist insurgents, and the King's crackdown on civil liberties.

When Devi, mother of a 15-year-old girl, witnesses her niece being tortured and murdered by the Royal Nepal Army, she speaks publicly about the atrocity. The army abducts her daughter in retaliation, and Devi embarks on a struggle to uncover her daughter's fate and see justice done.

The film follows her and five other brave women, including Maoist Commander Kranti, Royal Nepal Army Officer Rajani; Krishna, a monarchist from a rural community who leads a rebellion against the king; Mandir, a human rights lawyer; and Itam Kumari, a young student activist, as they share their struggles and experiences in shaping the protests to reclaim democracy.

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with a lot of energy and a lot of confidence.

As for the rest of the players, Jackson said he wanted to integrate more freshmen into the lineup, but didn't want to remove players that were succeeding.

"I can't take guys out if they're not giving me reasons to," he said. "If our team's having success, you don't want to fix what's not broken. We have to stand by the guys that are helping us have success on the ice. As long as those guys continue to play well, it makes it difficult to get some of those younger guys in."
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After two big wins on the road, Irish return to CCHA play

By SAM WERNER

A week after Friday's marquee 4-1 non-conference win against Boston College, Notre Dame will get back to work in the CCHA with two games against last-place Lake Superior.

"The guys are confident right now, a little bit loose, but not cocky in my estimation," Irish coach Bobby Condra said. "We just got to make sure we're intense," Condra said. "And bring the same intensity in practice that we do in the games."

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This game is more than just a regular conference game for Jackson, though. The Irish coach spent 10 years with the Lakers, from 1986 to 1996, and I'll never forget my time there."

Jackson said the Lakers' most dangerous weapon was their versatility, and the fact that their best players are spread out over four lines. "They're playing well," Jackson said. "They're playing more balanced scoring recently, notably from the "Don't Call Them the Fourth Line" line of Justin White, Ryan Guenzel, and Garrett Regan, reigning CCHA player of the week."

Jackson said the Lakers have improved significantly since last year. "I think that the goaltending has been the biggest improvement for them from last year," Jackson said. "I think they're getting regular, good goaltending."

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Despite the success, the Irish know they still have work to do. "We've got to get better," Jackson said. "We've got to get better defensively and offensively."
JUSTIN BROWN RETURNS HOME TO MARYLAND THIS WEEKEND TO PLAY FOOTBALL—A GAME HE ONLY PICKED UP HIS SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.
**Commentary**

**Calls for Charlie’s firing not needed**

Poor Charlie Weis. Never thought I’d speak those words, but there they are. Never thought I would pity someone who coaches Notre Dame football for a living, who makes millions and who has more bling than Paul Walz’s grill.

First thing I see when I wake up Tuesday morning is a column calling for Weis’ dismissal. Sports column anchors wondered whether Weis might be through. Not hard to fathom, since the offense never got off the ground against Boston College and couldn’t reach the end zone in four overtimes against Pittsburgh. But the assertions are unnecessary.

Weis’ abilities as coach should not be questioned for three reasons. One, look at his recruiting classes. He blessed this year’s team with Michael Floyd, Kyle Rudolph, Trevor Robinson and Darius Fleming among others. Last year he brought in Golden Tate and Armando Allen. With the verbal commitments from Shaqueille Evans and Cierre Wood, he’s well on his way to signing another great class.

If he can recruit while Notre Dame swings through a low point in its history, he’s doing something right. Some of those recruits could go play for Urban Meyer or Pete Carroll, but they come to spend four years in South Bend, with its lovely weather and the thrill of attractions surrounding campus.

He needs the time for the recruits to mature. He inherited Brady Quinn, Jeff Samardzjia, Maurice Stovall and Darius Walker when they had matured. He reached two BCS bowls with them.

Two, he’s still adjusting to the head coaching role. His only previous collegiate experience was at South Carolina where, as a graduate assistant and volunteer coach, he coached defensive backs, linebackers and defensive ends. Those positions required him to focus all of his attention towards a limited number of players and delve into the minutiae of one position.

In the NFL, he coached wide receivers, running backs and quarterbacks before becoming the offensive coordinator of the Patriots. Again, smaller groups of people with a focused objective. Even as offensive coordinator, he worked with one side of the ball.

Now he’s in charge of nearly 100 young athletes who play all sorts of different positions. His first two seasons, he micromanaged them and the offense to great effect. Last year, when Jimmy Clausen came up short due to his talent level, Weis had to rapidly adjust. At the beginning of this season, he took a broader role with the team, scaling back his involvement in the offense to oversee the team as a whole.

Thanks to offensive stagnation in the last two games, he’s revisiting his role with the offense. And rightly so. That’s his area of expertise. Corwin Brown, Jon Tenuta and Jappy Rudolph can handle the defense. This balance may not work any better than the old system, but once he finds the balance that works best for him, his staff and his players, his coaching style will produce much better results. But this also takes time.

Finally, Weis isn’t throwing the picks, missing the blocks or committing the penalties. Critics point to the offense, but in no way does that transpire to play on the field.

Give the man time. He’s shown what he can do when the pieces were in place. Now, graduation and youth have upset the playing board and scattered the pieces every which way. Weis has spent the last two seasons picking them up, slowly but surely. Once he finds a home not only for the pieces of the team, but for himself, he’ll control a potent football team with a great deal of talent.

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From hardwood to gridiron

Justin Brown didn't play football until his senior year of high school, but he is making up for lost time

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

During his career at Notre Dame, Justin Brown has been a solid, steady presence on the defensive line. The fifth-year end has 60 tackles, including nine for loss and 2.5 sacks, in his career for the Irish while adding depth to the front four.

Not bad for a guy who didn't start playing football until senior year of high school.

From the hardwood...

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Brown was I started getting injuries during the offseason — and in time, I focused more in on trying to get scholarships for basketball. What was happening was I started getting injuries — ankle injuries. Just going to camps and going to AAU tournaments where a lot of scouts were there, and had ankle injuries," Brown said.

Those ankle injuries kept him out of competing in other camps and tournaments later in the summer. Brown said his inability to play basketball during the offseason — and in turn impress college scouts and coaches from big time programs — led to Brown not getting the chances he wanted. But Brown had another plan to get his scholarship after basketball fell through — start playing football.

...to the gridiron...

Throughout his time at Bishop McNamara, Brown said head football coach Bernard Joseph would half-jokingly tell him that he needed to start playing football.

Three games into the 2003 season, Brown took him up on the offer.

'I talked about the football thing with my dad and my brother and decided to try it out. I came three games late and played seven or eight games, and things worked out well,' he said.

Brown played a sort of hybrid defensive end/outside linebacker that season, but said that his position didn't matter to his game plan.

Joseph and the other coaches gave Brown simple instructions for playing.

'Just get the ball carrier. Just go and run and make plays.' And that's what I did. I was only 200 pounds. They just put me on the field and let me run around and make plays,' Brown said of his high school coaching.

This plan was immediately successful, and Brown finished his first year of organized football with 65 tackles, nine sacks and three fumble recoveries. As his senior season wore on, he started getting more looks for that big-time college scholarship he did not get in basketball.

While Brown was initially recruited mostly by local, smaller Div. 1 schools, such as Richmond and Towson, eventually Boston College started showing more interest in him.

After the Eagles, teams like Notre Dame, Penn State, Michigan and Florida all started looking at Brown.

Brown said that the biggest reason for this increased attention was the work of Joseph and his father, Michael Brown.

"After a couple of games, I played really, really well and my dad was just, 'We need to send some of these tapes out.' So between my dad and my coach, they made some tapes. My dad just sending tapes everywhere, probably like 50 schools, or something like that," Brown said.

Brown said he didn't know how he was so lucky that he could wind up playing football at Notre Dame after only one year, but said that he was meant to be here.

"That was God's will, I say. It's interesting. I play for Notre Dame and through God in there, and it's such a religious institution. There's a reason for everything happening. I'm supposed to be here, I guess," he said.

Brown said that when Notre Dame first started recruiting him, he had no idea about the school's history or tradition, but knew it must have been a special place because of how others treated it.

"The thing that struck me was this place had to be special because of the reaction I would get from everyone. It was the reaction that people gave me that kind of gave me the sense that this was some place special. And when I came up here, it sort of proved itself true," he said.

But after giving the Irish another look, he said the school was a perfect "three-for-three" fit for him.

"One of the things that stood out to me was that people talk about — you get a degree from Notre Dame, you're set for life. The fact that the school was a very religious institution, very rigid, very conscious, very faith-based — that was important.

And then, I believed in the football coaches and what they were telling me. Coach [Tyrone] Williams recruited me, and I felt like I wanted to come here and play," he said.

Once he got to Notre Dame, the biggest adjustment Brown had to make was learning how to play technical football.

"I didn't know so much technique and knowledge of the game was involved. And everything that's going on — because there is so much going on, on a football field. There was a lot I had to learn. Probably for the first two or three years here I felt like I was playing catch-up to everybody else, physically and mentally," he said.

Brown said the most difficult part of that adjustment period was learning how to take on blockers, something which has become much easier as he has put on 77 pounds during his five years with the Irish.

But off the football field, one big adjustment for Brown was a coaching change after his freshman year.

Brown said that, while he sat out the year and was not fully integrated into the system and therefore the change did not have as big of an impact on him, Williams' firing was still difficult for him to deal with.

"You always see those things happening to other teams on ESPN. When it happened to us, it was kind of shocking. It was shocking and surprising, but it was something we had to deal with and move on," he said.

... and beyond

After this season, Brown said his dream would be to play in the NFL. But, just like in high school, he has a contingency.

"And if that doesn't work, I always have my Notre Dame degree to fall back on," he said.

Brown graduated in May with a double major in Film, Television and Theater and Sociology. He started with the FITT major with a concentration in television, something he has always been interested in, he said.

"I'm really interested in media. Coming into college, I wanted to work with advertising, so that's where I went. I really like the creative aspect of things. I was happy when I saw that they have a film program here," he said.

Brown said he added the second major because he thought it would be a good fit with the FITT major.

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Justin Brown Irish defensive end

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Irish defensive lineman Justin Brown tries to deflect a pass during Notre Dame's 38-21 win over Purdue on Sept. 27.

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By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

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The Observer
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Notre Dame 2008 Schedule

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COACHING

Notre Dame

Head Coach: Charlie Weis

Charlie Weis will call the plays this week, after the offense failed to score against BC. The pressure is on him to rejuvenate a team that looked inept moving the ball.

Quarterbacks

Jimmy Clausen didn't have his contacts in against BC, he threw four interceptions in the game. To be fair, Weis said he wasn't feeling well.

Irish Rushing

Notre Dame accumulated only 66 yards on 21 carries against BC, and 115 yards on 39 carries in a 4-0 loss to Pitt. More telling, the offense couldn't convert a fourth-and-1 on the ground.

Irish Passing

Claussen disappointed in his last outing, but his season statistics say he won't repeat the performance. Michael Floyd and Golden Tate continue to haul in passes, and Armando Allen caught nine passes out of the backfield.

NAVY

Ken Niimatalolo knows the offense well, he was Navy's assistant head coach for six years before being promoted last year. He coached the Midshipmen to a win over then-No. 16 Wake Forest and an overtime win over Temple.

Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enaha won't play Saturday, so Jarod Bryant will take his place. Bryant actually passed well for a Navy quarterback, but has only thrown two touchdowns this season in backup duty.

The Irish will not have offensive cohesiveness, Mike Teague won't be in the lineup due to injury, the family that plays together, wins together. Niimatalo has his staff have considered the situations that Paul Johnson started.

Navy ranks 30th in the country and allowed Wake Forest only 43 rushing yards and 69 against Temple. Against Air Force and Pittsburgh, however, the Mids allowed a combined 450 yards. The Mids allow an average of 116.3 yards rushing per game.

Irish Rushing

Navy ranks 104th in the nation in pass defense and allows 256.7 yards per game through the air. If there was a time for Clausen to bounce back, this is it.

ANALYSIS

The Irish will have offensive cohesiveness, but Notre Dame can't have a reliable run game. If the Midshipmen establish the run, they will be facing a much different game. Clausen won't play Saturday, so Jarod Bryant will take his place.

Navy's passing game is not as good as it was last year, which Notre Dame may have a hard time with. If the Midshipmen can sustain the run, although he struggled last year, Clausen won't play Saturday, so Jarod Bryant will take his place.

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With Charlie Weis back at the helm of the offense, the Irish should get back on track against Navy. Clausen will need to make the most of his minutes since Navy's offensive scheme will limit Notre Dame's possessions. Navy scores an early touchdown, but Corwin Brown figures out how to stop the option and the Irish escape from Baltimore with a win — and bowl eligibility.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 30 (OT)

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 28
**Naval Academy Midshipmen**

**2008 Schedule**

- Aug. 30 TOWSON — W
- Sept. 5 at BSU — L
- Sept. 13 at DUKE — L
- Sept. 20 RUTGERS — W
- Sept. 27 at WF — W
- Oct. 4 at AFA — W
- Oct. 18 PIT — L
- Oct. 25 SMU — W
- Nov. 1 TEMPLE — W
- Nov. 15 NOTRE DAME
- Nov. 25 at NIU
- Dec. 6 ARMY

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**Midshipmen Rushing**

- Navy's option offense always throws Notre Dame for a loop. The Mids rank second in the nation in rushing yards per game. Bryant has more rushes than Kaipio and can also effectively run the option offense.

**Midshipmen Passing**

- Bryant has completed 52 percent of his passes but he's only thrown 32 times. Receiver Tyree Barns leads the team with 15 receptions; no one else has more than four.

**Notre Dame Rushing**

- Notre Dame had trouble stopping BC's Montel Harris, and could not shut down A.J. Jenkins and LeSean McCoy. Navy's multiple threats in the backfield will make life difficult for the Irish defense.

**Notre Dame Passing**

- Notre Dame's special teams flopped against BC. A fumbled punt return, blocked punt and penalties during returns limited Notre Dame's special teams success.

**Special Teams**

- Notre Dame's special teams fumbled against BC. A fumbled punt return, blocked punt and penalties during returns limited Notre Dame's special teams success.

**Intangibles**

- The Irish need to win this game to become bowl-eligible and break out of the funk they've fallen into. With Weis calling the plays, the offense may find its old ways.

- The Midshipmen have a one-game streak going, and will want to keep it alive in front of their hometown fans. Also, Nuematalolo wants to prove his abilities as head coach by beating a rival.

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**NOTRE DAME ANALYSIS**

- Navy no longer has a streak to break and Notre Dame faces the team with scoring in the past. With 14 field goals and 11 touchdowns, Navy has found the answer to the Irish defense.

- Certainly, the Irish can't lose to Navy, right? Well, that's what everyone was saying last year and look what happened. But for as much as last week's offensive performance resembled last year's team, this isn't last year's team and the Irish will do what they're supposed to do this week and beat Navy soundly.

**Roster**

**Notre Dame**

- Career record: 6-1 against Navy

**Navy Midshipmen**

- First season at Navy

**Head Coach**

- Ken Nuematalolo

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**IRISH INSIDER**

- Chris Nine, Chief Editor
- Dan Murphy, Sports Editor

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**Notre Dame Schedule**

- Sept. 13 at Duke — L
- Sept. 5 at Arkansas State — W
- Oct. 18 at Pittsburgh — L
- Oct. 4 at Air Force — W
- Sept. 27 at Wake Forest — W
- Nov. 15 Notre Dame — W
- Nov. 25 at Northern Illinois — L
- Dec. 6 Army — L
Crunching the numbers

2008 Season Averages Per Game

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Dan Wenger said you were the funniest guy on the team, is that true?

I think there are a couple different people who could probably fall into that category. I'm probably up there with them. It's good to have fun with your team in the locker room.

What's your favorite place on campus?

I like Decio. There was the bench in front of DeBartolo. They took that, so it's Decio now. And I just went to Greenfields a couple days ago, and that's really good. I think I'll become a fan of that. Go from DeBartolo to Decio right before practice or meetings, get yourself a sandwich or a panini.

What's your pregame ritual?

I like to listen to music. I go through the different play lists. I got playlists on my blackberry. My mom sends me Bible scriptures, so I read those. I listen to some Gospel songs.

What's your favorite thing to do outside of football?

I like to bowl, but I haven't had a chance to do that this semester. Mostly just chilling out and sitting around with my boys. I'm always with Toryan and George, and Brian Smith, Armando. Whoever's around. We just chill out and play around, just kind of shoot around. It's kind of cool to have fun with your boys.

Which bowling alley is your favorite?

Strikes and Spares, right across from Steak n Shake. Go over there and get a Frisco Melt from Steak n Shake, that's the meal of choice these days.

What's your all-time favorite movie?

Serendipity. It's like a chick flick but it's pretty good. Coach Weis lets us rent movies sometimes when we go to hotels, and it's been a chick flick four of the last five weeks.
No secret — Navy will try to run early, often Saturday

By CHRIS HINE
Editor in Chief

Navy is going to run the football Saturday, and it will run it well. Midshipmen don’t try to hide that from anyone.

“I think it’s a secret, we are going to run the ball,” Navy fullback Eric Kettani said. “They know when we get the ball, we’re running the ball.”

But for the 6-foot-6, 252-pounder, it’s all worth it on the field Thursday, when Navy will take on Notre Dame at Notre Dame Stadium.

“Blocking aside, the hardest thing Rudolph has had to adjust to in the past few months has been the heavy workload that comes along with being a college football player,” Navy head coach Andy Weis said. “High school you have practice for a couple hours a day and that’s all you have. Then you got here and it’s moving for a couple hours, practice for a few hours, then watching film for a little while and lifting,” he said.

And in nine games this season, Navy (6-3) has yet to score under 20 points in a game, even its three losses.

“Think they’re so good in their system and it’s so unorthodox, that everyone in the country knows what’s coming,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said. “It’s the same thing. Everyone knows what’s coming. But at the end of the game, doesn’t matter who they play against, usually they have 300 yards rushing. It’s just what they do.

But last year, Navy did something it hadn’t done in 43 years — beat Notre Dame. Navy came into Notre Dame Stadium and downed the Irish 46-44 in three overtimes using the same rushing attack the Irish will see Saturday.

Honest, that’s my most memorable game that I’ve played in my entire life,” Kettani said. “It was a great win.”

Kettani was Navy’s leading rusher in that game, running for 76 yards on 26 carries, and scored two touchdowns. One of the bases for this offense is to have a bruising fullback,” Weis said. “And Kettani definitely fits the bill.

He’s 6-foot-1, 233 pounds, senior, veteran, runs hard, physical player and really is the centerpiece of this offense, along with the quarterback.”

Last year’s Navy fullback, Kaigo-Noa Kakehau Enhada, has been plagued by injury this season, but substitutes Jared Bryant and Ricky Dobbs haven’t missed a beat, and have helped keep Navy one of the most efficient rushing attacks in the nation.

“We run the ball, we’re Navy,” Kettani said. “We’ve had some of the top rushers in the nation the past few years so we plan on giving them a run for their money.”

This year Navy has had a changed approach, but not in style. Paul Johnson, Navy’s head coach from 2002-07, was an air raid coach at Georgia Tech, but Navy stays committed to its next hire

Nimathololato, Navy’s former offensive coordinator.

That’s the good thing. It was an in-house change,” Kettani said.

“Most of the things are the same. He’s a different character and a different head coach than Coach Johnson was, but pretty much the same, games are the same, nothing really too drastic has changed.”

While Kettani said beating Notre Dame was the greatest football moment in his life, he insisted that Navy doesn’t do anything extra to get pumped up for the Irish.

“We do the same thing every game. It doesn’t matter if we’re going to play a Div. 1-AA team or if we’re going to play Notre Dame. We’re a team that does the same things game in and game out. That’s the good thing.”

Eric Kettani
Navy fullback

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No secret — Navy will try to run early, often Saturday.

Irish freshman tight end Kyle Rudolph battles a Washington defender for the ball during Notre Dame’s 33-7 win over the Huskies on Oct. 25 in Seattle, Wash.
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