Wolf Pack tamed

Student body applauds football team's shutout victory

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

After suffering two years of losing football, Notre Dame students are excited about this year's team following Saturday's 35-0 win over Nevada.

"Compared to the San Diego State opener last year, this team was more legitimate," senior Tom Matthew said. "It was apparent that there was a great connection among the offense and that they had put in a lot of work in the offseason."

After watching the team post 510 yards, Matthew is not the only one in singing the offense's praises.

"There was a lot of chemistry among the offense Saturday's 35-0 win over Nevada," senior Tom Matthew said. "There was a lot of chemistry among the offense and that they had put in a lot of work in the offseason."

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"Clausen and Floyd worked great together," Matthew said. "Clausen knew where Floyd was going to be all day long."

Saturday's game marks the first shutout for the Irish since a victory over Rutgers in 2002, and was the first shutout with Weis as coach.

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ND's first women make book donation

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

As part of one of the first coeducational classes at Notre Dame, Ann Therese Palmer quickly learned to blend in with the men.

Being a woman at a university that had been reserved for men since its founding in 1842 wasn't always comfortable. A member of the class of 1973, after the University went coed in 1972 under the leadership of University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, Palmer said women were a minority on campus — and they stood out because of it.

"It was a real shock to go into The Hammers Notre Dame Bookstore today and see all of the Notre Dame clothing in hot pink," Palmer said. "Women wouldn't have been caught dead in pink or chic clothing. You'd be setting yourself up to be the punch line of a joke."

But the women rallied.

"One of my best friends was a government major. She had a required class on the fourth floor of the Dome in the spring semester. The professor said he'd taught at ND for 25 years and hadn't even noticed," Palmer said.

Students give mixed reviews of Pep Rally

The return of Dillon Hall’s signature event draws a large crowd to South Quad Friday

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Alumnus talks about life in politics

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

In politics, you can go very far, very quickly, if you're willing to work hard. Pennsylvania State Representative and Notre Dame alumnus Brendan Boyle said in a talk with Notre Dame students Friday afternoon.

Boyle (D-Philadelphia/Montgomery) worked as a consultant for AMS Consulting immediately after graduation, when "companies were even hiring Arts and Letters majors" thanks to a soaring economy. After three and a half years, however, he realized politics was his true passion.

Boyle's bookshelf in his consulting office was filled with biographies of past presidents and American history books.

"You don't belong in consulting," a coworker told him, according to Boyle. "It sounds cliché but it's true... do what makes you happy. As much as I liked consulting, it wasn't where my heart was."

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Broken Bubble

Since coming to Notre Dame in 2007, I have always thought, was a somewhat scary place, and an Observer headline announcing the shootings of two students at Club 23 during my freshman orientation seemed to confirm my notion. As such, I was happy to live inside the bubble. As a freshman, I couldn’t imagine anything better than the sweaty, loud parties that we used to host in our cramped Alumni dorm rooms. Even better was going off campus, where a party was good as long as there were members of the opposite sex present. It was a simple, naive time.

However, since returning from Europe the bubble, students at Club 23 worked this summer, I have been completely and totally underwhelmed. The bubble I thought protected me feels more like a jail cell.

Now please do not misinterpret me — this is not a column about a person who went abroad, came back, and is now resentful that he lives in a society where the legal drinking age is 21. While the rules here certainly do not permit alcohol consumption, everyone knows it occurs here quite frequently.

Rather, what I am more troubled by is the circumstances under which alcohol consumption takes place. While abroad, going out to a bar or a club was more than just about drinking — it was a chance to meet new people, to practice our language skills, and to experience a new culture.

Sometimes at Notre Dame, I truly cannot understand why people bother going out at all. On Saturday night, following the football team’s thumping of Nevada, out at all. On Saturday night, following the football team’s thumping of Nevada, most people in the administration would criticize the Notre Dame party scene as dangerous and illegal, but I see it as something else altogether — comical.

The throng out in front of the football field immediately prior to kickoff Saturday. Cashore captured a stunning 360-degree panoramic image that can be seen at gameday.nd.edu

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years, never taught a woman and wasn’t starting new. He threw her out of the class,” Palmer said.
She ended up in the Dean’s office, who sent her back to the class. She was a human ping-pong ball for about a week, until she called her brother, who was at Tulane, for advice. He said she needed to stick it out and get the top score on the first quiz and shut him up, which was exactly what she did.
Along with a group of Notre Dame alumnae who wanted to give back to Notre Dame, Palmer, president of the Thnkng Fr. Ted Foundation, collected letters from women graduates of Notre Dame and edited them into a book, “Thanking Father Ted: Thirty-Five Years of Notre Dame Corodation.”
The Foundation, made up of Notre Dame alumnae who wanted to give back to Notre Dame, collected about 1,000 books to the women of the class of 2013 as well as give the proceeds from book sales to the University in order to fund a scholarship for a female to attend Notre Dame.
“To date, through individual donations and the sales of our book, we’ve collected more than $150,000 to fund a scholarship for an undergraduate student,” said “The Development Office recently told us the scholarship will be awarded for the first time next year to an undergrad­uate student.”
The books will be distributed to the women through their residence halls.
Secretary of the Thnkng Fr. Ted Foundation Sheila O’Brien, a member of the class of 1977, said the book is a good way for current Notre Dame women to hear stories about past Notre Dame women.
“Giving back to Notre Dame is something we really want­ed to do,” she said. “Giving the book to the first years, it’s fun to tell the story of women at Notre Dame. Women need to hear the stories of other women.”
Palmer said she also believes it’s important for current Notre Dame women to hear the stories of the women who preceded them at Notre Dame.
“We realized a few years ago that women on campus today have no idea what it was like to be a coed pioneer. Today, it’s a given that women are accepted on campus,” Palmer said. “We’re collecting letters from women through the decades. It’s good to hear stories from the women who preceded them at Notre Dame.”
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nervous about illness or injury. His other biggest worry is finances.
“I staired at the phone for two hours before making my first fundraising call,” he said.
One way Boyle recommend­ed to raise money was to start with family and friends. Boyle’s campaign held “beer and beers” parties for $30 as a simple fundraiser.
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said while the offense put up good numbers, she was just as happy with the defense on Saturday. "I was really impressed with Kyle McCarthy's interception," Teising said. "It was a good catch and return."
Flanagan said there was much to pleased about after watching the defense's performance Saturday. "You really enjoy seeing no points up on the board for Nevada," Flanagan said. "Especially holding them to 150 yards rushing shows real positive signs that the defense is improving."

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"Here at ND," parading "Under the Sea" from The Little Mermaid. It featured backup dancers dressed as a quarter dog, the golden dome and Touchdown Jesus. "The skits were a little awkward," freshman Maricruz Menchero said. The Pep Rally — as is tradition — allowed students to display dorm pride. Every dorm had a flag except for Badin, freshman Brianna Neblung said. "Our flag's still sitting outside the hall government office."
Dillon also used their stage as an opportunity to poke fun at their long-time rival, Alumni. One skit featured the men of Alumni dancing across the stage in tights, which elicited some jeers from the crowd. "I have no comment. The skit was horrible. People from Alumni were so fed up, (they) actually left after a half hour," sophomore Matt Schrignung said.

In honor of workers on this Labor Day, and in the tradition of Msgr. George Higgins, the Higgins Labor Studies Program proudly supports this affirmation of the dignity of work signed by many Catholic faculty and community leaders.

—Marty Wolfson, Director of Higgins Labor Studies Program

As Catholic leaders concerned about the pain that workers are experiencing during the present economic crisis in our nation, but especially in our local communities throughout St. Joseph County, we want to affirm the recent Catholic social teaching statements in support of the dignity of workers. Pope Benedict XVI issued his third encyclical this summer, Caritas in Veritate (Chanty in Truth), promoting the Catholic social tradition of tying the dignity of work to the dignity of the human person. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also recently addressed the need to support workers in the healthcare industry this summer in their statement, Respecting the Just Rights of Workers. This Labor Day is an important historical moment to reflect on as an expression of our dignity and our involvement in God's creation.
The Holy Father and the U.S. Bishops emphasized four principles related to people's engagement with the economy in part of human development. First, the dignity of work is a fundamental good for humanity. Second, people need to come first by prioritizing labor over capital. Third, people have a right to work together through the right of association. Fourth, people's quality of life depends on receiving a living wage. Pope Benedict stated, "The repeated calls issued within the Church's social doctrine... for the promotion of 'workers' associations that can defend their rights and therefore be honored today even more than in the past.'"

Pope Benedict XVI goes on to say, "...poverty results from a violation of the dignity of work." (683) In our region, not only in the workforce and the lack of living wage jobs have accelerated the double digit rate of poverty in our area, especially among children. Together we can use our expressions of the dignity of work in our communities. There exists no simple solutions. The social doctrine put forth in Caritas in Veritate addresses multiple approaches to lifting humanity out of poverty. Among the conditions needed to allow for "dignate work", the Holy Father emphasizes, "Work that permits the workers to organize themselves freely, and to make their voices heard." He emphasizes that the economic security of all depends on the economic security of workers. This insecurity has been aggravated by the weakening of unions.

In conclusion, each of us is endowed by God with particular gifts and talents. We need to recognize our gifts and contribute to the needs of the greater society. Work is a vital activity that allows each of us to contribute to the broader community. This Labor Day we affirm the dignity and work of the guiding and point the Catholic social teaching that assists us in acting upon this belief. We ask that our Lord, Jesus Christ, who himself was a carpenter, give us the strength and courage to love truth in Christ.

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Caritas in Veritate

The view from the upper deck as the crowd cheers on the Fighting Irish against the Nevada Wolf Pack Saturday.

Students, including one dressed as the wolf man, lean against the stage while watching the Dillon Pep Rally Friday.
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

U.S. airstrike causes NATO dispute KABUL — An airstrike by U.S. fighter jets that appears to have killed Afghan civilians could turn into a major dispute for NATO allies Germany and the United States, as tensions began rising between them Sunday over Germany's role in ordering the attack.

Allied officials say up to 70 people were killed in the early morning airstrike Friday in the northern province of Kunduz after Taliban militants stole two tanker trucks of fuel and villagers gathered to siphon off gas.

Allied officials say the killings are just beginning, but both German and U.S. officials already appeared to be trying to deflect blame.

German Defense Minister Franz Josef Jung said the Taliban's possession of the two tankers "posed an acute threat to our soldiers. German officials have said the tankers might have been used as suicide bombs.

Philippine passenger ferry capsizes MANILA, Philippines — Passengers leapt into the dark sea and parents dropped children into the water, coast guards gathered to siphon off gas. Nine people died and more than 30 were missing Sunday after it turned on its side 9 miles (15 kilometers) off Zambales del Norte province.

The vessel's violent rotation tossed frightened passengers. "I was sleeping and all of a sudden there was a loud bang," a passenger who killed a postal worker and wounded five other people says. He killed letter carrier Joseph S. Ileto.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Supremacist gunman renounces views LOS ANGELES — A white supremacist who killed a postal worker and wounded five people had renounced his racist views, who killed a postal worker and wounded five people had renounced his racist views. In a letter to a Los Angeles Daily News reporter, Buford O. Furrow Jr. says he regrets his views.

Furrow, who is serving a life sentence with no chance of parole, describes himself as a "lame duck" who has shunned criminal activity. "I have thrown away his neo-Nazi literature and now believes "a life based on hate is no life at all."

Ten years ago Furrow shot and killed three children, a teenager and an adult at a Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood. He later killed carry entertainer Joseph S. Ileto.

Ocean stations to help research FALMOUTH, Mass. — A Massachusetts ocean studies institute is building underwater data collection stations to help researchers understand the ocean's role in climate change.

The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod has received nearly $100 million in federal grants to help develop and operate the underwater observatories.

Three women have been killed and nine others injured in a violent murder-suicide at a home in northern Indiana.

The shooting happened on Saturday when the woman, 50-year-old Donna Carter, Jr., shot her husband, Dennis Carter Sr., about 20 minutes after the woman killed her husband.

Four dead in violent La. murder-suicide

**LOCAL NEWS**

Five Planned Parenthoods to close INDIANAPOLIS — Planned Parenthood will close five health clinics across central Indiana, including its largest, because of its federal grant money to provide family planning services to low-income families.

The clinics in Anderson, Franklin, Kokomo, Shelbyville and Indianapolis will close Tuesday.

The clinic in Anderson, which provides services to about 5,500 patients, said in a statement provided to The Associated Press.

"The five centers, none of which provide abortions, serve a total of about 5,500 patients, the statement said."

The father of the pregnant woman, Amber Carter, said he had a history of abusing his estranged wife and recently tried to attack her with a machete.

"This had been going on for quite some time," William Williamson said. "It was one of those domestic violence things that just got worse and worse."

Another 15-month-old boy was in the house during the shootings but was not hurt. The child was related to the Carters, but Rushing was not sure how.

Authorities were called around 10:30 p.m. Saturday to the home in Holden, about 30 miles east of Baton Rouge. Donna Carter, 49, and Dennis Carter Jr., 26, were dead inside. Dennis Carter Jr.'s wife, Amber Carter, was badly hurt and their son, Masson Carter, 2, was found dead outside.

Williamson said Carter Jr. had previously fought with his father to protect his mother.

Rushing said it appeared Amber Carter, who was about six months pregnant, and Massen Carter managed to escape from a second-floor window but it was not clear if the gunman shot them inside or followed them outside and shot them there.

Rushing said deputies spotted Dennis Carter Sr. about 20 minutes after the shootings driving on a highway. When they tried to pull him over, he shot and killed himself.
WASHINGTON — Wayne Clough pulls a thumb-sized computer chip from his pocket and marvels at how many of the Smithsonian Institution's millions of objects can be measured this way.

The device holds sounds from experiments, drawings of a Spanish influenza virus and an archive of Depression-era paintings, a 360-degree view imprinted with the snow from a Virginia mountain and much more. The mini archive resides on the flash drive from his pocket, now head of the institution, aims to share the collection of the world's largest museum with more people than ever before.

"It is no longer acceptable for us to share only 1 percent of our 132 million objects," he said. "In 50 states and 75 countries with over 100 digital archives, the world face the grand challenges of our time as adequately and as widely as possible.

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So far, Cappas sees no signs that his past has cost him any customers. In fact, on one recent day, customers — many of them friends — had no idea about Cappas' drug-dealing past — were in a line that stretched out the door. Some said his past was part of who they were.

"It's great to see somebody whose life is turned around and is trying to do something good," said Mary Beth Johnson, a 47-year-old Orland Park resident, who grew up nearby and came to know Cappas when he was in prison — earn ed a college degree.

That vision of fusing science and art is a dream that for his grand opening last week — an event that included a huge statue of a tiger he says belonged to former boxing champ Mike Tyson — he'd asked two friends who were Chicago police officers before they were convicted of selling cocaine to judge his auto sculpture.

Bawden was banished from society, with a judge who sentenced him to 45 years in prison angrily telling him that he had "lost his soul." "I am what I am," he said simply. "I'm never going to live that down."

That helps explain why he said it is important to let people know he is no longer the same young man he was when he was sentenced to prison — something he says he deserved. And that he wants to make amends.

"I do not want kids to follow in my footsteps ... he said. "I do not want to make a spectacle of what I did in the past. That means his plan is not just to own a successful hot dog stand but to have a business that can help to play a role in that community.

He plans to ask police to sponsor Little League teams and build a baseball diamond, as well as continue talking to at-risk kids, as he's done for the last few years.

"This is my way of giving back," he said. "I also plan to write a book about my life.

It all has impressed Scott Ladany, the owner of Red Hot, Inc., to sell Cappas his hot dogs. "I am the same young man he was when he was arrested. Like the time he made headlines, he sells hot dogs, gyros, burgers, and now for the first time since the place opened in 1952, french fries.

"I'm doing the right thing now," said the 43-year-old Cappas, who was convicted in 2004 after serving 15 years in prison.

That doesn't mean Cappas is awaying from his past. He obviously enjoys telling stories about what life was like before he was arrested, like the time he made headlines, wearing an American flag out front, he sells hot dogs, gyros, burgers, and now for the first time since the place opened in 1952, french fries.

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In Brief

Conn. women buying more guns

WATERBURY, Conn. — Connecticut residents are arming themselves at quite a clip, with women, in particular, packing heat in growing numbers.

The state issued 7,741 pistol permits from January through May, a 90 percent increase over the same time period in 2008. Nearly 12,000 new permits have been issued so far this year in a state that recently posted one of the lowest home ownership rates in the country, according a study of 2006 data by the Violence Policy Center, a national gun control advocacy group based in Washington, D.C.

Connecticut gun retailers and educators who run classes required for pistol permit applicants report a surge in first-time gun purchases, particularly by women, who account for up to half of the students taught in Torrington.

"I think that the percentage of women coming for the first time has quadrupled," said John Petricone, a staffer at Tactical Defense, a small gun shop in Torrington.

"I feel like I’m competing with older workers, college graduates. It wears on your confidence." Walker, 58, lost her job running a nonprofit which helped minority women in business in Orlando. "They hadn’t had any luck finding new work in the three months since."

"What they tell us is that they’re looking for more mature and experienced workers, but they want us to work for less, or what they could pay younger people in which she was recently outside an Orlando job fair. "Maybe younger people would be willing or able to accept lower pay."

Would-be retirees have watched the plunging stock market and health care costs soar during the recession, forcing those who thought they would be retired in their age group feeling the hardest, as measured by The Conference Board’s Economic Stress Index. The index assigns each county a score from 1 to 100, with higher numbers reflecting greater stress, based on its unemployment, foreclosures and bankruptcy rates. California’s Santa Clara County, where Wells lives, registered 14.41 on the stress index in July, the most recent month for which figures are available, while Walker’s Orange County, Fla., came in at 15.76, well above the average county’s 10.54.

"The groups associated with the highest stress scores in each U.S. county are men and women between ages 25 and 29 and women over age 55. That doesn’t necessarily mean having a high percentage of people in those groups causes a county’s economic health to worsen, though the two appear to go hand in hand. Experts said a variety of factors may be at play.

Young adults are more at risk for losing their jobs and homes in a recession, while people later in life are more likely to declare bankruptcy in order to protect their assets, said Jay McNamara, director of research at the Center on Aging and Work at Boston College.

"Last hired, first fired. Generally, that is very true," McNamara said.

Chanel Moore knows how that goes. The 25-year-old Orlando resident was laid off last year from a job in retail and has found herself competing with older workers in her job search.

"I’m young, trying to get on my feet, and then you have people older than me who are already on their feet looking for jobs with more experience than me," Moore said.

Workers in the 25 to 34 age group have seen the most dramatic rise in unemployment during the past year compared to other age groups. Their unemployment rate went from 5.7 percent in July 2008 to 10 percent in July 2009, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Compounding the pain for some young workers can be big bills from their careers as students. The average undergraduate finances college with $17,700 in debt at four-year public schools and $22,375 in debt at four-year private schools. Also, student loan provider Sallie Mae reported this year that seniors graduated college with an average credit card debt of more than $4,100 in 2008, up from $2,900 four years earlier.

Obama plans to address organized labor

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama is addressing one of his key constituencies — organized labor — on Monday as union members gather to celebrate the holiday named for their movement.

As Obama prepares for a critical speech Wednesday on Congress and the nation about his efforts to overhaul health care, a supportive audience at the AFL-CIO’s Labor Day picnic in Cleveland could provide welcome relief for the president juggling the political atmosphere surrounding the issue.

Besides addressing health care, Obama will tell the assembled union members he has named Ron Bloom as senior counselor for manufacturing policy. Bloom has served since February as senior adviser to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner as part of Obama’s auto industry task force.

Bloom is traveling to Cincinnati with the president, the White House said. He will be working with the National Economic Council to “provide leadership on policy development and strategic planning for the president’s agenda to revitalize the manufacturing sector.”

The White House said Bloom would continue in his position with Geithner but would expand his role to coordinate administration manufacturing policy with the Departments of Commerce, Treasury, Energy and Labor.

"Ron has the knowledge and experience necessary to lead the way in creating the good-paying manufacturing jobs of the future," Obama said in a statement released Sunday night.

Before moving to Treasury, Bloom was a special assistant to the president of the United Steelworkers union. He was a founding partner in the investment banking firm of Kellin and Bloom.

Despite a friendly audience at the labor picnic, where Obama is expected to be welcomed by national union leaders John Sweeney and Richard Trumka, the gathering could turn out to be a small oasis in the swing state of Ohio.

Opposition to Obama’s health care overhaul was evident Saturday at a “Tea Party” rally in the Cincinnati suburb of West Chester, where a crowd of thousands protested with signs such as "Government-run health care makes me sick" and "Leave our health care alone."
Health care debate masks real issues

If you've been following the news for the past few weeks, you're probably getting tired of tiring writing about health care reform. Democrats and Republicans have managed to make and MUCH serious debate about this crucially important issue, instead launching inane charges of extremism at each other. The caricatures produced by the leaders of both parties would be laughable if they weren't handed about with such frequency and earnestness. Republicans accuse Democrats of being socialists intent on creating health care panels to arbitrarily kill senior citizens, while Democrats counter that Republicans are un-American fascists in the pocket of health insurance companies. This nonsensical political circus obscures the true significance of the health care debate. While health care reform is an important and consequential matter, Americans are primarily concerned about the rapidly expanding size and role of government in everyday life. Talking of "raising" health care provides an important insight into the fundamental issues underlying the debate.

Conservative politicians are fond of warning that Democrats' proposals will ration care, conjuring up the image of impersonal, bureaucratic agencies limiting Americans' health care options. There is an element of truth to this claim — a government-run "public option" would naturally have to make hard choices about which forms of medical treatment would be covered and which would be excluded. What's worrisome is that a few experts who usually neglect in mention, though, is that all health care is rationed. All goods, in fact, are rationed — this is a basic truth of economics. Just as there does not exist an infinite supply of Lamborghinis or ice cream, an endless reservoir of health care is not available. Thus, we must find a way to distribute, or "ration," this scarce good.

There are two basic means by which to do this. One option is to establish a free market, in which the "invisible hand" famously identified by Adam Smith works to distribute goods in the most efficient possible means. The other is to place all economic goods in the hands of a single governing agency and revert to use its presumably superior wisdom to determine what people should buy. This latter method, of course, is fraught with problems. Americans have long favored free markets over central planning, but in recent years, the United States have abruptly and dramatically shifted course, bringing many private and former private sectors of the economy under government control and spending at an astonishing rate.

The past year alone has seen a series of Wall Street and auto industry bailouts, culminating in the federal government's takeover of General Motors. These expansions of government power were accompanied by hundreds of billions of dollars in "stimulus" spending, boosting the total national debt to well over $11 trillion dollars. Meanwhile, the U.S. is engaged in two major conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, which combine to produce a significant drain on the U.S. Treasury. In this context, Democrats' proposed health care reform appears as less of a radical shift than a continuation of the present course.

What, then, are we to make of the heated debate over health care? Americans are beginning to become alarmed at the nonstop expansion of the federal government, and they're worried about the prospect of lawmakers and bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. becoming involved in the intensely personal issue of medical care. Politicians would do well to note, however, that the real issue at stake is not merely health care, but the relationship between U.S. citizens and the government. Americans have a long, proud tradition of individualism. We prize our liberties, and we place great value on the virtues of self-sufficiency and personal responsibility. That is not to say that opponents of the Democrats' health care reform proposals are unconcerned about the plight of those unable to afford health care — they simply recognize that government involvement in the medical industry will significantly, and likely irrevocably, expand government while bringing with it a host of new problems. Yet at a time when Americans are clamoring for a serious conversation about the size and scope of the state, politicians in Washington rarely engage in serious debate.

Whether the Democrats' health care reform efforts succeed or not, voters will go to the polls next year with a new perspective on politics. After years of bickering government under the Bush administration and a Republican-controlled Congress, Barack Obama and Democratic legislators promised to usher in a new era of change and responsible leadership. What Americans have gotten, though, is more of the same. While Democrats push to expand government further, GOP leaders who formerly supported the "big government conservation" of the Bush administration nudge small-government platitudes. If President Obama and members of Congress are to achieve long-term political success, they will have to cut out of-control spending, move beyond empty rhetoric and truly embrace Americans' desire for limited, responsible government and individual freedom.

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Quote of the Day

"The universe is full of magical things, patiently waiting for our arts to sharpen." — Eden Phillpotts, English author
While "A library with no books" (Staff Editorial, Sept. 4) may have been written with some tongue in cheek, I thought it raised an interesting point. After all, are the days (back in 2002 when I was a graduate student) when one could walk into the Library and find five to six thousand volumes (or the periodical room on the first floor and think it is on the ninth floor) — journals and books on political science to one’s heart’s content. Now in the periodical room one finds totally meaningless less journals as a place to keep and spend non-academic time in. This process is to take away an integral aspect of a library — namely to encourage people to read. In the course of this year I think I was in the Library the same number of times as the U-Wire and staff. It is unfortunate that the Library has lost some of its luster and while the editors seem to endorse making life easier for the students by doing away with exams and research papers, I would suggest that more could be done in balancing the technological age of (all computers) with the traditional age of hands-on material.

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Senior
Class of 2005

Do you see two different U-Wires up there?
Yeah, so do we. You should get on that.

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The Observer
Keep Library a relevant institution

With Labor Day upon us, many in America have forgotten why they’re off from work. The first Labor Day (of five days) Labor Day has become a perennial pic­
ic, the signal of the end of summer. But this holiday signifies something much larger than the simple pleasantries of an end-of-summer fried chicken feast.

Labor Day in America was born out of the Pullman Strike, becoming a federal holiday when President Grover Cleveland signed the act into law. We work to improve labor relations a top domestic priority. Prior to that, those who virtually had the upper hand in labor negotiations were the powerful political. Since then, America has witnessed the rise of labor, peaking in the mid-20th century when more than a quarter of all workers unionized.

But today, wonder where labor is going.

Today, unions maintain less of a percentage of the workforce than virtually ever before. Unions have weakened to the point where current union membership in the private sector is below nine percent.

Despite those numbers, Big Labor still exercises incredible influence over modern politics. Democrats have for years considered labor one of the most precious (and most powerful) allies. The Employee Free Choice Act, most precious show a few days ago connected the dots on the first letters of random words he used to describe the Obama administration (“Obama,” “Left-Internationalists,” “Graft,” “Acre.”) “Revolutionaries” and “Hidden Agendas”) to spell what he believed the Obama administra­tion had become: an O-L-I-G-A-C-R-H-Y. (You guess is as good as mine as to where “I” came from.)

So why, then, is it that every strategy in the Republican playbook — on health care and virtually every other issue of national impor­tance — relies on employing the most thor­oughly discredited tactics imaginable?

The self-stated goal of most of the town hall protests that furiously inserted themselves at the behest of the insurance industry — into the national discourse in August was to shut down their elected representatives. In oppos­i­tion to the Waxman-Murphy bill (otherwise known as cap-and-trade), which is still working its way through Congress, coal industry firms are hiring lobbying outlets to flood congression­al offices with mail purporting to be from con­cerned constituents and nonprofit groups against the climate change legislation, attempt­ing to create the appearance of grassroots out­rage where none exists.

Meanwhile, the decision by congressional Republicans to employ the Frame to require that important measures have the support of three-fifths of the Senate represents an unprecedented subversion of the basic principle of majority rule. While informed observers have been quick to adjust to the notion that 60-plus votes are now needed for any major legislation, not enough attention has been paid to just how singularly ludicrous the present situation truly is.

In a world of the retrograde Southern blue: as a means of blocking civil rights legis­lation, even the Democratic caucuses of the 109th and 110th Congresses largely reserved the par­liamentary procedure for extreme judicial nom­i­nation.

The resulting variance between public opin­tion and the situation on the floor of the senate is expectedly stark. According to a Washington Post-ABC poll released on Friday, almost six in 10 respondents support the new energy policy, waiting for a vote in the Senate. Fifty-five per­cent of Americans approve of the way Obama is handling the issue; only 30 percent described themselves as opposed. In any fully functioning democracy, those numbers would suggest that positive action is coming, and soon. But because of the actions of the dwindling minority that claims to be so afraid for the future of American democracy, the legislation will likely die on the vine without receiving an actual vote.

It is on the heels of, course, of a national election that President Obama won by more than 9.5 million votes in November, which both candidates had clear and contrast­ ing proposals on how to handle health care, energy policy and the economy. An election in which Obama won a purple state like Nevada in a handout to labor, and the historically red states of Carolina and Indiana — Indiana! — blue and even eked out an electoral vote from Nebraska. If American democracy is under threat from any corner, it’s under threat from those who don’t care for election results, who suggest that our democratically-elected and fully vetted president is illegitimate, who don’t respect the concept of offering votes on the merits of legis­lation and who are congenitally unable to offer any sort of constructive opposition. And unless those-same individuals genuinely believe all their Sturm and Drang about the impending doom of our democratic form of government, they are betraying a cynicism that actually does run the risk of striking a real blow to the health of our governmental institutions.

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U-Wire

Examining the power...
Mos Def’s Ecstatic, “Wonderfully Strange” Rap

By NICK ANDERSON Assistant Scene Editor

Eminem, T.I., Ludacris, LL Cool J, Ice Cube, Ice-T, Method Man, RZA, and even Snoop Dogg. All rappers turned, with varying degrees of success, into actors. Hollywood, for some unexplained reason, keeps casting rappers in their big-budget movies. These parts have included their roles in big budget comedies, a supporting actor in Oscar fare, a less than stereotypical street stereotype and several family fun feet. By all accounts, it doesn’t really make sense.

Rare, however, is the rapper-turned-actor who is actively trying to do both without one noticing the other. Mos Def is on that quest. He’s done promote his music with movies, had a few minutes piece that once came off in Talladega Nights (and his most critically acclaimed role was in an Off-Broadway play.

By all appearances, Def’s music has taken an unfortunate back seat to his acting. This would all be a very sad story if it was not for his return to form in “The Ecstatic.”

Def never was a typical rapper. His back story sounds familiar: born in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. He would have known of the already famous rappers from his neighborhood including The Notorious B.I.G., Big Daddy Kane and GZA. All three made careers walking the line between glorifying and regretting their now-stereotypical “gangsta” lifestyle.

Def never quite fell into that trap. His immensely talented was recognized early and he landed a collaboration with De La Soul as well as a role in the short-lived “Cosby Mysteries” (yes, that Cosby). His music took off before his acting and two classic albums, “Mos Def and Talib Kweli Are Black Star” and “Black on Both Sides” made a stir in the ’90s. Both confronted issues Def was immersed in growing up. Instead of violence, vulgarity, and shock value presented as the focus, which often happens in rap, he centered his music and identity on his race, passion, and religion.

Without fail, he was regulated to the position of the socially conscious rapper. At the time the title came with a point of pride. Today, even with the recent resurgence of hope, it brings an air of arrogance from the hip hop. Today, even with the recent resurgence of hip hop, it brings an air of arrogance from the socially conscious rapper. At the time the title came with a point of pride. Today, even with the recent resurgence of hope, it brings an air of arrogance from the socially conscious rapper. At the time the title came with a point of pride. Today, even with the recent resurgence of hope, it brings an air of arrogance from the socially conscious rapper.

This is an album from the age of O h a ma , w h a t should we expect? But quoting a speech to Malcolm X comes as a surprise. It follows the phrase that has opened each of his albums, “Bismillah ir Rahman ir Rahim.” In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Somewhere between these two phrases lies “The Ecstatic.”

Def’s music is unique by any standard. After a couple of listens, Def’s adopted moniker, The Boogie Man, comes to the forefront. It’s mysterious and at times uncomfortable but intriguing and original. In the end, it’s a return to a form, a turning point after two less-than-stellar albums, a wonderfully strange, sonically diverse and oddly inspiring work of art.

The Ecstatic
Mos Def

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Michael Floyd
Irish wide receiver
Floyd tallied 189 yards on just four catches with three spectacular touchdowns in under three quarters.

Jimmy Clausen's NCAA high passer rating after completing 15 of 18 passes for 315 yards and four touchdowns.

Clausen to Floyd (pt. III) 88-yd touchdown
The final acrobatic score was the third longest pass play in school history.

"I was right on it and I was just so happy, it was one of the happiest times of my life."
Kapron Lewis-Moore
Irish defender on his fumble recovery

Opening statement
Clausen, Floyd dominate early and often in 35-0 shutout of Wolf Pack

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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Monday, September 7, 2009
Notre Dame 35, Nevada 0

Irish sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd races down the sideline for an 88-yard touchdown in Saturday's 35-0 romp over Nevada. Floyd had four receptions for 189 yards and three touchdowns in the game, the first Notre Dame shutout since 2002.

"It's the first game," Floyd said. "You have to show the nation what kind of team Notre Dame is and how we are going to do everything."

After receiving the opening kickoff, the Irish defense quickly set to showing its vast capabilities to Nevada and the 50,000 fans in attendance. On the team's first third-and-long of the season, a third-and-16 on Nevada's 19-yard line, junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen threaded a pass over a Wolf Pack safety to sophomore tight end Kyle Rudolph in the back of the end zone. The 12-play, 67-yard drive gave the Irish a 7-0 lead after freshman kicker Nick Tausch converted the first extra point of his college career.

"The touchdown play was something we had worked on all week, and Jimmy showed a lot of trust in me," Rudolph said. "I just wanted to go and make a play on the ball, and it worked in our favor."

In Notre Dame's next drive, Clausen connected with sophomore receiver Golden Tate for a gain of 36 yards. Later in the drive, on the first play of the second quarter, Floyd ran a route across the middle, and as he crossed the goal line the receiver pulled in his first touchdown of the season. The 24-yard score capped a 78-yard drive in less than five minutes.

Before Nevada had a chance to respond, the Irish defense followed the offense's lead and showed what it could do. After Tausch's kickoff was downed at the Nevada 31-yard line, junior linebacker Brian Smith recorded his first sack of the season. The 11-yard loss led to a quick three-and-out by the Wolf Pack, giving the ball right back to the potent Irish offense.

"Smith had two sacks relatively early," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "They just change the momentum."

With the ball back in his hands, Clausen found Floyd once again on a quick screen play. Floyd caught the ball around the Notre Dame 30-yard line, and, after a block from Tristin Pelling, the play standing alone in the end zone with Notre Dame an extra point away from a 21-0 lead.

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Game shows BCS potential

As the clock wound down on Notre Dame’s dominant season—opening win over Nevada, Irish Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick could be seen mending on the sidelines with Orange Bowl representatives, clad in distinct orange blazers.

Hopefully Swarbrick will be hearing from them, or another BCS bowl, later this season.

The mere fact that the Orange Bowl deemed it necessary to send representatives to this game says a lot about the state of the Notre Dame program, and the Irish certainly didn’t disappoint.

“Overall, I thought the operation, especially in the first half how everything went, it went pretty much like clockwork,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

Clockwork, indeed. The Irish did Saturday what a good team—a team with legitimate BCS aspirations—should do in their opening game. They went up against a less talented team and walked away with a business-like victory.

Florida heat, Charleston Southern 62-3, Texas downed Louisiana-Monroe 39-20 and USC beat San Jose State 56-3. The Irish want to prove they belong in that mix of teams, and they certainly took a step in doing so Saturday.

“How do you keep momentum rolling from a game that was so long ago?” Weis said, referring to Notre Dame’s big Hawaii Bowl win in December. “And a lot of it has to do with hunger. You know these guys are hungry.

For the first time in way too long, Notre Dame didn’t play down to its competition. The theme of 2008 seemed to be that no matter how bad the opponent was, the Irish always played poorly enough to make it a game. San Diego State and Syracuse leap prominently to mind.

The thing is, the Irish could have struggled slightly on Saturday and no one would have been the least bit surprised. The team chalked it up to opening game jitters, inexperience, and, hey, Nevada is supposed to be a pretty good football team.

“I’m sorry we didn’t give [Charlie Weis] a better game so we could see what his ballclub is like,” Nevada coach Chris Ault said after the game.

Nevada is a better team than they showed on Saturday, and will win their share of games this season, but Notre Dame can’t control how the opponent plays. All the Irish can do is take advantage it — and they certainly did.

The most noticeable difference isn’t even in Jimmy Clausen and Michael Floyd’s video game stats or the defense’s first shutout since 2002. The difference was noticeable as soon as the teams took the field.

After last year’s loss to Syracuse, receiver Golden Tate described the sideline emotion as “Eh.” Against Nevada, nothing could be further from an accurate description. This team has swagger, confidence, and plays with a boardload of emotion.

The telling play was a 4th-and-1 stop in the first half. Last year, Nevada would have converted the first down. In 2007, the Wolf Pack probably would have scored a touchdown. This year, Notre Dame had three guys in the backfield before you could say “Kaepernick.”

Now, one game does not a whole season make. It’s easy to play with a lead when you score on five of your first six possessions. It will be interesting to see how this newfound strut changes when the Irish find themselves trailing. A trip to the Big House could be a better litmus test for this team.

“It was just a good start,” Weis said. “That’s what today was, it’s a good start.

A good start towards, hopefully, seeing those guys in orange blazers again soon.

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Times Nevada has been shut out in coach Chris Ault’s 25-year coaching career with the Wolf Pack.

Yards the Notre Dame offense averaged per play, the highest game total of the Weiss era.

8.36

The number of yards in the completion from Jimmy Clausen to Michael Floyd in the third quarter that broke the third-longest pass in Notre Dame history.

24

The number of consecutive times Notre Dame has beaten Navy either on the road or at a neutral site, a streak that dates to 1960.

7

Seasons since the last Notre Dame shutout, a 42-0 victory over Rutgers in 2002.

919

Receiving yards for Michael Floyd, the most for an Irish player since Jeff Samardzija in 2005.

4

Jimmy Clausen’s rank among Notre Dame’s career touchdown leaders after adding four scores on Saturday.

report card

A+

quarterback: Clausen was almost perfect, and even the incompletions weren’t off by much. As a junior he looks in total control of the offense and has a better pocket presence.

B+

running back: The Irish rushed for 178 yards, which was the leading the way. Jonas Gray had a solid showing as the second option and James Aldridge looked good in his new role before leaving the game.

A+

receivers: Michael Floyd was dominant, putting up video game statistics and averaging 47 yards per catch. Golden Tate and Kyle Rudolph also added a few nice grabs and Duval Kamara looks healthy after surgery.

B+

offensive line: The line gave Clausen all day to throw and didn’t give up a sack. Still room for improvement in the running game, but 4.3 yards per carry is nothing to complain about.

B-

defensive line: Kaprun Lewis-Moore had a big fumble recovery, but no sacks for any defensive lineman despite consistent pressure.

linebackers: Brian and Tyron Smith both had big games getting after the quarterback. Manti Te’o shined in his debut, and Darius Fleming was also able to apply consistent pressure.

B+

defensive backs: Kyle McCarthy and Robert Blanton had interceptions and the Wolf Pack passed for just 154 yards. Harrison Smith looked very comfortable at safety.

A-

special team: Nick Tausch converted his extra point and had good hang time on his kickoff. Freshman Theo Boldt looked quick on his kickoff return, and Eric Mustaph terminated two punts inside the 50.

3.58

adding up the numbers

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Defensive gameplan stifles Nevada

Irish players Brian Smith (58), Harrison Smith (22), Kyle McCarthy (28), Darin Wails (2) and Sergio Brown (31) race off the field following McCarthy's interception in the third quarter Saturday. The defense's shutdown was the first of the Weis era.

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Saturday was the kind of dominant, defensive effort Irish fans haven't seen since 2002, Ty Willingham's final year at Notre Dame, in fact.

Nevada's vaunted Pistol offense surely didn't live up to the hype, and all it did was feed into Brian Smith's game. The Wolf Pack offense was scrunched up against a defense that had a lot to do with that.

On Nevada's first possession, Notre Dame's defense forced a three-and-out. The Wolf Pack was forced to punt with a 10-yard drive, much to the dismay of Nevada fans and the surprise of the Wolf Pack offense.

Offensive coordinator Jon Tenuta and Corwin Brown had the Irish defense obviously well-prepared for Nevada's unique offense and the Wolf Pack's multiplicity of attacking weapons, and the players went out and executed a game plan that seemed to center everyone around getting bodies in the Nevada backfield.

"There was a lot of us moving the line of scrimmage the other way," Weis said. "We had two sacks and four tackles for loss, and to be honest with you, we had another four sacks that we could have had that we missed a few tackles there. I think that's going to be one of the points of emphasis for the defensive staff going into Michigan.

"As Weis suggested, there is likely room for improvement, both in terms of tackling fundamentals and stopping the inside run more consistently. But considering the Irish are less than two years removed from having to return to a back-to-basics training camp mentally a few games into the 2007 season, one has to be pleased with the defense's progress.

All three defensive position units -- the defensive line, linebackers and defensive backs -- made at least one big play. Sophomore defensive end Kapron-Lewis Moore recovered a fumble, linebackers Brian Smith and junior Torey Smith each recorded a sack and McCarthy and sophomore corner Robert Blanton each intercepted a Kaepernick pass.

Notre Dame's defense combines talented youngsters with seasoned veterans, and the Irish appeared to have a newfound confidence and swagger, cheering big plays and engaging the crowd in key situations.

"Guys out there getting rowdy, just offensively guys with offensive guys, defense with the defense, the team collectively. We had each other's backs," junior linebacker Brian Smith said. "Whenever the offense was in a bad situation, the defense put us in a good situation. We kind of fed off of each other today." Contact Matt Gamber at mgamber@nd.edu

18 players make Irish debuts in victory

By MATT GAMBER
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Eighteen players took the field as Notre Dame football players for the first time Saturday, and that tally includes seven true freshmen.

"That's a lot of guys to be getting their first snap of football," Irish coach Charlie Weis said Sunday. "I thought the team as a whole, shown by the number of mental mistakes not being very high and the number of penalties not being very high, I think that the team played with pretty good poise, especially the fact that you're throwing in so many new guys into the mix." Sophomore Kapron Lewis-Moore was among those seeing his first game action, and the defensive end notched his first career fumble recovery.

"It wasn't hard to keep my head about me, I was more nervous than anything," Moore said. "Going out on the field for the first time in about two years, since high school, was just a great feeling. I felt like I settled down after the first couple of plays.

Other notable debuts included freshman linebacker Manti Te'o (2 tackles), freshman kick­-er Nick Tausch (2-for-5 on extra points), freshman running back Theo Riddick (5 carries, 20 yards), sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist (2-for-2 pass­­ing) and sophomore wide receiver Deion Walker (1 reception, 15 yards).

More on openers

The debut of Nevada was Notre Dame's first in an opener since Aug. 31, 2002, when the Irish toppled Maryland, 22-0, on the road. Notre Dame's last season-opening shootout at home took place on Sept. 22, 1973, in a 44-0 thrashing of Northwestern.

Notre Dame scored first in its opener for the first time in eight showdowns, with the last time coming in that 2002 victory of the Terrapins.

The 26-0 Irish halftime lead was their biggest in a season opener since Notre Dame led Rice, 28-0, in 1989.

Jimmy's Day

Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen's quarterback rating of 303.67 set a Notre Dame Weis era record, as the junior surpassed his Hawaii Bowl mark of 277.63. It was his second straight game completing at least 80 percent of his passes, and the contest marked the third such game of Clausen's Irish career.

Clausen's third touchdown, on which he connected with sophomore receiver Michael Floyd on a 70-yard screen pass, helped him pass Jarious Jackson (1996-99) for fourth on the all-time touchdown pass list at Notre Dame. That pass was the longest of Clausen's career.

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Time to exhale

It was like Hawaii all over again for the Irish offense, as Jimmy Clausen and the passing game continued their dominance over WAC defenses with 314 yards and four scores. Michael Floyd tore up the Nevada secondary to the tune of 189 yards, the highest total in the nation after one week. The offensive line gave Clausen time in the pocket and did not give up a sack, and Armando Allen led the running game to over 170 yards. Nevada’s vaunted pistol offense was stifled the entire game by a blitting attack led by the Smith linebackers — Brian and Toryan. Manti Te’o made his highly anticipated debut and appears poised to live up to the lofty expectations set for him as a freshman. Fifth year senior and captain Kyle McCarthy led the team in tackles and had a key interception for his unit to preserve the shutout.

Clockwise from top: safety Harrison Smith drags down Nevada running back Vai Taua; Alphie the Nevada mascot mourns another Clausen passing touchdown; senior offensive tackle Sam Young reacts after a key run in the first quarter; running back Theo Riddick leaps over a Wolf Pack defender; and safety Sergio Brown hits the deck after leaping for a ball.
In the beginning, there was "Battlefield 42." Since then, gamers have fought in Italy, World War II, and even in the year 2142. Now, the well-established, ten-year reign of Electronic Arts’ "Battlefield" series of video games has a new king—"Battlefield Heroes."

Not too long ago, gamers were a clique culture. Strategy and RPG games were at their prime, requiring devotion to master, and leaving the casual gamer with their head in the bands. With the arrival of the Wii, video games have found a much broader fan base. Simple, pick-up and play games are vastly outselling their predecessors, and this latest installment of the first-person shooter series caters to this new trend.

Your character can be one of three classes; commandos, soldier and gunner, each with a variety of unique abilities. The soldiers is your run-of-the-mill class, the gunner specializes on heavy weaponry, and the commando is the sniper and assassin. The game makes an effort to balance the classes, for example, commandos can dig and dig in earth are countered by their low survivability, however each class plays better as a whole.

At the moment, the game has four maps; Coastal Clash, Seaside Skirmish, Victory Village and Buccaneer Bay. The cute alliterative names each have an equally cute battlefield to match. Victory Village is set in a quaint Germanic town, complete with narrow alleys and rooftops to engage in urban combat in. Seaside Skirmish is a little bigger, with houses and a windmill surrounding a small river. Buccaneer Bay and Coastal Clash are huge, sprawling maps. Unlike Victory Village and Seaside Skirmish, which only have jeeps to drive on, there are open-air settings of Buccaneer Bay and Coastal Clash facilitate the use of tanks and airplanes.

In "Battlefield Heroes," you fight in a cartoonly world. Instead of attempting the create realistic people, places and warfare, the game instead invites you into a world where soldiers have speed boosts, magically appearing shields, and a massive bazooka that can be stuffed into a pocket when not in use. Your character is a soldier of either the Royals (the "good guys") or Nationals ("bad guys"). When capturing checkpoints, your team’s fight song plays, as you dramatically raise your flag up the flagpole—light blue and a gold crown for the Royals, dark red and a big black skull for the Nationals. Explosions from sticky dynamite, tank shells, or grenades send you comically flying into the air. Characters casually sit on the wings of planes, and if it turns out their pilot hasn’t exactly gotten his wings at Online FPS Air Flight School, you can just jump right off and you’re covered, thanks to an always ready parachute.

And the best part is it’s free. All you have to do is go to their website (www.battlefieldheroes.com) and download the small, web-based program. A little currency is earned by completing achievements and missions in battle, which can be spent on different weapons, bandages, and outfits. The outfits purchasable with these Valor Points are different color combinations of the standard garb, but cool or silly additions are available for micropayments of real money. Fortunately for the gameplay, all performance-enhancing items are for Valor Points and not US currency, preventing people from paying money for a leg-up on the competition. Also for purchase are emotes—one second animations your character can do. Simple emotes like "Yes" and "No" are for Valor Points, but you can get silly ones for real money as well.

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Ichiro gets 2000th hit in Mariners-5-2 victory

Peflyent consistent from the mound for Mets; Brewers and Giants battle it out in 12 innings

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Scott Hairston took advantage of a second chance. Ichiro took advantage of the second pitch.

Ichiro’s 2,000th hit was the go-ahead grand slam Haisrton had to make it count. Both helped the Oakland Athletics beat the Seattle Mariners 5-2 Sunday.

Suzuki reached the milestone in the third inning against Gio Gonzalez (5-5), who went a career-high seven innings, allowing two runs on six hits.

“I was very close to what happened,” Gonzalez said. “He’s the first batter, I tried to go inside and he gets a leadoff hit. He did his job and I congratulate him.”

Haisrton popped up off the bases loaded in the fifth game.”

Wakamatsu said. “It’s unbelievable.”

Kosuke Fukudome to ground out on his next pitch.

Mets’ Angel Pagan, right, steals second base before Cubs’ shortstop Andres Blanco could tag him Sunday.

Rodriguez (10-10) allowed five hits in his longest outing this year.

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Brewers 2, Giants 1

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Pelfrey pitched eight effective innings after struggling all year.

Fed up with his own performance as long as possible,” Suzuki said through an interpreter.

“I’ll work on my off-speed and be a little more off-speed in the ninth before meeting down his 10th hit save in 35 chances.”

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Before the ball fell in for the NL wild-card spot.

Fielder hit with a solo home run over the 12thinning barrier, boosted by the San Francisco Giants.

“He’s a hard-luck loss,” Cubs manager Lou Pinella said. “Wells did a good job of getting a left-hander and merkin Valdez (2-1). The slugging first baseman hit his shirt before reaching second base and jumping a home plate as his teammates fell over backward in unison in a choreographed celebration.

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Bradford sidelined in Sooners loss

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Before the season started, Oklahoma’s offensive coordinator talked about preparing the Sooners to deal with an injury to Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford.

The worst case scenario became reality Saturday night and the result was a season-opening 14-13 upset winner Sam Bradford.

Injury to Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford.

Whether he is here or not here for this week and the weeks to come, we’re sitting right here at 0-1 and we’ve got to buckle it up and get moving in a quick direction and a positive direction,” offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson said Sunday.

Oklahoma’s medical staff was still taking a look at treatment options for Bradford on Sunday. The injury to Bradford’s right, throwing shoulder has been called a sprained AC joint. Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter missed two games last season and played as a reserve three weeks after injuring the joint.

Wilson said a similar process is ongoing for second-team All-America right end Jermaine Gresham, who has cartilage damage in his right knee and didn’t play against BYU.

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“We do not have a track record here,” Wilson said. “We’ve lost some guys through the years. It is a part of the game. You don’t want it. You don’t want it for any one, but I do think we’ve shown that we do have the ability to adjust and we do have a bunch of good players here that will rally and pick it up.

Bradford sidelines Sooner loss

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford reaches for his shoulder after being hit by Brigham Young linebacker Coleby Clawson in the closing seconds of the first half. Bradford did not return as BYU went on to win by a score of 34-13.

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Texas’ CB Robinson faces hearing agreement

HOU STON — Dunta Robinson and the Houston Texans were moving ahead Sunday after the star cornerback ended his holdout and signed the one-year deal the team had been offering all along.

He took his physical early in the morning, then worked out for coaches.

“I feel like being a rookie all over again,” Robinson said. “I walked in here and all the guys they welcomed me with open arms with a lot of high-fives and a lot of hugs. It’s good to be back.”

Coach Gary Kubiak said there was no animosity even though Robinson held out for the entire training camp.

“It’s very positive,” Kubiak said. “I’m just excited to have him back.”

“I’m fine with it,” he said. “I understand the business and I understand what he went through. I understand all that. That’s over. It’s time to go play football.”

Mariners’ Suzuki notches 2,000th hit

OAKLAND — Ichiro Suzuki took Gio Gonzales’s first offering for a ball. He drilled the second pitch down the right field line for a double and his 2,000th career hit.

The Mariners’ outfielder, who accumulated 1,278 hits in Japan, became the second fastest to 2,000 hits, recording it in his 1,402 major-league game. Al Simmons did it in game 1,390.

Even before the ball fell in front of the Seattle bullpen, fans stood to cheer the Japanese baseball icon, who led off games or a bowl.

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Arizona RB Blount makes apology to Boise St. players

OREGON running back LeGarrette Blount called Boise State offensive end Byron Hout and coach Chris Petersen to apologize for the punch he threw following Thursday’s game between the two teams.

Blount and Ducks coach Chip Kelly made the conciliatory phone call on Saturday. A spokesman for Oregon confirmed it took place, but would not discuss what was said.

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NCAA Football

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford reaches for his shoulder after being hit by Brigham Young linebacker Coleby Clawson in the closing seconds of the first half. Bradford did not return as BYU went on to win by a score of 34-13.
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Seymour traded to Raiders

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders took a step toward improving their struggling run defense by acquiring first-round draft pick Richard Seymour from the New England Patriots on Sunday.

The move does not come without risks as the Raiders give up a first-round pick in 2011, which could be in the top 10. It also follows recent history, to acquire a lineman who was a top-10 pick in the final year of a contract paying him $3.7 million this season.

"We're hoping immediate help for a defense that has struggled to stop the run in recent seasons. Since going to the Super Bowl following the 2002 season, Oakland has had the worst run defense in the NFL, allowing 141.7 yards per game on the ground and 122 touchdowns rushing. The Raiders have also allowed a record 117 rushing scores in more than half of their games the past three years.

"It shows the commitment of this organization," defensive end Khalil Mack said before practice on Saturday. "We need that help up front so we can go out there and just stop the run. We need that help up front to have a chance to win games."

Seymour, a 10-year NFL veteran who has started 108 straight games since being drafted sixth overall in 2001. He played on three Super Bowl winners with the Patriots, recording 39 career sacks and being selected to the Pro Bowl for five straight seasons beginning in 2002.

"From nearly the day he arrived in 2001, Richard Seymour established himself as one of our premier players for nearly a decade," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said Sunday. "His presence has been felt as a force on the field, a respected man off it and a multiyear champion." The move is only the latest as the Patriots continue to get younger on defense.

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"Any transaction we make is with the goal of what is best for our team and, as difficult as it is to part ways with a player of Richard's stature, many factors were taken into account when we considered this trade," Belichick said.

As an organization, we feel the trade with Oakland brings sufficient value and is in the best interest of the club," he added. "We are extremely grateful for the huge impact Richard's elite level of performance had on our success and we wish him the very best during the rest of his career." Seymour goes from a team that has gone 77-19 the past six seasons when Seymour arrived in 2001, Richard's elite level of performance had on our success and we wish him the very best during the rest of his career."

Merriman accused of choking girlfriend

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Chargers star outside linebacker Shawne Merriman was arrested Sunday on suspicion of battery,£ charging Merriman with battery and false imprisonment, police said.

Merriman, 24, was detained Saturday night at a San Diego County Sheriff's Lt. Gary Steadman said.

Deputies responded about 3:45 a.m. to a home in the 4400 block of Meadowlark Court. They were called to the home by a woman who said Merriman had been choking her and restraining her.

Shawne Merriman was taken into custody and booked into the county jail on a $50,000 bail. He is scheduled to appear in court Tuesday morning.

"It certainly is an unfortunate situation, but we have players that are ready right now. Seymour has been a stalwart in the defense since being drafted sixth overall in 2001. He played on three Super Bowl winners with the Patriots, recording 39 career sacks and being selected to the Pro Bowl for five straight seasons beginning in 2002.

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Seymour goes from a team that has gone 77-19 the past six seasons to one that is an NFL-worst 24-72 over that span. The Raiders became the first team to lose at least 11 games in six straight seasons when Seymour and the Patriots beat them 49-26 last December.

The addition of rookies Myron Pryor and Ron Brace to a defensive line that also includes veterans Vince Wilfork, Ty Warren, Jarvis Green and Mike Wright made Seymour expendable.

"It's the nature of the business," said veteran running back Kevin Faulk, the longest-serving player on the team after New England's departure. "They have an agenda upstairs, and the coaches decide who comes and goes. You can't do nothing about it."

Faulk said the team will miss the way Seymour carried himself as a person and a player.

"He was a quiet leader," second-year linebacker Jerod Mayo said. "He led by his actions, he'll be dearly missed as a teammate and as a player on the field. But we have players that are ready to step up."

Seymour will primarily play right defensive end, shifting to tackle in some passing situations. The move gives the Raiders the run-stuffing end they have lacked in recent years and helps strengthen the pass rush up the middle.

"The Raiders had the worst run defense in the NFL in the preseason, allowing 192 yards per game. They had hoped to have fixed their problems against the run by bringing in coordinator John Marshall, who put a heavy emphasis on fundamentals.

But after watching the preseason, the Raiders decided they needed an upgrade in personnel as well and made the move for Seymour.

NFL

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"Tequila," whose real name is Tila Nguyen, is best known for "A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila," which ran for two seasons on MTV. The bisexual dating show featured men and women vying for Tequila's affection. She has also modeled for Playboy and other men's magazines.

Scott E. Lennon, an attorney for Tequila, said in a statement that neither she nor her representatives would comment publicly on the incident.

Merriman didn't return two e-mails seeking comment. His agent, Tom Cordon, said he hadn't heard about the arrest when contacted by The Associated Press.

Caldwell said the sheriff's department will turn over the results of its investigation to the district attorney's office, which will determine whether to charge Merriman.

There had been considerable Twitter chatter between Tequila and Merriman during the last two months. She tweeted several times about going to the Chargers' game Friday night and a party she held afterward at a downtown club, including:"I'm the Head Cheerleader Prom Queen and (at)shawnemerriman is the Prom King! Hahahah LET'S GOOO LITS OUTT SAN DIEGO I WILL SEE U TOMORROW!"
Clijsters knocks No. 3 Venus Williams out of U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Well, she sure answered that question.

Anyone wondering how serious a threat Kim Clijsters might be at the U.S. Open after a two-year layoff got their answer Sunday, when the 2005 champion at Flushing Meadows toppled none other than No. 1 Venus Williams, 6-0, 6-6, 6-4 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Moving well, singing songs with both forehand and backhand and matching every bit of Williams' power, the Belgian star offered a startling referendum on the state of her game.

It may have also said something about the true state of Williams' left knee, which she hurt in the opening round, but had refused throughout the tournament to use as an excuse.

"It was unbelievable. I don't know what to say," Clijsters said after what seemed a weird match, especially those first two sets. But after I lost the second at 6-0, I said, 'let's start over and start a new match.'

Indeed, the match began the way many Sundays do in Queens, with Clijsters breaking Williams' serve, bagels. It took a grand total of 50 minutes to complete those first two sets, but both players regrouped from that bit of awkwardness and played some of the most compelling, solid tennis of the tournament so far.

Clijsters grabbed an early break for a 3-1 lead in the third, helped by one of Williams' five double-faults to close it out. Clijsters served out the match from there, though it was anything but routine.

She fell behind 0-30 on her serve at 5-4, but just kept hanging away. She got it to 30-30 and then hit a shot into the corner that Williams couldn't handle. She forced an error at deuce with another deep groundstroke, then skidded a service winner off the line on the backhand side for the win.

Her reaction was one not so much of surprise, as a smile that someone said 'I told you so.' She became the second female wildcard entrant to reach the U.S. Open quarterfinals. One promising slice of history. This marked the third meeting between Clijsters and Williams at the U.S. Open, and each previous time, the winner has gone on to take the championship.

"I've been working really hard the last seven, eight months and I'm enjoying it," Clijsters said. "It's something that's really important for myself, as long as I can focus on tennis and have fun on the outside as well.

Clijsters retired in 2007 to start a family and hadn't seen Williams on court since last year, but is quickly re-establishing herself as one of the few who can who can cover well enough and hit hard enough to hang with the Williams sisters.

Mother of an 18-month-old daughter, Jada, Clijsters is trying to join Margaret Court and Evonne Goolagong as the third mother to win a Grand Slam singles title.

Who said motherhood and topflight tennis can't mix? "We have help, so that's great," Clijsters said. "It's fun. To her, it doesn't matter whether I win or lose. She's just happy to see me and that's great.

Clijsters came into the U.S. Open without enough tournaments under her belt to round up ranking, and now finds herself two wins away from becoming the first unseeded player to reach the finals of the Open since 1999.

"I was really glad coming back that a few of the girls who were there when I was playing well are still on top now," Clijsters said. "And it's great to see some of the newcomers doing well, too. It's fun for me to be part of the change the sport is going through.

On the men's side, No. 3 Rafael Nadal overcame a 10-minute medical break for an injury to his knee muscles, 6-0, 6-0, 6-4, 6-4 to advance to the quarterfinals of the Open.

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Zimmerman comes through

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many times over the last two weeks, Ryan Zimmerman was the only reason to pay attention to the Washington Nationals. On Sunday, with his team riding its worst streak of the season, he made some noise again.

For the fifth time in his career, Zimmerman ended a game with a home run. There was the familiar scene, his right arm aloft as he circled the bases, waiting to be mobbed at the plate, this time after a two-run shot gave the Nationals a 5-4 win over the Florida Marlins.

"I'm glad that Z did well," teammate Willie Harris said. "Coming through."

Zimmerman's homer snapped an eight-game skid for the Nationals, who at this point are more concerned with modest goals - such as avoiding 100 losses. For the Marlins, the loss was an especially tough one - they twice blew a two-run lead, and now have a chance to keep pace in the NL playoff race. They fell five games behind the NL wild-card leaders Colorado.

"This time of year, all of them are tough," Florida manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "especially when you have leads in the eighth and ninth inning."
Belles drop pair of tournament contests

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's suffered its first two setbacks of the season at Centre College's Tournament in Danville, Ky., falling 2-0 to the Colonels Saturday and 4-0 to Transylvania University Sunday.

The Saint Mary's soccer team (1-2, 0-1) suffered their first loss this season at Centre College's Tournament in Danville, Ky. Saturday evening falling 3-0 to Centre College (2-0), and on Sunday dropped the tournament finale against Transylvania University (2-0).

Centre College (2-0) scored its first goal when freshman Amy Hebbeler had a one on one situation with Belles senior goalkeeper Patty Duffy. Hebbeler scored the goal in the 29th minute, which ended up being the deciding goal as the Belles were shut out for the first time of the season. The goal would be the first of two for Hebbeler, who leads the Colonels with three.

Duffy also had eight saves in the contest for the Belles.

"Duffy had a tremendous competitive spirit," Belles coach Ryan Crabbe said before the game. "She has spent many extra hours on her own in order to get better at her position. Having a full season in 2008 and the number of minutes she played should translate into an advantage for her coming into the 2009 season that she did not have last year!"

Junior Corissa Hart and senior Colleen Ferguson both registered shots on goal for the Belles.

The Belles were dominated on offense in the game with Centre having a 30-3 advantage in shots, and a 7-3 advantage in corner kicks in the game.

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MLB
Norris comes back for a win

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HOUSTON — Rookie Bud Norris regrouped like a seasoned veteran after giving up Jimmy Rollins' leadoff homer Sunday.

The 24-year-old right-hander struck out six in six efficient innings for his first win in a month and Carlos Lee had a two-run single in the Houston Astros' 4-3 win over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Norris (4-3) allowed two runs and six hits to snap a personal three-game losing streak and earn his first victory since Aug. 12 at Florida. He had been hit hard since becoming the first rookie in Astros history to win his first three starts.

"They let you know where you stand a little bit," Norris said of his last three outings. "You kind of gather yourself, get back to the basics, just keep going at it and that's exactly what I did.

Michael Bourn stole two bases and scored twice for the Astros. Lance Berkman and Miguel Tejada each drove in a run, and Jose Valverde pitched a scoreless ninth for his 21st save in 25 chances.

The Astros, out of the NL playoff race, have won seven of their last eight home games.

"They keep playing all the time, they don't quit," manager Cecil Cooper said. "They play hard all the time.

Jimmy Rollins, Ben Francisco and Jayson Werth homered for the Phillies. Cole Hamels (8-9) gave up four runs and eight hits over six innings to lose for the fourth time in seven starts.

Rollins drove Norris' fourth pitch into the Astros' bullpen for his fourth leadoff homer of the season and No. 32 for his career. Norris then struck out two of the next four hitters.

"The first batter of the game is always a question mark," Norris said. "But I came back and the rest of the game, I pitched really well.

Hamels extended his scoreless streak to a career-best 21 innings before the first run allowed by Hamels came to the Astros in November 2007 as part of the Brad Lidge deal and are familiar with his abilities in the lead-off spot.

"With the type of speed he has, I think there's a reason he's been such a huge threat and a big player for their team," Hamels said.

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"It would have been a differen
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a battle rather than making those
mistakes," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "We can’t get down two goals to a
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Both goals stemmed from North Carolina’s six goals, five other goals
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Wrong foot

Team struggles in first game at Alumni Field

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Wearing green jerseys for the fifth time in program history, Notre Dame suffered a humbling defeat Friday night to top-ranked North Carolina. The No. 2 Irish returned to form with a 3-0 victory over UW-Milwaukee Sunday afternoon, finishing third in the Ion at Saint Mary’s Classic. Notre Dame (15-1) began its residence at Alumni Stadium with a 6-0 loss at the hands of the defending national champion Tar Heels (5-0). North Carolina set the Irish reeling with a goal only 23 seconds after the opening whistle. North Carolina scored again exactly six minutes later, put

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish men’s and women’s teams both opened their season with impressive showings at Friday’s Valparaiso Crusader Open. Both teams took home first place on both sides.

“Overall, the team ran very well,” sophomore Thomas Noel said. “We went into the race knowing that we would be setting the pace and got all of our runners up front with in about the first four hundred meters.” Both Irish men’s coach Joseph Piane and women’s coach Tim Connelly used the season-opening meet to test out a few of each team’s inexperienced but promising runners who could turn into key contributors as the season progresses.

“The kids that we raced were people that we thought needed experience,” Connelly said. “I thought they stepped up and competed really well.” In the men’s race, 10 of the first 11 finishers at Valparaiso’s Sunset Hills Park were wearing Irish blue and gold. Junior Spencer Carter (19:16), sophomore Kelly Lynch (19:20) and junior Matt Abernethy (19:22) took home the top three spots for Notre Dame, which totalled 15 points. Those efforts set the pace as the Irish outdistanced the University of Chicago, Valparaiso and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

The Irish women notched 26 points, beating Western Michigan, University of Chicago and Wisconsin-Green Bay. The Irish went 1-2 against cross-town rival Xavier, but fell Saturday to Michigan. There were a lot of things we didn’t execute overall as a team and that showed,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “We know some of the things we struggled with and are taking a step in the right direction. We’re also working on our passing because it was somewhat erratic. We can get better in both those areas.”

Senior outside hitter Serenity Phillips and sophomore libero Frenchy Silva were essential in the Irish win over the Musketeers Friday in its 3-0 win over Xavier.

Faced off with an exciting match against Muskingum where the belles eventually pulled it out see UncPage/17

by JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

No. 10 Notre Dame faced two of the powerhouse of college soccer this weekend and came out with mixed results, tying No. 3 Wake Forest, 1-1 and losing to No. 1 St. John’s 2-0 in Bloomington, Ind.

The Irish were competing in the adidas/U. Credit Union Classic, which pits many of the top teams in the nation against one another and gave Notre Dame an early gauge of where they stand against the best of the best.

The first game on Friday against Wake Forest saw a long battle that featured a penalty shot goal from senior midfielder Michael Thomas to tie the match in the 77th minute.

Senior defender John Schaefer heads the ball during Notre Dame’s 5-0 win over Michigan on Sept. 1.

The Irish were swept by No. 7 Michigan — Notre Dame’s second top-10 opponent in the past week — to finish their weekend 1-2 at the Xavier Invitational.

Notre Dame (3-3) was victorious Friday in its 3-0 win over Xavier, but fell Saturday to Tennessee.

“We fell short of what we wanted to do,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “We didn’t execute overall as a team to defeat Tennessee and Michigan. There were a lot of bright spots, we just need to put some things together.”

Xavier fell 3-1 to Michigan Saturday and 3-0 to Tennessee Sunday. The Wolverines won 3-0 for the weekend after starting off with a 3-1 defeat over the Lady Volunteers.

“They are all different style teams and that showed,” Brown said. “We know some of the things we struggled with was our passing. We know where we want to be and that and are taking a step in the right direction.”

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The No. 2 Irish return to top-ranked North Carolina. Notre Dame suffered a humility defeat Friday night to a squad to a third-place finish in the Capital University Opener Tournament, bringing the team’s overall record to 3-2. Following their straight-set loss in the season-opener against cross-town rival Beloit, the Belles won three out of four this weekend, with their only loss to the eventual champion DePauw University. They started the weekend off with an exciting match against Muskingum where the Belles eventually pulled it out...