Jenkins announces pro-life Task Force

By AARON STEINER

University President Fr. John Jenkins said Wednesday that Notre Dame will take steps "to witness to the sanctity of life" in light of the controversy that resulted from President Barack Obama's Commencement visit last May.

In an e-mail message to the Notre Dame community, Jenkins announced the formation of the Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life and wrote of his intention to join Notre Dame students in the national March for Life event in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22.

Jenkins wrote that the Task Force has been asked to "consider and recommend in me ways in which the University, informed by Catholic teaching, can support the sanctity of life."

The University, its administration and Jenkins specifically faced criticism last spring after inviting President Obama to Notre Dame to deliver the Commencement address and receive an honorary degree.

Jenkins also wrote in the e-mail that he hoped the Notre Dame community might "overcome divisions to foster constructive dialogue and work together for a cause that is at the heart of Notre Dame's mission."

The Task Force, according to the e-mail, has already begun considering ways to foster "serious and specific discussion about reasonable conscience clause, the most effective ways to support pregnant women... and the best policies for facilitating adoptions."

The Task Force is co-chaired by Margaret Brinig, professor of law and associate dean at the Law School, and John Cavadini, professor of theology and director of the Institute for Church Life.

Brinig said the Task Force has met and is currently learning about what University programs and groups exist deal with life issues.

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By JOSEPH MCMAHON

American News Editor

The class of 2013 has been touted as the most academically accomplished group in Notre Dame's history as well as the most diverse. The University has had in the past three years.

But despite the increase in overall diversity, this year's class was lacking in both black and international students.

"The success that we're having with Asians, Hispanics and Native Americans, we expect will continue," Director of Undergraduate Admissions Dan Saracino said. "Last year was our best year and we want to continue."

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This past weekend, I worked my first "late-night" shift at Reckers. Translation: I clocked in at one in the morning and left the building a little after five o'clock. My experience was entertaining to say the least.

Thanks to my lovely picture to the side of this column, some of you might even remember me as the girl who was standing behind the line cranking smoothies, or even ordering a smoothie, or even ordering a smoothie... I don't remember. My manager asked me if I had ever been at Reckers during the early morning hours. I guiltily responded that I had to which she replied, "Oh good, so you know that karma is going to be there and get you tonight." Great.

The night proceeded just as I had expected; the place was packed to the brim with students and I was, the constant observer, taking in all of the actions of my classmates as I tried not to mix up my smoothie orders and to avoid getting stuck at all costs (which was an epic fail on both accounts just in case you were wondering).

Did I mention that I was sick and merrily as all get out because I was almost rendered incapable of normal speech? Luckily my job entailed yelling out drink orders to a seriously impaired clientele; I do recall saying more than once that just because you were deaf, to which I received a nice pat on the back and a "Beyonce bounce. " When said bounce occurred was a bounce right onto the other side of the counter with you. Lucky for me, it was attempted in Reckers, all that was required was a "Beyonce bounce" to which the Spokesper Single Speaker Series and it is free and open to the public.

The basketball game between Notre Dame and Michigan State will be open to the public to walk through from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. today. This event is free.

Gregg Steinhaefer, CEO of Target will deliver a lecture in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mondavi College of Business at 10:40 a.m. today. The lecture is part of Mondavi's Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series and it is free and open to the public.

The football pep rally for the Notre Dame vs. Michigan State game will take place at 6 p.m. today at the new outdoor hospitality village south of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on the south edge of campus. It is free and open to the public.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will play DePaul at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Alumni Stadium. For ticket information call the athletic ticket office at 574-631-7356.

Finally spotted in action last month, Jones allegedly told rangers he threw the golf balls along park roads. Jones says he spent 370 hours doing property, littering and open to the public. Some of you have off we'll be standing on the other side of the counter with you. The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Molly Madden at mmadden3@nd.edu.

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IDB official discusses Latin American economy

Chief economist, head of research says financial situation in region improving but not ‘out of the woods’

By SCOTT ENGLERT
News Writer

“The worst seems to be over,” said Eduardo Lora, chief economist and head of research at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington, D.C., of the recent financial crisis in Latin America.

Lora, a native of Colombia, spoke Thursday night at the Hesburgh Center of International Studies on the impact of the financial crisis in Latin America.

“We are back to levels of risk similar to those before the crisis,” Lora said. “Prospects are clearly improving for Latin America...”

Lora noted the important role the United States’ economy plays in the economy of Latin America, citing the trade relations of the two regions. He indicated signs of financial improvement in a graph portraying the United States’ economy since the economic collapse last year.

“That’s a sign things are improving,” he said.

In addition to the United States, there are other important economic influences on Latin America.

“The world demand for manufacturing goods, commodity prices, cost of financial resources, amount of financial resources and remittances” were identified by Lora as the five primary “channels of influence on Latin America.”

Consequently, the future of Latin America will rest, at least in part, not only on the financial stability of the United States, but also on the stability of the entire world market.

“The game is not over,” Lora said. “We don’t know how fast the U.S. and world economies are going to grow.”

Though economies are beginning to show signs of revival, the United States and world economies are still relatively unstable. Latin America is plagued by a number of other factors, among which include the recent H1N1 virus outbreak (commonly known as swine flu). The disease, which has heavily impacted tourism, has taken a particularly harsh toll on Mexico.

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“In spite of the recovery, big risks are still present.”

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Mendoza's Dean Woo returns from Afghanistan and Pakistan

Special to The Observer

Names such as the Swat Valley in Pakistan and the Taliban are becoming increasingly familiar to Americans as Afghan and Pakistan regularly come under media scrutiny over the violence and conflict that continue to convulse the countries.

But for Carolyn Y. Woo, recently returned from a trip through both countries, the names and the headlines carry strong images of the people she met, often living in harsh poverty, but with a spirit of hospitality, enterprise and hope.

Woo, Martin J. Gillen dean of Notre Dame's College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, traveled through Afghanistan and Pakistan with representation from the college's Center for Social Entrepreneurship and the University's Office of Civic Engagement. She journeyed from major cities to rural villages, meeting with first-hand the organization's relief work aimed at improving nutrition, health, water resources and other significant needs. RS is the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops devoted to providing relief assistance where the need is in most countries.

Making the decision to go was a difficult one, because of the ongoing violence and insecurity, "Woo said. "But I felt that it was extremely important to visit these places, to meet the people and see where Catholic Relief Services is making life-changing differences in lives. And despite the challenges we encountered, there really are reasons to be encouraged.

During the trip, Woo visited Mardan, where thousands of students were making the journey between the Taliban and the Pakistani army stayed as they waited for the all-clear to go home. CRS has built thatched-roof shelters and provided training for the displaced people, and given them access to essentials, including mats for praying.

"As this is a farming area, space is required for the displaced people just camp on their relatives' land," Woo said. "One farmer we visited hosted nine families. This gave me a profound sense of what family and hospitality mean. While space is not a challenge, proper shelter and sanitation facilities are urgently needed."

Woo also spent time at a primary school in Pakistan's Kashur Mountains, which CRS built at the site of a previous disaster that occurred in 2005. In the remodeled village of Chagheharan, Afghanistan, she walked through wheat fields that are on terraces grown on formerly barren land with the help of CRS irrigation systems.

In Kabul, Woo visited the United Nations, meeting with a deputy ambassador and staff members to describe CRS's ongoing work. During her stay, Taliban militants fired missiles targeted at the international airport and other government buildings as a pre-election warning.

Though Woo primarily observed Catholic relief projects in Afghanistan, she also saw signs of economic rebuilding. Some CRS-sponsored projects involved burning poppy fields, where and other produce-growing crops that can replace the poppies grown for opium trade. Other ventures were smaller and entrepreneurial in nature, including a bakery headed by a woman who previously cared for her 5-year-old son to starvation.

"The work that Catholic Relief Services is doing in these countries is so vital," Woo said. "But there is a testimony here, too, for the power of business to change lives. As a business educator, I find this to be an increasingly important message to our students. Economic enterprises must continue to lead the way, not the other way around."

Woo assumed the deanship of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame in 1997. Her research focuses on strategy, entrepreneurship and organizational systems. She lectures regularly on individual integrity, ethical systems and corporate citizenship, and recently addressed U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the first Global Forum for Responsible Management Education. She holds honorary doctorates from the University of Francis and Providence College.

Woo was elected chair of the AACSB International, the global accreditation body for business schools in 2002. The Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame is home to about 300 students in the bachelor of business administration, master of business administration, executive master of business administration, master of science in accountancy and master of nonprofit administration programs. The business school was founded in 1921 as the College of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and became the Mendoza College of Business in 2000 as a result of a naming gift from Kathy and Tom Mendoza, a 1973 Notre Dame graduate and vice chairman at data technology company NetApp Inc.

The college's continuing mission is to build a premier Catholic business school capable of producing academic excellence and professional effectiveness, setting the standard for integrity in a context that strives to be faithful to the mission of the University of Notre Dame.

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Panel discusses U.S. Constitution

By Caitlyn Housley

Saint Mary's celebrated Constitution Day with "The Constitution Today — Three Perspectives," a panel designed to emphasize the importance of the document.

Panelists spoke on aspects of the Constitution that were most relevant to both their personal and work lives. Views on journalism, law and academia were combined to stress the universality of the document in today's society.

Panelists included Margaret Fosmoe, a Notre Dame graduate and reporter for the South Bend Tribune, Gerald E. Lukas, a First Amendment attorney, and Professor Michael Kramer of Communication Studies, Dance and Theatre at Saint Mary's.

Fosmoe admitted she has taken the Constitution for granted in the past.

But when reflecting on the issue as a panel member, she said she began to realize the importance of the document, especially regarding the freedoms it guarantees.

"We must always have faith in the Constitution," Kramer said. Both Lukas and Kramer stressed there are many more freedoms guaranteed to the people of the United States in the document in addition to those guaranteed by the First Amendment.

"There are 26 more fabulous ones," Lukas said. "Please read them."

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ND professor becomes Pioneer Award finalist

Special to The Observer

Ann Tenbrunsel, professor of management at the University of Notre Dame, has been named a finalist in the 2009 Faculty Pioneer Awards by the Center for Business Education (CBE) at the Aspen Institute.

The nomination program, dubbed the "Oscars of the business school world" by The Financial Times, celebrates business school instructors who have made a significant contribution to leadership and risk-taking in integrating ethical decision-making with academic and social issues into the MBA curriculum.

Tenbrunsel, the Arthur F. and Mary J. O'Neil Co-director of Notre Dame's Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide, conducts research on decision making and negotiations, with a particular emphasis on ethics. In recent papers, she has investigated the psychological processes of clawing fading, the cause and consequence of behavioral forecasting errors, the impacts of ethical infrastructures in organizations, and the feelings behind unneeded defection in social dilemmas. Tenbrunsel also was recognized as a finalist in the Aspen Institute's Faculty Pioneer Awards in 2008. "Professor Ann Tenbrunsel's research has probed the complicated nature of ethical decision-making that compromises an individual's ethical judgment and that helps us understand the phenomenon of ethical fading," said Carolyn Y. Woo, Martin J. Gillen dean of the Mendoza College of Business. "By so doing, her insights have challenged us not just to want to do the right thing, but actually to do it, and also to be mindful when self-rationalizing blunts our moral senses."

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"No one — including Americans — should take freedom for granted, even if it is guaranteed in the Constitution," Fosmoe said.

Lukas said the Supreme Court case New York Times v. Sullivan was a landmark case that determined a universality of libel regarding public officials.

But Lukas said a new problem is arising in today's society: the Internet, calling it the "New Frontier."

Kramer then emphasized the fact that the Constitution is still relevant today.

He referenced President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and noted that Lincoln related to the Constitution — almost 100 years after the Constitution was written — to prove the accuracy of his arguments, proving that the document still had merit a century after it was written.

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Police make arrest for Yale murder

University animal lab technician is charged; death of a case of "workplace violence"

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — As police charged a Yale animal lab technician with murdering a graduate student who worked in his building, a portrait began to emerge Thursday of an unpleasant stickler for the rules who often clashed with researchers and considered the mice cages his personal floo...

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LOCAL NEWS

Penrod treas. accused of theft

INDIANAPOLIS — The former volunteer treasurer of the American Civil War Reenactors Inc. of Indiana, who was accused of stealing more than $400,000 from the group, was arrested Thursday at the Penrod Art Fair at each September at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Associated Press

CAIBO — Two American couples who say they were trying to adopt children in Egypt were convicted of human trafficking and sentenced to ten years in prison Thursday in a case that highlighted the murky process of adopting in this predominantly Muslim country.

The case was first time such an adoption case has been tried in Egypt, and lawyers of the two couples have said Egypt was prosecuting because of U.S. pressure on the country to crack down on human trafficking. The couples were discovered when the U.S. Embassy in Cairo reported to authorities that it was suspicious of them after they tried to get their adopted children out of Egypt.

The four — Iris Betos and Louis Andros of Durham, North Carolina, and Egyptian-born Susan Hagouf and her husband Medhat Metays — were arrested in December and went on trial in May on charges of child trafficking and forgery. Andros, Hagouf and Metays — who are both from Egypt's Christian community — all held U.S. citizenship. Court documents said Betos, also an Egyptian Christian, holds U.S. residence.

The four were also ordered to pay a fine equivalent to around $18,000, each.

Betos and Andros adopted twin newborn boys, while Hagouf and Metays adopted a male toddler. They adopted them from a Cairo orphanage that allegedly gave them forged documents stating the children had been born to them.
Student Jordan Prebys contemplates a photograph in the “Thin” exhibit Thursday afternoon in O’Shaughnessy Hall.

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 awareness on a different level with more of an emotional connection that draws you in,” Staples said. “It helps people become aware of eating disorders as more than just a superficial thing.

Given that the exhibit has garnered so much discussion and controversy on campus illustrates the significance of the disease and its prevalence in current culture both here at Notre Dame and globally, she said.

“The creation of this exhibit obviously speaks to eating disorders and their prevalence,” Staples said. “It resonates with so many people because it’s hard not to be touched by this.”

Of the students who seek help at the counseling center, 10.3 percent list eating disorders and/or body image concerns as the presenting problem. Staples said this is consistent with previous years, with the lowest statistic at 9 percent and the highest at 12 percent.

The exhibit has been the object of both criticism and praise, Moriarty said.

“The question is how do you provide information but don’t encourage?” undergraduate student assistant for the Gender Relations Center Patrick Tighe said. “It is a fine line and we have to be mindful of this, making sure we provide the resources for people to go somewhere and talk about it.”

Moriarty said a visitor’s journal has become a medium for discussion and debate.

“The debate has been interesting with pros and cons, and dialogues between people in the exhibit’s visitor journal,” Moriarty said.

“This is exhibit is NOT ART!” wrote one visitor in the comment book, to which others responded “Yes it is!” and “May I ask what you do consider art?”

“Where are the men?” a respondent in the journal asked. “Art is something different to every person,” Staples said. “It makes people think and feel something. One of the aspects of being at a university is giving students the opportunity to learn.”

Moriarty said the exhibit is similar to highlighting former exhibits of war, destruction, poverty and death, which are considered art because they are “powerful images that stand together as a whole and have a message.”

“First you have to define art and then see if [the exhibit] fits,” Moriarty said. “No one who has made the argument that it is not art has first defined what art is.”

But Moriarty said an exhibit of this nature is likely to be controversial.

“We were hoping it would elicit discussion, conversation and argument, which it has,” Moriarty said.

He said “Thin” has been well-visited at the Snite over the past few weeks, as the discussion and debate continues over the issues surrounding the exhibit.

“I think it’s really powerful, as people walk through and they’re quiet and that’s a positive thing right there,” Staples said. “It helps people on our campus ask what are some things we can do to help.”

This exhibition was curated by the artist and Trudy Wilner Stack, and was organized by The Women’s Museum: An Institute for the Future, Dallas, Texas, and Greenfield/Evers, LLC.

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MIAMI — When Cesar Conde walks into a room, his youthful looks and earnest countenance have at times led people to con­ fuse the trim executive with an intern. But such confusion is increasingly rare. The 35-year-old was tapped last year to lead Univision Networks, the nation’s largest Spanish-language media empire. Its signature network regularly ranks fifth among all broadcast and cable networks, English or Spanish.

Conde, who takes over Oct. 1, is the Miami-born im­ pressario of Peruvian and Cuban immigrants who came to the U.S. “with absolutely nothing except the clothes they had on their back,” according to their son. He is also a Harvard graduate with an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania, embody­ ing not only the im­ pressive, but also the network’s future.

Conde was a bellwether of economic health, said his young age. “I believe a person’s early accomplishments are an important signal of their future success, and Cesar has had many of them. His sense of purpose and maturity allow him to lead by bringing out the best in those around him despite his young age.”

Univision, and Spanish­ language media in general, have long embraced advocacy journalism pro­ providing a “we’re on your side” ethos for its audi­ ence, but Conde is part of a new leadership looking to expand the tradition. “Our goal is to inform, entertain and empower the Hispanic community,” Conde recently told the AP from his new Miami office. “But it’s that third one, of empowerment, that I feel can really solid­ ify our unique connection with our audience.”

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Besides the signature Univision network, Conde also oversees the compa­ ny’s cable channel, Galavisión, and its smaller network, TeleFutura.

FedEx first-quarter earnings fall

In late July its larger rival — UPS Int. — said its second-quarter profit sank 49 percent and warned that its near-term outlook probably wouldn’t be any better. FedEx said sales were still hurt by the soft economy, as people ship fewer packages and lower fuel surcharges — fees passed on to customers based on the price of fuel.

In its Express segment, U.S. pack­ age revenue fell 22 percent on lighter and less expensive packages and lower fuel fees. But the number of packages FedEx shipped domestically grew slightly.

FedEx’s Ground segment revenue fell 2 percent and average daily volume slipped 1 percent.

In Brief

EU officials to press U.S. on bonuses

BRUSSELS — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown expressed confidence Thursday that leaders of rich and poor nations will agree next week on global oversight of banks and other financial institutions that will include limits on bankers’ bonuses.

“There is no going back to the bonus struc­ ture of the past,” Brown said before a summit meeting of rich and poor nations will include on limiting bonuses — is at hand.

But the Wichita-based organization has also been down 30 to 40 percent. Newman, who chairs the group, told reporters. “It is time to say ‘enough is enough’,”

Media president embodies future

Cesar Conde to oversee largest Spanish-language media empire in the nation

Associated Press

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Anti-abortion group broke

WICHITA — Operation Rescue, one of the nation’s highest-profile groups in the anti­abortion movement, has told its supporters it is facing a “major financial crisis” and is very close to shutting down unless emergency help arrives soon.

The group’s president, Troy Newman, blamed the economic downturn for its money woes in a letter to the media in Doral, Fla. about the future of the network on Sept. 31.

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they were offered spots at other top college. "They are going to excellent, Ivy League-type schools," he said. "We're up against tough competition."

Jarred Carter, president of Wabruada, the black men's association on campus, said he knew of many students who chose to attend other top-notch universities over Notre Dame. "As far as prestige-wise, just based off the name, a lot of kids are going to choose Ivy League schools," he said.

President of the African Students Association Brigitte Githinji said the difficulty of obtaining financial aid at Notre Dame forces many black students to choose other institutions. "If you're going to stipulate that they have to follow all these rules before they can get the package, they're going to go to other schools where they are getting full rides," she said.

Saracino said the administration remains committed to meeting the full need of anyone who is accepted to Notre Dame, something that has helped the school become more diverse over the years. "It wouldn't be possible without the incredible commitment of the administration here, including University President Fr. John Jenkins, to financial aid," he said.

Saracino also said the University has just instituted the new Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars Program, which has an endowment of $32 million. The program will provide 20 top students in Notre Dame's incoming class with $25,000 annually. "It will be based on academics and it will be students who we believe have the potential to be transformational leaders," he said. "We want someone who is really going to make a difference ... We want someone like a Fr. Hesburgh."

Saracino said as the University has become more diverse, it was natural they would also have to increase the funds for financial aid. "The University is still trying to increase the amount of aid for needy students because we are increasing the amount of students that need money," he said.

However, another problem for prospective black students is that there are not many other black students currently here. "We still don't have that critical mass of African-American students where recruiting becomes a little bit easier," Saracino said. "Right now I think, because we don't have that critical mass, there are some students who are just saying, "It's too white for me.""

Carter said one shocking statistic was only 69 members of the current freshman class are black, and 11 of those are athletes. "What kind of message does that send?" he said.

Saracino said recruiters are already actively recruiting black students in Chicago and New Orleans, and events featuring prominent alumni and current students are being planned for those cities. "Chicago is our backyard," he said. "And we've always been getting African Americans out of New Orleans and it is a high percentage of Catholic African Americans."

Saracino also said alumni are crucial to all recruiting efforts. "The alumni can help us more by personally contacting the students in their area who would be thinking of Notre Dame," he said. "Alumni locally have to help and, with greater contact over the course of the year, we think that we can boost the yields."

Saracino said the University has also stepped up efforts recruiting internationally. Traditionally, Notre Dame has only recruited in Latin America and some Asian countries, but this year marks the first time recruiters are targeting Europe.

"We have a person who is working out of Paris ... and she is going to Ireland, London, Spain, France and Germany," he said.

Saracino said he would like to increase the number of minority students to 25 percent next year, with 4 percent black students and 4 percent international.

"That would be a goal, and if we could go past that it would be great," he said.

Long-term, Saracino said he would like to see Notre Dame's student body composed of 30 percent minority students and 4 percent international.

"The University expects that of us — building a class that is stronger and more diverse each year," he said. "The alumni can help us more by personally contacting the students in their area who want to change Notre Dame, we're trying to make it a better Notre Dame."
Pelosi: Health care rhetoric troubling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday that the anti-government rhetoric over President Barack Obama's health care reform effort is troubling because it reminds her of the violent debate over gay rights that roiled San Francisco in the 1970s.

Anyone voicing hateful or violent rhetoric, she told reporters, must take responsibility for the results.

"I have concerns about some of the language that is being used because I saw this myself in the late 70s in San Francisco," Pelosi said, suddenly speaking quietly. "This kind of rhetoric was very frightening" and created a climate in which violence took place, she said.

Former San Francisco Supervisor Dan White was convicted of the 1978 murders of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay rights activist. Other gay rights activists and others at the time saw a link between the assassinations and the violent debate over gay rights that had preceded them for years.

During a rambling confession, White was quoted as saying, "I saw the city as going kind of downhill." His lawyers argued that he was mentally ill at the time. White committed suicide in 1985.

Pelosi is part of a generation of California Democrats on whom the assassinations had a searing effect. A resident of San Francisco, Pelosi had been a Democratic activist for years and knew Milk and Moscone. At the time of their murders, she was serving as chairwoman of her party in the northern part of the state.

On Thursday, Pelosi was answering a question about whether the current vitriol concerned her. The questioner did not refer to the murders of Milk and Moscone, or the turmoil in San Francisco three decades ago. Pelosi referenced those events on her own and grew uncharacteristically emotional.

"I wish that we would all, again, curb our enthusiasm in some of the statements that are made," Pelosi said. Some of the people hearing the message "are not as balanced as the person making the statement might assume," she said.

"Our country is great because people can say what they think and they believe," she added. "But I also think that they have to take responsibility for any incitement that they may cause."

Pelosi's office did not immediately respond to a request for examples of contemporary statements that reminded the speaker of the rhetoric of 1970s San Francisco.

The public anger during health care town hall meetings in August spilled into the House last week when South Carolina Republican Joe Wilson shouted "You lie!" at Obama, the nation's first black president, during his speech. On a largely party-line vote, the House reprimanded Wilson.
Tuesday's problems.  

Associated Press  
COLUMBUS — Lawyers plan state and federal lawsuits and a request to Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland to stop next week's unprecedented second execution attempt of a man whose lethal injection failed on Tuesday.

Cleveland attorney Tim Sweeney said Thursday that he expects lawsuits to be filed no later than Friday in an effort to halt the next attempt to put Romell Broom to death.

Sweeney argued that a second try at an execution is unconstitutional. At the very least, he said, Strickland should further delay Tuesday's execution.

Broom "sustained both physical and mental injuries," Sweeney said. "It's going to take time for all the psychic trauma to dissipate. Even if it never goes away, I think it's wrong to try to do it again so quickly in these circumstances."

Strickland stopped Broom's execution after executioners tried unsuccessfully for two hours to find a usable vein. Broom, who at one point wiped his face with a tissue and appeared to be weeping, told his attorneys he was pricked as many as 18 times.

Broom, 53, was sentenced to die for the rape and stabbing death of a 14-year-old Tryna Middleton, a girl he kidnapped in Cleveland in 1984.

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Bill Mason said it was ironical that Broom was complaining about the execution given the nature of his crime.

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Broom remains at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, where the prison system is monitoring how much he's drinking, said prison spokeswoman Julie Walburn. Officials want to make sure Broom is not dehydrated before the execution, but they can't force him to drink more, she said.

Dehydration could make it more difficult to find veins, however. Walburn said there's no evidence that caused Tuesday's problems.

Another execution attempt could include the same veins they tried accessing Tuesday or other points on his arms, legs or feet, Walburn said.

Late Thursday, U.S. District Court Judge Gregory Frost agreed to give lawyers challenging Ohio's lethal injection system in an unrelated lawsuit more time to gather information related to the Broom case. Their original deadline for gathering information had passed.

Federal public defender David Stiehler, who's working on the earlier lawsuit, said he plans to interview Broom on Monday in the Southern Ohio facility in Lucasville.

The fact that Broom survived the execution "creates a singular opportunity to confirm that he, in fact, experienced serious pain in violation of his constitutional rights, not just a 'substantial risk' of serious pain," Stiehler wrote in a court filing.

Justice Felix Frankfurter, a swing vote in the court's 1947 decision, also said a different set of facts could have led to a different decision.

Those facts could include "a series of abortive attempts at electrocution," he wrote.

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 failed Ohio execution causes controversy

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Spanish Judge Indicts Three Alleged Ex-Nazis

Associated Press

MADRID — A Spanish judge on Thursday indicted three alleged ex-Nazis — death camp guards who all lived for many years in the United States — for being accessories to genocide and crimes against humanity.

Justice Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt, speaking on Friday in Washington, said that while he welcomed the eventual extradition of the men to Spain, he was angry at their successful efforts to avoid justice.

"The bonus bubble burst tonight," said Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt, whose country holds the EU presidency. "We have agreed to say that enough is enough and we need to move away from the current culture of compensation based on short-term performance."

"They came during a meeting to decide what European nations will push for at talks between rich and developing nations at the Group of 20 summit in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Sept. 24-25," Reinfeldt said.

Neither Sarkozy nor Reinfeldt gave details of the kinds of bonus cap Europe is seeking. An earlier draft of a joint statement was issued called for G-20 nations to ensure bankers' pay is linked to how well their business is performing.

"We commend the European leaders," said Efraim Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Israel. "We commend the EU leaders for making a brave effort to urgently make ambitious commitments to deeper cuts."

"Jails are born in 1925. They are both mentally and physically incompetent," Thế sai Vì. "The延安 has to go on having an enormous amount of problems taking care of these people."

He said they were simple guards forced into service who "stood out in the rain, watched the snow come down, went to the kitchen, ate, and were war criminal. They hated it." Leprich is from Macomb County's Clinton Township, near Detroit.

The third man, who acted in part under Spain's observance of the principle of universal jurisdiction, which allows particularly heinous crimes such as genocide, torture or terrorism to be prosecuted in Spain even if they are alleged to have been committed elsewhere.

He also acted because thousands of Spaniards were among the millions who died in Nazi concentration camps. Moreno has been investigating Nazi activities for months, at the request of several Spaniards who survived their ordeal.

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Britain's Gordon Brown said European leaders must be forceful enough to convince Obama to agree to cap bankers' bonuses, and must also make a bigger effort on an ambitious climate change pact.

Former U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday backed their call for rich and developing nations to cap bankers' pay and to impose deeper cuts on emissions for a new global climate change pact.

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U.S. authorities have been investigating the German guards for years to deport them but found no country willing to take them in until Kumpf was deported to Austria in March. Tittjung, born in what is now Croatia, lives in Kewaunee, Wisconsin, and Romanian-born Leprich lives near Detroit, Michigan. Both were born in 1925.

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Mass. House of Reps. passes Kennedy replacement bill

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Massachusetts House of Representatives has approved a bill allowing Gov. Deval Patrick to name an interim appointment to the Senate seat left vacant by the death of Edward Kennedy.

The House voted 95-58 in favor of the bill Thursday evening. The bill now moves to the Massachusetts Senate.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo, a Democrat, said the change is needed to ensure Massachusetts continues to be represented by two senators until voters can choose a replacement during a Jan. 19 special election.

“I just want to make sure that Massachusetts has a say,” said DeLeo, who supports the change.

“With Senator Kennedy passed away we started (with) the law that was on the books and we shouldn’t be changing the law midstream,” said House Republican leader Rep. Bradley H. Jones Jr. “Everything else is ancillary and extraneous to that.”

Kennedy died of brain cancer on Aug. 25.

Rep. Michael Moran, House chairman of the Committee on Election Laws, said lawmakers shouldn’t be handcuffed by past votes if they are not in the best interest of the state.

“I ask you to focus on the needs of Massachusetts not in 2004, but in 2009,” the Boston Democrat said.

Other Democratic lawmakers conceded a political motive in the vote, saying they wanted to protect Kennedy’s legacy, including his signature issue of expanded health care.

“Some people say it’s political. Of course it’s political,” said Rep. Gary Aiken, a Concord Democrat and Kennedy supporter.

The bill initially would have required the appointee be from the same party as the person who created the vacancy, a Democrat in the case of Kennedy’s successor.

That requirement was stripped after critics raised constitutional concerns and noted that more than half of voters in Massachusetts aren’t enrolled in any party and would be barred from consideration.

Kennedy, in a letter sent to lawmakers before his death, urged the change in law saying “it is vital for this Commonwealth to have two voices speaking for the needs of its citizens.”

The debate is being followed closely in Washington, where Democrats hope to regain a 60-vote, filibuster-proof margin in the U.S. Senate ahead of any debate on President Obama’s health care overhaul.

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Massachusetts’ all-Democratic delegation to the U.S. House also back the change, saying they need all the votes they can to support the health care change.

Obama presidential counselor David Axelrod has contacted Massachusetts officials, according to the Boston Globe.

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Living lives of Purpose and Joy

Texas debates civil rights lessons in schools

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Minority activists urged Texas education officials on Thursday to not minimize the importance of civil rights leaders Cesar Chavez and Thurgood Marshall in public schools.

The State Board of Education heard testimony in a plan to update the social studies requirements for the state’s 4.6 million K-12 students. Two members of a board-appointed advisory panel had suggested removing Chavez and Marshall from some grades’ curriculum, triggering a strong backlash from civil rights groups, teachers and parents statewide.

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Chavez should be moved from a school’s social studies book, he said, adding that no one on the board wanted to delist Chavez or Marshall. “This is our first meeting in the process.”

Final standards for the 2011-12 school year won’t be adopted until May and are expected to change several times before then. The standards will be used to develop state tests and will be the basis for many textbook publishers who develop material used across the country.

The standards will remain in place for the next decade, dictating what is taught in government, history and other social studies classes in public schools.

Supporters argued that Chavez shouldn’t be taken out of fifth grade classes as suggested because he greatly improved conditions for Hispanic farm workers. Critics said he lacked the stature and impact to be listed next to the likes of Benjamin Franklin.

Lowe said the board would likely side with some teachers and other groups that said Chavez should be moved from a list of model citizens, which includes Franklin, to a list of people who contributed to society, such as Rosa Parks and civil rights leaders Martin Luther King Jr.

A member of the advisory panel also criticized Marshall’s inclusion, saying he wasn’t a strong enough figure in the civil rights movement to merit stronger reference.
Go and see "Thin" by Lauren Greenfield. Some believe these images are exploitative and simply a cheap shock tactic used to gain attention. However, I believe you will — and maybe it is a combination of all three — go and see the exhibit because the images of these women are real.

The exhibit, displayed by the Snite Museum of Art from Aug. 2 - Oct. 18, has garnered attention on campus and has received both criticism and praise for the images of females suffering from eating disorders.

Greenfield took most of the photographs at the Renfrew Center, a treatment facility for individuals with eating disorders from 2004 to 2006. "While taking my photographs, the documentary investigates the process of treatment, the culture of rehab, the cycle of addiction and the unique relationships, rules and rituals that define everyday life within the institution that is their temporary home," Greenfield says of the project on her Web site. "What emerges is a portrait of an illness that is frustrating in its complexity and tenacity, and shattering in the pain it inflicts on its sufferers and their loved ones."

The Renfrew Center has 10 facilities nationwide. Greenfield collected the material for the exhibit at the facility in Coconut Creek, Fla.

The material in the exhibit is dealt with honestly and sensitively. The women tell their stories, and their accounts are dated and not photoshopped.

The viewer can then read about the experiences of the women in the photographs, giving the sometimes-shocking images a context. The exhibit is disturbing. The art confronts the viewer with images and stories of women that cut themselves. The viewer witnesses the pain of paralyzing guilt; hair loss, disfigurement; the severe emotional problems associated with their eating disorders. It is ugly and disconcerting, but it is true.

Yet some of the photographs and stories in the exhibit are hopeful. Greenfield does not simply display images of emaciated girls for the sake of shocking her audience. She also displays the entire process of the eating disorder, including the recovery stages.

Some photos show the progress of women who have gone through treatment at Renfrew and are approaching a healthy weight. Some of the women talk about how they are recovering because of the treatment they received and are gradually learning to accept their body.

So while students may not agree with the display of images of anorexic and bulimic girls, there is undoubtedly something to learn from this exhibit.

The National Eating Disorders Association estimates 10 million females and one million males are fighting a life-and-death battle with an eating disorder, generally anorexia or bulimia.

Greenfield states on her Web site that eating disorders affect one in seven American women.

At Notre Dame, the students who seek help at the University Counseling Center, 10.3 percent list eating disorders and/or body image concerns as their reason for seeking help, according to Valerie Staples, coordinator of Eating Disorder Services at the Center.

As eating disorders are a problem both nationally and on campus, gaining a better understanding of the disorders only yields a better-educated and more sensitive student body.

Regardless of Greenfield's method, the exhibit is a way for students to educate themselves about the reality of eating disorders.

Some photographs are shocking, but they are a reality that plagues the women in the photographs as well as students on campus.

Greenfield sought her reader's input about women who fought an eating disorder. See photographs of these women, empathize with them and learn about the problem.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New music on student radio

As the staff of WSND 88.9 FM, we were pleased to see the article tracing the history and mission of our station. At the same time, we feel this story lacks exploring the campus to the greater South Bend community.

In that spirit, however, we took it upon ourselves to begin our own musical programming. The viewer can then read about the experiences of the women in the photograph.
In this column, "The Notre Dame They Know," I will interview individuals who have been influenced by the University of Notre Dame.

I will seek to discover the unique role that Notre Dame has played in their life and vocational journey.

For this column, I will interview someone who is a busy young professional on the road to success. Their name is Sarah Johnson.

The lamp hanging above the Lyons Hall Arch glows orange in the early evening as students bustle beneath the yellow-bricked dormitory on their way across campus.

Through the old wooden door on the left, and down a flight of stairs into the basement, a room marked with a red nameplate stands as a haven.

Inside, a small bookshelf doubles as a makeshift altar with a picture of Veronica's Veil laid to the wall above. The mirror over the sink is covered in brown paper. On a wooden chair, Sarah's stethoscope hangs in an easy smile that goes way more than my deep thoughts. Sarah lets her story.

"I was born in Michigan, and attended Marion High School. I decided to go to Notre Dame because I thought it was pretty and liked that it was Catholic. When I first came here I wanted to be a sociology student...but my parents were doing all kind of crazy things and..." Sarah said."

"Then I knew that I wanted my whole life to revolve around Christ. Responding to this sense of vocation, Sarah served with the Missionaries of Charity the summer after her freshman year.

“When I got back to Notre Dame, I was praying about it a lot, and I discovered that this vocation was not my vocation.

“I realized that Christianity is not only about helping people..." Sarah said. “It means sense unless Christ and prayer and becoming God are your goals.

“The world gets so caught up in these things..." Sarah said. “That's the only thing we should be doing.

“I've always been struck by the verse in the Gospel that says, 'Without me you can do nothing.'

“Then I saw how much our life, that I...” Sarah concluded. “But I've already set my will to do this. I have to give You everything!"
Music They Should Play at Finny’s or Dorm Dance Party Playlist

By: Szymon Ryzner

1. Lights & Music – Cut Copy
2. 19-200 – Gorillaz (Soulichild Remix)
3. Blind – Hercules and Love Affair
4. Estelle vs. The Ting Tings – The Hood Internet
5. Can I Get Get Get – Junior Senior
7. Run Away – Real McCoy
8. We Are Your Friends – Justice vs. Simian
9. Pianoo – Eric Prydz
10. Ready for the Floor – Hot Chip

Notre Dame, it is time to put on your dancing shoes and pants and start flailing those appendages. Whether you flashdance at Finny’s or get down in your dorm room, these tracks will get your feet moving.

Trouble the Water @ DPAC, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.
“Trouble on the Water” offers a new perspective of Hurricane Katrina which few have been exposed to. It focuses on a couple, Kim and Scott, who document their experiences through this harrowing time. Beginning a day before the storm hits, the film tracks Kim and Scott’s journey to higher ground, their return to New Orleans and their attempts to find friends and neighbors. Part home movie, part documentary, this film is sure to offer an entirely new perspective on a defining disaster in America’s recent memory.

Total Request Fortnight @ Washington Hall, 9:30 p.m.
Put on by Fortnight Productions, Total Request Fortnight will feature live performances of songs requested by the students. Fortnight Productions is a student group sponsored by Student Activities Office. In the past, they have performed the musical “Titanic” and a show titled “Songs from the 2009 Broadway Season.” Practicing all pieces for a mere two weeks, Fortnight Productions works to allow otherwise busy students an opportunity to participate in musical theatre. This is sure to be an excellent show.

Best of Chicago End Zone @ Student Center, 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.
After every home game, the Student Activities Office sponsors End Zone, a themed party of sorts which always included music, food. The theme for this week’s End Zone is “Best of Chicago.” There will be live jazz music, food from different restaurants in Chicago, door prizes and more. You are welcome to drop by anytime between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. to take part in the fun. Also, look for more exciting End Zone themes in the future.

Departures @ DPAC, 3 p.m.
Sunday, DPAC is showing the noteworthy foreign “Departures,” winner of the 2009 Academy Award for best foreign film. It is set in Japan and centers on a professional cellist, Daigo, whose orchestra loses funding. He is forced to move to his hometown in order to find employment. He takes a job titled Departures, believing it to be at a travel agency, but comes to discover that it is actually the Japanese equivalent of an embalmer. Daigo’s wife and friends do not approve of the morbid job, but Daigo begins to find a certain sense of enjoyment and fulfillment from his new position. He takes pride in his role in helping the dead find peace in their next life as well as helping families through this difficult time. With its multilayered story-line and intriguing characters, “Departures” is sure to be touching on multiple levels.

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"Harry Potter" is not based on anything ND-related. Shocking, I know. But I have heard (or more than once or twice) students passionately claiming that Notre Dame South Dining Hall provided the inspiration for J.K. Rowling's Hogwartian Great Hall. In whichever tour guide tried to fool unsuspecting tourists with this little false factoid: You're an idiot. And, given my true inspiration for the magical eatery lies somewhere across the pond. And, no matter how many times you've visited Notre Dame. And, given my South Dining Hall is becoming as ND as complaining about the winters in South Bend and losing winnable games in football.

And, no one wants to see them bring onto these hallowed halls. Without their bright red lipstick and puffy red eyes, they tried to defend our work which all too resembled the design that has made fashion history for Notre Dame. And, though not always in her Steele heels (while pregnant) and too-tight dresses.

And, of course, there have been the epic meltdowns. No one wants to see the judges melt down their own students. And, they don't need to. We don't need to perpetuate this aura of self-importance by forcing ourselves into the Harry Potter world? I'm fighting a losing battle here, I know. Comparing Notre Dame really has enough influence to show up in "Harry Potter" (although I've received word that admissions encourages spreading this rumor) the rest of the student body is just as culpable in overusing this far-from-adequate comparison. I know Notre Dame can find references to itself every time I write about the winters in South Bend and losing winnable games in football.

And, no one wants to see our design look like Barefoot Appalachian Lil' Abner. Or, our selection of Christchurch pasta. Everything and anything has been featured on "Project Runway," with no material too eccentric for the show. Fabrics ranging from elegant chiffon to plants and flowers have been seen on runways. It's JUST like in "Harry Potter"! No. It's more like "Rudy." And, Andrae Gonzalo wept profusely during the final challenge. And, Tim Gunn would try to defend her work which all too resembled the designer that has made fashion history for Notre Dame. And, though not always in her Steele heels (while pregnant) and too-tight dresses.

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NBA

James to star in Universal Studios comedy

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James is leaving Cleveland — for Hollywood.

The Cavaliers superstar and reigning NBA MVP will make his feature film debut by playing himself in an upcoming comedy.

James will appear in "Fantasy Basketball Camp" by Universal Pictures. The movie is about five guys from different backgrounds who come to Las Vegas to live out their fantasy by attending James' basketball camp. Production will begin next summer, when James can become a free agent.

James is experienced in front of the camera. Along with appearing in numerous TV commercials, he has hosted "Saturday Night Live."

Producer Brian Grazer is convinced the All-Star forward can make the transition to the big screen, as rapper Eminem did in "8 Mile." Grazer also produced that picture.

"I initially sought LeBron out because my 8-year-old hosted "Saturday Night Live," and saw hissy by attending his team's latest Central lead over second-last seven games against the innocs in a 9-2 victory out because my 8-year-old

MLB

Division-leading Tigers drop game to last-place Royals

Kansas City ace Zach Greinke injured in 5th, earns 14th victory of the season; Jackson gives up five in loss

Associated Press

DETROIT — Jim Leyland was unhappy.

Leaning back in his chair with his feet propped up on the desk, and a look of disdain on his face, the manager didn't relish discussing his team's latest loss to last-place Kansas City.

"There's no excuses," he said.

Zack Greinke lowered his major-league-leading ERA to 2.14 with five scoreless innings and a 9-2 victory Thursday over the Tigers.

Kansas City, an AL-worst 59-87, has won six of its last seven games against the Tigers (78-68), whose AL Central lead over second-place Minnesota (74-72) was cut to four.

Detroit starts a three-game series at the Metrodome on Friday. "It's going to be a playoff atmosphere," Detroit's Brandon Inge said.

Greinke (14-8) gave up three hits, struck out eight and walked one. He has allowed only one earned run in his past four starts, lowering his ERA from 2.43.

Miguel Olivo and Josh Anderson hit three-run homers for the Royals, and Willie Bloomquist had four hits.

Greinke struck out two in the first, helped by three Tiger errors in the second. The only real trouble he faced was in the fourth, when the right-hander was struck on the upper arm by a line drive off the bat of Miguel Cabrera. Greinke gathered himself and told the friend Cabrera at first, then needed several warmup pitches and a visit from a trainer before he continued.

"When I started warming up, I didn't have any control, so I told Troy that I needed more pitches," he said, referring to manager Troy Hillman. "Once I got used to it, I was able to get my fastball over and the off-speed pitches were fine. I wasn't scared - the only thing that scares me is getting hit in the face."

Hillman said X-rays were taken. "They were negative, and the team will monitor Greinke during the next several days."

"That was a scary moment for me, and I'm sure for anyone who cares about Zack Greinke. We didn't know what we would see when we got out there, but that's the arm that he makes his money with, so we were concerned," Hillman said. "At first, his arm was numb, so the pitchers were wild, but once the blood got running, he got his control back. We had six or seven sets of eyes on him, and if anything had changed, he was coming out of the game."

Hillman removed his ace after 77 pitches, 46 for strikes.

"I never want to only go five, but it was the right move, because I didn't feel like I was pitching very well in the fifth," Greinke said. "Before I got hit, I thought I was good, though. I had great command."

Edwin Jackson (12-7), like Greinke a member of the AL-All-Star team, gave up five runs and six hits in five innings.

Leyland said Jackson's outing was "not very good," and he's concerned about the right-hander's troubles with his slider.

Jackson conceded the pitch hasn't worked in some games, but that fatigue isn't the issue.

"Maybe (I'm) rushing a little bit," he said.

Alberto Callaspo hit a two-out, two-run double in the first, a ball just out of the reach of center fielder Curtis Granderson. Oliver's 21st homer made it 5-8 in the third and Anderson - acquired from Detroit on July 30 - connected in the sixth off Armando Galarraga for his first homer since hitting two for Atlanta against Houston's Brandon Backe on Sept. 27 last year.

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It can't happen, then what have I been working for?

I must have a trustworthy face. I think it's my low cheekbones.

Cleveland's LeBron James talks with Chris Paul at the premier of "More Than A Game" in Akron, Ohio, on Aug. 20. James will play himself in the upcoming comedy "Fantasy Basketball Camp."
**NBA officials pessimistic about lockout**

NEW YORK — The lead negotiator and spokesman for the NBA's referees union said Thursday a lockout appears "imminent and unavoidable" following the latest breakdown in talks. Lamel McMorris said the officials made another $1 million in concessions in their proposal, but believes it's evident the league is not interested in further discussions. The officials then headed home after spending the last 24 hours meeting in Chicago.

As a result, the NBA and its officials have said they will be locked out by the league "has made pretty clear they have a goal they are trying to achieve as it relates to these long-term benefits." All 32 active referees arrived in Chicago on Wednesday, meeting for more than seven hours and unanimously rejecting a proposal the league made earlier that day. McMorris said the officials reconvened early Thursday morning to finalize the counterproposal they made to the league.

Talks previously broke down after NBA commissioner David Stern ended a meeting in New York, saying the officials had reneged on previously agreed to terms. McMorris sounded hopeful of a deal Wednesday night, but little progress was made in Thursday's talks.

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Former Detroit coach dies at 72

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Associated Press

DETROIT — Monte Clark, who coached the Detroit Lions for seven years and led them to the playoffs in 1982 and 1983, has died. He was 72.

He died Wednesday night at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, the team said Thursday. He had a bone marrow malignancy associated with lung and liver disease.

Clark was the offensive line coach for the Miami Dolphins team that went 17-0 in 1972. He became the Lions' coach in 1978.

"Monte will always be remembered as a consummate football man," Lions president Tom Lewand said. "He knew football inside and out, and had a passion for it. He played the game at a high level and had success wherever he coached."

Under Clark, the Lions went 43-63-1 and made back-to-back postseason appearances for the first time since their three straight playoff runs from 1992-94. The Lions lost both games.

Seven players were named to 14 Pro Bowls during Clark's stay in Detroit, including Herman Al "Bubba" Baker, running back Billy Sims and kicker Eddie Murray.

Clark was born in Kingsburg, Calif., and starred as an offensive linemen at Southern California before San Francisco drafted him in 1959. He spent three seasons with the 49ers and one with the Dallas Cowboys before playing for the Cleveland Browns from 1963-69.

Clark served as an assistant in Miami from 1970-75 before becoming head coach in San Francisco in 1976, leading the 49ers to an 8-6 record.

Don Shula, whose 26 years as coach in Miami included the perfect 1972 season, called Clark an "outstanding coach."

"Monte was an outstanding teacher and knew how to present information to his players in a way that made it interesting and exciting for them," he said in a statement released by the Dolphins.

Clark also was on Shula's staff when Miami again won the Super Bowl in 1973. After his coaching stints in San Francisco and Detroit, Clark returned to Miami as director of pro personnel in 1990.

Clark served as offensive line coach at Stanford in 1993-94 and was Miami's offensive line coach in 1995, Shula's final season as coach of the Dolphins. He spent the next two seasons as offensive line coach at Cal-Berkeley and joined the Lions that year as an assistant.

After his coaching career, Clark was a football broadcaster in Detroit and color analyst for the University of Michigan. He was a sideline reporter for the Michigan State radio network in 1992.

Survivors include Clark's wife of 52 years, Charlotte, three sons and eight grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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NFL

Gonzalez out up to eight weeks

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Anthony Gonzalez may be out longer than the Colts first feared and they appear to have a replacement for him, too.

Coach Jim Caldwell said the third-year receiver could miss up to two months after spraining ligaments in his right knee during Sunday's 14-12 victory over Jacksonville.

Indy has signed former Philadelphia receiver Hank Baskett to take Gonzalez's place, and three-time league MVP Peyton Manning hopes he can find his way around the offense fast. The team made the announcement following Thursday's practice.

"Hopefully we can catch him up as soon as possible," Manning said. "It's a lot of offense to learn in a couple of days but he's a veteran, so he could help us."

The Colts play Miami on Monday night.

Team president Bill Polian said this past Monday that the Colts would only sign a veteran receiver if Gonzalez was expected to miss more than four weeks. The next day, in an interview on NFL Network, Polian acknowledged Gonzalez was going to get a second opinion on the injured knee.

Caldwell did not provide any new details about the injury Thursday other than to say: "It could be two to between six and eight weeks."

Initial reports indicated Gonzalez would not miss more than six weeks.

Losing Gonzalez for an extended period is a big blow to the Colts, who expected their 2007 first-round draft pick to replace Marvin Harrison, the franchise's career receiving leader, in the starting lineup this season. Harrison was released in a cost-cutting move in February and remains a free agent.

Gonzalez and Harrison put up nearly identical numbers last season, and the Colts thought Gonzalez was headed for a breakout year until he stepped across the line of scrimmage late in the first quarter Sunday and crumpled to the ground without touching another player.

The injury left the Colts (1-0) thin at receiver. Aside from Reggie Wayne, the only other healthy receivers on the roster are second-year pro Pierre Garcon and rookie Austin Collie, a fourth-round draft pick from Brigham Young.
Hamels takes perfect game into sixth in win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Cole Hamels is again pitching like Philadelphia's October ace.

Hamels has turned his season around and led the way for another postseason run.

Hamels took a perfect game into the sixth inning, allowing one run on five hits and striking out ten in victory over Nationals in Washington Nationals on Thursday night.

"I think you have to enjoy it," Hamels said. "Sometimes, the games get a little bit more meaningful. The fans know it, we know it. It's just going out there and doing what we know best."

Hamels (10-9), the MVP of last season's NL championship series and World Series, allowed one run and five hits in eight strong innings. He even chipped in with an opposite-field RBI single to help the Phillies win their fifth straight game.

"There's nothing better than pitching at home in September," he said. "The fans are great and it kind of gives you that extra motivation."

Hamels was as sharp as he's been all season and continued a sensational string of quality starts from Philadelphia's rotation. He finally ran into trouble in the seventh when he gave up a run and loaded the bases. The 25-year-old left-hander got Mike Morse to fly out and struck out Josh Bard to escape the jam.

Hamels retired the first 15 batters before Morse led off the sixth inning with a clean single to left. He quickly regrouped against the last-place Nats, striking out Bard, Jorge Padilla and Justin Maxwell to end the inning.

Hamels got some help in the fourth when third baseman Pedro Feliz made a leaping catch to rob Ryan Zimmerman, sending a spark through the crowd and ending the inning.

Zimmerman had a nice grab of his own when he made a tumbling catch over the tarp and banged his head on the railing to retire Chase Utley in the sixth. Hamels was looking at a no-decision until the fifth.

Feliz walked and scored on Jimmy Rollins' two-out double into left field for a 1-0 lead.

Hamels got ahead of hitters all night and threw 73 strikes in 109 pitches. He walked one.

"That's as good as we've seen him this year," Nationals manager Jim Riggleman said. "All their pitchers did very well against us this year. He had it all going tonight."

Brad Lidge gave up a run in the ninth before finishing for his 30th save in 40 chances. The Phillies (85-60) moved 25 games over .500 for the first time since they finished the 1993 season 97-65.

"We do firmly believe that we have the best team," Hamels said.

Ross Detwiler (0-6) had perhaps his finest start of the season for Washington, striking out six and allowing one run in five innings.

"Nice, just not close to perfect," Riggleman said. "Hamels struggled for most of this season until finding his way again in late August. He's 3-1 in his last five starts and has the Phillies feeling good about their rotation as they inch closer toward their third straight division title. When the Nationals scored off Hamels in the seventh, it ended a streak of 29 straight scoreless innings from the starters.

"This is the best starting pitching we've had since I've been here," Nationals manager Charlie Manuel said. "He's been our only gripe with Hamels was that he favored the change almost too much at the expense of his other pitches. Batters know it's coming, can wait on it and have a better chance of hitting it — sometimes."

"I can get him in a jam at times," Manuel said. "It took them a long time to get on it."

The Phillies scored twice in the sixth to give Hamels a cushion. Ryan Howard scored on a bases-loaded walk to Carlos Ruiz and Hamels added his run-scoring single.

Utley scored on a wild pitch in the seventh to make it 4-1.

Phillies ace goes eight innings, allows one run on five hits and strikes out ten in victory over Nationals.
Harris leads Hurricanes to second ACC victory

Miami quarterback tosses three touchdowns in win, snaps four-game losing streak to Yellow Jackets

Associated Press

MIAMI — Jacory Harris watched Georgia Tech run over, past and around Miami’s defense on the opening series of the game, barely showing any emotion on the sideline. He saved it all for the field.

And Georgia Tech’s hex over Miami? It’s over.

Cool and in control throughout, Harris completed 20 of 25 passes for 270 yards and three touchdowns, and the 20th-ranked Hurricanes snapped a four-game losing streak against No. 14 Georgia Tech with a 33-17 victory Thursday night.

Miami scored on its first three possessions, built a 24-0 lead shortly after halftime and outgained the Yellow Jackets by nearly a 2-to-1 margin.

"One thing I congratulate this team on is how we stay focused," Harris said. "You know, there’s a lot of people around campus and in the community, they praise us publicly, we’ve got the team back and all this. But the thing I know about this team, we’re not letting anything go to our head."

Miami (2-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) matched its best league start since 2004, outgained Georgia Tech 454-228 and set up a Coastal Division showdown at Virginia Tech on Sept. 26. Greg Cooper ran for 93 yards, Lavarius James rushed for 72 more and a touchdown, and LaRon Byrd caught five passes for 83 yards and another score.

It’s the first time Miami has won consecutive games against ranked opponents since the end of the 2003 season.

"Big win for us tonight," Miami coach Randy Shannon said. "Big, huge win. Big for this football team and this program."  

Georgia Tech (2-1, 1-1) blew Miami out a year ago, blowing the Hurricanes conference title hopes by rushing for 472 yards. This time, Miami handled the triple option with relative ease, holding the Yellow Jackets to 95 yards rushing — 60 of those coming on the game’s first drive.

Tech’s opening ACC play­er of the year, fullback Dedrick Epps caught a 13-yarder for a 14-3 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

"We could never get them off the field," Georgia Tech coach Paul Johnson said. "In a game like that, you better maximize and we didn’t. We played very poorly on offense."  

Miami didn’t. Other than two late missed field goals by Matt Bosher, there wasn’t much for Miami to complain about, and the Hurricanes succeeded off celebrating their most significant win in years. Even tight end Jimmy Graham — who spent four years on Miami’s basketball team — got into the act, catching a 14-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter.

Graham was the only Miami player ever to beat Georgia Tech before. He was 4-1 against the Yellow Jackets in basketball.

"This offense is not self­ish," Byrd said. "As long as we’re winning we’re doing great as a unit."  

Since taking a 24-0 lead against Clemson last Thursday night, Georgia Tech has been outscored 60-23.

"We just killed our­selves," Dwyer said. "We didn’t play Georgia Tech football. I think we finally learned our lesson. We realized that if we don’t go out here and work hard, we’re going to get our butts kicked."  

Georgia Tech ran the ball on its first 12 plays, quickly forcing Miami into a series of frantic substitutions. Eric Moneur — Miami’s sixth-year defensive end who was injured most of last season and was held out of this year’s opener — got a big stop on third-and-6, forcing Tech to settle for a field goal.

The Yellow Jackets ran for 60 yards on that drive — and managed only 22 more of the rest of the half.

Meanwhile, Harris was the picture of cool, setting the tone for the Miami sideline.

A 35-yard pass to Leonard Hankerson was immediately followed by a 40-yard toss to Byrd for Miami’s first touchdown. Dedrick Epps caught a 13-yarder for a 14-3 lead early in the second quarter, and Bosher connected on a 34-yard field goal with 5:45 left in the half.

"As long as we play as a team," Harris said, "we’ll come out with victories like this."

Meanwhile, even when Georgia Tech caught a break, the Jackets couldn’t cash in. A pass interference call against Vaught Teamaque on fourth-and-12 from the Miami 29 extended one drive; the Yellow Jackets went for it there because kicker Scott Blair was 0 for 7 lifetime from outside 40 yards.

Three plays later, he tried a field goal from 39 yards. Wide right it sailed off the Florida Marlins’ new stadium and Blair’s second miss in 19 career tries from that distance or better, according to STATS LLC.

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**NFL**

**Eagles still hopeful**

**McNabb will play**

Philadelphia holding out hope after quarterback broke rib during victory over Carolina

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Eagles aren't giving up hope of having Donovan McNabb on the field when they play their home opener Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

McNabb made a brief appearance on the practice field Thursday afternoon but did not take part in any drills, after fracturing his rib on a touchdown run late in Philadelphia's 38-10 victory over the Carolina Panthers last weekend.

"Donovan is working very hard," offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg said. "You know Donovan, he's doing everything in his power to get back out there, make it to this game. He's played with a broken ankle, a broken sternum and all these things. Donovan is a very tough man."

If McNabb isn't available, the Eagles will go with Kevin Kolb, the team's second-round draft pick in 2007. Kolb would make his first NFL start ahead of veteran Jeff Garcia, who signed Tuesday as an emergency backup.

"If Kevin starts the game, he's our quarterback," Mornhinweg said. "It's that simple. I don't know if I can be anymore clear. I have great confidence in Kevin."

Kolb took nearly all the reps with the first team on Thursday. Garcia and Michael Vick, who is on the active roster but still must serve one more week of his league-mandated suspension, split the remaining snaps and worked with the scout team.

"I would expect him to play at a high level," Mornhinweg said of Kolb. "He doesn't lack for any confidence and that's a good thing. That's a good thing because I'm not saying he's cocky, but if you get a player that's even on the cocky side, it's a good thing to have."

Kolb has appeared in eight games in his career, including last week against Carolina. His most notable appearance came in 2008 against Baltimore, when McNabb was benched at halftime of a 10-7 game. The Ravens went on to win 36-7, with Kolb completing 10 of 23 passes for 73 yards with two interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

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Coaches found not guilty of reckless homicide

David Jason Stinson acquitted after being charged with the death of a player who died after wind sprints

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A former Kentucky high school football coach was found not guilty Thursday in the death of a player who collapsed at a practice where the team was put through a series of sprints on a hot summer day.

Attorneys said the case was the first time a football coach was charged in the death of a player. It was closely watched by those involved in youth athletics and has already resulted in changes to Kentucky law and other efforts to make practices safer for athletes.

Former Pleasure Ridge Park High School coach David Stinson, 37, was charged after 15-year-old Max Gilpin collapsed at an August 2008 practice as the team ran a series of sprints known as “gassers.” He died three days later at a Louisville hospital of heat stroke, sepsis and multiple organ failure. His temperature reached at least 107 degrees.

The jury deliberated for about 90 minutes, and Stinson hugged defense attorney Brian Butler after the verdict was read.

“That’s why they came back quickly, because he was incoherent,” said Butler, who characterized the prosecution on charges of reckless homicide and wanton endangerment as a “witch hunt.” Stinson left without speaking to reporters.

During the trial, players said Stinson ordered the gassers as punishment for the lack of effort they showed at practice on a day where the temperature and heat index were both 94 degrees.

Prosecutors relied on a series of Gilpin’s teammates who testified that several teens became ill during the gassers, vomiting or bowing out with ailments.

Several experts testified that Gilpin suffered from exertional heat stroke, which led to his death. One witness; University of Connecticut associate professor Douglas Casa, testified Gilpin could have been saved if he’d been immersed in ice water almost immediately after collapsing.

Stinson’s defense relied on players who testified that they only ran a few more wind sprints than normal that day. Three of Gilpin’s classmates, along with his stepmother, testified that Gilpin complained of not feeling well throughout the day he collapsed.

Defense medical experts told jurors that it appeared a combination of heat, the use of the dietary supplement creatine and attention deficit disorder drug Adderall, and being ill were the main factors that contributed to Gilpin’s death, which they called an accident.

The medical experts also said little could have been done to save Gilpin because his temperature was so high for so long before he made it to the hospital and began cooling down.

Gilpin’s mother, Michele Crockett, said the trial told the story of what led up to her son’s death and was “an uphill battle” for prosecutors. But because the public heard the details of what happened, the trial was worth it, she said.

“We feel fortunate that it was even brought to the jury,” Crockett said. “We can live with that.”

“We know Max didn’t die in vain,” said Gilpin’s father, Jeff Gilpin.

One of the prosecutors, Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Leland Hulbert, said he hoped the case would prompt coaches to pay closer attention to their players.

“I do think some good will come out of this trial,” Hulbert said.

Some of those changes came in the months before the trial. Kentucky lawmakers this year passed legislation that led to a four-hour online course for coaches on emergency planning and recognition; temperature-related illnesses; head, neck and facial injuries; and first aid.

Jefferson County Public Schools also now require all athletes and at least one parent to watch a 40-minute video that touches on everything from dietary supplements to bacterial infections. Local high school coaches must attend a seminar on using positive reinforcement when dealing with students.

Also this year, the National Athletic Trainers’ Association issued a report recommending more stringent heat-related guidelines at the high school level. Among the recommendations were eliminating two-a-day practices during the first week of August drills and giving players more time to recoup.

“As public and private discussions of this verdict and its impact on coaches and administrators take place over the coming days and weeks, no one should lose sight of the fact that a young man lost his life in this tragic situation,” Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association, said in a statement.

“What this case serves as a reminder to all of us that player safety should be of paramount concern to coaches in every sport.”

The executive director of the Kentucky Football Coaches Association said the trial was closely watched because a conviction would have affected all teams.

“Looking forward on what the ramifications could have been if he had been found guilty, I would be afraid to even guess what could have possibly happened,” Jimmie Reed said.

“It’s a tragic situation on everyone’s side and we followed this with great sadness for the athlete and also for the coach involved,” said Marje Albohm, president of the National Athletic Trainers Association. “It truly puts a focus on the health care of our high school athletes.”

Sheldon Berman, superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools, said in a statement that Stinson, who has been working in a non-instructional position, is now cleared to return to teaching and eligible to apply for a coaching position. Berman said administrators would meet with him to determine his future placement.

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MLB
McCann homers and Braves take down Mets

Marlins fall behind in wild-card race after tough loss to Reds' rookie pitcher

Associated Press

- ATLANTA — Brian McCann hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the fifth inning and the Atlanta Braves beat the reeling New York Mets 7-3 on Thursday night for their first seven-game winning streak since 2006.

-McCann's fifth four-HR game of the season helped the Braves move 10 games over .500 for the first time since May 16, 2007. Atlanta (78-68) is 4 1/2 games behind NL wild-card-leading Colorado.

-New York (63-84) has lost five straight and nine of 10 to fall 21 games under .500 for the first time since Oct. 2, 2004, when it was 70-91. The Mets have 20 fewer wins than at the same point of the 2007 season, when they were 83-64 and in first place in the NL East.

-Jair Jurrjens (12-10) worked seven solid innings for Atlanta, allowing two runs, one earned, and six hits, while lowering his ERA to 2.75.

-McCann gave the Braves a 5-2 lead with a two-out drive to right for his 19th homer. Nate McLouth and Martin Prado had two-run doubles. The outfielder leads all NL rookies with 136 hits and 41 doubles. The outfielder leads all NL rookies with 136 hits and 41 doubles.

-Daniel Murphy collected three hits for New York, including an eighth-inning homer off Eric O'Flaherty. Fernando Tatís had a two-run single in the fourth.

-McCann's two-out double gave up six runs and nine hits in five innings.

-Jonny Cueto got sick on Wednesday, the Reds decided to let Maloney give it a try. Maloney avoided throwing his cut fastball because it bothered his finger, staying with the softer stuff.

"It was sore, but I was able to get through it for the most part," Maloney said. "My finger was good. I used it a lot more than I had the last couple starts."

-Afterward, Maloney collected the lineup card and four balls from the game as keepsakes.

-Right-hander Aníbal Sanchez (7-7) gave up a leadoff homer by Hanley Ramirez in the first.

-Maloney (1-4), who couldn't catch up by stranding runners in scoring position in the first, second, third and fifth innings.

"Barry do you score three in the first like that and get no more and end up winning," manager Dusty Baker said.

-Chris Coghlan had four hits for the Marlins, including a pair of doubles. The outfielder leads all NL rookies with 136 hits and 41 multihit games.

-Hanley Ramirez, who is trying to become the Marlins' first NL batting champion, went 1 for 4 with a run-scoring single, dropping his average a point to .356. Ramirez became the ninth Marlin to drive in 100 runs in a season and the first since Miguel Cabrera in 2007. He's the second Marlin to drive in 100 and steal 20 — Preston Wilson had 36 steals and a club-record 121 RBIs in 2000.

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Guillen flummoxed as White Sox blow late two-run lead and ultimately lose to Mariners in 14 innings

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Wade Davis had just thrown a four-hit shutout to earn his first major league win, and getting the game ball wasn’t nearly enough to mark the occasion.

During the postgame television interview, the rookie got a shaving-cream pie to the face from Tampa Bay teammates Matt Garza and Evan Longoria. That was followed by a beer shower in the clubhouse.

With Davis leading the way, the Rays beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-0 Thursday night to salvage a split of the four-game series.

Making his third big league start, Davis (1-2) struck out 10 and walked two in his first complete game. The right-hander worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the first, then permitted only one runner past first base over the final eight innings.

Davis capped his outstanding performance by striking out Nick Markakis to end the game.

"I think it was accurate, because of the way we started the game," Rays manager Joe Maddon was happy to let him try.

"I am a firm believer that a guy who has a chance to throw a complete game, he should have a chance to throw a complete game," Maddon said.

"The first inning, you couldn’t have scripted it any better, the way we started the game," Orioles manager Dave Trembley said. "But you get nothing out of it, boy, he’s got to take a deep breath and go. Okay, we go here. Lady Luck’s on our side tonight.”

As the game wore on, the only suspense was whether Davis would go the distance.

"I was just trying to get to the sixth, just battle it out," he said. "When I had the real quick inning in the seventh and eighth, I figured I could go out there and do it again.”

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I am a firm believer that if a young guy like that, if he has a chance to throw a complete game and a shutout, it can really catalyze him," Maddon said.

"The story for me was the pitching," White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "There were a couple of games on this trip we should have won and we didn’t." The Mariners seventh reliever, Shawn Kelley (5-3), pitched two hitless innings.

"The story for me was 8 1/3 shutout innings for the bullpen," Wakamatsu said. "We have some arms down there. But they did phenomenal job." The Mariners rally cost John Danks a victory. The left-hander pitched eight strong innings for the White Sox, allowing just four hits and one run.

Samardzija started Brandon Morrow was not nearly as sharp and his latest outing also raised some concerns about where he’ll fit in with the team in 2010. Morrow again struggled with his control, walking a career-high six in 2 2/3 innings. The Mariners’ 2006 first-round pick gave up three runs — two earned — but failed to live up to his manager’s insistence that he pitch deeper in games.

Before the game, Don Wakamatsu intimated Morrow could be pitching for his future; the team has been unimpressed with the right-hander’s approach, mostly his inability to throw strikes and running up high pitch counts.

"We try to find some improvement in every outing," Wakamatsu said. "If he can keep getting better, that would put him in position for next year. He’s definitely a candidate, but he has to go out and prove out.”

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Saint Mary's set to race at Calvin

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Belles opened their season with a solid showing at the most-
difficult conditions of the 5-

kometer race last weekend at NIU, "really happy with our perform-
cation. "

Saint Mary's recently.

"We have some very hard working underclassmen, and I'm
thrilled to see them perform well," Bauters said. "(Freshman)
Julia (Kenney) is a worker and always looking to improve. I'm
excited for her performance last weekend and believe it will be
even better at Calvin."

Kenney's 21:20.20 at NIU was
good enough for second on the
team, behind McClowry's
20:42.69. Three other Belles fin-
ished under 21:30, including the
sophomore tandem of Arianne
Rodriguez and Joanne Almond.

Saint Mary's will face strong
conference competition at Calvin, with
Olivet, Alma, and the
Knights among the field. Calvin has taken the MIAA champi-

onship 18 of the last 19 years, and the Belles will have to go
through them to get a shot at a
conference title.

The women's 5-kilometer race begins at 10 a.m. Saturday in
Grand Rapids. The smooth and
hilly course begins at the Gnaeny
Athletic Fields one mile east of
the main Calvin campus, weaving
through the Calvin Nature
Preserve.

"Calvin is a great course," Bauters said. "The returners
loved competing there last year.
Calvin always puts on a great
event."

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...and was really impressed by their style of play. He noted that they are extremely organized and play hard, and how well they sustained their effort throughout the tournament.

In the second game of the weekend the Belles will face off with Hiram College, who beat the Belles 3-1 last year.

“We played Hiram in 2008 and I feel it was a game we should have come away with a better result,” Crabbe said. “They are a solid team and I think we will match up pretty well with them,” Crabbe said. “Certainly traveling and playing away from home increases the challenge we face this weekend.”

Hiram (4-1-1) is coming off a win over Baldwin Wallace College. Much like Saint Mary’s they are looking to rebound from a less than stellar 2008 campaign with many returning veterans.

The Belles will also be looking to work out some problem areas before they head into their MIAA portion of their schedule beginning Sept. 30 at Adrian.

“Defining the roles of players is becoming clearer as we continue to get closer to the conference portion of our schedule,” Crabbe said. “Also, by playing against such strong teams we are getting a more clear understanding of how to match up in certain situations, how to read the game, and becoming more disciplined with sticking to a gameplan.”

After they take on Wilmington and Hiram the Belles will host the Saint Mary’s College Fall Classic on Sept. 25 and 26.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish set to host National Catholic Invitational

By MOLLY SAMMON

Thirty-three cross-country teams from around the nation will travel to Notre Dame to compete against the Irish at the 30th National Catholic Invitational Friday.

“Friday will be good experience for the guys to run in a large field environment,” men’s coach Joseph Piane said.

About 230 people will run in each the men’s and women’s divisions, with the toughest competition to be expected from runners from DePaul, Xavier and Holy Cross.

As the first of two weekend meets and only the second overall this season, many of the standout members of the team will be participating for the first time this year.

“Friday’s meet will be the first race of the season for many of our runners, so we are still trying to get a better idea of what we have,” women’s coach Joseph Piane said.

“Most of our top runners will be competing for the first time, although we will still hold out a couple whom we expect to be capable of being in our top group by the end of the season until we know they are completely healthy and ready to race.”

Senior Dan Clark, sophomore Molly Hirt and junior Abby Higgins will be the only runners among the top that will be sitting out this race.

For their first meet, Connelly has stressed the team’s strategy of running in groups to ensure optimal team performance.

“We will really try to focus on running together in groups and hopefully help some of the freshmen and less experienced people through the race by focusing on being with their teammates,” Connelly said.

Piane began the annual meet 30 years ago with intentions of providing an outlet for the country’s most prominent teams from Catholic institutions to be able to compete against each other.

“I thought it would be an interesting hook to get people together, a conclave of Catholics,” Piane said.

As the hosts of the annual event, Notre Dame has had great performances at the National Catholic Invitational over the years. The men’s team has won 17 of the last 21 years, and the women have won 15 of the last 17.

In preparation for this meet, not much changed from the teams’ normal practice schedule.

“Our more experienced runners know that they won’t be very well rested or fresh going into the race, but are still expected to line up, run hard, and compete as well as they can,” Connelly said.

The meet is Friday at 4:15 p.m. on Notre Dame’s Burke Golf Course.

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MLB

Angels end Red Sox winning streak

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Los Angeles Angels couldn’t afford to give the Boston Red Sox yet another psychological advantage in their budding postseason rivalry.

One night after a ninth-inning collapse, the Angels rallied behind Howie Kendrick’s tie-breaking loop in the ninth to beat Boston 4-3 on Thursday night and avert a three-game sweep.

Brian Fuentes, who blew the previous game, earned the save and snapped Boston’s seven-game winning streak.

“Winning cures everything,” outfielder Torii Hunter said. “I have already forgotten about the Red Sox. I am thinking about our series with Texas.”

Los Angeles improved to 6-1/2 games ahead of Texas in the AL West, and the Red Sox hold a six-game lead over the idle Rangers in the wild-card race. If the standings hold, Boston will open the playoffs in Anaheim, the Red Sox have been the Angels in 12 of their last 13 postseason games dating to 1986 and are 4-0 all-time in postseason series against them.

“Let’s get there first,” Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. “No need to get too excited tonight or feelings to get. Our first goal is to make the playoffs.”

Kendrick also homered in the third and scored the tying run in the seventh, and Fuentes rebounded from Wednesday night’s collapse to hand the Red Sox their first loss at Fenway in 11 games.

Kevin Jepsen (6-3) got four outs, then Fuentes got the last two batters to earn his major league-leading 42nd save and end Los Angeles’ three-game losing streak.

“I thought he had a nice inning last night,” said Scioscia, who was still agitated over the questionable call that prolonged the ninth on Wednesday. “I think it was good for him to get back out there, but he’s been around. He knows what’s all about, being in that closer role. He did a good job coming in to get those last couple of outs.

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The Blue Demons (3-2-0) in Chicago. DePaul has won with only four narrow victories, with only the Blue Demons have collected a string of seven consecutive wins against ranked opponents. The reign Big East tournament leaders, the Blue Demons (3-2-0) in Chicago. DePaul has won with only four narrow victories, with only their sustained attack; there are no letups," Clark said. "DePaul doesn't lose many games at home and then we head to No. 5 South Florida. But we are looking forward to this weekend. I feel road trips really bring some camaraderie to the team. I think we'll be ready to play.

While the Irish offense has given their opponents fits, injuries have forced Notre Dame to mix up its defense. The deep and talented Irish roster has given Clark some room to maneuver on his personnel losses. "Our defense has been hit the hardest," Clark said. "[Senior] John Schaefer has already stepped up and [sophomore] Chris Sutton has all the tools necessary to be a top player. If we can sort things out at the back, then we have got some tremendous players in midfield and in attack."

Notre Dame takes on the Blue Demons Friday at 4 p.m. at DePaul's Wish Field in Chicago. The Bulls will host the Irish at 1 p.m. Sunday at USF Soccer Stadium.

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can count on our defense to make stops.

There is no team with a greater deal of incoming freshmen replacing senior leadership from last season. The Otters’ roster is certainly not lacking in athleticism.

“We’ve got the advantage of size and experience this season,” head coach Joe Scheel said.

Keenan has high expectations. While this team is a turn-around last fall, as quarterback Mahoney led the team to a victory in its opening game before a heartbreaking defeat to Siegfried in the championship game.

“It will be difficult, but we want to back all the way,” Mahoney said.

The Knights will face a Keough team in search of a victory. Last season the Kangaroos finished 0-5-2.

Sophomore captain Ryan Cordell is optimistic that his squad will continue last season’s success. "Everyone is healthy," Cordell said. "We’ve seen a lot of experienced guys coming back.

The opening game will be a crucial point for the Knights. We have to take advantage of our strengths and weaknesses are.

Coming off last year’s losing season in a 2008-2009 campaign, the team aims to replicate the success of last season when the teams meet Sunday at Riehle Fields at 3 p.m.

Duncan vs. Knott

Duncan looks to make a name for itself in its second season of Interhall football when it faces Knott Sunday. Last season’s squad was largely considered an afterthought by opponents, but this season the team aims to surprise its opponents as a vastly improved team.

This year’s aim for Duncan is to greatly improve on last year’s inaugural season, junior captain Pat Scheel said.

Duncan is more seasoned than last season, but inexperience still plagues the Otters. For the second year in a row, the highlanders were largely considered an afterthought by opponents, but this season the team aims to surprise its opponents as a vastly improved team.

“Last year was a fluke,” Scheel said. “There is also a lot of talent on the team. Every team should be prepared to play us.”

Unlike a year ago, the Juggernauts return all of their starters from last year, and this has given them some new goals.

“I’m hoping for a 3-1 (record) in the regular season and then going deep into the playoffs,” junior captain Kevin Soran said.

“Last year was a fluke,” said sorority Albert Toscano freshmen who will compete in the Vermin’s-1-2 record in 2008.

The Vermin hope to match last year’s win total with a dominating performance against St. Edward’s. “We’ve got all our starters back from last year and a big senior quarterback Brian Vaio,” senior captain Patrick Johnson anchors both the offensive and defensive lines. On the offensive line, he will be the key to open holes for quarterback Chris Delillo to throw the ball.

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The Observer apologizes for the absence of The Mobile Party. It will return on Monday.
**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Notre Dame to take on Hurricanes, Seminoles in Florida

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame heads to the Seminoles Tri-Tournament hosted by Florida State this weekend in Tallahassee to take on the No. 19 Seminoles and Miami. The Irish are coming off a two-match winning streak after sweeping the Notre Dame/adidas Invitational last weekend.

Notre Dame (5-3) defeated Wisconsin 3-1 (15-25, 21-25, 25-16, 25-18) last Friday for the first Irish victory over the Badgers since 1982 and the end of a losing stretch for the Notre Dame team. After taking a day off, the Irish won their second straight victory Sunday, this one a 3-0 win over New Mexico. Notre Dame swept again (25-18, 25-19, 25-19) in the two squads’ first meeting.

This weekend presents the Irish with another opportunity to take non-conference competition and go up against another ranked team. Earlier this season, Notre Dame defeated No. 11 Stanford and lost to No. 6 Michigan.

The Irish start competition Saturday against the Hurricanes (7-2), the first time the teams have met since the Big East championship in 2003. Notre Dame leads the series 3-1, winning each of the last three meetings.

Miami’s losses this season have been to in-state rivals USF and Florida International, however they did gain a 3-0 victory over Albany last weekend. The Hurricanes are coming off their second-best season with a 26-6 record, which was still not enough for them to appear in the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame will face No. 19 Florida State this weekend for the first time since 2000, with the Irish leading the series 2-1. The Seminoles (9-1) moved up from No. 22 this past week when they won all three of their matches last weekend in the FIU/Miami Invitational. Their only loss this season was to No. 5 Florida on Aug 27.

Notre Dame hopes to keep their winning streak going and have high hopes for this weekend. Competition begins for the Irish at 2 p.m. Saturday in Tallahassee against the Hurricanes.

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**MEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL**

Starting off strong

Keenan opens season  
Sunday vs. Keough

By KEVIN BALDWIN, CHRIS ALLEN, JOHN HELMS, COLIN KING, ANDREW OWENS and MEGAN FINNERAN  
Sports Writers

Two teams are out to redeem themselves in this season, with last year’s runner-up Keenan eyeing a return to the championship game as Keough simply hopes to win a game.

Keenan sophomore captain Terry Mahoney is confident that his team’s balanced offense and solid defense will prevail on Sunday.

“We’ve got speed on the outside and the line will be strong,” Mahoney said. “We’ve got some men in men’s interhall football who really want to show that we have improved.”

Keenan senior running back Jim Zenker pushes for extra yards in last year’s championship game.

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

Irish open Big East season

By MICHAEL BLASCO  
Sports Writer

If the Irish plan on going somewhere this season, they had better get going soon.

No. 21 Notre Dame sits at a middling 2-2-1 as they head on the road this weekend to take on two Big East foes, DePaul and No. 5 South Florida. The Irish won consecutive Big East titles in 2007 and 2008, but currently sit at fourth in the Big East Blue Division.

Notre Dame will attempt to pick up road wins against a tough pair of conference opponents while missing several key players on the Irish roster.

Irish coach Bobby Clark said he believes that his team can fight through the losses.

“Certainly it hasn’t been an easy start to the season,” Clark said. “Looking at some of Cory Rellis’ minutes early and seeing him step up to the plate.”

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**SMC SOCCER**

Belles prepare to take on Wilmington, Hiram

By KATLYN GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

The Belles fell to No. 7 Indiana Wesleyan Wednesday by a final score of 2-0, and will travel to Ohio to play No. 21 Wilmington and Hiram this weekend.

“I have been very pleased with the growth of our players over the first few games,” Belles coach Ryan Crabbe said. “We have played some outstanding competition so far. While it has been tough to come by positive results in the win column, the players are learning that nothing is going to come easy and we have to continue to work hard and concentrate every minute on the field.”

Indiana Wesleyan notched four goals in the first half of their game and added a fifth in the second half to secure the win over Saint Mary’s (2-0).

Indiana Wesleyan is only adding to the list of talented schools Saint Mary’s has played early this season, and despite their losing record Crabbe and his team know they are playing well.

“Our players recognize the level of the teams we have been playing and they have shown a great willingness to meet the challenge,” Crabbe said. “No one is going to improve or feel rewarded by playing lesser competition game in and game out. From my observations of our players the team morale has been fantastic from day one.”

Wilmington will be up first for the Belles Friday.

Crabbe had the opportunity to see Wilmington play twice last season and is looking forward to the challenge.

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**ND WOMEN’S SOCCER**

ND hopes to rebound from losses

By MIKE GOTIMER  
Sports Writer

After dropping two matches last weekend on the West Coast, Notre Dame returns home for its conference opener against DePaul and its final non-conference tilt against Northwestern.

The Irish look to rebound against the Blue Demons and Wildcats this weekend after a six-game stretch that included three matches against teams currently ranked in the top 10 of the NSCAA poll. On their recent trip to California, the Irish dropped consecutive 2-0 decisions against Santa Clara and BYU.

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IRISH INSIDER

STARING DOWN STATE

Sam Young and the Irish try to break the Spartans’ six-game winning streak in Notre Dame Stadium.
Not sneezing at MSU rivalry game

By Matt Gamber
Sports Editor

Michigan State may not be the most storied rival in Notre Dame football history — that distinction would belong to USC — and the Spartans are not Notre Dame’s most hated enemy — we visited them last week. No, the series with the Spartans doesn’t have the glitz and glamour of the Irish-Trojan rivalry, or the good of fashioned hate of a showdown with the Wolverines, but the Spartans do have Notre Dame’s number of late. In the last five seasons, the Irish beat the Spartans four times — twice in Notre Dame Stadium since the last home win over the Spartans, and that includes two two-year breaks from the series with the Wolverines. 

Sam Werner
Associate Sports Editor

They blew out the Warriors, and this team, virtually all the same players from the Hawaii Bowl, should see that experience Saturday. By all accounts, this year’s team is better prepared to respond to a loss than last year. Instead of picking up shop &a in the 2008 team, the Irish responded to eventually take lady. That mind comeback should be replicated in macro form this Saturday, only this time, Notre Dame might actually hold on to the lead. 

There is one other factor at work this Saturday that should motivate Notre Dame, or at the very least inspire coach Charlie Weis. In the secondary, security, this game, and the two that follow it, are collectively the most important games of Weis’ tenure at Notre Dame. If Weis wins all three, against Purdue and Washington after Michigan State, this game will have momentum and a top-25 ranking heading into the matchup with USC. A 4-1 Irish team may even have a puncher’s chance again, and may even win the championship. 

But if Notre Dame should lose one of these three games, well, Weis might not even make a whole lot of games, and he has made a lot of plays already this year. 

At 6-foot-2 180 pounds, Clausen was five years old and Bill Clinton was a year and a half into his first term — but I’d much rather look forward to the very least inspire coach Charlie Weis. Weis is considering the point of view, learn from last week’s loss, but don’t let it consume you. That’s an exaggeration of the very least inspire coach Charlie Weis. 

Charlie Weis.

Weis will visit Notre Dame this weekend. When the Spartans.

They went to Hawaii last December and, in addition to the demoralizing losses to USC and USC, Notre Dame had a not-so-little bowl losing streak on their minds. 

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Five players to visit ND for game 

By Matt Gamber
Sports Editor

A rebound win against Louisville for Notre Dame, as the Irish try to remain competitive in the recruiting battles for some of the nation’s top high school seniors.

Notre Dame will host four recruits — including one verbal commitment — on official visits this Saturday, and one of the nation’s top offensive linemen will also make an unofficial visit to campus as the Irish challenge the Spartans.

Free safety prospect David Amerson is one of three defensive players high on the Irish recruiting board that will visit Notre Dame this weekend. 

“David Amerson is a guy that can run and make a whole lot of plays, and he has made a whole lot of plays already this year,” said Mike Frank, Irish recruiting analyst.

Amerson is one of three Notre Dame football history — that academic side is n’t M iami, it’ll be N otre Dame is really in this race.”

Matt James, one of the nation’s top offensive line prospects, will take an unofficial visit to campus this weekend. The 6-foot-7, 280-pounder from Cincinnati, Ohio, is favoring Notre Dame, Cincinnati and Ohio State, Frank said.

For more on Irish recruiting, check out Mike Frank’s irishsportsdaily.com. E-mail Matt Gamber at mgamber@nd.edu

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There’s very little Sam Young hasn’t seen in his 40 straight starts.

He was there for the comebacks against Michigan State and UCLA in 2006, and for every painful game of 2007. He’s been a starter on a team that went to the Sugar Bowl, a team that finally broke the bowl losing streak in Hawaii and a team that tied for the worst record in school history.

So when it comes to the ups (like a blowout win over Nevada) and downs (like a heartbreakingly bad loss on the road to Michigan) of a season, there’s hardly anyone more prepared.

“After that kind of loss, you’re upset, and it’s OK to be upset, and sometimes a good thing,” Young said. “But you have to forget about it the next day and then go back to work.”

Young has come a long way from his freshman season, a year in which he said he relied heavily on his veteran teammates. A consensus five-star recruit coming out of powerhouse high school St. Thomas Aquinas in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Young became the first true freshman to start a season on Notre Dame’s offensive line since freshman started becoming eligible in 1972.

“IFreshman started so many guys that helped me out, on the offensive line my guy Brian Harris, Brady Quinn, John Sullivan and John Carlson, just a laundry list of guys,” Young said.

Teaming with future NFL linemen Harris, Dan Santucci and Sullivan, Young was named a freshman All-American for his part in protecting Quinn and opening up holes for Darius Walker and Maxull for more than 3,000 yards and Walker rumbled for more than 1,000 in their first seasons with the Irish. The 6-foot-8 freshman started every game of that 2006 campaign, experiencing comeback wins over the Bruins and Spartans and disappointing blowouts to rivals Michigan and USC. Those experiences now help Young as he has gained more experience on the team and his role on the team has evolved.

“You go from the student to now I’m the teacher,” Young said. “You pass on those same things you learned from the leaders to those younger guys now.”

In Young’s sophomore year the low points far outnumbered the highs, as the team and offensive line struggled throughout a 0-5 start and 3-9 season. After graduating three seniors, the O-line gave up an NCAA-high 58 sacks, including nine in the season opener against Georgia Tech and at Michigan.

The offensive line was at the center of the criticism for the Irish, and Young said it was a tough learning experience.

“You have to learn to push through adversity,” Young said. “You’ve got to go when you lose into the next week and regroup and stop the bleeding and keep plugging it. No one likes to lose.”

Young said the performance of the team and offensive line as a unit in 2007 served as a huge point of motivation for 2008.

“We had to work our way off in winter conditioning, in spring ball and in the summer to improve,” Young said. “Everyone worked together to put in a lot of hours and get better.”

The offensive line certainly did its part to improve in 2008, with Young playing a large role. The much-experienced unit allowed only 22 sacks in pass protection, although run blocking still proved to be an issue.

“As you play more and more, the game slows down a lot,” Young said. “You start seeing little keys you never saw before, tons of things you never noticed.”

Entering 2009 the Notre Dame offensive line had 100 career starts from its returning unit, tied for the most in the NCAA. Thirty-eight of those starts came from Young, who has been a leader on the deep and experienced unit.

“He obviously has so much experience on the field, he’s been around for so long,” sophomore guard Trevor Robinson said. “He has a really good ability to gather information before the snap, and the more information you have the more you expect and less likely you are to be surprised. He uses that help me out, help Eric (Olsen) and Kyle (Hulollph).”

Through two games, the experience looks to have helped Young and the offensive line.

“We finally put it all together against both Michigan and Nevada the line did not give up a sack, and junior running back Armando Allen has been able to average 5.9 yards per carry behind improved run blocking.”

“I think we’ve gotten a lot better,” Young said. “We’re getting close to where we want to be, but aren’t there yet.” Young said. “As an offensive line want the team to be able to rely on us, whether it’s that short yardage play where we have to get one yard or whether it’s holding up on third and long to give Jimmy (Chesney) time. We have all the confidence in the world behind Armando back there or any running back and in Jimmy, it’s just our job to make it happen.”

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Sept. 19 Michigan St. — W 11 rec., 67 yds., 1 TD
Sept. 26 Washington — W 3 solo, 1 sack
Oct. 3 @ Purdue — W 7 rec., 67 yds., 1 TD
Oct. 10 Southern Cal — W 10 solo, 4 TFL, 1.5 sacks
Oct. 17 @ Michigan — L 5 solo, 1.5 sacks
Oct. 24 Boston College — W 40-60, 651 yds., 7 TD
Oct. 31 Washington St. — W 334.00 ypg (10th)
Nov. 7 @ Pittsburgh — W 320 yds., 4 TD
Nov. 14 Navy — W 320 yds., 4 TD
Nov. 21 Connecticut — L 12 rec., 174 yds., 2 TD
Nov. 28 @ Stanford — W 320 yds., 4 TD

Irish Offense vs. Spartans Defense

Michigan proved to be a tougher test for the Irish passing game, but only by a little. Jimmy Clausen had another spectacular performance in front of a hostile crowd of over 110,000, throwing for 336 yards and three touchdowns. The offensive line did not allow a sack for the second straight game, and while Michigan was able to bring pressure at times, Clausen looked very calm moving around in the pocket and getting rid of the ball when he had to. Michael Floyd is still yet to be contained this season, as he torched the Wolverines for 131 yards and a score before receiving 15 stitches in his knee. Floyd is expected to be fine to play the entire game against the Spartans Saturday.

Del LeFevour torched the Michigan State secondary in Central Michigan's upset, racking up 328 yards and three touchdowns. The Spartan secondary is deep, but should be outmatched by Notre Dame's talent and size.

Despite a missed field goal in the 'Big House', Nick Tausch bounced back with two makes and should be confident back at home. Eric Maestri was shaky at Michigan and needs to improve his consistency. Barry Gallup had a great performance in the kickoff return game, almost breaking one return against the Wolverines, and should be effective when paired with Theo Riddick. The Irish are yet to have a punt return worth mentioning.

Notre Dame's running attack looked as good as it has during the Weis era against Michigan. The Irish were able to convert on third down and short, a feat that has been a struggle throughout the past two years.

Armando Allen has averaged 5.9 yards per carry through two games and looks to have matured as a runner. Jonas Gray had a costly fumble in Ann Arbor but will have to quickly forget the mistake against Michigan State. The Spartans allowed just 66 yards rushing against the Chippewas on 29 carries, including containing LeFevour's scrambling ability. The Spartan linebackers are some of the best in the nation, led by Greg Jones, the Big Ten preseason defensive player of the year.

Michigan State's defensive line is very athletic and probably the deepest front Notre Dame will face all season. Senior Trevor Anderson had eight sacks last year and is off to a strong start in 2009.

Even in losing in Ann Arbor the Irish proved they aren't the same team from the past two years. The 2007 or 2008 Irish never would have come back from two 11-point deficits on the road. This Notre Dame team has the poise and maturity to withstand the Michigan heartbreaker and take care of business at home without opening jars. A few stitches will not stop Michael Floyd from rushing for 100 yards against MSU, and putting up a 100-yard day, but rushing the ball will be a challenge against the Spartans' inexperience. The Irish defense likely needs to step up against the run, but Michigan State doesn't have the personnel or complex systems of Nevada and Michigan. It's close early, but Notre Dame remains the better team and hangs on to win.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 30, Michigan State 27
Sophomore Kirk Cousins won the starting quarterback job for the Spartans over classmate Keith Nichel, and has been solid but not spectacular in controlling the offense. Cousins has 347 yards with four-touchdowns and no interceptions on the year.

Michigan State returns its top three wide receivers from last season, and senior Blair White has quickly notched two 100 yard games to start the year. White was a second-team all-Big Ten selection in 2008 and will be the primary receiving target.

The Irish secondary struggled against Michigan's passing game, especially down the stretch. Notre Dame's inability to bring down Tate Forcier gave the Wolverines wide receivers time to break the Irish coverage and make some big plays. The safeties and corners played well in run support as the front seven failed to contain the Wolverines rushing.

Despite the struggles against Michigan, Notre Dame should again bring the best against a less evolved quarterback and force Cousins to beat an experienced secondary.

**Spartans Offense vs. Irish Defense**

**Spartan Specialist**

Redshirt freshman Caulton Ray has received the majority of the carries for the Spartans, rushing for 122 yards against Central Michigan and should also spread out carries with redshirt freshman Larry Swenson and true freshman Edwin Baker. The Irish struggles against the run offense continued against Michigan as Brandon Minor and Tate Forcier ran wild in the second half. The tandem combined for 176 yards against Notre Dame, and as a team the Wolverines rushed for five yards per carry.

The Irish run defense was inconsistent at times, containing the spread offense but unable to alot more pressure on a less mobile quarterback will give the Irish the edge.

**MSU PASSING**

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**2009 Schedule**

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Considering I was four the last time the Spartans won at Notre Dame Stadium, I can't say this game will be a walk in the park. Michigan State always plays the Irish tough, especially in South Bend. That being said, though, there's a certain point where Notre Dame just has to beat out talented other teams, right? With no losses Binger and a first-year quarterback, the Irish should at least be able to contain the Spartan offense. On the other side of the ball, we've all seen what Jimmy Clausen and company are capable of. In the bigger picture, this is a game Charlie Weis absolutely has to win. Last week's loss didn't help his job security, and a 1-2 start could begin the final countdown.
ND’s recent struggles against MSU no secret

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

A quick glance at the stats indicate that Notre Dame holds a 34-22-1 advantage in its all-time series with Michigan State — a pretty good marker of success for the Irish program.

But anyone who has watched Notre Dame’s match-ups with the Spartans over the past decade or two knows the tale hasn’t been that pretty for the Irish.

Michigan State has won nine of the last 12, including the last six games in Notre Dame Stadium. The three Irish wins in that period came by a total of 14 points, and in two of those games, a favored Notre Dame squad needed late comebacks to overcome the Spartans.

The lesson — even if the Irish look to be the better team on paper, when it comes to Michigan State, anything can happen. But by now, Notre Dame knows that.

“We know Michigan State is a good football team, and you guys are all aware of the history that they have in this place,” Kyle McCarthy said.

The Observer’s Moments You Should Remember in the ND-MSU Series

2006: No. 12 Notre Dame 40, Michigan State 37
It took a rain-soaked miracle comeback for Brady Quinn and the heavily favored Irish to escape East Lansing. Terrail Lambert took an interception of Drew Stanton 27 yards to the house to give Notre Dame the lead with 2:53 to play, and Lambert sealed the victory with another pick on Michigan State’s final drive, prompting one of the best tirades in recent memory from Detroit radio man Mike Valenti (“Maaaaaaake plays!”).

2005: Michigan State 44, No. 10 Notre Dame 41 (OT)
The Spartans withstood a furious Irish rally, hanging on to win in overtime before planting the Michigan State flag at midfield in Notre Dame Stadium. Quinn set career-highs with 487 yards passing and five touchdowns, but that wasn’t enough for Notre Dame to come all the way back from a 21-point third-quarter deficit. The Irish managed only a field goal on their opening overtime possession, and Michigan State’s Jason Teague scored on a 19-yard run to hand Charlie Weis a loss in his first game at Notre Dame Stadium.

2002: No. 12 Notre Dame 21, Michigan State 17
Quarterback-turned-wide receiver Arman Battle took a short pass 60 yards to the house with 1:15 on the clock to give the Irish the win in a game they almost gave away. Notre Dame led 14-3 to start the fourth quarter, but the Spartans took a 17-14 edge with less than two minutes remaining when Charles Rogers out-swatted two defenders for a spectacular 21-yard touchdown catch. Notre Dame’s victory was its first over the Spartans since 1994, and first-year coach Tyrone Willingham improved his record to 4-0 with the big win over his alma mater.

2000: No. 23 Michigan State 37, No. 16 Notre Dame 21
A freshman quarterback throws for a late score to upset a favored Irish squad — sound familiar? Spartans quarterback Jeff Skorokhod connected with Herb Haygood for a 68-yard score on a 4th-and-10 with 3:48 to play to lead Michigan State to a big home victory. Notre Dame had rallied back from a 20-7 deficit behind the strong running of Julius Jones, as then-quarterback Arman Battle was out because of a broken wrist. Jones ran in a score from two yards out to give the Irish a 21-20 lead with less than eight minutes to play, but Michigan State’s late score gave the Spartans their fourth straight win over Notre Dame.

1996: No. 1 Notre Dame 10, No. 2 Michigan State 10
Even a Irish-Spartans discussion focused on recent matchups wouldn’t be complete without a mention of "the game of the century." A banged-up Notre Dame team fell behind 10-0 early but tied the game with a field goal on the first play of the fourth quarter. A late interception put the Irish on the Michigan State 18-yard line with a chance to take the lead, but the Spartans defense held and Notre Dame missed a field goal. The Irish took the ball back with 1:10 to play on their own 30, but coach Ara Parseghian opted not to risk a turnover with starting quarterback Terry Hanratty knocked out. Notre Dame instead ran out the clock to preserve the tie en route to a 9-0-1 season and a national championship.

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Dantonio has Spartans ready to compete

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Mark Dantonio certainly knows how to forget last week’s problems and bury the pain in Xs and Os.

“If I sit down and said, hey, you get to play cover four, wizard red magic, those types of things — it means nothing to anybody here,” he said Tuesday.

What?

“When you run a cut route, have a moving tray, it means nothing to anybody sitting here or any fans, but it means something to our players,” he went on.

Spell-casting and moving trays aside, Dantonio’s point, he said, was that his team knows it has problems but if the players are truly invested in the program, the Spartans can fix them.

“We have to re-gather ourselves and find strength in each other,” he said.

As much as Charlie Weis knows the importance of fundamentals, but acknowledged other factors were at work in Michigan State’s success.

“Things have happened,” he said. “We’ve not turned the ball over. We’ve done things that allow us to win.”

But he said, “I’m sure there is an emotional edge to both teams when you play in this game.”

The Spartans lost a close game to Central Michigan last Saturday. A missed field goal by Central Michigan should have ended the game, but an off-sides penalty gave the Chippewas a second chance and they converted, winning 29-27.

Dantonio said he and the team will move on.

“We’ll focus on the future. Right now, the focus is on Notre Dame,” Dantonio said.

Dantonio, like Weis, had to deal with a team that was down in the dumps after a tough, final-minute loss. And like Weis, Dantonio said he felt good about where his players were Sunday.

“So what we have to do is understand that this is a game. I know [the outcome] of it influences a lot of people, but at the same time, you move forward and you play the next game,” he said.

That’s what we’ll do.

Good thing to remember for Colin Neely, the guilty party who jumped off-sides and gave Central Michigan another shot.

“Colin is having a tough time right now, much like all of us,” Dantonio said. “All I’ve asked our team to do and what I do is ask what could I have done differently?

“There are things that happened prior to that snap where we could have gotten out of this game and won the football game.”

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