University sues former employee for fraud
ND alleges worker inappropriately received $29,387; Gaspar claims she informed school three times of misappropriation

RHA calls for recount due to fraud

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Although Residence Hall Association (RHA) of Saint Mary's College announced the election results for President and Vice President of each residence hall Sept. 11, the results were eventually recanted on Sept. 14 after it was revealed that some students had voted more than once.

"I can neither confirm nor deny whether or not there were candidates that voted more than once, but I can verify that students voted more than once," Patrick Daniel, Director of Student Involvement, said.

The voting discrepancies were not due to errors in the voting system, Daniel said.

Although PRISM has been used in the past for voting, the "snap" system was used for the elections that took place this academic year. This system is established through Saint Mary's Institutional Research office that is responsible for conducting and reviewing survey information that is not limited to student activities; it reviewed survey information for the entire college, Daniel said.

The "snap" system pairs a specific link in the voting survey to a specific student. This is how those who review the votes are able to know the name of the student, however, Daniel said.

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

The University filed suit in St. Joseph County Circuit Court against one of its former employees on Aug. 27, alleging that the defendant was wrongfully overcompensated.

According to the court documents, the defendant, Sara Gaspar, who had worked for Catering... by Design since Jan. 15, was paid the inappropria­te gratuity of $29,387 — instead of the $29.87 to which she was entitled.

"The defendant did not notify the University about the inappropriate gratuity, but instead used the money to purchase a motor vehicle and make other payments," the suit claimed. "The University discovered the mistake in May 2009 and requested repayment but (the) defendant has refused to make any repayment of the inappropri­ate gratuity."

In a letter filed with the Court on Sept. 10, Gaspar said while she did use the money to buy a car and pay off some debts, she did attempt to con­tact the University three times after first noticing the inappropriate payment on

Student body relieved after close victory

McCarthy's game-winning interception helps calm campus after MSU almost pulls upset

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

There was a collective sigh of relief across Notre Dame Stadium as the final whistle blew signaling the end of the Irish's 33-30 victory over the Michigan State Spartans on Saturday. It took Irish safety Kyle McCarthy's interception within the final minute of the game to secure the win and save the Irish from another last-minute defeat.

"It was like Michigan all over again, minus us losing," junior Bradley McDonald said.

Sophomore Josh Sandler agreed the game was much too close for his liking.

"It was ugly," Sandler said. "But I guess there's something to be said about being able to win an ugly game."

With 11 penalties against the Irish costing a total of 99 yards, the officiating was something that many students found fault with.

"It was more balanced than Michigan," Junior Kyle Bailey said. "But I thought they made a bad call when they brought back Michael Floyd's touchdown."

Sandler said he very upset with the officiating and thought

Mahony discusses 'Year of Priests'

By LAUREN JACORI
News Writer

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, dis­cussed the importance of the relationship between the Ministerial Priesthood and the Baptismal Priesthood at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Friday afternoon.

"This 'Year for Priests' is more than a focus on the unique role of the ordained priesthood within the Catholic Church; it is a focus on the priesthood that every baptized member is called to, the Baptismal Priesthood," Mahony said.

In order to understand the role of the Baptismal Priesthood, Mahony said, we first must come to fully understand the role of the Ministerial or Ordained Priesthood.

Mahony said priests must build up the Church by preach­ing the three-fold mission of witness, worship and service.

"The role of the Ministerial Priesthood is not one of simply presiding over the sacraments, but is also a role of leadership within a community of co­responsibility," he said.

According to Mahony, the responsibility of the ordained priests is to engage the priest­hood within the people and then represent the meaning of priesthood for them. Priests do this best when viewing them­selves as a part of the Baptized community, rather than above

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Cardinal Roger Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, speaks about the "Year of Priests" at the Hesburgh Center Friday.
INSIDE COLUMN

Hook ups: Two can play

Naming names in this column is not something that has been previously done, nor something I will be able to do now, but this John Tucker knows who he is, and that is good enough for me.

There is a difference between dating, hooking up and being in a relationship. As many people may be familiar with dating is awkward, hooking up is generally done while under the influence and relationships are messy, but hopefully worth the reward. However, when you attempt to mix the three, there will be trouble.

In my experience, which may be limited but isn't altogether unimportant, women don't generally try to do this. It is often times the guys who, upon arriving at college, feel the need to assert their manhood (among other things) by seeing how many girls they can score. So personally, I see no harm in this to be honest, as long as the men are upfront with their intentions, I don't judge.

In fact, I don't judge people as a rule of thumb. However, when what a certain male has done affects one of your friends, there must be some sort of retribution. In this case, I don't believe in violence, but I do believe in words.

One day, and maybe this is simply my wishful thinking, you will have done to you what you have done to these women and it will give you at least some small twinge of regret. But in reality, we all know this isn't true. So, what I'm saying now goes out to all those women who have been hookup.

The Golden Rule no longer applies. The only way to make a guy like this empathize is to make him feel your pain. So, learn how to date like this, empathize is to make him understand. In this way, the next likely, they don't have the mental

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OFFBEAT

Naked man, 91, holds drunk intruder at gunpoint

LAKE WORTH, Fla. — Authorities said a naked 91-year-old man was able to hold a drunken intruder at gunpoint until deputies arrived. Robert E. Thompson jumped out of bed early Saturday when his dog starting growling and attacking the intruder. He said he got his revolver and went out back to let the guy know how he felt about home invaders.

Thompson, a World War II veteran, said he didn't even notice he was standing outside in the dark without any clothes on. Authorities arrived to find a drunk intruder being held outside by a naked homeowner.

The 26-year-old intruder was booked into the Palm Beach County Jail on a burglary charge.

Woman uses $20 bill from 1934 at local UPS store

DICKINSON, N.D. — What a Dickinson businessman thought was a worthless counterfeit $20 bill turned out to be worth more than even face value. A woman who came into the UPS Store paid with a $20 bill that had been printed in 1934. Store manager Nancy Kostelecky said the bill is in pristine condition.

The woman who paid with the bill was unsure where she got it. Kostelecky said it's a mystery where it came from and why it had not been in circulation. She ended up buying it from the woman. Dickinson Police Detective Chris Coates did some checking and says similar bills are selling on eBay for up to $134.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE BIG 10 REFS IN THIS SATURDAY'S GAME?

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

IN BRIEF

Free flu shots will be available to Notre Dame faculty, staff and students on Tuesday through Thursday at Stepan Center from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday. Current ND 10 and short sleeves required.

A lecture, "Comparative and World Literature Today," will be held Friday at 209 DeBartolo Hall from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Emily Apter, professor of French and Comparative Literature at New York University, will be giving the lecture.

Northeast Neighborhood Council's Annual Back to School Picnic will be held Sept. 25 at the Robinson Community Learning Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Notre Dame faculty, staff and students are invited for free food and entertainment.

A film, "Earth Days" (2009), will be shown at the Brownings Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Friday at 9:30 p.m. The film recounts the history of the modern environmental movement. Buy tickets online at performingevents.nd.edu or at the Ticket Office.

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

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Corrections

In the Sept. 16th issue of The Observer, the front page caption incorrectly referred to Jordan Probst as a sophomore when the "That" visible. Probst is not a student at the University. The Observer regrets this error.

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"I just thought they were totally unfair!" "Big 10 really isn't that big." "They can have my big 10." "Interhall refs are better than Big 10 refs." "It was frustrating watching them make all those calls against us. Just not fair!" "I obviously didn’t agree with them. It could have turned out bad but luckily it didn’t."
Target chief stresses values

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

A business strategy guided by employee development and steady values can allow a company to compete with the world's largest retailer, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Target Corp. Gregg Steinhafel said during a "Boardroom Insights" lecture Friday in the Mendoza Business College.

In the early 1990s, when Wal-Mart began to implement more aggressive pricing tactics, Target faced a "crossroads" — the retailer could compete with Wal-Mart and Kmart for the same consumer base, or it could develop a new strategy, Steinhafel said.

"That was when Wal-Mart was gaining incredible momentum and they were basically wiping out everybody, and we had to do something, are we going to compete with them?" he said.

Steinhafel said rather than targeting the same market segment as Wal-Mart and Kmart, the executives at Target decided to market their store to wealthier consumers.

"The ground decision that we made is that we're going to differentiate ourselves from them. We decided to make a new upscale franchise," he said.

"Kmart and Wal-Mart fought for the same demographic. We knew if we didn't attack differently, we wouldn't be around."

From insights gained during Target's business transition, Steinhafel discussed the importance of talent development, a foundation of the values and balancing the needs of a corporation's constituencies. He said one of the key differences between Target and its biggest competitor is their respective corporate cultures.

"I would tell you this: they are a productivity culture, we are a development culture," he said. "They focus on primarily results. We focus both on what you do and how you do it."

Steinhafel explained Target's development culture, emphasizing its focus on employee cohesion and continuing education as well as "organizational alignment."

"It's not different than what you do as students and faculty for pep rallies," Steinhafel added.

To stimulate excitement and camaraderie among employees for selling consumer products, Target holds a national convention annually with celebrity appearances, well-known music groups and a fashion show.

Steinhafel also discussed the importance of developing effective leaders within a company.

"I spend a lot of time on talent. If they tell you it's strategy or execution, it doesn't matter unless you have the right team in place to get it done," he said. "Eventually, if you don't have a company that has great leaders, it's not a self-sustaining strategy."

According to Steinhafel, Target serves four main groups — guests, communities, team members and shareholders — and none of these constituencies can be neglected.

He said Target seeks to help its customers differentiate themselves from shoppers at other stores, helping them to take on a more appealing identity.

"We call them guests not shoppers, because we want to treat our shoppers' aspirations," he said.

But Steinhafel said a good business treats all its constituencies with equal appreciation.

"If you only focus on your shopper, you're probably not focusing on your shareholders and that's going to limit your growth," he said.

Steinhafel also emphasized that people should have expectations for corporations that "can put their enterprises at risk and put the country at risk."

"We were founded in a way that put corporate values right at the center of who we are as an organization," he said.

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April 17 — once that day, once on April 20 and once on April 28.
"I almost heard a word back," Gaspar said in a statement to the court.
However, University spokesman Dennis Brown said the case against Gaspar has not been terminated outside of court.
"We made every effort to resolve this matter before litigation, but we were unable to do so," Brown said.
Moreover, Brown claimed the stories that sprung up in the national media last week publicizing the lawsuit omitted some key details. However, he would not elaborate any further.
"There’s more to this than what has been reported, but we’re not going to debate these issues through the media," he said. "We’re confident in our position on this matter and we’re going to let the legal system take its course.

The University’s suit alleges one claim of breach of contract, one claim of fraud and one claim of conversion.
"Failure to make the payment was in error and should have notified the University, but instead accepted and used the inappropriate gratuity," she said. "The defendant’s knowing and intentional acceptance and use if the inappropriate gratuity is an act of fraud.

Ultimately, Notre Dame is asking for Gaspar to repay the $29,387 as well as "awarding the University its costs and expenses incurred in this action, including attorney’s fees, and all other just and proper relief."

Gaspar, however, alleged the University is "putting the whole world on notice that I will never win against Notre Dame," she said in her statement.

Gaspar said she believed no one wanted to respond to her three calls because of an incident that occurred while she was working at an alumni function.
"A gentleman (use loosely) who was an Alumni grabbed my private area while I was serving food," she said. "I told [redacted about this incident and he laughed. So I thought maybe that was why one wanted to talk to me."

Gaspar said in June she "received a phone call threatening me that I had to repay [the amount] but by then I had bought a vehicle."

Gaspar said she is willing to take a lie detector test to combat the claims that she never attempted to contact the University, and she has been suffering emotional problems since receiving the summons.
"I told my whole family and I thought finally some-thing wonderful happened in my life," she said. "Now I am suffering severe anguish and depression over this. I felt frightened enough that I have thought about doing very severe things."

Gaspar said her employment at Catering by Design has since been terminated and now she has no money to pay for her own attorney, let alone the University’s.

"I have no home, no money, all the money is gone to pay for housing and I still have medical bills," she said.

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The winners of the Michigan State snuggie give-away will be announced Monday on the bookstore’s Facebook page.

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Gaspar said she is willing to appeal for students and fans.
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Cubans flock to 'peace concert'  

Havana — Hundreds of thousands of Cubans are braving a downpour to attend a free concert Sunday night at Revolution Plaza in Havana in a bold public relations gambit by the government to outflank growing criticism of its policies.

The government's decision to hold a concert on the eve of its most important event of the year, the 50th anniversary of the revolution, was seen as a calculated attempt to calm public frustration.

President Raul Castro, who is marking 20 years in power, is expected to speak at the concert.

A large police presence surrounded the plaza, and the concert area was blocked off to the public.

A small group of protesters was allowed to demonstrate nearby, but they were outnumbered by the thousands of people who attended the concert.

Some people carried signs supporting the revolution, while others held up flags of other countries, including the United States.

The concert featured music by several Cuban artists, including the popular rock band No Te Pares.

The event was broadcast on television and radio, and spectators were urged to watch it on their screens.

The government has previously used music and entertainment as tools to distract from political issues.
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that it really hindered the Irish.

"To me, it’s mind-blowing that another Big Ten crowd comes in our game and reviews as many plays as they did," he said.

Most Notre Dame fans were incredibly thankful for McCarthy’s interception on the four-yard line with 57 seconds left in the game, in the middle of a Michigan State drive that was poised to score.

"If he hadn’t made that interception I think MSU would have scored at least a field goal which would have put us into overtime," junior Eddie Corrigan said.

"But I have faith that we would have won overtime and the defense would have been able to make at least one stop," McDonald said that he thinks the Irish would have won regardless of McCarthy’s interception.

"There’s always a chance of anything happening but I think that we would have only allowed MSU a field goal and that we would have won in overtime," he said.

One thing that is a concern for Irish football fans is the injuries from yesterday’s game. Quarterback Jimmy Clausen missed two plays after sustaining an injury when he was sacked in the second quarter.

"If he’s really hurt it’s particularly unfortunate because he’s gotten really accurate," Sandler said.

Other students don’t think that there is little cause for concern in regards to Clausen’s injury.

"He’s still a pocket quarterback," McDonald said. "Hurting his foot won’t really affect his arm so I don’t think it will affect his playing much overall.

Bailey agrees that Clausen will be healthy.

He played through whatever he had yesterday," Bailey said. "He’s a football player; it’s just the typical bumps and bruises.

Despite playing with an injury, Clausen still threw for a total of 301 yards. This is the fourth consecutive game that Clausen has passed for over 300 yards.

“That’s typical Jimmy Clausen," Corrigan said. "He’s so good he can get away with things like that.

While Clausen’s injury does not appear to be serious, sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd’s injury from yesterday could be detrimental.

Floyd was taken out of the game in the first half and it was later reported that he had broken his collarbone. Floyd had surgery on Sunday morning but it appears that he might be out for the rest of the season.

Prior to Saturday’s game, Floyd was second in the nation in receiving yards per game and was first in yards per catch.

"I have one word that describes Michael Floyd’s injury — devastating," Corrigan said. "It’s a huge loss and really hurts our offense.

"It really is heartbreaking," he said. "Now we really need some new receivers to step up."

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Information Session

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

1) Study at prestigious Trinity College Dublin
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3) Immense into an Irish University and still be part of a Notre Dame Community

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009
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dent’s vote and what time the student voted. The set-up of the system enables the voting reviewers to identify which students voted more than once.

The system is not set-up to prevent students from voting more than once because we believe our students should be able to do what is right instead of being prevented from doing something wrong," Daniel said.

The instructions stated students were to vote only once, and if they voted more than once, only one vote would be counted.

"Our voting is based on a fact that students understand that you vote only once as stated in the directions," Daniel said. "People need to understand that there is only one vote per person, without even having to read the directions."

"While there is no error in the system, the language of the voting directions will be more explicitly clear for future elections to make sure that people understand they should only vote once.

Mr. Lamar will not be running for re-election. Her previous running mate, first-year student Cara O’Connor, will be running in the new election for president of McCandless hall council.

"I would like to run again but unfortunately I cannot because of issues beyond my control," Lamar said. "If I could run again, I definitely would.

Hopefully this new election goes more smoothly and the ‘discrepancies’ will never have to happen again. I wish the future candidates my best luck and wishes.

Hall council elections are not the only elections for which we need to re-vote. Due to different reasons, the Class of 2013 is also holding re-elections; however, unlike the hall council elections, all of the candidates who ran in the first elections are eligible for re-election.

The initial Class of 2013 election was ruled invalid because a link identified with one student of the Class of 2013 was copied to an individual and should not be copied and sent to anyone else or any off-campus site.

The Class of 2013 will be able to re-vote for president and vice president today 8 a.m. through Sept. 22 at 8 a.m.

The Hall Council elections for Holy Cross, Le Mans and McCandless Halls will take place Sept. 24 beginning at 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Sept. 25. Students will be notified of the results on Friday.

"It is important to know that an overwhelming majority of our students in the Hall Council and Class of 2013 elections only voted one time in the respective elections," Daniel said. "Unfortunately, because of the few that did not follow this in the Hall council elections and the unintentional mistake of sending out the link in the Class of 2013 elections, both elections must be held again.

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On Tuesday, Aug. 25, young people participate in job training in Beijing after being driven from the United States, Europe and other Asian countries by poor job markets. Obama put his support behind the plan would make insurance affordable and pay for help in carrying out business research, getting into schools, finding people and other tasks.

"I noticed the turn the economy was taking, and decided it would be best to go directly to China," said Carr, who studied Chinese for eight years.

Most of his classmates stayed in the United States and have taken some unusual jobs, one as a fishing guide in Alaska.

China can be more accessible to job hunters than economies where getting work permits is harder, such as Russia and some European Union countries.

Employers need government permission to hire foreigners, but authorities promise an answer within 15 working days, compared with a wait of months or longer that might be required in some other countries. An employer has to explain why it needs to hire a foreigner instead of a Chinese national, but the government says it gives special consideration to people with technical or management skills.

Rules were tightened ahead of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, apparently to keep out possible protests. That forced some foreign workers to leave as their visas expired.

Some 217,000 foreigners held work permits at the end of 2008, up from 210,000 a year earlier, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

Lawsuit against Big Poultry looms
SCRAPER, Okla. — David Overby is no scientist, but he says a person doesn’t have to be to see how much the Illinois River has improved in recent years.

Overby, a 67-year-old retired laborer who spends his days fishing the river in the foothills of the Ozarks in eastern Oklahoma, said the water was shallow and it was 3 feet deep ago, and the drum and channel catfish he catches are bigger. And other local fish, like the river is slowly beginning to heal after decades of deterioration.

Some 217,000 foreigners held work permits at the end of 2008, up from 210,000 a year earlier, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.
Bloomberg seeks unique supporters

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Billionaire Mayor Michael Bloomberg is likely to set another spending record this election season, a person familiar with his campaign said Monday. This year, he is also branching out a little, enrolling in a 5K race to raise money for a school in Caillancas, Peru, along with Susan Sarandon, along with a handful of constituents. This marks the first Hispanic female-owned campaign to be launched in New York City on Monday for the mayor's operation.

Bloomberg's campaign officials say it is a deliberate strategy that was developed early and proceeds on a specific schedule. A new swath of untapped voters is identified — often in communities traditionally over­looked by city mayoral candidates, like Bloomberg, or Russian — then an endorsement comes from a group with something to gain from the new campaign.

For example, an endorsement from the president of the Korean Foreign Produce Association means delis and groceries all over the city get Bloomberg signs along with their deliveries of fruit and vegetables.

Campaign manager Bradley Tusk says the attention to niche endorsements is is one of the most important parts of the Bloomberg strategy.
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VIETNAM

Companies break baby formula laws

HANOI — Multinational companies in Vietnam sell baby formula so aggressively that they routinely snatch and sometimes break laws designed to promote breastfeeding, an AP investigation has found. International guidelines and Vietnamese law recognize breast milk as superior to formula for an infant's health. Yet dozens of interviews with mothers, doctors, health officials and shopkeepers suggest that formula companies pay doctors to peddle their products, promote it for infants under age one and approach mothers and health care workers at health facilities — all of which are against the law.

The number of Vietnamese mothers who exclusively breast-feed in the first six months — the most crucial period — stands at just 17 percent, less than half what it was a decade ago, according to UNICEF. Meanwhile, formula sales in Vietnam jumped 39 percent in 2008, according to a study by Nielsen, a market research firm. Another survey found the industry spent more than $10 million promoting formulas last year, placing it among Vietnam's top five advertisers.

Doctors say they follow the law and attribute increased sales to other factors, chiefly more working women with money to spend and less time to breast-feed. Health experts agree that these factors have played a role, but also point to relentless marketing by formula companies. The aggressive marketing of formula is common across the region, from China to Indonesia to the Philippines, according to the International Code Documentation Center, a Malaysia-based nonprofit that seeks to eliminate the irresponsible marketing of baby foods. While companies often violate the voluntary international milk code, the center says, they are usually careful to follow the letter of individual country laws. When the Philippine government tried to tighten its advertising laws for milk products two years ago, the companies took it to court.

"The health workers there were part of the marketing arm for those products," said Jean-Marc Olive, Vietnam representative for the World Health Organization, who used to work in the Philippines. Vietnam's struggle shows how difficult it is for developing countries to take on international companies with hefty advertising budgets and aggressive sales and legal teams.

"The companies have millions of dollars and dozens of lawyers, but the Vietnamese government has a tiny budget and just two people promoting breastfeeding," said Annelies Alkema, the center's coordinator.

In early August, during World Breastfeeding Week, the Vietnamese government adopted an ambitious target: a 50 percent exclusive breastfeeding rate by 2015. Health Ministry officials also announced they had uncovered dozens of violations of formula labeling rules. But only one fine was levied — for less than $200.

Among the most serious violations that sources described separately to the AP were companies paid to doctors to sell formulas.

Companies pay doctors, in the form of baby formula coupons and money to cover travel expenses, to approach the doctors' offices every few months, giving them free samples and sometimes even lunch. The doctors, in turn, approach new mothers in the hospital and pose as academic researchers, looking for patient information. Vietnamese law also prohibits formula companies from directly marketing to outside investment, Western countries to take on international奶粉 companies based in Glenview, Ill. Vietnamese law also prohibits formula salesmen from approaching health workers, or mothers at health care facilities.

Wood said staff abide by the law and international code. "We do not compensate doctors, clerks, clinics, hospital or their staff for selling or promoting our products," he said, although he acknowledged providing furniture for the clinic, whose waiting room is adorned with a large Dutch Lady logo.

Tran Thi Haich, the clinic director, said the clinic signed a contract to promote a Dutch Lady powdered milk product for pregnant and nursing mothers. But she denied selling products for babies or receive commissions by the can. The clinic also paid a Dutch Lady logo on registration forms for women who came for ultrasound or prenatal check-ups, she said. In return, Haich said, Dutch Lady provided lunch for about 50 staffers from smaller clinics around the province who came to the bigger clinic for training every three months.

Several other big formula companies also tried to land a deal with the clinic, said Loan, the clinic's former vice director. Another clinic employee, who declined to give her name because she still works at the clinic, confirmed Loan's account.

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Rethinking the war in Afghanistan

Testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee last week, Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, argued that the United States’ war in Afghanistan will require "more forces and, without question, more time and more commitment to the protection of the Afghan people and the development of good governance." President Barack Obama, who increased troop levels in Afghanistan by 21,000 earlier this year, seems poised to accept Mullen’s recommendation and commit yet more U.S. forces to the region in the near future. Thus, the U.S. finds itself on the verge of a major escalation in Afghanistan, and a conflict that largely took a backseat to the Iraq War over the past few years may soon become the focal point of America’s foreign policy. Such a major shift in strategy calls for a serious examination of the state of the war in Afghanistan.

The U.S. invaded Afghanistan in 2001 with a clear and specific mission. Our nation’s armed forces sought to dismantle the Al Qaeda terrorist organization that attacked our country and the Taliban government that supported it. That mission is complete, insofar as it concerns the state of Afghanistan. The Taliban is no longer in power and the locus of Al Qaeda activity has shifted away from the region.

Today, U.S. troops remaining in Afghanistan are faced with an uncer­tain future. There is no clear enemy to destroy or threat to defend against. Rather, our military is expected to somehow aid in the reconstruction of Afghanistan into a modern, Western-style democracy, a goal whose realiza­tion is nowhere in sight. Almost imperceptibly, the U.S. mission in Afghanistan has flattened into counter-terrorism to nation-building. America’s disastrous attempt to remake Iraq in its own image has proven the folly of attempting to impose Western values on unwilling subjects through military force. Yet we are poised to plunge headlong into a nearly identical quagmire. Over 800 Americans have already perished in Afghanistan and a troop increase will surely bring many more casualties. It is unclear what we hope to gain from this horrific cost — skirmishing with insurgents in Afghan hamlets does nothing to protect the lives of Americans. Worse yet, there is no end in sight. President Obama and his fel­low hawks in Congress and the military are anxious to increase America’s commitment of troops and resources in Afghanistan, but they have made no serious attempt to delineate the ultimate objectives of the war or to adumbrate an eventual exit strategy. The clearest thing to a coherent goal outlined by advocates of the war in Afghanistan seems to be the establish­ment of a stable government that can exercise control over the entire state. By any reasonable measure, we have made little progress toward this aim despite years of U.S. military presence. The United States’ efforts to graft Western liberal institutions onto Afghan society have predictably back­fired and corruption and destruction have flourished.

The results of the nation’s recent presidential elections provide a dis­couraging picture of the already entrenched in Afghan politics. Supporters of incumbent Hamid Karzai stand accused of widespread voting fraud; the European Union announced last week that as many as one-third of the votes he received may have been fraudu­lent. Meanwhile, the Afghan govern­ment is far from a beacon of freedom in the Middle East. Earlier this year, the state instituted the Shiite Personal Status Law, which, among other things, allows a man to marry his wife if she refuses to have sex with him. Faced with such sobering facts, it is impossible not to wonder for what exactly we are fighting. The presence of United States troops in Afghanistan does nothing to defend our nation and its people. Sending more forces will only serve to agno­mize the Afghan populace and prolong the aimless conflict in which we have been engaged for far too long. No amount of troops can create a stable and legitimate democratic govern­ment and mold Afghanistan into a modern liberal state. The U.S. army exists to defend our freedom, not to transform societies. As the situation now stands, the war in Afghanistan has no clear resolution in sight and an increase in troop levels will only serve to delay our exit from the region.

The costs of the war in Afghanistan cannot be ignored. Men and women are dying and we have a moral responsibility to end this horrific con­flict rather than senselessly prolong it. The U.S. mission in Afghanistan is complete. It’s time for President Obama and Congress to begin with­drawing American troops from Afghanistan and to refocus our nation’s foreign policy on protecting America.

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By CONNOR ROGERS
Scene Writer

The lights go down in the movie theater. One spotlight remains fixed on a piano. A man in a vest and bowtie takes his seat, ready to tickle the ivories. The audience prepares for a movie experience like no other.

Last Thursday at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, audiences were taken on a journey back to the theater of early 20th century America. Rick Altman, Ph.D., presented "The Living Nickelodeon," for those unfamiliar with the term, a nickelodeon was an American storefront theater that would show moving pictures for the price of just five cents. These films were not like the feature length movies that we have today. Instead, shorts of three-five minutes, would constitute about half of a 20 minute entertainment program.

What would the other half consist of? Illustrated songs. While a technician had to change the film reels, a pianist would display hand painted glass slides on screen. These slides all told a story that was connected through a song. A pianist in the theater would play this song while images were projected on screen. Each slide corresponded to each line of the song, culminating with lyrics so the audience could sing along.

Rick Altman began his presentation by asking the audience to check all preconceived notions at the door. The audience suspended their disbelief as they began to travel through time. Altman also reminded the audience that the nickelodeon was a hot spot for audience participation. Such participation was not limited to singing along with the songs, but also making jokes or heckling when the occasion called for it, or even when it did not.

The images appeared on screen and audiences were amazed by the beauty of hand painted glass slides. What was even more remarkable was that many of these slides were discarded after 1912, so it is still able to view them in a rare treat. Rick Altman also had the technical competency to play the piano and sing along the songs. While he did not have the vocals of an opera singer, he was comical by incorporating accents and innuendos when necessary.

As for content, the illustrated songs both tickled your funny bone and tugged on your heartstrings. Some were about little lost children, others were about two lovers being parted. Still others had some erotic undertones (see overtones). In addition to the entertainment of the slides, the audience also got an education. Professor Altman would discuss the historical aspects of how these illustrated songs were made, or even when it did not.

For those unfamiliar with the concept, the images were illustrated songs went along with the projector. Each line of the song, with the lyrics slide corresponded to an Illustrated script and remarkable presentation by Rick Altman.

By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

Every August in the Midwest, there are roughly two weeks when the weather is unbearable. The thick, muggy air pushes down on those unlucky enough to be outside, causing discomfort, confusion and embarrassing pit stains. Every effort is made to stay indoors, protected by the benevolent air conditioning. Everyone here should be familiar with this unfortunate fortnight as there are roughly two weeks in my wallet. Sandwiched between a bottle of Star Wars shampoo and several Pez dispensers that looked almost, but not quite like our founding fathers, was a VHS tape that would change the way I looked at cinema forever. "Bubba Ho-Tep."

"Bubba Ho-Tep" is a Bruce Campbell movie. For those of you unfamiliar with Campbell's work, go see "Evil Dead 2" and "Army of Darkness." Right Now. I'll wait. I For this film, Campbell took on his most challenging and unforgiving role. Each day, he would sit through three hours of makeup in order to transform into a 65 year-old, bed-ridden, cummourgous Elvis.

Made on a budget of $1 million dollars (licensing one of Elvis songs would have eaten half of the budget) "Bubba Ho-Tep" introduces the tale of an aging rock star, long removed from the fame of his former life. To make this story possible, Elvis most still be alive. The film explains with a surprisingly well made flashback in the early 70's, fed up with the drugs, people, and excess surrounding him, Elvis traded lives with Sebastian Haff, an impersonator, who ended up dying on the toilet in 77. The real Elvis ends up sharing a nursing home with an also non-dead JFK, played by Ozzie Davis, who had been dyed black after the failed attempt on his life so LBJ could go ahead and assume the presidency. The two thought-to-be-dead protagonists appear in the film as Colonel "Creative Differences." It may appear in the film as Colonel Tom Parker and Elvis respectively.

Despite an outlandish plot and out of touch performance by Paul Giamatti and Ron Perlman have publicly stated they would appear in the film as Colonel Tom Parker and Elvis respectively. Campbell dropped out due to "creative differences." It may begin shooting as early as 2010 but could be delayed indefinitely. This article is a plea for help. Bubba Nosteratu would make pop culture a little bit better and a whole lot stranger. Do anything you can to help, buy a copy of "Bubba Ho-Tep," on DVD, comment on Internet forums, think about it twice a day. Every little piece helps. Paul Giambaatti is counting on you.

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Squeaking by Sparty

Irish hold off late Michigan State drive for 33-30 win

By ALEX BARKER

Just one week after giving up the go-ahead score in the final minute against Michigan, the Irish defense once again found themselves with their backs against the wall, needing a late fourth-quarter stop to protect their three-point lead. This time, they got it.

Senior safety Kyle McCarthy's interception at the four-yard line with 1:10 remaining preserved a 33-30 Notre Dame victory over Michigan State on Saturday, breaking the Irish's six-game losing streak against the Spartans.

"I think this is a huge step for our guys. Not necessarily for the program, but for the guys in the locker room," said McCarthy. "We deserve this win.

Just a play before the interception, Notre Dame (2-1) dodged a bullet after Michigan State running back Larry Caper, who had beaten the entire Irish secondary, found himself wide-open in the corner of the end zone, but was unable to come down with a reception from Spartan quarterback Kirk Cousins.

"After last week, how bad we had ourselves with a very similar situation in the ending of the game, to make a play to change the outcome in favor of us, I'm really, really happy for the kids in there," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "It's nice to see how genuinely excited they are. They feel great.

While the Notre Dame defense came up with the big play at the end, the Irish offense that stole the spotlight for much of the game.

Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen was again superb, completing 22 of 31 passes for 300 yards and two touchdowns. For the second straight game, he threw a short fade to Floyd in the corner of the end zone. Clausen went down early in the second quarter with a toe injury, but came back in on the next series after missing just one play.

Sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd was dominant in the first half before suffering an injury of his own. Floyd has two receptions for 38 yards and an early score before leaving the game with a shoulder injury in the second quarter on what seemed to be a Notre Dame touchdown. Clausen threw a short fade to Floyd in the end zone that was ruled incomplete on the field and upheld by a review despite appearing to have possession in bounds. Floyd did not return to the game following the injury.

In the first quarter, the game looked to be completely controlled by the Irish. After a defensive stop on the first Spartan series, Clausen engineered a magnificent drive that featured sophomore tight end Kyle Rudolph's 52-yard grab. Junior running back Armando Allen capped off the drive from the Wildcat formation with a 13-yard run for the score. Allen led all rushers with 120 yards on the ground, his second straight game with over 100 yards.

After a Michigan State field goal, Clausen drove the Irish right down the field again for another touchdown, this time hitting Floyd from 22 yards out in the corner of the end zone. Clausen was nine of nine in the first quarter for 128 yards and a touchdown in the first quarter. In the second half, Clausen and completed his first ten passes before a drop by tight end Mike Ragone.

The second quarter was a completely different story. The Spartans (1-2) got their offense rolling thanks to a number of drive-saving penalties committed by the Irish. Two personal fouls led to Michigan State's first touchdown, a 30-yard pass from wide receiver Keshawn Brown on a reverse to another wide receiver, Blair White.

After a Notre Dame field goal, the Spartans grabbed their first lead of the game, 17-16, just a minute before halftime when freshman running back Larry Caper punched it in from the one. The Irish came out with a 19-0 run early in the third quarter when Clausen led two scoring drives on the first two possessions. Allen took the snap from the Wildcat formation and threw a five-yard pass to senior Robby Parris for the first points of the second half. A 46-yard field goal from freshman Nick Tausch increased the Irish's lead to 26-17.

"Really the message [at halftime] was very clearly that we needed to come out and score on our first possession, which we did," Weis said. "By scoring in the first possession we really flipped the momentum back in our favor.

On Michigan State's next drive, the Irish special teams unit stepped up to provide what would prove to be one of the biggest plays of the game. Sophomore defensive tackle Ethan Johnson rose up and got just enough of the extra-point attempt to send it wide.

"Great play by Notre Dame blocking the extra point," Spartan coach Mark Dantonio said of the play. "It's probably the play of the game when you really look at it. If everything else unfolds as is, we're kicking a field goal to win it."

After last week's crushing defeat and the close losses that have plagued the Irish over the past two seasons. Weis was encouraged by the change in mentality he's seeing from his team.

"In the past, what might have happened is when we went down in the second half, it might have been deflating," he said. "But not this team. This team just expects they're going to come back and make a play and win."

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developer's note

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Senior wide receiver Robby Parris and sophomore tight end Kyle Rudolph celebrate after a Parris touchdown catch from running back Armando Allen in the third quarter.

Winning all that really counts

There was a terrible feeling of déjà vu in the air late in the fourth quarter Saturday. Michigan State was driving, the Irish defense was struggling, and it felt like Ann Arbor all over again.

There was an ominous sense of desperation hanging over Notre Dame Stadium as Kirk Cousins picked apart the Irish secondary while time wound down.

It was an ugly win over an opponent that allowed the Spartans to come within inches of escaping South Bend with a victory.

Still, despite all this, Notre Dame came out on top. At 2-1 the Irish are where a lot of people pegged them to be after three games, and the bright spots are certainly still there.

Jimmy Clausen has hardly thrown any poor incompletions, much less made any game-changing mistakes. Kyle Rudolph cannot be brought down by one defender and is becoming an explosive weapon as a sophomore.

Armando Allen makes the right cut and gets extra yards on almost every run. It’s a reason that is played one week at a time, and the won-loss column is all that really matters.

In pass/fail classes, an ‘A’ is the same as a ‘C-‘.

And while the 2009 Irish transcript shows a grade far below a 4.0, this team has shown a resiliency and heart in the past two games that has been absent for two years. There is finally a winning culture in the locker room, and this is a team that believes on every snap it would beat Michigan and Michigan State, even when things looked grim.

The big question last week was how the team would respond to the heartbreaking loss at Michigan. The first quarter provided an answer, as Notre Dame forced a quick punt and demolished the Spartan secondary in its first two straight drives.

After that point the long-term problems surfaced, as they will in most games for the rest of the season.

This is not a perfect team, but one that is beginning to understand its flaws.

Charlie Weis, for all his miscues, has never been shy about making adjustments. Many of them have worked, some have not. Continual corrections will be needed year to iron out the defensive issues, and Weis will have his hands full adjusting his schemes for the loss of Michael Floyd.

But now the schedule opens up a little from here. Notre Dame does not have to be great to do everything they’re supposed to this year, just very good.

It will take some time before the Irish start to ascend the rankings. This is somehow still a young defensive team, and the winning foundation will have to be built on wins like this one. It won’t be pretty, and will probably drive me crazy, but for now, it will get the job done.

Hopefully the Irish take care of business against Purdue. This will be another game with a huge talent disparity that on paper is a comfortable win.

But even if it’s closer than the experts predict, surviving and getting the win on the road in a hostile environment is all that matters.

Sometimes it’s not that easy — just ask USC.

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Floyd likely out for regular season

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Time for Plan B.

With sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd likely out for the regular season with a broken clavicle, Irish coach Charlie Weis and the Notre Dame offense will need a few playmakers to step up and fill the void, beginning Saturday at Purdue.

"One of the things I felt at the Michigan game, was the plan that I felt from whom were in on a significant number of plays than I would have with Michael," Weis said. "Jimmy's a tough guy, and he's going to do all he can."

Irish wide receiver Michael Floyd makes a touchdown reception over a Michigan State defender in the first quarter on Saturday. Floyd suffered a broken clavicle in the second quarter and is likely out for the rest of the regular season.

Fairly likely out for the field much more this week."

In fact, Evans was set to get increased reps even before Floyd's injury, Weis said. But changes in Michigan State's defensive game plan would have made the set of plays involving Evans less effective, so Weis ended up not using him as much, he said.

"Shaq was in a package that, because of the game went, we weren't going to expose ourselves to the package," Weis said. "If they're going to play a certain way, sometimes you have something that you think will just kill them. They didn't play that way, so that package he was involved in didn't get much action."

Even in Floyd's absence, Clausen should feel confident with the likes of Golden Tate (19 receptions, 301 yards, 3 touchdowns) and Kyle Rudolph (13 receptions, 146 yards, 2 touchdowns, 1 touchdown) still available.

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Defense uses deep rotation in victory

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

A total of 21 different players took the field for the Irish on the defensive side of the ball, many of whom were in on a significant number of snaps. Weis attributed the change to the things that he saw while watching film from last week's game.

"(Watching personnel) was the plan that I felt from watching the tape after the Michigan game," Weis said. "One of the things I felt at the end of the Michigan game, our frontline players, some of them, weren't getting any production. It could be for one of two reasons: They're not playing very well or they're spent. One of the plans today was to make sure, regardless where it was in the situation, we were rolling people through there."

The cornerbacks also saw heavy rotation with safeties Darrin Walls, Rashon McNeil and Sergio Brown, junior Gary Gray, and sophomores Lamosie Slaughter and Robert Blanton all sharing time in the secondary.

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Breaking the streak

The Irish defeated the Spartans at Notre Dame Stadium for the first time since 1993, holding off a late Michigan State drive to secure a 33-30 win. Senior safety Kyle McCarthy intercepted a pass near the Irish end zone with 1:10 remaining to preserve the win, his third straight game with a pick. Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen finished with 300 yards for the fourth straight game going back to last season's Hawaii Bowl, battling a foot injury to throw for two touchdowns. The Notre Dame offense was dominant early, as Clausen completed his first ten passes en route to a 13-3 first quarter lead. The Spartans quickly responded, however, taking a 17-16 lead into halftime. Notre Dame took the lead back on the opening possession of the second half and again in the fourth quarter, as Clausen connected with Golden Tate for a 33-yard score that proved to be the winning points.

For more photos, check out the photo gallery at www.ndsmcobserver.com

Clockwise from top: junior receiver Golden Tate drops a pass; sophomore defensive tackle Ethan Johnson reacts after blocking an extra point attempt; sophomore receiver Michael Floyd and junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen sing the alma mater; Clausen drops back to pass; and offensive linemen Sam Young and Trevor Robinson talk during a timeout.
Jennifer changes the word jealous to witty pun machines. For instance, are several redeeming clever culture she wants to eat them. However, there ing to mold the “teenage” group into of a car.

As Langdon attempts to solve the clues before him in time to save his kidnapped friend, he is pursued by both the CIA, led by the short but terrifying director of CIA Office of Security, Inoue Sato and by Mal’akh, a god-like man, tattooed from head to toe with more knowledge and ability than anyone could have imagined. Both, it seems, desire to uncover the secrets of the Freemasons, a secret order in which Solomon is highly involved.

Mal’akh, like the albino Atlas from “The Da Vinci Code,” is another of Brown’s monster-like villains, whose physical appearance is just as terrifying as his intention. Mal’akhir will seemingly stop at nothing to uncover the secret held by Peter Solomon and torment the Solomon family and only Langdon has the ability to stop him.

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Brown surely knows how to keep a reader’s attention, by ending chapters — which for him is short chapter cliffhangers, and telling multiple stories at the same time, so that resolution does not come immediately. “The Lost Symbol” may be one of Brown’s best books, is perfect for a college student who wants to take a break from the daily homework grind. It’s short chapters make for easy stopping places, and the dic

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Red Sox defeat Orioles for three-game sweep
Angels stretch division lead to over seven games; Mets' Maine pitches five shutout innings in 6-2 win

Associated Press

BALTIMORE -- As long as Boston's starters keep throwing effectively, the Red Sox will have an excellent chance to win -- even if their opponent isn't the Baltimore Orioles.

Despite Matsuzaka extended an outstanding stretch by Boston's starters Saturday when the Red Sox cruised past the Orioles 9-3 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Jason Berken started both games and drove in three runs for the Red Sox, who captured their fifth straight series win, the third in Baltimore. The victory, combined with the Texas Rangers' loss to Los Angeles, reduced Boston's magic number to win the AL wild card to seven. The Red Sox have an eight-game lead over the Rangers.

Pitching for the second time this month after returning from a three-month stay on the disabled list with a right shoulder injury, Matsuzaka (3-5) allowed three runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings. The right-hander struck out five and walked one, a suitable follow-up to the six shutout innings he threw on Tuesday.

Rays starters have allowed three runs or fewer in 13 straight games, going 8-1 with a 2.18 ERA. One reason for that is the pitching staff is working, everything else seems to have a way of working, even when the bats are as quiescent as the alive," manager Terry Francona said. "That's a chance every night to be a good team."

The pitching and offense were perfectly aligned Sunday. While Matsuzaka kept the Orioles scoreless, Boston built a 6-0 lead in the sixth inning. It was Matsuzaka's effective and the three RBIs gave Boston a 6-0 lead.

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Matsuzaka was effective and Berken was not. "When we throw quality starts at home, we're pretty good every game," Boston catcher Jason Varitek said. "It's a big part of what we do.

The Red Sox jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first inning, Berken walked two of the first three batters, Bay hit a single and Mike Lowell singled in two runs.

Victor Martinez extended his career-best hitting streak to 19 games with an RBI single in the second, and Ellsbury drove in two runs in the third.

That was all the offense the Red Sox needed.

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Kendrick's two-run homer tied the game earlier in the sixth. He finished with three hits and is hitting .367 (30 for 83) in his last 20 games. An inning later, after Los Angeles loaded the bases follow-

log two quick outs, Kendrick hit a liner that glanced off of center fielder Marlon Byrd and rolled to left field.

Blank, 6-5) got deep enough to help the Angels (89-60), who won two of three in the weekend series between the bottom two teams in the NL East. Carlos Beltran had an RBI single after resting Saturday and Wilson Valdez added a two-run single in the ninth.

Rangers manager Ron Washington's best opportunity against Maine came in the fifth when, Willingham led off with a single and advanced to third on Alberto Gonzalez's one-out liner to left. Maine struck out Jamie Burke and retired pitcher Garrett Mock on a bouncer to second to end the inning.
**NFL**

Seattle Seahawks cornerback Ken Lucas fails to stop San Francisco's running back Frank Gore on a successful touchdown run in the third quarter of the 49ers victory over the Seahawks Sunday. Gore helps 49ers win over Seahawks, 23-10

In Brief

Favre makes his 271st straight start against Detroit — Brett Favre has another NFL record. Favre started Sunday for the 271st straight time in the regular season and threw two touchdown passes to help the Minnesota Vikings beat the Detroit Lions 27-13.

"Today was really not a whole lot different than last week or last year," said Favre of his spectacular afternoon single-handedly re-established the run game for San Francisco.

Gore had touchdown runs of 79 and a career-best 80 yards on 16 carries, and the 49ers beat the Seattle Seahawks 23-10 to take an early hold atop the NFC West standings.

"I told myself, I'm not looking back," Gore said. "I told myself. Hey, if they're going to catch me, they're going to catch me. I'm just going to look straight ahead."

And it wasn't even close.

"Yeah, I was looking up there," Gore said with a grin of his regular practice.

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Joe Crede will need third surgery, two month recovery

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Twins third baseman Joe Crede plans to have another surgery on his injured back. Crede, out for the season, said the procedure by Dr. Andrew Dossett, a Dallas orthopedist, will remove fluid from a herniated disk that is impeding on a nerve.

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Bradley suspended for rest of season

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Milton Bradley’s season is finished. Perhaps his days with the Chicago Cubs are, too.

The Cubs suspended their volatile outfielder for the rest of the season Sunday, one day after he criticized the team in a newspaper interview. Bradley was disciplined for conduct detrimental to the team.

General manager Jim Hendry said he decided to send Bradley home after learning of the player’s remarks in the (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald of Illinois. Bradley, scratched from Saturday’s lineup with a sore left knee, was quoted as saying “you understand why the coach suspended me here.”

Bradley has two years remaining on a three-year, $30 million contract that he signed as a free agent last offseason. Hendry said he doesn’t know if the relationship can be salvaged.

“The last few days became too much for us to tolerate,” Hendry said. “I just decided late last night was the right thing to do, and I didn’t give it a lot of thought what’s going to transpire moving forward.”

Cubs manager Lou Pinella again defended Bradley.

“Jim made the decision and I support the manager,” Pinella said. “I really do.”

Chicago signed the switch-hitting Bradley to provide balance in the lineup, but he struggled throughout his first season with Chicago, batting .257 with 12 homers and 40 RBIs. He was booted visciously by home fans at Wrigley Field.

The Cubs, who haven’t won the World Series since 1908, began the day eight games out of NL wild-card spot with 15 to play. They were 11 games behind first-place St. Louis in the NL Central.

Pinella said whether the 31-year-old Bradley is with the team next season will be entirely Hendry’s call. He wasn’t sure why Bradley was unhappy in Chicago, and managers had to deal with a player who he quickly learned required plenty of cajoling.

“I don’t know what I could have done. I really don’t,” Pinella said. “I tried to make it as comfortable as I possibly could.”

In the newspaper story, Bradley also was quoted as saying the team did not have a “positive environment.” He said he didn’t know if he’d be back next season.

“I need a stable, healthy, enjoyable environment,” Bradley told the newspaper.

“Bradley had a lot of people everywhere in your face with a microphone asking the same questions repeatedly. ‘Everything is just bashing you. It’s just negativity.’

Cubs outfielder Reed Johnson had trouble understanding why Bradley was so unhappy.

“I came from Toronto and came here and just fall in love with the city and fall in love with the organization,” Johnson said. “It’s just hard for me to believe that you can come to this city, come to this organization, and not enjoy your time here.”

Johnson didn’t think Bradley had any reason to feel isolated from the rest of the team, saying “I think for the most part that was his choice.”

Hendry was surprised to learn that Bradley wasn’t missing Chicago after seeking a deal with the Cubs in the offseason.

“That’s why it was so disconcerting to hear about negativity,” Hendry said. “He’s not the kind of person to do that, and I think a lot of people think he’s going to transpire moving forward.”

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The school released a statement Monday announcing a corrective action.

“Our student-athletes are part of the Razorbacks’ family,” Chancellor David Gearhart said. “We expect them to adhere to a higher standard and code of conduct, and that is what we expect of our student-athletes, and not the justice of the victim seeks,” Bass said. “She and her family are disappointed that this action was taken before the University of Arkansas’ Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics has had an opportunity to hear the merits of the victim’s ethics complaint filed shortly after the incident.”

“The school has the family’s support, but today the family seeks,” Bass said. “She and her family are disappointed that this action was taken before the University of Arkansas’ Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics has had an opportunity to hear the merits of the victim’s ethics complaint filed shortly after the incident.”

Threat has a history of domestic violence, including four arrests for menacing or assault, as well as a conviction for simple battery. In 2007, Threat was sentenced to a year in jail after pleading guilty to domestic assault.

The Arkansas athletic director said a civil lawsuit filed against Threat by a woman in 2006, which alleged Threat and the victim had a consensual sexual relationship, was not the justice

Jeff Long

Arkansas athletic director

Arkansas coach to suspend players

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas basketball coach John Pelphrey said Thursday he will suspend at least one player 2-3 games following a rape investigation that did not result in charges.

The school released a statement from Pelphrey outlining punishment in the aftermath of the allegations. The release did not name any players and Pelphrey said he could not disclose specific punishments because of federal privacy laws.

Authorities decided against charges after investigating a woman’s claim that she had been raped Aug. 27 at a fraternity house. The allegations were made against three Arkansas basketball players.

“Although the student-athletes involved have been cleared of any criminal wrongdoing, we expect Razorback student-athletes to adhere to a higher standard and code of conduct, Pelphrey said.

The school did not say how many players would be suspended, though athletic department spokesman Kevin Traimer said it could be more than one. The school also said it would include educational programming, community service, additional conditioning and “individualized meetings with an appropriate professional regarding decision-making choices” as part of its corrective actions.

The school said the educational programs would be provided to all players.

“I can assure you that there will be meaningful consequences for those individuals who have violated team rules and have not met the expectations of conduct required of our student-athletes,” Pelphrey said.

An 18-year-old freshman named three basketball players in the rape complaint, saying one forced her to commit a sex act and another began a sex act with her a short time later in a locked bedroom at the fraternity house.

Prosecutor John Threet decided against filing charges, saying the investigation didn’t show that the woman was unaware a sex act occurred or that she was unable to say no.

John Bass, a Springdale attorney representing the woman, issued a statement of his own after the school’s announcement.

“Clearly this is a difficult time for the justic system and the woman involved,” Bass said. ‘It was taken before the University of Arkansas’ Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics has had an opportunity to hear the merits of the victim’s ethics complaint filed shortly after the incident.”

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Since becoming the Razorbacks’ coach in 2007, Pelphrey has disciplined players several times, including at the end of last season when he suspended Jason Henry days before the Southeastern Conference tournament for an unspecified violation of team rules. Henry is no longer with the team.

Former guard Patrick Beverley also said somebody wrote a paper for him while he was with the Razorbacks, and the NCAA put the team on notice about its low academic progress rate.

“Because of federal privacy laws,” Pelphrey said. “We can’t give the specifics of what happened, but there were violations of team rules. He will suspend at least one player 2-3 games following a rape investigation that did not result in charges.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Meyers and Gators play it safe vs. Vols.

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Urban Meyer wanted to open things up against Tennessee. If he had to do it again, he probably would.

But if the Volunteers were going to play conservatively, even when they were down several scores, Meyer figured he could, too.

Meyer said the top-ranked Gators play it safe in Saturday's 23-13 victory against Lane Kiffin's volunteers because of injuries and illnese, respect for Tennessee's defense and a belief that the Vols weren't really trying to win the game.

"When I saw them starting, it wasn't like they were going to beat the ball off, you didn't feel like they were going after the win," Meyer said Sunday in conference call with reporters. "They wanted to run out the clock. They wanted to run time off the clock. They wanted to shorten the game. I remember looking out and there's 18 minutes left in the game and there's no budge, they are just running around." Meyer thought it was 23-0, and there's no urgency.

"The way we lose a game there is to throw an interception, I do have respect for the Tennessee defense. We've got a win to win the game."

Meyer said the Gators are just not motivated by the Volunteers and fans who want to see blowouts.

"We're trying to win the game. A lot of it had to do with Tennessee fans for sure. That made our life a little easier."

A bug that hit the team — very possibly swine flu though no cases have been confirmed — has been as big an issue for the Gators as anything the Vols did Saturday.

Running back Jeff Demps, tight end Aaron Hernandez and defensive end Jermaine Cunningham were all fighting the flu symptoms and were isolated in the days leading up to the game.

Meyer said he didn't hide his concern for the devastating effects the virus could have on them.

"It is a panic level of proportion, I've never seen before," Meyer said. "My wife, with her great insight, said, 'Do you realize the swine flu and everything is hitting the Florida campus last week.' My wife got a fever too."

Several college football teams, including Wisconsin and Mississippi, have dealt with team-wide flu outbreaks in recent weeks.

Meyer said team doctors and training staff were doing everything they could to prevent the bug from spreading throughout the Gators. Hand sanitizers were everywhere, flu prevention checklists were posted all around the training facility.

"We're trying the best we can, but it's real," Meyer said. "We go to the extremes. They get a separate dorm room for them. They get a separate bathroom for them. They put them right on whatever the flu stuff is. Our guys, our team doctors, they're on it as fast as you can get on it."

Texas coach Mack Brown, Cunningham and Hernandez all played against the Volunteers, but none of them were particularly effective.

So Meyer put the game in quarterback Tim Tebow's hands.

Today was definitely a big game, I felt like I could have done a better job out there and put up a better fight."

Tigers winder clinch division lead

Associated Press

DODGERS:

The Detroit Tigers gave themselves a shot at a division title in the AL Central.

Pinning down a lineup of three runs, Detroit's bullpen pitched four shutout innings and the Tigers improved their three-game sweep with a 6-2 win over the Minnesota Twins Thursday night.

"We're not going to take it for granted," Miami manager Jack McKeon said. "It's not a lay-up."

Ryan Babum had behind for slumping Detroit, who won for the second time this season over four games and fourth in 13.

"We needed this," pitcher Nate Robertson said. "You play here and the Twins go the first two, they snuff swee. I've seen it a few times."

Minnesota, which won six straight, get two hits from Joe Mauer, who increased his batting average to a major league-best .374. The rate between the Tigers and Twins is the tightest in the Central.

"I guess we'll have to take two out of three and now go on to today, the next day," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. "I think if we can hang in there until we get back to Detroit and go to the last week, to the end of the season, I think we're seeing something."

Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "It's nice to be three instead of one. We're going to go down to the wire."

Dodgers, Giants 2-7

The Los Angeles Dodgers may get a chance to clinch a postseason berth next 1 1-2 weeks to find if they can pick up some steam against San Diego.

"Every time you beat those guys you don't have to look at the scoreboard."

Piscopo Polanco

Tigers second baseman

The Dodgers, trying to win a division title for the first time since winning a division title in 2004 with a 93-69 record under Jim Tracy — who now manages the Rockies. It is Torre's second season with the Dodgers since winning the NL West, the last season he won, the others all coming with the Yankees during a 12-year span.

Obviously you can tell by the look on their faces, I'm not really happy about my outing and the way I let the team down," said Torre. "I know I let down the team in the past, I have 19 games following that season and I had no decisions against the Giants for the start of last season."

"Today was definitely a big game and I just needed to do a better job out there and get the last man out. The bullpen did a great job picking me up afterwards. It was just too late and too little."

Lincoln (14-6) gave up six runs, five earned, over six innings as the lefty walks over four-plus innings and faces 24 batters. The right-hander is 0-4 with a 5.90 ERA in his last five road starts. He gave up nine runs on June 10-0 on June 29 with a two- hitter in the first two games.

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**MLB**

**Reds win to split series with Marlins**

Pirates' top starter Correia leads team

Associated Press

After a string of close games, the Cincinnati Reds were glad to get a breather. Corky Miller hit a rare home run and Jason Marquis threw a strong pitching and Correia led the Reds to their first three-game series win against the Florida Marlins by rolling to an 8-1 victory Sunday.

Miller's three-run shot and Joey Votto's two-run homer into the left-field corner. scored on Drew Stubbs' double into the left-field corner. One out later, Wells sacrificed pitches. "I've been backing into a corner and couldn't fight my way out of it," West said. "I got backed into a corner today and couldn't fight my way out of it." West said. "It's a huge learning experience coming from Double-A. I let my team down, and I don't think we expect more from me." Votto hit his 22nd homer in the seventh. and five runs with three walks and four strikeouts in 4 2-3 innings. "It's the stuff you have to deal with in a young pitcher," Gonzalez said. "He takes a couple of steps forward, then one step back."

**NFL**

**Bears open home season with a win**

Cutler, Hester, Gould boost Chicago over defending champions

Associated Press

Bounced in the opener and harassed in the early going again Sunday, Jay Cutler simply wanted a shot at redemption. He got it and finally lived up to his lofty billing.

Cutler made a big pass to Devin Hester, and Robbie Gould booted a 44-yard field goal with 15 seconds left to lift the Chicago Bears to a 17-14 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Cutler hit rookie Johnny Knox with the tying touchdown midway through the fourth quarter. After Jeff Reed missed his second field goal of the period, a 3-yarder, Cutler helped set up Gould's winning kick with a 5-yard pass to Hester on third-and-4 at the Steelers 39 that kept the winning drive going.

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Falcons hold off Panthers for a win

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Matt Ryan has a new favorite receiver. No surprise who it is. Ryan threw three touchdown passes, hooking up with Tony Gonzalez for the second week in a row, and the Atlanta Falcons held off the Carolina Panthers 21-20 on Sunday.

Through his first two games with the Falcons, Gonzalez has 12 catches for 144 yards and two touchdowns. Just what Atlanta had in mind when it dealt for a tight end who figures to end up in Canton - and starting 2-0 is just what Gonzalez had in mind when he asked to be traded by lowly Kansas City. The Falcons already have matched the Chiefs' win total for all of last season.

"Not a bad start at all," Gonzalez said. "It's just great to be part of a team like this." Ryan had a big first half, which included a brilliant finger-tip grab by Gonzalez on a 24-yard score. Jason Snelling and Roddy White also hauled in TD passes, giving Atlanta a 21-13 lead at the break.

Ryan completed 13 straight passes at one point and finished 21 of 27 for 220 yards, though he did have his first interception of the season. Gonzalez led the Falcons again with seven receptions for 71 yards.

"He's one of the greatest tight ends of all time," Ryan said. "That was a huge pickup for us. He makes big plays for us in different situations when we need him. I've enjoyed playing with him the last two years.

Jake Delhomme played much better for the Panthers, looking nothing like the quarterback who had 11 turnovers in his last two games. But his 25-of-41, 308-yard passing performance was marred by that familiar problem - an interception with 2 1/2 minutes remaining near the Atlanta end zone - and the defending NFC South champions are off to an 0-2 start.

"It couldn't be any worse than last week," said Delhomme, referring to his four-interception, one-fumble fiasco in a 38-10 loss to Philadelphia. "I felt good out there today. Last week, I put too much pressure on myself. This week, I got back to being just plain Jake.

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USC falls out of top 10 after loss to Washington

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Southern California was surprised out of the top 10 in the Associated Press college football poll Sunday, and the Trojans moved into the rankings for the first time in six years.

A day after the Hurricanes upset the Trojans 16-13 on a field goal as time expired in a 24-23 victory in the media poll. The Trojans became the second preseason top-five team to fall out of the top 10 in the second-to-last week of the season. Preseason No. 6 Oklahoma lost its opener to BYU.

Washington, ranked for the first time since Sept. 29, 2003, is No. 24.

No. 1 Florida and No. 2 Texas have held firm to their spots all season. No. 3 Alabama and No. 4 Mississippi moved into the top 10 to the latest poll, giving the Southeastern Conference three of the top four teams in the nation.

Penn State remained No. 5.

Florida received 55 of 60 first-place votes. Texas had two and Alabama received three.

BYU dropped the farthest this week, from seventh to 19th after a 54-28 home loss to Florida State. The Seminoles moved back into the rankings at No. 18.

The stock of the top 10 was California at No. 6, followed by LSU, Boise State, Miami and Oklahoma.

The Hurricanes made the biggest jump of the ranked teams from last week, moving up 11 spots after a 33-17 victory against Georgia Tech. The loss knocked the Yellow Jackets out of the rankings. Utah also dropped out after a loss.

Miami is in the top 10 for first time since the final regular-season poll of the 2005 season. The Hurricanes play at No. 11 Virginia Tech on Saturday in a huge Atlantic Coast Conference game.

Miami was the dominant team in college football during the early 2000s. In the latter part of the decade, USC had taken Hurricanes' place.

The top-10 Miami was ranked higher than USC was Oct. 26, 2003. That week the Hurricanes were No. 2 and USC was No. 3.

The next week, USC moved up a spot. Miami dropped to eighth and the two programs kept drifting apart. The Trojans became a top-10 fixture while the Hurricanes struggled to even crack the Top 25.

Since Nov. 3, 2002, Pete Carroll's second season at USC, the Trojans have spent only six weeks out of the top 10 -- all in 2007 following an early October home loss to 40-under par Stanford.

Washington, like Miami, continued for national championship earlier this decade, but the Hurricanes have fallen on even harder times than the Cougars.

Washington finished in 2003 season 6-5 and hasn't had a winning season since. The Trojans hit rock bottom last season, becoming the first Pac-10 team to go 0-12.

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NASCAR

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LOUDON, N.H. — When a young driver isn't sure how to approach an ill-tracked situation, they often ask themselves What would Mark Martin do?

With a championship on the line, Martin fooled the competition.

The 50-year-old driver held off Juan Pablo Montoya on a three-lap sprint to the finish Sunday to win the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship opener at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. After, Montoya accused Martin of holding him up at the start of the second lap.

"What he did, not cool at all," Montoya radioed his crew. "I could have wrecked him."

But Martin insisted the move, which clearly surprised Montoya, was within bounds.

"I fought for that race," Martin said. "But I wouldn't do anything, I still won't."

Whether Martin did anything wrong at all will be debated by many, but it won't change the record books. Martin won his Sprint Cup Series-best fifth race of the season and extended his lead in the standings to 35 points over runner-up Denny Hamlin and three-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson.

"Pinch me. I am sure I am sleeping," Martin said. "I am sure I am dreaming."

Martin crew chief Alan Gustafson used mid-race pit strategy to get the No. 5 into contention. He didn't bring Martin in for a pit stop under yellow that was outside of their fuel window, knowing they'd get a chance to stop later in the race.

It put Martin out front at the end, in position to spoil what was shaping up to be a blockbuster day for Montoya.

Making his 100th career start on his 34th birthday, Montoya won the pole in record-breaking speed and led every practice session while setting the stage for just his second career Sprint Cup Series victory.

Instead, he found himself sliding through the field at the end of the race. He went from fifth to second on a restart with 13 laps to go, and was on the

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wanted to do well against them, but at the same time we did a lot of really, really good things and played at a high level."

The Irish won two of the first three sets and looked ready to take the fourth, leading 17-12 at one point, but the Seminoles climbed back in thanks to several Notre Dame attack errors and two straight kills by Stephanie Neville. Florida State tied it up at 20-20 and won the close contest 26-24. "The irony is we didn't play our best [Saturday] and came out then with a win," Brown said. "[Sunday] I thought we played really well and ended up with a loss."

Dealy had a career-high 21 kills Sunday, barely beating Phelps who had another great day with 19 kills.

**Men's Tennis**

**Irish perform well at Illinois event**

By CHRIS MASOUDE Sports Writer

The Irish open the season with a host of questions concerning who will step up to replace a senior class that left some big shoes to fill. After a strong showing at the Illinois/Chicago Invitational, however, some of those questions have been answered.

"I think there were some outstanding performances this weekend because if you understand the format of what we were doing, we brought ten players," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "The other sets were really well prepared, so we've prepared us very well."

Notre Dame will play at Connecticut at 7:00 p.m. Friday and at St. John's at 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

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...called off the crossbar in the 68th minute. It wasn't until the 76th minute that the Quakers were able to sneak a shot past senior goalie Patty Duffy for the game's first goal. The second score came with 11 minutes left, with Duffy registering another save for Belles. In the second game of the weekend, Belles senior Kate Grabarek at lgrabarek1@nd.edu

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**Wehrli was able to notch a goal late in the game Sunday against Hiram College to even the score at one on that day. This was Wehrli's first goal since October of her sophomore year.**

Duffy also recorded another five saves for the Belles in the game, and two of the blocks came in the crucial overtime to keep the score knotted at one.

Overall the Belles had six players record shots in the contest.

After spending a week on the road the Belles will return to campus to take on Bethel College on Friday beginning at 5 p.m.
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attack against DePaul from the very beginning of the match. The Irish attempted three corner kicks in the first 15 minutes of the game before junior midfielder Lauren Fowkes scored off a rebound in the 16th minute. "It was definitely an improvement from last weekend," senior captain Michele Weisenhoffer said. "We controlled the majority of the game, although we could have put in a few more goals. We missed a few chances."

Even if the Irish missed some scoring opportunities, the offense poured in goals compared to the weekend in California. Junior midfielder Rosie Augustin scored a goal just before halftime, and then put Notre Dame up 3-0 with another in the 75th minute. Sophomore forward Melissa Henderson concluded the game's scoring with a goal shortly before the end of regulation.

"If we score first, it creates a more positive atmosphere," Weisenhoffer said. "We feel like we have better control of the game."

The Irish scored first against Northwestern as well when sophomore forward Courtney Barg made a goal off the crossbar from 25 yards out. Junior midfielder Julie Schilder put Notre Dame up two goals with a shot to the back of the net early in the second half. Senior goalkeeper Kelsey Lysander needed to make only one save in the two games. The two shotouts bring the Irish total to five on the season.

"Our defense and goalkeeping have been very strong. The goalkeepers have come up with some really big saves," DePaul only managed five shots the entire game. Northwesterners attempted ten shots on the Irish goal.

"These were some key wins," Weisenhoffer said. "Now we will focus on a good week of practice and prepare for Cincinnati."

The Irish travel to Cincinnati on Friday, Sept. 25, before hosting Louisville Sunday, Sept. 27.

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seconds behind the first place finisher from DePaul University. Notre Dame runners junior Dan Jackson (25:15.0), sophomore Jordan Carbon (25:24.1), junior Ryan Gambao (25:30.7), sophomore Joe Miller (23:35.7), junior Ryan Jacobs (24:34.6) and freshman J.P. Malette (25.40.8) finished in the top 10 on Friday.

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ND VOLLEYBALL
Irish beat Miami, lose to Florida State in tournament

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

It was a long weekend for the Irish. Notre Dame (6-4) made the trek to Tallahassee for the Florida State Tri-Tournament, with the Irish winning a 3-2 decision over Miami (4-1) Saturday and losing 2-3 to No. 19 Florida State Sunday. The matches were the first two of the season in which the Irish had to play all five sets.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER
Bouncing back
Team snaps two-game losing skid with wins

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame ended its first two-game losing streak since 2007 with two convincing wins at Alumni Stadium over the weekend. The No. 14/13 Irish (5-3, 1-0) toppled DePaul (4-3-2, 0-1-1) 2-0 Friday and beat Northwestern (9-5-1) 2-0 Sunday. The last time Notre Dame lost two games back-to-back was at the Santa Clara/adidas Classic in September, 2007, to Santa Clara and Stanford. History repeated itself Sept. 11 and 13 when the Irish lost both games at the Santa Clara/adidas Classic again.

Notre Dame responded to the defeat with a strong offensive performance Saturday. Bouncing back after being down 0-2, "Senior Lindsey Ferguson, left, and junior Marissa Treece run in this weekend's National Catholic Invitational.

Junior midfielder Lauren Fowlkes tries to steal the ball from a Northwestern player during Sunday's game against the Wildcats. Fowlkes posted an assist in Notre Dame's 2-0 win.

Among the top runners, this was the first time Ferguson's career that the Irish had to play all five sets. "It was a long weekend for the Irish. Notre Dame (6-4) made the trek to Tallahassee for the Florida State Tri-Tournament, with the Irish winning a 3-2 decision over Miami (4-1) Saturday and losing 2-3 to No. 19 Florida State Sunday. The matches were the first two of the season in which the Irish had to play all five sets.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY
Notre Dame wins tourney

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's cross country teams acquired their second overall win on Friday at the 36th annual home-hosted National Catholic Intercollegiate. "We have a lot more depth this year, and it was nice grouping up together during the race," sophomore Rachel Volarde said. "It is much easier to race when your teammates are right next to you." For most of the top runners, this was their first race of the 2009 season. "National Catholic is just a tune up race to shake some of the rust off. We haven't raced since outdoor track," senior Jake Walker said. Finishing second in the men's division and first for the Irish, Walker (24:59.1) was only five seconds behind first place.

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