Endowment falls record 20 percent

Despite historic decrease, Notre Dame fares better than peer institutions in recession

By AARON STEINER

Notre Dame’s endowment assets took a hit last year during a period of historic market turmoil, but outperformed a number of peer institutions and key indices, ending with a market value of $5.5 billion, University Vice President and Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass said Thursday.

Malpass recently reported 2008 fiscal year results to University Trustees, detailing the endowment’s 20.8 percent decline over 2008 results, when the investment pool was valued at $7.1 billion. Malpass said he’s “never happy to be down,” but was pleased to face “relatively well” during a “very challenging year.”

“Our performance was at the better end of the big endowment group,” he said, adding that the fund also performed better than the S&P—which fell 26.2 percent last year—as well as key international and other indices.

The fund’s decline brought it back to late 2006 levels (the endowment was valued at $5.1 billion in 2006) while markets lost significantly.

By NORA KENNEY

This week, five on-campus organizations are joining together to present Body Image and Eating Disorder Week, which will focus on raising awareness about diseases such as anorexia and bulimia.

The sponsor organizations include the Gender Relations Center, Feminist Voice, Suite Museum of Art, Student Government, and the University Counseling Center. The event began on Thursday with the “Love Your Body, Love Thee Notre Dame” poster campaign as well as a guided tour of the “Thin” exhibit with Steve Moriarty, Curator of Photography at the Suite Museum.

“I’m just really excited about this week, and the reason I’m so excited is that there is unity in trying to get this message out,” Mandy Lewis, president of Feminist Voice, said. Lewis said eating disorders and negative body images are both huge issues on campus as well as in society.

“The whole point of this week is to tell you that you’re well” during a “very challenging year.”

Police have arrested five teenagers for the Sept. 24 robbery. The two Holy Cross students, South Bend Police spokesman Capt. Phil Trent said.

All five suspects were arrested for carjacking, criminal confinement and robbery. Trent said the Prosecutor’s Office is currently reviewing the charges.

“They do have the cases and they have concurred with us that there is obvious criminal culpability,” he said.

By Madeleine Buckley

Experts discuss health reform

By ALEX TOOMBS

Aon Consulting, in conjunction with the University’s Career Center, held a workshop in DeBartolo Hall Thursday on the effects of healthcare reform upon today’s job market.

The workshop helped guide a concerned audience of students interested in careers in the health care and government relations fields.

Amidst the political strife accompanying the fierce debate coming from both sides of the spectrum, many students in the nursing, pre-

By Robert Singer

Vatican appoints ND prof as advisor

Fr. Paulinus Ibechukwu Odorozor, associate professor of theology, will be starting his fall break early— Pope Benedict XVI has appointed him as an advisor for the Second Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops in Vatican City from Oct. 4 to 25.

The first African synod took place 15 years ago during the Rwanda genocide, Odorozor said, and the upcoming meeting of some 200 bishops from across the African continent will focus on a familiar theme: “The Church in Africa in Service to Reconciliation, Justice and Peace.”

“The purpose is to bring attention to be on Africa, to see how the Church can be more effective as an agent of salvation but also as an agent of social change and progress in Africa,” he said.

According to the 62-page document “Instrumentum laboris” released by the pope in anticipation of the synod, topics covered include health care.
INSIDE COLUMN

Prank Away Pessimism

It's that time of year.

The weather is dreary, and the football team is starting to underperform like a Charlie Weis team was again. Not to mention that South Dining Hall has decided not to restock fresh food until after Fall Break.

To fight back against the disappointments of Mother Nature, the Fat Plague and corn-dog buffets, consider pulling these pranks to make the Golden Dome shine a little brighter.

Wing It Rudy:

Sneak into the football team's processional to the Stadium by dressing up in a suit and tie, hiding just inside Fitzpatrick and blending in undetected as the group walks past. Aim for Sam Young's vicinity — he might just hold you all the way to the locker room.

NBC Revenge:

On a large poster board, paint an acronymatic advertisement for NBC on one side. For example, a poster reading, "ND / Believes in / Community," accompanied by a headshot of Joel McHale might entice the network to give some extra time to its new show during a football game. Once the camera focuses on your ad, flip it over to reveal your true message.

Second Coming:

Gather a bunch of plastic crates like those used to ship Coca-Cola products, and place them in the bottom of the reflecting pool, forming a line from one side to the other. Dress up in a robe and sash on a home football Saturday and walk across the crates to render tourists speechless by creating the impression that you are walking on water.

If nonbelievers doubt thy divinity, manipulate the stuffed squirrel to the nuts when he met his fate.

Seismic Stonehenge:

Construct a paper mache replica of Stonehenge. Wait for tourists to approach and yank on the line, and place your creation on top of their heads.

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OFFBEAT

Mule deer becomes tangled in Christmas lights

HELENA, Mont. — Call it a case of Christmas creep. A young mule deer in Montana is unhinging in the holiday season early. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks game warden Kevin Cook says the buck got mixed up with a string of Christmas lights and now they are hanging from his antlers and body. The agency started getting reports about the decorated deer near Fort Harrison last week.

Cook says the buck probably became entangled when he rubbed his antlers on a tree. He says the department is keeping an eye on the animal, but so far it seems to be full of mule-tide cheer.

Circus llamas cause traffic jams in Dublin

DUBLIN — Dublin's traffic is often snarled, but this could be the first time that llamas are to blame.

Five of the South American animals accompanied by two goats ran rampant Thursday on the Irish capital's major ring road, the M50, causing 5-kilometer traffic jams. Police eventually corralled the animals safely into a trailer.

Circus owner Alexander Scholl says his animals bolted when fuel deliverymen failed to shut a gate. He rejects rival circus owners' claims that he deliberately housed the llamas on the highway to gain attention for his Circus Sydney, which has previously lost elephants and a wallaby.

"There's no way this was a publicity stunt. These llamas hit a car and killed somebody, who are they going to arrest, me or the llamas?" Scholl said.

IN BRIEF

The tunnel of Notre Dame Stadium will be open to the public today from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. as part of the Game Day events of the 2009 season.

The Notre Dame men's and women's cross country teams will host the Notre Dame Invitational today at the Burke Memorial Golf Course beginning at 2 p.m. The event is open to the public.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Seton Hall tonight at 7 p.m. at the new Alumni Stadium. For ticket information, call the athletic ticket office at 574-631-2800.

Professor Thomas Anderson will deliver a lecture entitled "Images that Matter: The U.S. as Seen through Latin American Eyes" on Saturday at 12 p.m. in the Mainenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The lecture is part of the Saturday Scholars Series sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters.

The Notre Dame women's volleyball team will play Villanova Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. For ticket information call the athletic ticket office at 574-631-7356.

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

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST PLACE ON CAMPUS?

Jacinth Cotton

"The Edy's ice cream counter in LaFan, except now they don't do mix-ins."

Ian Giles

"Football Stadium, Saturday, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m."

Ryan Dunbar

"Keenan Hall, but Notre Dame Stadium on gamedays."

Leon Zhou

"My bed."

Keith Hetrick

"406 Keenan."

Students work to draw a hand in a figure drawing class taught by Maria Tomasula in Riley Hall Thursday.

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Career Center offers study space for students in Flanner Hall

Sunday through Wednesday nights, group and private study rooms are available through reservation or on walk-in basis

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

The Career Center’s Interview Center at Flanner Hall will be available for students to use for study space Sunday through Wednesday, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Career Center Coordinator of Office Services Mary Fisher said.

Last fall, President of Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman became aware of a lack of study space available to students. He asked the Career Center if they would be willing to loan space so students could have more options for studying.

The Interview Center is great for studying because it is nice and quiet, and unlike many other locations students use for studying on campus, students can have their own private rooms,” Fisher said. “We also run a room catering to group study.”

Though the library has study rooms, their numbers are very limited and often it is hard to find a quiet space conducive to work. The Career Center not only has a variety of rooms available, but they also take reservations in advance, in addition to walk-ins.

“Usually not that many people take advantage of what is available here, maybe because it is so far from the residence halls,” Sophomore Zhe Yang said. “However, it is a great atmosphere for studying, especially since study rooms in dorms easily get noisy and turn into social spots.”

Fisher said the study rooms tend to fill up as midterms and finals approach.

“We are definitely more crowded around midterms and finals. That’s the general trend for most study locations on campus so most students wait until those weeks to call for reservations,” Fisher said.

This is the second semester the Career Center has given this opportunity to students, and though turnout has been reasonable, they hope to attract more students by increasing awareness among the student body.

“We especially see a lot of students that live close by, so the Mod Quad dorms are heavily represented,” Fisher said. “But students from all areas on campus are invited.”

Space is available four days a week, with student monitors available for any needs students might have. Also students may make reservations up to seven days in advance, by calling Consuela Howell at 574-631-9915.

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Colonel explains absence of flyovers during football games

By SARAH MERVOSH

Students and fans turned their heads in anticipation during the Star Spangled Banner at the two home football games this year, and expected to see fighter jets zoom over Notre Dame Stadium. But the jets never came.

"First game, I was really excited for it. Then when it didn't happen I was really disappointed," sophomore John Ghazi said. "I kind of thought maybe there was a problem with the first game so I assumed it would be at the next game and then I was angry when they didn't come for the second game."

The fighter jets did not fly over the Stadium for the first two games because operational needs took priority for Nevada gam e, and operational approval was not attained for the Michigan game, and operational approval was not attained for the Michigan State game. Tri-military Coordinator for Flyovers Lieutenant Colonel Shaw Braue said.

Braue said he had a flyover set up for the Washington game, but it was canceled. He said he was still trying if another unit can step in, and hope a flyover will still be possible.

"That's all you can do. You can't expect anything. Even the ones I have lined up, there's no way I can say it's going to happen," he said. "Operational needs will take precedence. We're low on the jetton pole."

Braue said he set up a flyover for every home game this season, and hopes the flyovers will work out for the remaining home games.

"We should hope for flyovers for the rest of the season but we can never expect them. We have every game scheduled for something," he said. "So hopefully, knock wood. We're going to get what we need and what we asked for."

Braue said fans have come to expect flyovers because Notre Dame has been lucky enough in the past to have requests fulfilled. But every game, every year, flyovers are a possibility, not a guarantee.

"The fans have almost gotten kind of used to it. Most stadiums around the country don't get them. Notre Dame has been really, really fortunate over the years," he said. "There are so many things that could happen that would take the flyover way from us."

For example, if a jet crashes or they need a jet to deploy, it shuffles the whole deck. It's like a whole deck of cards," he said.

Braue said he did not know how much it cost to fly fighter jets over the Stadium because the units pay for it, and often use it as part of training.

"Ghazi said the student body looks forward to the flyovers and hopes they will return. "It's really cool because it shows how big of a deal Notre Dame football is and how excited everyone is for it," he said. "I think everyone wants it (to come back)."

Braue said the Navy, Boston College and Connecticut games have flyovers lined up. For the USC game, the Army jump team plans to parachute into the Stadium.

"This year, [for every game], we had something lined up. Unfortunately, it's not going as well as we had hoped, but I'm not going to get greedy either or feel bad about that because if we get flyover a year that's more than some schools get," Braue said.

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SMC hosts Light the Night fundraiser

By CAILTIN HOUSLEY

Some people walk for a parent, some for their brethren or sister, some for a grandparent, some for a friend, and some just because they want to raise awareness.

Yesterday, Saint Mary's College hosted the Light the Night Walk to help raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Participants help not only raise money, but also awareness about the diseases.

This is the third year the College has hosted the Light the Night Walk. The course of the walk starts outside of LeMans Hall and runs throughout the campus. Last year, about 500 people participated and Saint Mary's teams alone raised more than $2,000.

The event can be quite emotional, especially for survivors of the disease and their families. "The event packs quite an emotional punch... seeing the posters and banners people carry is very moving," Carolyne Call, director, Office for Civic and Social Engagement.

"It allows us to demonstrate some solidarity with those struggling with cancer," she said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Italian police seize counterfeit goods**

Italian authorities say they have seized an estimated 20 million euro ($29 million) worth of counterfeit designer purses, wallets and other goods in a three-month crackdown that implicated 14 Chinese immigrants.

Police said in a statement Thursday that they had also raided two dormitories and a house parcellar rented to the suspects. Inside the buildings, police found illegal immigrants living crammed into two beds in two bedrooms in an apparent bid to avoid arrest.

The statement said that, of the 14 Chinese nationals implicated, seven were illegal migrants. Two were arrested.

**Israel tries to avoid persecution**

JERUSALEM — Stung by a damning U.N. report that accused the Israelis of severe abuses — many of which are being probed by international war tribunals — the Israeli prime minister said Tuesday that his government would try to avoid international prosecution.

The U.N. report appears to have energized pro-Palestinian groups that have hoped for years to bring Israelis before courts in countries that recognize the concept of "universal jurisdiction" — trying people for crimes unrelated to their own territory or nationals.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

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more value, with the S&P going back to values similar to those in 1996. The University's endowment is the 13th largest among all U.S. higher education institutions, and the largest among Catholic universities. Harvard University's endowment — the country's largest now valued at $26 billion — dropped 27.3 percent in 2009.

Malpass noted not only did Notre Dame outperform some of the larger endowments, the University has also not decreased spending in the endowment where other schools have attempted to cut spending.

"The wonderful thing, despite the implosion, is that we didn't have to cut spending, it didn't affect financial aid at all, and in fact we've increased financial aid." Malpass noted.

Yale University is currently annually spending by $150 million a year, and Princeton University will likewise cut spending by $170 million annually — both schools with some of the country's largest endowments, which both saw declines around 24 percent in 2009. Cuts like these have translated into hiring freezes and capital project delays.

In contrast, Notre Dame increased spending out of the endowment in 2009 to $215 million. Malpass said Notre Dame's annual operating budget remains just under $5 billion and hasn't been affected "at all" by the endowment's performance. In fact, the University will increase spending out of the endowment by five percent in the current year, he said.

Malpass said the endowment spending rate — the amount taken to help fund the operating budget each year — has jumped from a relatively low 3.6 to 4.3 percent in 2007, which is significantly less than rates of seven or eight percent at many peer institutions. Universities with higher spending rates like those tend to cut spending to maintain the endowment pool, but Malpass doesn't anticipate that to happen at Notre Dame.

He also pointed to the University's modest debt load and capital construction funding policies as reasons why spending has been unaffected by the decline.

The University maintains an AAA debt rating and Malpass said Notre Dame has typically held lower debt than its peers, enabling the University to safely increase debt last year to fund spending.

"That gave us flexibility in the crisis. We issued some taxable notes for liquidity purposes... and we couldn't have done that and kept our AAA rating if we were already loaded in debt," he said.

The capital construction policy at Notre Dame requires that all funds be obtained before construction begins, which means construction projects on campus haven't been halted as a result of the decline.

"That's totally unheard of," Malpass said of the policy. "Schools way overreach there, and that puts you in trouble.

Within the investment pool, Malpass said Notre Dame has always been "well diversified, and well balanced."

"We do a lot of the same types of investments Harvard and Yale and Princeton do," Malpass said, but noted Notre Dame does "a little less in real estate."

"That was key, because real estate got clobbered," Malpass said.

Real estate investments make up less than 10 percent of the University's endowment assets, compared to "about 25 percent at Yale" and "near 20 percent" at Harvard.

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"I'm encouraged by that."

But Malpass remains cautious about the next year's prospects.

"The economy's still fundamentally very weak," he said, adding concerns about high unemployment, the levels of toxic debt still held by many banks and longer term fears about inflation.

When Malpass came to Notre Dame in 1988, the endowment valued $425 million. It peaked last year at $7.1 billion. The endowment typically funds around 20 percent of the University's operating budget.

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Endowment Performance Comparison

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WASHINGTON-Post and Bloomberg unite to U.S. Census Figures that advocates for the poor said Wednesday were outdated.

"The numbers were gathered in 2008 and are being used as if they were from this year," said Forrister, director of Alabama Arise. At the News-Register in Mobile, said the clunkers letdown was "an anecdotal experience that is not necessarily a slow month for the economy."

Still, both GM and Ford said the clunkers program should pass by next month.

"The P entagon' s weapons buyer," said Mark LeNeve, former race-car driver and Ford's vice president of U.S. sales, "really does want to get the competition."

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will include the pastoral needs of African couples and families, the development of African higher education, the integration of African women and laypeople into Church leadership, the uses and impact of traditional and new media on the Church in Africa, and the engagement of the Church in ethnic and tribal strife.

As an advisor to the African bishops, Odozor said he wants to focus on ways to reconcile longstanding standoffs that have left ingrained bitterness.

The famous clashes of ethnic groups in Africa are not just things that happen overnight. They are coming out of long-held beliefs, and the Church must heal memories of strife.

Odozor said Christians, and moreover Africans in particular, are compelled to consider and act upon moral situations as they arise.

"That faith as it were transcends the world," he said. "It's not possible, "

Disorders

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not alone. This is a huge problem," she said. "This is not just an individual problem. This is a reflection of societal problems."

She says today's event, a showing of the film "Mean Girls" at Geddes Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m., will specifically address eating disorders and negative body images as a societal problem.

"We have images in society, like Lindsay Lohan, who people try to emulate and you just can't. It's not possible," she said.

Lewis said she hopes the dialogue following the showing will convey this message.

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Suspects

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forced the students into the trunk of the car.

An officer driving on McKinley Rd. around midnight spotted the car because the vehicle's high beams were lit. The suspects fled the vehicle and the officer found five students stuffed in the trunk.

Trent said this type of crime "does not commonly happen" in the area.

On Wednesday, a FIRE forum addressing Body Image and Eating Disorders will be held in the Geddes Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m.

"It will be a powerful moment that you give people an opportunity to give voice to their struggle and gain healing. I find that to be very special when you give people an opportunity to speak out," Tighe said.

Lewis and Tighe both agreed the spirit of the event is "delineative and healing."

"I think it's about this sense of solidarity that we are all part of one big family and we have to be there to support each other," Tighe said.

For Lewis, this spirit will be felt Tuesday during the "Love your Body, Feed your Soul" Mass and Dinner at Ryan Hall.

"We will take a holistic approach," she said. "You are feeding your soul and your spirit at Mass and then with dinner you converse with others and enjoy a meal."

Both Tighe and Lewis hope this week creates awareness — for those suffering, as well as for their friends and families.

Body Image and Eating Disorders Awareness Week ends Thursday, which is Love Your Body Day. The day will be celebrated with yoga, resource tables and "Love your Body" open mic and coffeehouse at Beckers from 8—9:30 p.m.

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"This was very shocking. It shook the community in general, not just the off-campus community."

Capt. Phil Trent
spokesman
South Bend Police Department

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Since faith offers the right kind of moral discernment, according to Odozor, theologians have an important task in helping to build a foundation for the growth of the Church in Africa.

"Theologians by their very nature are people who have a bit more understanding of the faith and who do their best to articulate the implications of their faith but who also have another duty to make sure that faith is handed down in a way that people can understand," he said.

Odozor said he hopes the experience will not only further the aims of the Church but teach him lessons for his own vocation.

"I'm grateful for this opportunity to serve the Church in this way," he said. "This is a huge leap in our attitude of our approach to life," he said. "So, morality is an offshoot of living the life of Christ. It's a consequence of our new being in Christ. Therefore, there is no way you can dissociate morality from the faith of the Christian."

"There are implications," Odozor continued. "So when the Christian speaks about right and wrong or he speaks out of a memory informed by faith."

Arguing that a major error in modern ethical discourse is for people to try to prove as if they were speaking from a "totally objective perspective," he said, "It is impossible to separate values from the presuppositions that ground one's worldviews."

"The faith is handed to them as children of God in a way. With that comes the task of providing an attitude of our approach to life," he said.

"That faith as it were transcends the world," he said. "It's not possible."

"I'm hoping that what I learn can help me as a priest and as a scholar to do my own bit for the Church, for Africa and for the world."
Rugby Club spends afternoon teaching ECDC students

Players teach class of four-year-olds the basics of the sport to give back to the University

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

Players from the Notre Dame Rugby Club spent their Thursday afternoon hard at work, but unlike any other fall afternoon, it wasn’t on the rugby field.

The club teamed up with Notre Dame’s Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) to organize a visit where players welcomed a change of pace from their usual aggressive game to teach the sport to a class of four-year-olds.

As a part of ECDC’s focus on hands-on and experiential learning, teachers have been arranging visits this fall from various Notre Dame athletics to share their sport with the students. Program Director Thayer Kramer said, “These visits provide the children with hands-on experiences with the equipment and the opportunity to learn about the sport from athletes who participate in the sport – an authentic way to learn,” Kramer said.

The Rugby Club became involved with the program after junior Nick Severyn responded to his professor’s request that students interested in sharing their sport with four-year-olds contact ECDC. Severyn, who is in charge of the Rugby Club’s marketing this year, thought the activity seemed like a good opportunity to encourage interest in rugby in a region of the country in which the sport has little awareness.

“It’s definitely a chance for the team to get young children interested in the game, but it also gives the kids an opportunity to spend time with rugby players and learn all about what we do,” Severyn said. “Most of the kids have parents who are Notre Dame faculty or alumni, so they’re already huge Notre Dame fans and this is really exciting for them.”

The players began the afternoon explaining the rules of the game and demonstrating plays and fundamentals, like passing, catching and kicking. By the end of the afternoon, the children were lined up passing balls back and forth with the players.

“Their faces lit up when they would make a good catch or throw,” Severyn said. “The team had a great time cheering them on.”

According to Executive Director Terri Kosik, the visit was mutually rewarding. “The members of the rugby team had an opportunity to experience the interest, enthusiasm, and perspective of four-year-olds as the children learned from the athletes about their sport,” Kosik said.

Severyn also saw Thursday’s visit as a unique opportunity for the Rugby Club to give back to the Notre Dame community. “The University has given us so much in terms of facilities, coaching and other privileges like allowing us to compete at the Division I level,” Severyn said. “Activities like this are a good way for the team to say ‘thank you’ for everything the University has given us.

“[The rugby players] were positive, enthusiastic, and helpful and were very kind, encouraging and supportive in their interactions with the children. We look forward to a return visit next fall.”

There was, however, one part of the afternoon that didn’t run exactly according to plan. “We stayed for a lot longer than we expected,” Severyn said. “We were having a ton of fun and lost track of time.”

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Friday, October 2

Noon Varsity Shop on the Irish Green Opens
3:00 pm Irish Green Opens with DJ Music
3:45 pm Visit by the ND Poms
4:30 pm Sirius XM Live Broadcast of the "Catholic Guy Show" until 7:00 pm
6:00 pm Pre Pep Rally
8:30 pm Pep Rally on the Irish Green. Speakers: James Aldridge, Mike Anello, Kerry Neal and Coach Brian Polian
7:00 pm Irish Green Closes

Saturday, October 3

8:00 am Varsity Shop on the Irish Green Opens
10:00 am Irish Green Opens with DJ Music
11:00 am Live Performance by Darryl B & Reflections until 1:00 pm
Noon Sirius XM Live Broadcast of the “Catholic Guy Show” until 2:00 pm
1:00 pm ND Personalities hosted by Chuck Lennon and a visit from the ND Cheerleaders
1:30 pm Notre Dame Glee Club Performance until 2:00 pm
2:30 pm Irish Green Closes
3:30 pm Kickoff ND vs. Washington

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ed and political science majors are concerned that significant changes potentially caused by new legislation could disrupt their careers before they are even launched.

Aon Consulting representatives Bridget Gainer and Andy Karellas helped advise students on what effects health care reform will have on their chosen professions.

Gainer, head of government affairs for Aon Consulting, relayed the predictions of those currently in the industry to the new prospects hoping for employment in the future. She also gave some welcome advice.

"Work for campaigns, as many as is possible," Gainer said. "They allow you to make connections, learn a ton and give you good exposure."

As someone with direct experience on Capitol Hill now working in the government relations department of Aon, Karellas described the convoluted processes by which the health care bill is being crafted.

"The bill will often pass the committees of the House without much problem, getting bogged down mostly in the three committees of the Senate," Karellas said. "Many opposed to the bill are holding out because they are concerned with the conference stage that comes before it goes to the president!"

Despite the precarious web of committees, subcommittees and conferences the bill has to navigate before it arrives on President Barack Obama's desk, Karellas was optimistic about the possibilities such legislation could provide for those in both the public and private sectors.

"Positions in the wellness field will boom," he said. "A healthy workforce is by far more productive than an unhealthy one."

Gainer said the information-technology specialists would play a large role in establishing electronic health records as a means of simplifying and streamlining the health care process.

The overall attitude of the students who attended the lecture was positive. Senior Sean Rega, who is majoring in economics and Italian, was optimistic for the future of his career path and said there would always be room for risk management personnel.

Senior Julianna Hoffelder, a political science major, agreed.

"I think that the reform will provide a lot of opportunities to enter the government relations field," she said. "I'd like to get involved in government consulting, and this will make a lot of room there."

Others had some concerns about the future. Junior Jon Jasinski, a political science and history dual major, expressed concern over private sector jobs.

"Health care reform will probably create a lot of government bureaucracy at the cost of the private sector," Jasinski said.

Jennifer Conrads, a graduate student in the new ESTEEM program that blends technology and entrepreneur- ship, was waiting to see what came of the reform before she decided.

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Aon representative Andy Karellas uses a flow chart to explain the complexities of the legislative process and health care reform to students interested in medicine and political science.

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Already about 70 million of the expected 114 million doses have depleted the pipeline partly because of the crunch to produce millions of doses of the new swine flu vaccine. Drugmaker Sanofi Pasteur said it had shipped more than half of the 50.5 million doses of seasonal flu vaccine ordered and it could be November before some U.S. customers get the rest of their shipments.

Novartis AG and GlaxoSmithKline PLC said Thursday's shipments are on schedule. But they've told customers they may get about 10 percent less than ordered.

The three companies account for about 100 million of the nation's expected 114 million doses.

The delay and cutbacks have already forced some doctors to turn away patients and others to cancel clinics around the country. In Lyon County, Kan., the health department canceled next weekend's drive-through clinic because it used up the doses it received in August and hasn't received any more. The Jefferson City Medical Group in Missouri has depleted the partial shipment of vaccines it got for young children at its clinic.

The delay isn't surprising nor cause for great concern, said Tom Skinner, spokesman for the Texas Department of State Health Services. About 70 million of the expected 114 million doses already have been delivered, he said. Typically fewer than 100 million Americans seek winter flu shots every year. But health care providers say early demand appears to be higher this year, because of public attention to the swine flu pandemic.

Also, vaccinations for seasonal flu started unusually early this year, Skinner said. October is the traditional time when seasonal flu vaccine clinics open. Outbreaks can happen earlier, but the flu usually peaks in January or later.

"People may have to be patient and persistent" to find out when they can get the seasonal vaccine, he said.

Right now, the swine flu is the dominant virus, and it requires a separate vaccination.

Five manufacturers are scrambling to crank out plenty of vaccine against several flu strains that scientists call the 2009 H1N1 strain — and the first doses should be given by next week.

The government has already purchased 50.5 million doses of the new vaccine from the same five companies that make the seasonal shots and nasal spray. (Ten percent of the H1N1 flu doses have been promised to other countries.)

For Swiftwater, Pa., based Sanofi Pasteur, which makes about 35 percent of the country's seasonal vaccine, normally finishes winter flu vaccines by the beginning in middle of October, company spokeswoman Donna Cary said. It expects to run several weeks later this year, she said.

Cary attributed part of the reason for the delay in production of 75.5 million doses of seasonal flu vaccine. Also, this year's seasonal flu shot includes a strain that hasn't been used in the same legal rights as marriage to gay and straight partners went into effect.

The first couple to be issued the new marriage certificate was Larry Davis and Sharon Davis, who were married Aug. 24 in Las Vegas. They are the first same-sex couple to receive a marriage license in the state since the Nevada Supreme Court struck down the ban on gay marriage in June. The couple were joined by friends and admirers for their "couple's happy day.

"I wish them much happiness," she said.

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Biologists investigate case of 131 walruses trampled to death in Alaska

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — Trampling likely killed 131 mostly young walruses when high winds swept west coast of Alaska by a loss of sea ice, according to a preliminary report released Thursday.

An examination of the dead animals and the circumstances that led to the deaths found extensive bruising and indicated the animals had been trampled.

Young animals can be hurt in stampedes, often caused by a polar bear, human hunters or even a low-flying airplane. With no human witnesses, biologists said the deaths may have gone unnoticed or unreported that led to trampling.

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Walruses cannot swim indef ete and females with young (calf) are the most vulnerable. They perform most of the summer to dive for clams, riding the edge north as temperatures warm, then south in the fall as temperatures cool.

In recent years, however, sea ice has receded far beyond the relatively shallow outer continental shelf off the coast of Alaska where it's too deep for walruses to dive to the ocean bottom.

An estimated 3,500 walruses were spotted Sept. 12 at Icy Cape, about 140 miles southwest of Barrow. Two days later, U.S. Geological Survey researchers on their way to a walrus tagging project saw a large number of the animals along the high tide line of the beach and no live animals.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages walruses and polar bears, organized an investigation.

Most of the dead animals were found at key feeding and resting areas, but some were also found near the village of Wainwright to the north and location up to 26 miles to the south.

Veterinarians and biologists from the Fish and Wildlife Service, USGS, the Alaska SeaLife Center and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game examined 71 carcasses and performed nine detailed necropsies.

Of the 71 carcasses examined, three were female yearlings, 25 were female calves and 43 were male calves, according to their preliminary report.

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Olympic Committee prepares to select city for 2016 games

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN — In 30 minutes, it will be over. Years of preparations, arm-twisting, sweet-talking and hopes will be rejected or rewarded Friday when the International Olympic Committee votes to select the host for the 2016 Games.

Chicago, Rio de Janeiro, Madrid and Tokyo — one by one — will be eliminated in a tense half-hour of successive rounds of secret balloting until one stands alone.

Shortly afterward, IOC President Jacques Rogge will break open a sealed envelope containing the winner's name and utter the magic words: "The games of the 31st Olympiad are awarded to the city of..."

But on the eve of the vote, the IOC's 106 members were, as ever, keeping their thoughts to themselves. Only Tokyo seemed to have fallen out of the running. Otherwise, it was still too close to call between the beaches and boxa nova of Rio, the bustle and Lake Michigan waterfront of Chicago, the Romance of Madrid and its seemingly solid core of backers.

The variables are such that any city could conceivably win or lose. A few votes either way could decide that. It is especially true this time, with all four cities seen as generally capable of holding the games. Some IOC veterans say there has been no closer contest in recent memory.

To prevent bribery, IOC members aren't allowed to visit the bidding cities — so they'll be deciding instead based on what they've read in committee reports. Some will go with their gut instincts, their emotions and personal interests.

As is where President Barack Obama comes in, literally. He jets in Friday morning, for just five hours, to try to tip the outcome to Chicago. An Obama star turn could swing it — or possibly work against him if his adoptive hometown is knocked out. Coming for the day of the vote is a political risk, but so, too, was the risk that Rio might win if Obama didn't lend his charisma and inspirational example to Chicago's final push.

His election as the first black president in U.S. history resonated loudly in Europe, which has the most IOC voting members — 46.

His wife, Michelle Obama, has worked the room before him, wooing IOC members with her charm and smarts. The first lady flew in Wednesday. While hesitant to declare that Barack Obama's appearance could be decisive, IOC members acknowledged it was highly anticipated.

"It's a very special moment," said Gerhard Heiberg, an IOC executive board member from Norway. "Let me listen to him and see what kind of vision he has for the games."

Talk show star Oprah Winfrey is part of Chicago's hard sell, too. She swept Hollywood-style into the marbled lobby of the IOC hotel on Thursday, turned heads and stopping every other step to shake hands or pose for a photo with IOC members and their wives.

But Chicago is up against Rio's beaches and mountains is strong. The soothing samba song "Mas que nada" — "Don't worry about it" — playing in the auditorium lent an exotic, dreamy air to a news conference that Silva held Thursday.

"For some countries, it is just one more sports event that they are going to organize," he said. "But for us, it is a unique and extraordinary thing."

He even borrowed Obama's catchphrase: "We want to overcome and show the world that yes we can."

The final throw of the dice for all four cities will be their 45-minute presentations of speeches and visions, followed by questions, that they will make in turn Friday before the vote. Kaltschmitt said he prefers that 40 percent of IOC members on the IOC were undecided going into Friday and were waiting for the presentations to make up their minds.

"Deb Heiberg: 'We've already heard about the technical plans. I want something more. I want to know about the vision. The leaders have to lift it up. I want to know why they want the games."

It takes a simple majority for victory, although it is unlikely that any city will win outright in the first or second rounds.

Rogge doesn't vote and, as long as their cities haven't been eliminated, neither can members from Brazil, the United States, Spain and Japan.

That leaves 97 voters in the final round, with more in subsequent rounds. In the event of a two-city tie in the early rounds, a runoff is held between the cities. If there is a tie in the final round, Rogge can vote or ask the IOC executive board to break the deadlock.

British bookmakers had Chicago pulling away in the last hours as the clear but not overwhelming favorite.

"But don't forget that Paris was the favorite to beat London the last time," said Graham Sharp, spokesman for betting agency William Hill. "The favorite doesn't always win."

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Dear Golden Tate,

We'll be sure to catch you anytime you score a touchdown!

Love,
The Band of the Fighting Irish
Last weekend, two Holy Cross students were kidnapped four blocks from campus. The University responded with its obligatory “Student safety is a top priority” statement but offered no plan of action. Last week’s kidnapping was not the first assault on the student community. In three years, there have been three shootings and an equal number of kidnappings. Students are assaulted and mugged; off-campus homes are vandalized on a regular basis. South Bend police continually warn students they are a target anytime they set foot off campus.

South Bend Police spokesman Capt. Phil Trent said off-campus crime toward students has remained steady in the past several years, but these crimes are still prevalent. The University can’t and shouldn’t—be responsible for policing the surrounding community. They have neither the resources nor the jurisdiction. But the dichotomy that exists between on and off campus needs to be addressed. Currently, the administration’s only plan of action is to use the crime statistics as a means of discouraging students from moving off campus.

Encouraging this separation from our surrounding environment only compounds the problem. Town-gown relations are already strained, and the University’s hypocritical stance on community interactions isn’t helping the problem. The administration encourages students to become more involved outside of the metaphorical Notre Dame bubble while simultaneously discouraging students from moving off campus.

Most universities nationwide expect students to flee the dorms as soon as possible, with many providing university-owned housing and neighborhoods. Notre Dame, conversely, focuses any off-campus expansion on preventing student housing developments and promoting faculty benefits. The University’s Gentrification Project on Notre Dame Ave, provides housing for professors near campus, promoting a safe environment for their employees. But when it comes to extending the same courtesy to students, the administration and its $5 billion endowment fall short on funds. Many of the 1,500 students that chose to move off campus this year are forced to settle for cheap homes in shabby neighborhoods. While on-campus student safety may be a priority for the administration, off-campus students do not receive the same consideration. Notre Dame has the ability to influence the surrounding community and establishing a secure student neighborhood would be the first step in combating the growing crimes against students.

Students, too, must accept their role in off-campus safety. Acting drunk in public will not attract any positive attention. Common sense and precaution should be used at all times. South Bend isn’t Mayfield and this isn’t 1960. Know the dangers you face when you go out and plan accordingly. Until the University and local law enforcement work to reduce the student assaults, students are responsible for their own well-being.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Notre Dame off-campus crime**

With local crime on the rise in South Bend, I am surprised and concerned with the lack of University effort to protect their students, especially seniors, by making a more concerted effort to keep them on campus. The reason for upwards of 80 percent of the senior class want to move out of dorms is no secret to any student at Notre Dame. Single-sex dorms and the parietal system are a part of the core mission of the University, which most students begrudge but accept. This does not change the fact that the majority of the student body feels they have outgrown the strict dorm rules by the time they are 21 and look forward to moving off campus. But must our safety be the price to pay to have our brothers spend the night on football weekends or a bottle of vodka legally in our possession?

Saint Mary's College has fought this issue with their students by building Olsen — a seniors-only, fully furnished apartment building located right on campus. There are no rules or rules enforced by the college, so it essentially has the perks of living off campus combined with the security of living on campus. I encourage Notre Dame to follow suit.

Notre Dame students do not move off campus to maravel at the beauty of the South Bend community, they do it because they feel entitled to live a more independent lifestyle without the University's rules. There is absolutely no option for Notre Dame students who want to live this independent lifestyle to also live on campus.

I do believe that Notre Dame strong-willed students are among the safest of their off-campus students and is very concerned about the rise in violence just a few blocks outside the gates. I only wish the University would take action and try to keep their seniors within the security of the Notre Dame campus. Instead of pursuing plans to build another new dorm, please consider the option of building a seniors-only residence like Saint Mary's.

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Sometimes my world feels too comfortable, so I open the Observer to find anger fuel. On September 30 I belved a berkina sweater over the resultant bonfire, poetically speaking, with leftovers to last until graduation. Responding to the question of the day, "What could possibly be worse than this weather?" one male sophomore responds, "Being a woman." I intend provocation: anyone would get printed for such pithy insights as "being in a concentration camp" or "being black?" How about "having special needs?" These sentiments do not get a public. Freedom of speech does not protect public libel. "F— you" at every second person who walks past. But Mr. Monolith did not mean to be taken so seriously, relax. His statement is more akin to "Mark Fitchsian" than Nazi treatises on purifying the race. Speaking of purity — a parallel viewpoint column entitled "Trust the Church" by Dale Parker (Sept. 30) argued against the ordination of women based on a study showing that children of mass-attending fathers are 22 times more likely to become mass-attending adults than children of mass-attending mothers. The logic is simple. Clearly, who women are and what women do as women is of less consequence — whether laughably or pitifully — than the world of men. If a father affects his children, how much more might a liturgical father? And of course measurable results prove orthodox doctrinal formulation, if getting nailed on a cross is any indication, or the difficulty men especially seem to find in keeping their fingers out of little children's underwear.

On the other hand, if the erudite Mr. Brooks Smith of Sept. 24 is any indication, female clergy may in fact simultaneously enhance mass attendance and certain male bodily organs. Why not ordain women so that single dads will take their children to Church? This is absurd. I realize that it's simpler to think within a private box, to maintain confide privileges for misogyny, to confirm authority by infinitely contingent "results." Of course, this monologue comfort constitutes the ideological equivalent of mastur- bation. I'm glad The Observer has the space to catch and distribute the ejaculate.

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**Peter Hochsieder**

**Grow up, avoid Peter Pan Syndrome**

Peter Pan was my childhood hero. He had every quality a kid could want. He could fly, hang out with fairies and fight pirates in Never Never Land. He was free of responsibility and had no worries about the future. He was the epitome of childhood innocence. Besides wearing the tights, I could really see myself doing all of those things and try to emulate him in many ways. Now that I am an adult, I know I should not act or be like Peter Pan. We must beware of Peter Pan Syndrome. This is a disease which causes us to believe we can remain in child­hood forever, like Peter Pan. It pre­vails among college kids who believe their lives parallel the life of the boy in children's literature. Those afflicted with this syndrome believe Never Never Land exists and it is called college. Peter Pan Syndrome is the pandemic of our generation.

Manifestations of Peter Pan Syndrome include a refusal to grow up. It is the fear of the next stage in life. It is an understandable fear, especially when those who are afflicted with this syndrome are children. However, most of those attending classes at Texas Tech do not fit this category, yet still fill the criteria for Peter Pan Syndrome.

Symptoms include a refusal to go on dates, spending hours upon end playing video games and eating pizza every meal of the day. In short, it is a refusal to take responsibility for life. Undiagnosed and untreated, Peter Pan Syndrome will result in years wasted in the pursuit of things which do not matter.

There is a cure, but it requires more than just a pill or a workout regimen. First, we have to recognize the prob­lem and then we have to make that next step. Change can be scary. It is ironic we as a nation voted on the plat­form of change in 2008, but yet fear the future. We need to remember what Peter Pan Syndrome: selfishness. It is still a pri­oritization problem. In college students, this is manifest­ed by being fulfilled in what they do, instead of who they are. For example, some actually believe they will be ful­filled through their vocation. While we should do those things we enjoy, work is not the purpose of life. We need to understand that happiness stems from our identity, not our accomplishments.

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**The Shadow of our accomplishments should never overpower the reality of our own selves.**

So, my advice is simple: Re-prioritize. To those of you who spend the bulk of your time pursuing your own happiness, look to others. You will find deeper fulfillment in relationships with others, in personal development (which is distinct from the pursuit of fun) and in devoting yourself to your studies (which is one of the purposes of your time in college). And of course measurable results seem "too busy" for these things, I advise you to simplify your life. Close the books, clock-out of work and reconnect with those who matter. Whether we relate more with Peter Pan as a young boy or as a man, it is time to grow up, to remember Never Never Land does not exist, and to keep fun and responsibility in moderation to those things which matter most.

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**Peter Hochsieder**

**Attentive off campus**

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**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

"What's one more hurdle?"

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Try this on for size, literary theorists. We bring you a melee for the ages. The Mythological Creatures Tournament will allow the most famous beasts of all time to jump out of the pages onto the battlefield and pit their strengths against one another. It brings together 64 of the most terrifying (or not so terrifying) characters from mythology, literature, folklore and other assorted formats, fighting one-on-one in a specially crafted arena which allows the more intelligent characters to play to their strengths. The arena features an open field; a dense forest and a lake which all can be utilized throughout the battle. So fill out a bracket, stay tuned for the results, and have pen and paper (or just an e-mail) ready to argue why your favorite creature should not have been upset in the first round. It's a clash of epic proportions. Are you prepared?

The Mythology Bracket

The Mythology Bracket is one without many pushovers. Despite the Kraken’s weak showing in the “Pirates of the Caribbean” films, it still retains a No. 1 ranking thanks to sheer size and strength.

The Hydra comes in at a close second, since it has the ability to re-grow two heads for every single one it loses. And, starting with nine threatening scenarios is nothing to scoff at.

Seeded third is the Sphinx, quite possibly the most intelligent creature in the Mythology bracket. Its riddle only once counted up upset in the first round. It’s a clash of epic proportions. Are you prepared?

The Folklore Bracket

Folklore is central to any culture, but more importantly, it contains gruesome creatures from the dark recesses of man’s imagination. After searching the globe, the most fearsom creatures were gathered for death matches of untold magnitude. The ferocity of these battles will be sung through the generations, the victors glorified and the defeated shamed through the ages.

The competitors barely weaken as one moves down the rankings. The Yeti, Sasquatch, El Chupacabra, Boogeyman and Mermaid round out the top 10. The strengths of the middle of the rankings cover the spectrum, presenting strength, stealth, intelligence and terror.

The Literary Bracket

The Literary Bracket rivals the mythology bracket for most brute strength and may have the two most formidable top seeds, the Balrog and the Dragon. Both will be nearly impossible to defeat, since both are large, powerful and have human-like intelligence. The other top seeds, Grendel, Merlin and the Ent also have the advantage of intelligence, which can counter upsets in the later rounds.

The Literary Bracket

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makes upsets unlikely.

Notice the distinction between the 6th-seeded Vampire and the 16th-seeded Sparkly “Twilight” Vampire. One strikes fear into the heart of whomever he comes across, and the other, while blessed with super-speed and super-strength, cares more about feelings than actual aggression.

The Elf, Centaur and Dwarf are all interesting characters to watch, since their high intelligence and fighting skills will help them throughout the tournament. Their lack of size and overly powerful attacks will be their only downfalls if they have any.

The Phoenix vs. Giant matchup is one of the most interesting first-round battles. While the Giant has the size and power advantage, the Phoenix has flying ability and greater intelligence, and may be able to lure the Giant into a less advantageous fighting location.

Another exciting first-round battle is between the aforementioned Centaur and Vampire. While the Vampire has the ability to fly, he loses his size and attacking ability when doing so, and Centaurs are extremely well-suited for speed while fighting.

Frankenstein, the Gnome and the Goblin received unfortunate first-round draws, and have little chance of doing any damage to their much larger, stronger, smarter and more powerful foes.

Though dominated by the higher seeds, the Literary bracket does have some interesting first-round battles, and will become infinitely more contested in the later rounds.

The Miscellaneous Bracket
The fierce smorgasbord that is the Miscellaneous Bracket contains a mish-mash of terrifying creatures. It is guaranteed to deliver exciting match-ups in which any beast has a shot to make it all the way.

The top three seeds are among the strongest in the tournament. Godzilla, a ginormous lizard that terrorized Tokyo, is expected to burn through the bracket. However, a previous loss by the nation of Japan shows trouble closing the game. King Kong, at No. 2, makes Donkey Kong look like a puff pastry. A lack of buildings on the course may present difficulties in the later rounds. Predator, the strongest seed in the tournament, is the best warrior in the universe. He will make an asset of the terrain with his formidable intelligence and deadly arsenal, including a shoulder-mounted energy cannon, invisibility, wolverine-style claws, bladed Frisbees of death, and, most of all, dreadlocks.

Moving down the bracket, more strong opponents will enter the arena. The tall, strong, furry, intelligent Wookie will make use of his energy bowcaster. Alien will terrify his opponents with a whip-like tail, sharp teeth, acid blood, intelligence and massive claws. The Gargoyle continues this display of power, with flight and razor sharp talons and teeth. Being made of animated stone, it has an impregnable defense.

The more unfortunate low seeds present untapped upset potential. The Monty Python rabbit has long, sharp, pointy teeth. It leaps about! Look at the bones! The Dust Bunny is the monster under your bed. Any creature with allergy problems beware.

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DENVER — It's a Rocker Redux for the Colorado Rockies, who took the playoffs after a one-year hiatus.

Aaron Cook pitched four-hit ball over eight and a third innings in his second start since missing a month with a stiff shoulder, and Garrett Atkins drove in three runs for the Rockies in a 9-2 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday.

The Rockies' fourth straight victory eliminated Atlanta, their final pursuer, from contention for the NL wild card. Colorado can still catch the Dodgers for the NL West title if the Rockies sweep a weekend series in Los Angeles.

"We're in," Troy Tulowitzki said. "Anything can happen once you're in." 

The Dodgers, who have lost four of their last six, were off Thursday and watched their division lead over the Rockies in a 9-2 win over the Brewers to clinch a spot in the National League playoffs on Thursday.

Minnesota Twins to a testy victory over Detroit on Thursday, 8-3 win over Tigers featuring multiple ejections

"We're celebrating," the Twins out­fielder Ben Spikes said. "We just want to see them play better."

Rockies catcher Yorvit Torreabla, center, celebrates after a 9-2 victory over the Brewers to clinch a spot in the National League playoffs on Thursday.

The AL Central is still up for grabs.

If not, the Tigers would clinch their first division title in 22 years.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "We're going to the dome for the last weekend, and we've still got a shot," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We've got to beat the Royals, and, 'Come on, Ozzie!' I'm going to leave him a note."

Twins pitcher Jeremy Bonderman and Laird were tossed in the top of the inning, following an inside pitch. Then, Tigers pitcher Jeremy Bonderman was ejected in the bottom of the inning, following an inside pitch. Both benches and bullpens emptied after Twins outfielder Delmon Young was plunked in the leg by Bonderman, but the players contained their emotions enough to avoid any push­ing or punching.

Suddenly there was no rail. There was no gant, no monster, no thing called "Douglas" to be followed.

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Colorado clinches playoff spot behind Cook

Twins split four-game series to avoid elimination in tense 8-3 win over Tigers featuring multiple ejections

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**NFL**

San Francisco 49ers' running back Glen Coffee, center, eludes Minnesota Vikings tacklers Chad Greenway (52), Kevin Williams (93) and Cedric Griffin (23) during the second half of an NFL game on Sept. 27 in Minneapolis.

**49ers' Coffee to start for injured Gore**

**Brief**

Hasselbeck misses practice, may miss game

RENTON, Wash. — Matt Hasselbeck has missed yet another practice for the Seahawks. He remains likely to miss a second consecutive game Sunday at Indianapolis.

The three-time Pro Bowl quarterback did some light throwing behind the huddle Thursday. It was the most he's done in a practice since he broke his rib at San Francisco Sept. 20.

Backup Seneca Wallace again ran the offense and figures to start. Sunday would be the 11th time Hasselbeck has been out injured since the start of the 2008 season. The Seahawks are 3-7 without him in that span.

Tackle Walter Jones and guard Bob Sims — the left side of Seattle's offensive line — were also out injured. Fill-in tackle Brandon Frye was limited by a groin injury.

Pacers to be missing players for preseason opener

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers coach Jim O'Brien expects to be without several key players in Friday's preseason opener against Chicago at Conseco Fieldhouse.

That could mean extended minutes for All-Star Danny Granger, starting point guard T.J. Ford and veteran center Jeff Foster, among others.

The Pacers, who finished 36-46 last season and missed the playoffs for the third straight year, will be without starter Mike Dunleavy (knee), first-round draft pick Tyler Hansbrough (injury), backup guard Travis Diener (toe) and free agent guard Earl Watson (personal reasons).

Starting forward Troy Murphy is listed as questionable with a sprained left ankle.

"You don't want to play anybody more than two quarters, but at the same time, you have to have five guys on the court at the end of the game," O'Brien said Thursday.

Nike denies signing contract with Eagles

Vick NEW YORK — Nike said Thursday it does not have a "contractual relationship" with Michael Vick, a day after the quarterback's agent announced a deal with the manufacturer.

On Wednesday, Michael Principe, the managing director of BEST, the agency that represents Vick, announced the Philadelphia Eagles player had a new Nike deal with a panel discussion at the Sports Sponsorship Symposium.

"He actually just became a Nike client," Principe said Wednesday. "He has a new deal with Nike that we're all very pleased about."

Principe declined comment Thursday.

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**In Brief**

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**Associated Press**

**San Francisco 49ers**

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers are putting their offense in the hands of rookie running back Glen Coffee.

The third-round draft pick will carry the load in the team's power rushing attack the next few weeks with regular starter Frank Gore out with an injury to his right ankle.

"The 49ers say they won't change a thing in their offensive approach with Gore sidelined, and that means Coffee can expect to handle the football on a regular basis.

Coffee had 25 carries for 54 yards during last week's loss in Minnesota after replacing Gore, who was injured on his first carry of the game. The rookie figures to remain the focus of San Francisco's offense until Gore is ready to return after the team's Oct. 18 bye.

"We are not going to alter things one bit," coach Mike Singletary said. "Obviously, you are missing one of the best backs in the league. But for us, we are fortunate to have Glen Coffee and we are confident he will stop in and do a good job. He is a very mature young man working his tail off, and he can handle the load and be very effective."

The 49ers have been looking for a productive backup for Gore since he became the team's full-time starter during his Pro Bowl season of 2006. Coffee was drafted this year to fill that role and is the only other ballcarrying back in the NFL for the team so far this season.

Coffee will get his first NFL start Sunday when the 49ers (2-1) host the winless St. Louis Rams. San Francisco, which beat Arizona and Seattle to begin the season, can take command of the NFC West with a victory.

The 49ers dropped from eighth to 16th in the NFL rankings in rushing offense after producing just 58 net yards against the Vikings last week. But Coffee intends to get the ground game back on track against a struggling St. Louis defense, which ranks 27th in the NFL in stopping the run.

Coffee had consecutive runs of 12 and 13 yards to highlight a third-quarter scoring drive last week and appeared to hit his stride during the second half.

"I have a full game under my belt now so I know what to expect and all that," Coffee said. "This is what you want as a player. I hate to see Frank get injured, but a backup is supposed to look at himself as a starter. There's not supposed to be any drop-off. The coaches expect that, and I expect that of myself."

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**AP**
Favre not out for revenge against Green Bay

**Associated Press**

GREEN BAY, Wis. — One minute, Brett Favre sternly insists he isn’t out for revenge against the Green Bay Packers on Monday night. The next, he says it’s only human for him to feel like he has something to prove to the team that traded him.

In his first extended interview session with Wisconsin-based reporters since well before his unretirement saga went public last summer, Favre reluctantly revisited his departure from Green Bay. He also awkwardly backpedaled from previous comments that indicated a grudge against Packers general manager Ted Thompson.

Favre will be wearing the purple uniform of the Packers’ NFC North rival at the Metrodome on Monday night, as a NFC North rival at the Metrodome on Monday night, as the Vikings battle what is essentially a special place, "I've been a part of the Green Bay tradition and I've wanted to come back," Favre said in a conference call with reporters since well before his unretirement saga went public last summer, Favre reluctantly revisited his departure from Green Bay. He also awkwardly backpedaled from previous comments that indicated a grudge against Packers general manager Ted Thompson. Favre reiterated he still considers Green Bay a "special place," but said he understands that some Packers fans have turned picked sides. I'm not surprised by it. But you can't take that away. So it is what it is. But I can't control that."
The NBA

NBA heads into season with refs locked out

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With its regular referees locked out, the NBA is confident in its roster of replacements — even the two it previously fired.

The NBA begins preseason play Thursday night with 62 referees. The league said more than half have officiated in the NBA Development League, and all but five have worked the summer league.

It also said the two with league experience, Michael Hendon and Robbie Robinson, were some of the best replacements available.

Realizing the scrutiny the backups face, the league reminded teams Wednesday about its rules against publicly criticizing the officials. But senior vice president of referee operations Ron Johnson believes the teams won't have much to complain about.

"I think some people rise to the most amazing level of performance at amazing times," Johnson said on a conference call. "So we'll see." Denver visit Utah in the first game, and Troy Maddox, DelCorey Carr and CJ Washington will officiate. The replacements will be paid $1,100 per game, same as a first-year officials and more than they were paid in the D-League or WNBA.

The league had the replacements in training camp last weekend, but thought it wouldn't need them. The NBA said the referees union agreed in principle on a new contract last Friday, but backed out of the deal two days later. The league then told teams Tuesday it was going ahead with the backups.

"The teams and we in the best of worlds would like to have our current staff operating the season of course. They're the best 60 referees in the world. But having rejected the agreement reached by their negotiators, we're left with no choice but to use replacements," president of league and basketball operations Joel Litvin said.

"That's not ideal, but this is part of the sports business and we're moving on with this group. We have plenty of confidence in this group." Still, Litvin said he expected some players to vent about the quality of officiating, so the league sent a memo to the teams warning them of the penalties for comments about the referees in hopes of preventing the frequent complaints that were heard during the last lockout in 1995.

"I can assure you, there will be less of that this time around," Litvin said.

The NBA expects the offsetting to be stronger this time because it is relying on replacements from within its own system. While the 1995 backups were mostly from the Continental Basketball Association, this time 50 are from the D-League, WNBA or NCAA Division I.

"When you work in an NBA summer league, or work in the D-League, you are essentially working for our referee operations staff," Litvin said, "applying our rules, the NBA rules, our call interpretations, our mechanics, and those are all people who have officiated NBA players before." Only Henderson and Robinson have done it in NBA games, and their rehiring was a disappointment to the union. Johnson said while they were fired because their performance didn't measure up to regular referees, it fits with the replacement group.

"People don't just get fired because they're bad, they get fired because relative to the performance of the staff standard," Johnson said. "I was not here when they were released, but after they were released. Indeed, they've gotten some experience, they've retained their legibility for practice. I think they're ready to go.

Litvin said no further talks are planned with the regular referees, whose contract expired Sept. 1. So the replacement officials could be around a while — and the NBA is OK with that.

The referees are very, very familiar with the abilities of referees at every level. We know these guys," Litvin said. "We didn't reach out to anybody who we didn't think could handle this job.

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Women's Football

Winless Pangborn and Lyons look for victory

Badin hopes to top undefeated Walsh; Breen Phillips and Lewis look to rebound; undefeated Cavanaugh and PM meet

By MEGAN FINNERAN

With the conclusion of the regular season, the annual battle between Pangborn and Lyons has yet to come. After graduating multiple outsteam has yet to take on Lyons.

Pangborn (0-2) is ready to come back after a 33-0 loss to Pasquerilla West ended in a 4-6 loss to Springfield. Pangborn is expected to take on Lyons with an 18-12 loss to Walsh. After graduating multiple outsteam last year, the team has yet to fill the voids, but with weeks of practices against the two teams under their belt, the team is ready to take on Lyons.

Pangborn's offense is led by junior quarterback and co-captain Gabby Tate and sophomore wide receiver Taylor Pawlik. Senior, co-captain Megan Beacher also takes the lead, having proven plenty when ever she is needed on the field.

"We are a mainly throwing team," sophomore captain Julie Cooney said. "We have a talented backfield and many strong options on the receiving end.

Defensively, the ladies rely on senior linebacker, center and co-captain Annie Kotz and senior safety Kaitlin Fuvery. Many freshmen are also looking promising on both sides of the game, namely Colleen Bailey on the defensive side and Kristin Birkett at wide receiver.

"If we really try our time together and do our best to maximize all our strengths, Cooney said. "We can be pretty unstoppable."

After a tough 18-0 loss to Ryan, Lyons is ready to come back into the spotlight. They hope to compete against Pangborn. They hope to compete against Pangborn.

Senior captain and co-captain Claire Connell will lead the offense, along with wide receivers senior Maria Petchum and sophomore Caroline Maroney. This triple threat has proved itself in the past, and hopes to do so again this season.

Their defense is held together by sophomores Kat Rodriguez and Alyssa Moya, who are working together to lead the freshmen new to the game.

"We lost the first game it started out," Connell said. "Now we need to work on stopping the run game and being more in sync on defense."

Pangborn and Lyons will face each other at LaBar Field at 4 p.m.

Badin vs. Walsh

Breen Phillips and Lewis are each in their regular-season defeat in more than a year's span. The teams met last week, escaping with a close

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"Our goal for the season is the last year, we went undefeated in the regular season and then had a disappointing tournment result. But that's the past. This year is, and will be, all about where our focus is."

Badin, on the other hand, caught the short side of a close game last year. The Bulldogs lost to Cavanaugh 14-7 in the regular season.

"It was a tough loss versus Cavanaugh," senior captain Kellen Daniel said. "Our defense was awesome. It was just two big plays that broke away.

The Bulldogs have been working hard in practice to tighten up any loose areas from their loss.

"We've worked a lot on flag pulling, to avoid giving up the big play," Daniel said. "We've also made our offense more interesting."

Bain is relying on these adjustments to carry them through the regular season towards their goal in the spring.

"Our goal isn't just to make it to the Stadiuim, but to win in the Stadium," Daniel said.

Badin will face Walsh on Sunday at 2 p.m. at LaBar Field.

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"The Chick's are coming off a very good win."
Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night. The Canadiens were badly out-shot and thoroughly outplayed through two periods, but found a way to hang around and win. They got some help from former teammate Mike Komisarek, who was in the penalty box for two Montreal goals.

Brian Gionta, Travis Moen and Glen Metropolit also scored for Montreal over the summer to sign theirs.

Before the game, Maple Leafs coach Ron Wilson expressed concern that Komisarek might get a little too worked up while facing his former team. He received a double high-sticking penalty in the first period for cutting open new Canadiens forward Scott Gomez.

Gionta opened the scoring after the next faceoff, taking a nice pass from Cammalleri and beating Toskala at 11:05. It was the first points in a Canadians uniform for the two big summer free-agent signings.

Toronto had controlled much of the play until that point and soon regained the momentum. Toskala made it 1-1 just over three minutes later, one-timing Mikhail Grabovski's pass behind Price.

Montreal again demonstrated its ability to manufacture quick goals as Glen Metropolit beat Francois Beauchemin to the puck and fed it out front to Moen, who slid it through Toskala's legs at 6:38 of the second period.

The Maple Leafs tied it during a two-man advantage with Matt D'Agostini and Paul Mara in the penalty box. Stajan got open at the side of the goal, where he tipped Tomas Kaberle's point shot past Price.

The Montreal goalie is looking to rebound from a tough end to last season and couldn't be faulted for either of the first two goals. He was plenty busy, too — when the horn sounded to end the second period, Toronto was out-shooting Montreal 30-18.

In the third period, the Canadiens were called for a pair of goaltender interference penalties and Stajan put the Leafs ahead for the first time while Moen was serving the second. He had a wide-open net at 9:09 after Jason Blake made a nifty move to kick the puck up to his stick and slid it in.

The Maple Leafs appeared to have the game in hand until Komisarek took a late elbowing penalty — his fifth minor of the night to go with a fighting major. On the power play, Metropolit tipped in a point shot at 15:50 that appeared to go in and out of Toskala's glove.
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Olson, Petrovic tied for lead at Turning Stone

Associated Press

VERONA, N.Y. — Leif Olson decided to give golf another shot after a lengthy layoff. He's showing signs he might have made a good choice.

Overcoming adverse conditions on a blustery day, Olson shot a 6-under 66 on Thursday to tie Tim Petrovic for the first-round lead at the Turning Stone Resort Championship.

Olson, a 28-year-old rookie from Beaver, had to advance through all three stages of Qualifying School to earn his 2009 card on the cut line.

"I consider it really my first main year playing as a professional," said Olson, the former Duke player who but played only the 2004 U.S. Open on the PGA Tour prior to this year. "I played pro just for like a summer, then and then I stopped. Just kind of started up last summer.

"I was expecting worse," Justin Rose said after a 69. "I pretty much put on half my suit-case today, so I didn't feel the cold. I think we got a little bit of a break because the wind didn't blow. It made it playable."

A year ago, wind, rain and a brief shower of hail forced two weather delays on the second round. There were no delays on Thursday, but because there was so much standing water on the course players were allowed a rarity — to lift and drop on all areas except teeing grounds, greens and hazards.

"In the rough you can tee it up. That's a big thing," said Olson, best-known for a hole-in-one at the Canadian Open when his ball caromed off playing partner Kris Blanks' ball and rolled into the hole.

"It would be nice to get a victory at the end of the year," said Petrovic, whose lone victory was the 2005 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. "I've been close a few times."

One shot behind were Matt Kuchar, John Senden, and Vaughn Taylor.

Scott, lunch. Kevin Stadler, Ken Duke, Jimmy Walker, Nicholas Thompson and Matt Jones also shot 68s. Defending champ Dustin Johnson tied his last two holes to finish at 69.

The round was halted because of darkness with a handful of players still on the course.

"It's a long ball hitting course," said Olson, 814th in the world ranking. "Hopefully, we'll see, just take it day by day. Guys are going to tear it up in the 30s. Olson, sporting a striped knit cap pulled tightly over his ears, matched his previous round on tour, a 66 at the Wyndham Championship in August that wasn't low enough to make that cut.

Olson, who has only made four cuts in 17 events, sits atop the leaderboard because he averaged nearly 280 yards off the tee and birdied four of the most difficult holes on the course. He hit to within 10 feet or closer of each of the pins at Nos. 2, 7, 11 and 13, finishing the day with seven birdies and one bogey.

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The 43-year-old Petrovic carded five birdies on the back nine. He hit inside 8 feet from 203 yards at the par-4 17th hole and made birdie, then followed that by hitting inside 6 feet at No. 18 from 146 yards to make the turn at 31.

The lone blemish on Petrovic's round was a bogey at the par-5 eighth hole. His third shot found a greenside bunker and he failed to convert a 15-foot par putt.

"I was just trying to keep my hands warm. That was the key," Petrovic said. "I didn't care if I got wet. It was a battle out there. We didn't have the traffic — the wind was down. You just had to suck it up, I guess."

Stadler, also among the early finishers, had a birdie and eagle on the front side and two more birdies on the back to go with a bogey at No. 13.

"It's one of those days where I was not really thinking about scores," said Stadler, who holied out from 117 yards for eagle at the par-5 eighth. "I knew it was going pretty well, but without really playing too well. I'm very happy to be done with it and kind of in the back of my mind I'm hoping it's going to be miserable for the rest of them this afternoon."

It was. The wind picked up to nearly 15 mph at times, and Johnson, whose two victories on tour have come in inclement weather, never managed to get something going.
Carpenter tallies 6 RBIs, grand slam in win

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Ace pitcher Chris Carpenter hit a grand slam and drove in six runs, getting the St. Louis Cardinals back on track with his arm and bat in a 13-0 rout of the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday.

Carpenter's first career homer capped a five-run second inning for the Cardinals, who had lost five of six — including three straight since clinching the NL Central title on Sept. 4. The win was their biggest of the season, surpassing a 10-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on July 28.

Carpenter (17-4), who struck out six and walked one, has won his last five starts against the Reds, including all four this season.

Third baseman Troy Glaus, who had shoulder surgery on Jan. 21 and wasn't activated until Sept. 1 before missing another 16 days with a side injury, got the scoring started in the second with a single — his first RBI of the season.

Yadier Molina, who had been out since Saturday with a bruised left knee, singled and Brendan Ryan was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Carpenter, who had one RBI this season before lining the first pitch from Kip Wells an estimated 381 feet into the left-field seats.

Wells (2-5) lasted two batters into the third inning. The right-hander was roughed up for five hits and five runs with one walk and one strikeout before being replaced by Owings.

Owings got Cincinnati's first hit off Carpenter with a one-out, opposite-field double to right in the third. The plate appearance was the first for Owings since he was hit in the helmet by a pitch Sept. 6 at Atlanta, leaving him with a concussion and punctured eardrum.

The game was delayed for 9 minutes in the top of the second when plate umpire Brian O’Nora came out of the game with an injured right knee. Wells bounced a pitch that got past catcher Corky Miller and hit O’Nora on the inside of his knee. Adrian Johnson moved from first base to behind the plate, and the game continued with three umpires.
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should work to their benefit.
"We have a good mix," Ypsilanti said. "Students from every class, freshman to seniors, play and contribute greatly. It really helps to have an camaraderie and it helps us have fun as a team."
"We need to slow start, Duncan seemed poised to turn it around this week. We have practiced twice a week, focusing especially on those aspects of the game were were the downfalls in the previous games."
"For this week's game, we want to play mistake-free football," Fisher stated. The first two games we killed ourselves causing costly penalties and mental lapses."
"Moore, however, plans to run it down the Irish' s throats."
"Our headed monster in the off tackle backfield, senior quarterback Danny Devery and sophomore tight end back David Ulery, should have a big game on Sunday," Yuhas said.
"The Highlanders and the Monarchs will be battling it out at 1 p.m. on the Riehle Field."

Fisher vs. St. Edward's
When Fisher (0-1) and St. Edward's (0-1) meet Sunday, each will be hoping to define their season with a hallmark victory. Both teams hope to get their first win of the season. Fisher was shut out in its season-opening loss and the Monarchs have only six points to their name.
"Both teams hope to get their first win of the season," said coach Tim Connelly. "There is not much to separate each team on paper and the game will be won on three points."
"We have some real solid freshman on defense," senior captain Andy Nester said. "They have done a good job in their time on the field."
"Freshman Rob Dillard looks to lead the Monarchs on the defensive side of the ball."

After having some problems with adjusting to the Green Wave, the second half saw the Highlanders take the lead and win the game. The defense didn't give up any points in the second half and ran the ball well. The offense was strong against the Green Wave.
"It's going to be like the Little Giants running against the Cowboys when Icebox came in," Nester said.
"Fisher will use a tough defense to try and get that touchdown and stop the Gentleman offensive attack.
"We're blitzing [St. Edward's] all day," Fisher senior head coach Pat Hogan said last week.
"St. Ed's will look to top Fisher in the second half of the season, as Fisher hopes for the exact opposite. Sunday, the Irish look to today's event to solidify a ranking, but also to improve their resume for the NCAA Championship meet."
"It is important to run well today, and to improve on ability, and an open race really builds camaraderie and really builds your resume for the NCAA Championship meet." ...

Zahn vs. Carroll
Two teams looking to redeem themselves against the strugglingheres will face off Sunday.
The Irish women's team is currently ranked 24th and will have the chance to not only establish a high to a knee injury last year, which may complicate his defense."
"For this week two squads know each other well, having battled five times in the last five years. Last year, the Irish defeated the Gentleman in the first game of the season."...
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**SMC SOCCER**

**Belles look for MIAA win**

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Sports Writer

After dropping their first conference game of the season, Saint Mary’s looks to bounce with the result of second half. Ryan Crabbe said, “I had Anderson and Transylvania Saturday.”

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**SMC GOLF**

**Saint Mary’s wins 3rd Jamboree**

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In what some might consider the most important match of the season, Saint Mary’s put on another impressive performance en route to capturing first place in the third MIAA Jamboree of the year.

The Jamboree, which was held at Kalamazoo University, provided the No. 2 Belles with an opportunity to expand their score, currently at 328, into this weekend’s fourth and final MIAA event of the year, which will be held in South Bend at Blackthornc Golf Club.

Accordingly, the team responded with a record day, shooting a total score of 325, the best team round ever. Following Mierzwa was sophomores Natalie Natuszka, who finished in third place with an 82.

Looking ahead, this weekend’s tournament is the final chance for Saint Mary’s to build a buffer before going into the MIAA Championship next weekend. Captain Perri Hamma emphasized the importance of the match on multiple levels.

“This is our home turf,” Hamma said. “So not only do we need to protect our course but we have to take advantage of the fact that we know this course better than any other team.”

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

**Team heads to triangular**

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Saint Mary’s is not going to let a canceled tournament ruin their weekend, as they will head head up to Anderson, Ind., to participate in a triangular along with Anderson and Transylvania Saturday.

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“My team needs to re-focus on getting back to the basics and having fun out on the court together,” Kuschel said.

The Belles hope to raise their overall record this weekend, which currently stands at 7-6, and take that momentum into next week in hopes of improving on a less than desirable conference record of 3-4.

Key players to watch in this weekend's matches are freshman Stephanie Bodien and Libby Slupczynski, both of whom are coming off impressive games in Wednesday’s win. Bodien had 15 kills, seven of which came in the first set, while Slupczynski led the team with 17 kills and 14 digs.

Saturday’s match begins at 3 p.m.

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game," Curtis said. "We had great practices this week and we made all the improvements we needed to.

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A run by freshman Leslie Sullivan started the roll that lasted until the end of the game. A pass from Bowen to freshman Kelly O'Brien gave Ryan its second touchdown.

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back on track.
"(Seton Hall) is another Big East test, and, as we have already found out, there are no easy matches in our confer­ence," Clark said. "We tied Seton Hall last year and hope­fully we can go one better this year. I always say that both winning and losing can become habits and so it's vitally important that we get into good habits starting Friday." After winning rival Michigan to start the sea­son, Notre Dame traveled to Bloomington for the adidas/ Credit Union Classic. In one of the toughest tournament slates in the nation, the Irish tied then-No. 5 Wake Forest before losing to then­No. 3 St. John's. Notre Dame endured a sizable lar fate the next week 'out' the home stadium, blowing out Seattle before dropping an overtime match to New Mexico.
The Irish have also been frustrated in conference play, holding a 2-2-0 record despite a 7-4 point differential and a relentless offense. Notre Dame opened this week's home stand with a crushing 4-0 vic­tory against No. 17 Louisville, but then dropped a 1-0 match to unranked Cincinnati.
By all accounts, the season has been frustrating for the talented Irish, who have been unable to put together consecutive wins at any point this fall. Still, Notre Dame has plenty of room to make up ground in the seven remaining Big East matches before the Big East championship in early November.
"We must take one match at a time and absolutely focus on the job on hand." — Bobby Clark
Irish coach
"It's good that we're going to have more days to do it than others, but it's pretty much the same.
"The match will be Notre Dame's first Big East contest at home, a distinction not lost on Brown.
"I always prefer to play at home," Brown said. "It's a slight advantage, sleeping on our own beds. It can also be more distracting, with the home football game and all kinds of other stuff going on, but I know we would much rather play at home." The game will begin at 2 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.
Note:
♦ Senior outside hitter Serinity Phillips was named to the Big East Honor Roll Monday for her role in the win over Connecticut and St. John's. In those two matches she totaled 22 digs, 21 kills and 11 blocks, and was one block shy of a triple-double against Connecticut.
"Phillips is playing really well," Brown said. "She's cer­tainly one of the keys to suc­cess and definitely deserving of those type of awards. An outside hitter who's hitting over 33 percent is pretty darn good."
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ND VOLLEYBALL
Irish open home slate against 'Cats
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Notre Dame (8-4, 2-0 Big East) will open its home con­ference schedule with a match against Villanova Sunday.
The Wildcats (11-4, 0-2) have been very successful so far in 2009 but fell to Cincinnati and Louisville last weekend in their opening Big East matches.
"I think the Big East race goes throughout the whole season, and with them opening 0-2 ... they for sure don't want to go further in that direction," coach Debbie Brown said. "They're going to be very focused. Brown said the Irish will need to be focused as well in order to overcome Villanova's biggest strength.
"They're a really good serving team," Brown said.
"We know we're going to have our hands full," Brown said.
In fact, the Wildcats average 2.2 service aces per set and have 138 on the season. The Irish defense averages about one service per rise per set.
Notre Dame faced Villanova once last year, a 3-2 loss in Philadelphia, but with an undefeated conference record so far, Brown said the team wants to keep rolling.
"With us wanting to win like conference, we're in a good place right now," Brown said. "But it's so early and we just have to make sure that we're competing at the top of our game every night."
The Irish, who defeated Connecticut and St. John's last weekend, are currently second in the conference behind South Florida, while Villanova sits in 12th despite having the second best overall record.
Villanova is the only team Notre Dame plays this week, an unusual occurrence for a squad that usually plays two or even three teams over the weekend. Nonetheless, Brown said the team's preparation this week was no different.
"A lot of times we just watch film on whenever we're going to play first," she said. "The fact that we only play one, that's what we're going to do," Brown said. "You have to prepare for whoever your next opponent is. Sometimes you're going to have more days to do it than others, but it's pretty much the same.
The match will be Notre Dame's first Big East contest at home, a distinction not lost on Brown.
"I always prefer to play at home," Brown said. "It's a slight advantage, sleeping on our own beds. It can also be more distracting, with the home football game and all kinds of other stuff going on, but I know we would much rather play at home." The game will begin at 2 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.
Note:
♦ Senior outside hitter Serinity Phillips was named to the Big East Honor Roll Monday for her role in the win over Connecticut and St. John's. In those two matches she totaled 22 digs, 21 kills and 11 blocks, and was one block shy of a triple-double against Connecticut.
"Phillips is playing really well," Brown said. "She's cer­tainly one of the keys to suc­cess and definitely deserving of those type of awards. An outside hitter who's hitting over 33 percent is pretty darn good."
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**Men's Interhall Football**

Alumni and Siegfried look for victories instead of ties

By LEX DENNIS, MATTHEW MORISON, TIM SINGLER, ANDREW OWENS, ALAN JOSEPH and CHRIS KING

Alumni and Siegfried are both hungry for a win after two tough ties last Sunday.

The Rambler tied Duncan 7-7 in a defensive struggle last weekend.

"A few costly mistakes kept us from the win on Sunday," junior captain Pat Rushford said. "Stupid penalties and the [interception returned for a touchdown] I threw were key mistakes that need to be corrected."

Siegfried is hungry to defend their championship, and the consistently good team is a point of concern for Rushford.

"Siegfried has been good since my freshman year," Rushford said. "But if we eliminate our mistakes and play sound football we should have a great shot."

The Ramblers are looking for their first win after their championship season last year. They fought Knot on a 7-7 tie last weekend.

"We got off to a slow start and that hurt us," Siegfried freshman Sean Hannon said. "Our defense really shined, allowing only two points even though they were on the field for most of the game."

The offense was a weakness for Siegfried, Hannon said.

"We pumped four times and turned the ball over once against Knot," Hannon said. "We need to be better to pull out the win."

Siegfried will try to reassert its dominance on the football field as Alumni hopes to establish itself with a 500 record Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Field.

**Duncan vs. Morrissey**

Sunday's matchup between Duncan Hall (0-1-1) and Morrissey Manor (1-0) promises to be an epic clash of win-hungry squads.

"The first two games fell short of my expectations," Duncan sophomore captain Paul Scheel said. "But the season is not over yet and we have more games to play."

On the other side of the ball, the Manorites claimed their first victory in fine fashion, blanking Alumni Hall 23-0. They will look to build upon this strong opening performance to keep their undefeated season alive.

"Our first game met our expectations," senior line-backer Matt Yates said. "We played hard, kept our intensity up all game, and came away with a victory just like we thought we would."

Duncan Hall has a rather young team, consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores, which could pose problems. Morrissey, on the other hand, has a good balance of upper and underclassmen, which

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**ND Women's Soccer**

Team on verge of NCAA record

By ALEX BARKER

Although this hasn't been quite the record-setting season they had hoped, the Irish will be chasing one historical mark when they hit the road for matches against West Virginia and Pittsburgh this weekend.

With a win or tie against West Virginia (4-4-1, 1-1-1 Big East) today, No. 8 Notre Dame could set the NCAA Division I record for the longest unbeaten streak in conference play at 56 games. The Irish are currently riding a 53-0-2 stretch.

"We are really close to setting a new NCAA record," senior midfielder Justin Morrow said.

"Our offense has been scoring goals all season long. We are really pushing towards that mark."

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**ND Cross Country**

Irish host top teams at ND Invite

By MOLLY SAMMON

The Irish will host the 54th annual Notre Dame Invitational today, facing the toughest competition either of the undefeated Irish teams have seen this season.

"Our meet is one of the most competitive in the country and one of the toughest we've run," Head Coach Joe Piane said. "It is better than any race we're going to be in until the pre-national race."

As one of the oldest and competitively most prestigious meets in the nation, many ranked teams and previous champions will be vying for top spots at the Burke Golf Course on campus.

"I believe that Notre Dame Invitational will be the most competitive early season meet in the

**Men's Soccer**

Back on track?

Squad looks to end home stand with a victory

By MICHAEL BLASCO

No matter which way you slice it, it's got check time for the Irish.

Notre Dame (4-4-1, 2-2-0 Big East) concludes this week's three-game Big East home stand with a match against conference foe Seton Hall (4-4-1, 1-2-1 Big East) tonight at 7 at Alumni Stadium.

The unranked Irish, who were ranked in the top 10 in many preseason polls, are hoping to climb back above .500 in conference play after a middling start to the season.

Irish coach Bobby Clark views tonight's match as an opportunity to get his team

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**Women's Interhall Football**

Ryan routes Lyons en route to first victory

By MEGAN FINNERAN, CHRIS ALLEN and BARRICK BOLLMAN

"How does it feel to be a part of Notre Dame history?" Ryan senior captain Kenzie Bowen asked her teammate after Ryan's first victory in hall history.

Ryan (1-1) toppled Lyons (0-1) 19-0 in the newly formed dorm's second game.

Even though these girls came from all over campus to form a new dorm, they lack neither numbers nor talent. They have a large number of freshmen ready and willing to step up wherever they are needed.

The first half began slowly, with both teams getting used to the rain and cold. Ryan quickly got going with a long outside run that resulted in a touchdown by sophomore Brianna Curris.

The rest of the first half was full of powerful runs by senior Danielle Swartz, as well as by Lyons senior quarterback and captain Claire Connell.

"Our offensive line worked really hard the whole
IN COMMAND OF THE TRENCHES

New offensive line coach Frank Verducci and his veteran players have created a powerful run game.
The fall break destination of choice this year seems to be Las Vegas — a place where anyone, but especially vacationing college students, is prone to bad decisions. It is Sin City, after all.

I'm not worried that any of our classmates will steal a police squad car. I don't think any Notre Dame students will have a real good time. And I doubt anyone will wake up on the roof of Caesars Palace — where, as "The Hangover" taught us, Julius Caesar didn't actually live.

No, I don't expect to hear about any antics quite that outrageous. But that doesn't eliminate my concern that some overzealous Irish fans will follow their hearts, not their heads, and place a bet on their favorite football team.

It's not that Notre Dame isn't a good team. It's not even that Notre Dame isn't as good a team as everyone — or at least the fans and oddsmakers — seem to think. It's just that this group always seems to be in those nail-biter games that end in 19-16 or 12-10, or whatever. But even that Notre Dame won't try, and of course it should. But since the Irish somehow figure out a way to stop the run without surrendering the down, and find the key to start the offensive ignition coming out of halftime and discover a new attitude that motivates the team to thrash opponents mercilessly, there will be plenty more contests that will come down to one play late in the game.

If Notre Dame were to ever come out and throttle an opponent the public expects it to handle with relative ease, I guess it could be Saturday, when the Irish will be favored by two touchdowns.

The Huskies aren't bad but aren't quite there yet. Perhaps the logic sounds backward, but the fact that Washington is — or at least seems to be — a better team than either Michigan State or Purdue, I think Notre Dame has a better chance for a convincing win this weekend than in either of the past two.

"I know Notre Dame wants him a great deal," Frank said. "He was one of their first offers and is just a tremendous talent." The Irish may have a leg up here because of a family connection to the University. His father is former Notre Dame running back Tony Brooks, and Barr is also the nephew of former Irish running back Reggie Brooks. Barr's mother also attended Saint Mary's. "They know what it can mean for him down the road, but my experience has been kids end up just going where they want to go," Frank said. "The good news here is he has a strong interest and both [sides of the family] are in Notre Dame's corner.

The Irish are also after 6-foot-4, 220-pound Hayes Pullard. The Los Angeles product could play either running back or fullback, but Notre Dame seems most interested in Pullard as a linebacker at the next level.

"There really aren’t many slots left at linebacker or running back, but the fact they’re still bringing him in shows how much they really like the player," Frank said. "I’m not sure they really need another linebacker, but when you get a chance to get a player of this caliber, you really bend over backwards to try to get him.

Frank said the biggest question in deciding on Notre Dame’s future recruiting is usually how the specific players will fit in with the Irish team. He doesn’t foresee any issues with Pullard.

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By BILL BRINK
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Charlie Weis likes to run the ball.

Regardless of whether you start off throwing or start off running, when you run the ball effectively, it makes it easier for everything else you are doing," he said.

So do the linemen.

"The line loves to run block," senior guard Chris Stewart said. "Just pushing guys back, or walking down the field on someone, there's nothing like it."

So do the running backs (well, duh).

"When you get an offensive lineman coming back to the huddle with a big smile on his face, it's like, let's run it again," junior running back Armando Allen said. "It only gives you confidence."

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"Coach has this little saying. "Just pushing guys back, or walking down the field on someone, there's nothing like it.""

"I'm always amused when they throw all those guys in press rows up there," Verducci said. "Even when I was in the NFL, we'd go to the combine and there'd be these guys that, all of a sudden, would be a shock because they'd be first-round picks but they'd get in there and bench-press 225 18 times and everyone would be like, "Oh my God, he's a weakling.'"

"But they had such functional strength and such technique that they'd be good ballplayers."

"So how do you drill those technical skills into the players? Do it the same way all the time."

"They like routine. They like to jump through the same hoops every day. So don't move the hoop."

Offensive linemen like...

... doing the splits.

"There's a way to play the game, there's a standard that's put on it, that's how we're going to play. And the credit goes to the guys because they've accepted it, they've brought it into it."

"When the plays start clicking, you don't realize it, all of a sudden it's just there, senior tackle Paul Duncan said.

"They are the only ones who noticed. Allen said he noticed a different offensive line this spring than the one he had run behind the past two years. They had worked hard in the weight room, whether it was running or lifting weights," Allen said. "When spring came around they kind of became in sync."

They said the success came because of a combination of hard work, Verducci's influence and players rededicating themselves to the program. That work in the spring carried over into individual season; poor work on the linemen took it upon themselves to maintain what they had gained. They took home film, both of themselves in practice, then cut and pasted it into the home film, both of themselves in practice, translated to physical gains.

"You have a mental realization to know that I have to go above and beyond what I've done in the past," he said.

"So now, in season, the line and the running game are reaping the rewards of that work."

"You can just see it coming, taking that next step," Duncan said. "That's where we're right now, taking that next step, because it's rolling for us."

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The Irish coverage was better in kickoffs at Purdue, but had some bad moments on punt returns with penalties and mental lapses. The Irish return game has been solid but not spectacular, averaging 21 yards per kickoff return.

Kicker Eric Folk has made six of seven attempts this season, including a 54-yarder. Punter Will Mahan has averaged 42.7 yards per punt and downed six kicks inside opponents’ 20-yard lines.

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Healthy Locker leads Washington’s return to prominence

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Irish visited Husky Stadium last year, the hapless Washington offense barely avoided being shut out and didn’t complete a single pass until there was 5:50 to go in the game.

A year later, that seems like an entirely different team. With a new, offensively-minded coach in Steve Sarkisian and the return of healthy junior quarterback Jake Locker, the Huskies offense is dangerous again for the first time in years.

“Coach Sarkisian and defensive coordinator Nick Holt came up from USC and really have changed the mentality of Washington in a hurry,” coach Charlie Weis said. “I think part of the turnaround obviously is Locker coming back.”

Just a week after ending a 15-game losing streak that stretched over parts of three seasons, Sarkisian and Locker led the Huskies to a 13-10 win over No. 3 USC. Trojans coach Pete Carroll had high praise for Locker and his former quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator Sarkisian after the game.

“I think the difference in this game was Jake. I thought he was able to come up and make the plays when they really needed it in the last drive,” Carroll said. “That’s a great player. He didn’t surprise me a bit. I thought we kept him under wraps for a while but when he had to have it he made it. That’s what a great player does.”

Locker emerged as a star in 2007 after redshirting his freshman season, and was named the Pac-10 freshman of the year. The Washington native led his hometown school to a huge win over No. 20 Boise State and became only the 19th player in NCAA history to pass for more than 1,000 yards and rush for more than 300 and lead his young team to victory.

Locker rushed for 983 yards and tallied 27 total touchdowns. Expectations were high for the Seattle native to build on his sophomore campaign in 2008, and for four games Locker struggled to lead the Washington offense behind a porous offensive line.

He nearly led the Huskies to an upset of BYU, but after a Locker touchdown run with two seconds remaining, a celebration penalty and missed extra point left Washington one point short of overtime.

In the fourth game of the season Locker then broke his thumb against Stanford and missed the rest of the season.

In four games under Sarkisian’s tutelage this season Locker has shined as a passer, throwing for 1,002 yards and six touchdowns. While his rushing numbers are down, Locker is running a pro-style offense and has become a much more accurate passer.

“In the last system, he was a read option type of guy with that spread,” Weis said. “But you can see that he’s adapted to the system very quickly and has come along. I think he’s a heck of a player.”

Sarkisian took over the Washington program in the offseason after the dismissal of Tyrono Willingham midway through 2008. The quarterbacks coach at USC from 2002-2004 and offensive coordinator from 2006-2008, Sarkisian

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First-year coach Steve Sarkisian, left, and junior quarterback Jake Locker have turned Washington around in a hurry, as the Huskies already upset USC earlier this season.
Weis says Te’o to play more vs. Huskies

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

While it's always exciting to see what freshman will make an impact every fall, there was one first year player this year that received more attention than any freshman since Jimmy Clausen himself.

Tuesday, Irish coach Charlie Weis said in a press conference that freshman linebacker Manti Te’o would see more time on the field against Washington than he had in any of the first four games.

"I think you're going start seeing him a whole bunch more here this week," Weis said. In the first game against Nevada, Te'o made his presence felt with a pair of tackles as well as a few other vicious hits.

In the next three games, though, Te'o received little playing time, notching only four more tackles. One of those tackles, though, was a game-clinch sack against Purdue Saturday.

After the close win over the Boilermakers, Weis talked about possibly changing his strategy regarding the super-frosh.

"Yeah, I think one thing we need to do both in practice and in games is just play him more," Weis said. "The only thing, when you have a young linebacker you'll go through some growing pains, but I think that you'll see him just playing more. We talked about that today. I think as the year goes on, you'll see his playing time just increase more and more.

Weis has said one of the things preventing Te'o from seeing the playing field is the steep learning curve for linebackers coming into the college game.

"We knew coming in the door that Manti was going to be one of the more athletic guys that we brought on to this team with his size and speed," Weis said. "And I think that as he’s gone through this learning process, I think he’s getting close to really getting the trust of the defensive coaches to able to put him on the field more."

Another roadblock to increasing Te'o’s playing time has been positional logistics. The current starting lineup has Toryan Smith starting at middle linebacker with Brian Smith at weakside linebacker. When Te'o comes in, he plays weakside with Brian Smith moving over to middle. But, according to Weis, he's found a way around it.

"He'll play more this week, that's all I'll tell you," Weis said. "I'm not going to go over the game plan to tell you how we're going play him more, but he'll play more."

"No matter how he gets on the field, though, Weis says the future is bright for the young Hawaiian.

"I have high expectations for Manti," Weis said. "I think you will see Manti playing his best ball in October and November."

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