**Irish defend the Alamodome in rout of Cougars**

By LIZ O’DONNELL

The Notre Dame community was welcomed to San Antonio with open arms this weekend as the Irish football team traveled to the Alamodome to play their first ever “home away from home” game. Director of game day operations Mike Seamon said the game felt more like a road game than a road game due to the abundance of support the team received from the city and fans.

“We wanted to have an academic element, a faith element, a service element, a social element and an athletic element,” Seamon said. “We wanted all these different core Notre Dame elements to incorporate local culture with the gameday experience."

A mariachi band entertains fans at the Alamo at a pep rally Friday in anticipation. The band was part of a weekend designed to incorporate local culture with the gameday experience.

**Students excited after Irish crush Wash St. in primetime game**

By MEGAN HEMLER

The football team may have been 1,000 miles away from South Bend in San Antonio, Texas, but homesickness did not prevent the Irish from dominating Washington State at the Alamodome Saturday.

In the first off-site home game televised during prime time hours, the Irish came on strong from the beginning, a change from their recent pattern of nail biting wins.

“I was really happy to win by more than seven points,” senior Alicia Morgan said. “It was a lot less stressful.”

The Irish took an early lead with Golden Tate catching two touch-down passes, including a 50-yard Hail Mary.

**Observer launches updated Web site**

By TESS CIVANTOS

Notre Dame students will have an opportunity to see their most private stories and personal decisions played out on stage three nights this week in the fourth annual production of “Loyal Daughters and Sons.”

The play, which is made entirely for, by and about Notre Dame students, began as the senior filmmaker releases ‘Under the Influence’

By ASHLEY CHARLIE

Saint Mary’s Editor

Breaking into the film industry isn’t an easy task, and it is one that senior film major Mark Lyons is growing familiar with.

Lyons co-wrote and starred in the film “Under the Influence” with director Joe Wilka. The film was released yesterday on AT&T, Verizon and Charter cable providers.

The film, an 85-minute comedy, includes a cast of Lyons’ friends and others who aren’t actually pursuing careers in acting. It was made “just for kicks,” and Lyons wrote it with Wilka during his sophomore year at Notre Dame.

The film — with the tagline “Four Friends. One Night. Infinite Possibilities” — shows the misadventures of four high school friends who decide to crash a party where one of their ex-girlfriends will be. The party is broken up by the police and the four friends are then split up, and the rest of the film focuses on how they try to meet again.

Lyons said the idea came because he knew his friends...
INSIDE COLUMN

The city that sparkles

Completely and totally lost on I-65 yesterday, driving back from weekend festivities in Bloomington, my friend Hannah and I were completely speechless with the sheer beauty of the state of Indiana this most delightful of the year. We had awoken in my friend’s apartment earlier in the day only to be greeted by one of the most glorious blue sky I have ever witnessed. Crisp red and orange leaves danced merrily along Walnut Street and the cool bite to the air refreshed our sleepy spirits.

Corny, yes. Biased, yes. But this day got me thinking what a crazy and foolish thing it is to knock Indiana and most notably its weather. I have heard time and again the list of offenses and grievances against the great Hoosier State, especially from those of you from places like California, Texas and Florida. I get it and I hear you. Charlotte’s perpetual perfection is always nice to come home to. My question then to you is a simple one: did you just neglect the tropics when you sent in that application in high school? Sorry our pristine beaches don’t meet your expectations. Sorry our palm trees don’t grow as abundantly as they do in your area. Sorry we get rain and — gasp — snow.

My rant is not just limited to the weather of Northern Indiana. On the contrary, I am here more to defend the Greatest City Ever Cultivated. That’s right. Those of you who were lucky enough to catch my little stint on Fox News’ College Experiment during the USC weekend know what I am talking about. Our campus is called our dear South Bend the City that Sparkles, or simply just Sparkles.

This is not meant to be a bombastic attack on critics of the Bend. I know you all love your hometowns. I do too. If we are to foster stronger University-community relations, however, we’ve gotta change these nasty ‘tudes about the place that students and faculty alike seem to grow as abundantly as they do in our pristine harbor.

South Bend is a smallish town and one that does not pro sport team here, and we can’t forget to mention the fact that the 25-foot tall Chief “Towers” is DTSB’s tallest building. My challenge to you therefore is to just take South Bend for a spin during the Farmer’s Market on Saturdays. Riverside Drive. Finnegan’s, Corby’s and Jackie O’s, four facts that you have at least five people you know every time you go to Martin’s.

I think we should all just accept that fact that South Bend’s charm and cuteness outweigh its nasty weather and its monotony. Four years is enough to get to know a place and well enough to call that place your new home. I think good ol’ Fr. Sorin and his boys had it right when they chose the Bend as the location for this great University of ours, don’t you?

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE JOYCE CENTER RENOVATIONS?

Katie Pryor
freshman McGlinn

“I like the new court and the shamrock in the middle. I don’t like that it’s smaller though.”

Anne Baxter
junior Le Mans

“I think it’s a nice facility. I like the fact that they replaced the bleachers with unified navy seats.”

Dan Collins
senior Alumni

“It rocks my leprechaun socks off!”

Steve Conway
freshman Stanford

“I like it a lot. I really like the new court and the shamrock in the middle. I think it’s really cute.”

Ben Foley
freshman Morrissey

“It’s stick. It’s a good size and our team dominates it.”

IN BRIEF

Solo play: Blue Lias will be performed by Claudia Stevens today at the Regis Philbin Studio Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for $3 - $5. The performance is a part of the “Darwin at Notre Dame” series.

A colloquium, “The Structure of Super-Heavy Atomic Nuclei”, will be held in 118 Nieuwland on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will feature Dr. Roderick Clark from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Author David Mallin will be reading at the Hammes Notre Dame Booksuite on Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. This reading is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will hold its fall concert on Thursday at the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase from $3 - $8. The Glee Club will be joined by several hundred of its alumni for its triennial reunion concert and will include sacred and secular music.

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Jerusalem study abroad program approved for 2010

By SARAH MERVOSH
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Social work project receives grant

New funding will help students travel to rural Tipton County

By MEGAN LONEY
Next Writer

‘To help defray to high costs of gas, the Tipton County Community foundation awarded Saint Mary’s College a $500 grant for social work students to travel as part of the Developing Lifespan Communities in Rural and Urban Indiana Project.

Senior Kate Doorbos wrote the grant proposal to the Foundation asking for the money to help cover the cost of students’ travel expenditure.

The Developing Lifespan Communities in Rural and Urban Indiana Project, which has been in effect for one year, has two main purposes. Dr. JoAnn Burke, chair of the Department of Social Work, said.

The first is to demonstrate to both Tipton and St. Joseph counties that we need to help our communities become better places to both grow up and grow old, she said.

The second is to help students prepare to work and live in our society which has a large number of people who are growing older.

Burke said she feels this is an important area of research due to longer life expectancy. ‘Our society is only beginning to adapt to the reality that more of us are living longer than ever before,’ Burke said. ‘Higher education needs to prepare our students for this reality by offering learning opportunities in new and existing courses. It is an exciting time to be alive in history because never before have so many of us lived for so long.’

Third-year students in Burke’s Social Work Practice with groups class are participating in this project. They are focusing on one rural county — Tipton — and one urban county — St. Joseph.

As part of this project, students conduct research focus groups with community members in Tipton and St. Joseph Counties in order to learn how the counties are evolving to be able to better serve the needs of people of all ages.

Students direct the groups with questions about the availability of health and social services, transportation, universal housing (houses for individuals even if they develop disabilities), sidewalks and crosswalks for children and adults with disabilities to use within the two counties, Burke said.

Transportation is an especially important topic for people who are unable to drive. They lose their independence if they live in an area without public transportation, Burke said.

After three years, the results of these focus groups will be combined into one written study.

Addressing the second half of the project’s goal, Burke believes that this project prepares students for futures centered on community welfare.

“Our current social work students are being prepared through this opportunity to be involved with urban planners, health care administrators, social service administrators, federal and state and city officials, schools and other institutions to help us better prepare our communities to make needed changes,” Burke said.

Burke said she is excited Saint Mary’s is beginning to offer learning opportunities based on our society where there are more of us living longer than ever before.

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Irish fans watch as the football team defeats the Washington State

Members of the Notre Dame Band traveled to San Antonio this weekend, and were beginning the trip home at 4:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. The band was there not only to show support for the team, but also participated in exhibitions at local high schools and played on the San Antonio Riverwalk.

“San Antonio was the most hospitable city I’ve traveled to with the band,” senior Band member Catherine Carroll said. “The fans roared like I’ve never heard them roar before.”

The game at the Alamodome was the beginning of a series of off-site home games, with the intent to play at least one per year, as stated by the Notre Dame athletics Web site, und.com.

The Irish play Navy at home next weekend, with kickoff scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Afghan pres. given second term

Kabul, President Hamid Karzai effectively handed a second five-year term Sunday when his only challenger dropped out of the race, and the Obama administration said it was prepared to work with the man it has previously criticized to combat corruption and advance the Taliban's peace process.

President Barack Obama has been waiting for his administration to announce whether he will send tens of thousands of new troops to Afghanistan. The war has intensified and the international community has lost the most of the eight-year war for U.S. forces.

Incumbent president leads election

MAPUTO, Mozambique — Incumbent President Daniel Armando Guebuza leads Mozambique's elections by a wide margin, with more than 80 percent of its votes counted.

Results so far give Guebuza more than 76 percent of the presidential vote, and his Frelimo party between 75 and 90 percent of parliament's 250 seats.

Lucas Joze, a National Elections Commission spokesman, said Sunday it may take more than a week for remaining results to come in from remote regions. Presidential and parliamentary elections were held Oct. 28.

Foreign observers deemed voting free and fair.

Davie Simango, third in the presidential race so far behind the president and opposition leader Afonso Dhlakama, complains his party was unfairly left out of most parliamentary races. Election officials rejected his candidates' paper-work.

NATIONAL NEWS

Officer killed in Seattle shooting

SEATTLE — Seattle police searched for clues Sunday in a shooting that killed a police officer and injured a trainee, marking the city's first officer killed in the line of duty since 2006.

Assistant Police Chief Jim Pugel said a male officer was training a female student officer in a marked patrol car Saturday night when their vehicle was suddenly struck several times by gunfire, shortly after 10 p.m.

Pugel said a light-color car pulled alongside the parked police cruiser and began shooting in the mostly residential Central District shortly after 9 p.m.

The male officer was struck and killed in the back seat of the officer's car. The officer died after being taken to a hospital. The female officer was hit in the buttocks and arm and was released from the hospital Sunday.

Language barrier leads to stabbing

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Burlington police are investigating a stabbing of a man whose mother, a Connecticut woman, was unable to understand English apparently misled her to believe that her children would be taken away.

The young man stabbed his 8-year-old son with a steak knife, then tried to kill herself, police said.

Elita Marroquin was charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, child endangerment and weapons offenses following Saturday's incident at the family's home in Bergenfield. Bail was set at $500,000, and the child and the child were expected to recover from their wounds.

Authorities were still working to confirm what country Marroquin is from and to find out what personal details about her. More information was expected to be made public when she is arraigned on Monday.

LOCAL NEWS

Schools raise health costs for top staff

GREENWOOD, Ind. — A struggling economy and a combination of factors have prompted Indiana school districts to slowly begin abandoning a long-held policy of offering administrators health insurance for $1 or less a year.

Nearly half of Indiana's 354 public school districts now require administrators to pay more than $1 for their health insurance. That's a big shift from a decade ago, when most districts shouldered the insurance costs for their top staff, said Nelton Miller, a consultant with the Indiana School Boards Association.

Teen suicides spur action in Calif.

School district searches for answers while students create T-shirt awareness campaign

Associated Press

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Grim news hit this university town in late October ahead of a two-day forum before a PTA forum on teenage stress: Another Palo Alto teen had died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, stepping in front of a commuter train, the fourth such suicide in less than six months.

With hundreds of parents crowding the forum, school Superintendent Kevin Skelly told the anxious gathering that the latest death was “a cruel irony” because city officials were working to prevent another tragedy.

“We have all experienced situations where, despite every effort, results fall short of our hopes,” Skelly said. Experts have struggled to understand what a pattern of clusters of teen suicides, a phenomenon that breaks into a community’s awareness when they occur in a public place, as they did in Palo Alto.

But officials in this San Francisco Peninsula city of about 59,000 say they’re deploying a wide array of approaches to stop it from growing.

Those efforts are moving with greater urgency since the most recent suicide occurred Sept. 19, which marked the 16-year-old male student’s birthday. Henry M. Gunn High School.

Two other Gunn students, a 17-year-old boy in May and a 17-year-old girl a month later, also took their own lives on the train tracks. One 13-year-old girl died the same way in August, days before she was to include in her Gunn freshman. At least one Gunn student, another 17-year-old boy, was prevented from committing suicide in June after his mother and him to the tracks.

“Their is no simple answer. There is not necessarily a cumulative set of answers either,” said Greg Herrmann, a spokesman for Palo Alto, which convened a task force of psychologists, clergy and others to prepare a response plan. “There are intelligent steps we can be taking.”

Police patrol the tracks while city officials negotiate with the railroad on a design to make them less accessible. Students are discouraged from erecting shrines at the sites, which might romanticize the deaths, and the media has been asked not to make public those locations.

Some of the high school’s 1,900 students also have created T-shirts with the message “Talk to Me” and formed pacts not to harm themselves. One student left bracelets made of heart-shaped walnut shells for others in need of cheering up. A group posts optimistic notes around campus.

Joyce Liu, a 17-year-old senior, created a peer-run support group that staffs a table during free periods and hosts a social networking site where classmates can find someone to listen.

She also created a Web site called “Henry M. Gunn Gives Me Hope,” where teachers and students share random acts of kindness and beauty that have come their way. A lot of the time, the problem is no one really knows the exact reason why someone would stop on the tracks,” she said. “People keep on searching for answers, but sometimes you won’t ever really know because the person is not here anymore.

Vastly different communities that have been in the same situation also have valuable lessons to offer. One that resonated deeply in Palo Alto was that suicide can be contagious and should be treated as a public health crisis.

Merly Keller, a founder of the Texas Suicide Prevention Council, tried to “prevent a downward spiral of grief” when her 18-year-old son became the fifth and last boy to die in a suicide cluster in Austin, Texas, in 2000. She and her husband buried him at a family ranch so his friends could not gather at his grave site without adult supervision.

“Of the biggest risk factors is knowing another kid who has died by suicide,” said Keller, who described that particular warning sign as having “a different quality.”

“It’s like juggling smoking and rugs,” she said if you have too many risk factors, they are going to crash,” she said.

ISRAEL

Authorities arrest Jewish terror suspect

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli authorities have arrested a Jewish-American extremist suspected of carrying out a series of high-profile, deadly attacks.

Police and Shin Bet security forces say Jack Teitel, a 37-year-old Ultra-Orthodox Jewish West Bank settler, was behind the killings of two Arab teens, the targeting of a peace activist and an attack on a breakaway Jewish sect over a period of 12 years.

Authorities originally suspected an extremist Jewish underground for some of the attacks. But acquaintances described Teitel, a father of four, as a lone wolf, and authorities say he acted alone.

Jerusalem police commander Aharon Franco said Teitel immigrated to Israel from Florida, and that he grew up on U.S. military bases as the son of a dentist serving in the Marines.

Franco said a joint police and Shin Bet operation nabbed Teitel earlier this month and he confessed to 15 of the 17 or more offenses.

Police also displayed photos of a large weapons cache seized from the suspect’s home. “He is like a serial killer. This was a Jewish terrorist who targeted different types of people,” said police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld. “He was deeply involved in terrorism in all different levels.”

Results of the police investigation will be turned over to the state prosecutor to prepare an indictment.

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while the others will also see some material from the first show that wasn’t in last year’s production. There’s always new material and stories we feel need to be re-told.

Producer Ellen Rolfe says because the play consists entirely of Notre Dame students’ true stories, it deeply reflects the community to which it is presented.

“The idea is to reflect what’s going on at Notre Dame right now,” she said. “We don’t choose what is represented. There are pieces which reflect opinions contrary to mine and there are pieces that I relate to. We are just facilitators of the material.”

A unique feature of the production is its inclusive casting, which creates a mixed yet unified community of performers. “We never turn anyone away,” Rolfe said. “Anyone who audition gets a part.”

People from very different social circles and life experiences are coming together and, to me, that community is the most important thing.”

Khorey and co-director Shay Thornton bring new perspectives to the production, which each director has treated very differently.

“I think the director has put her own personal spin on it,” Khorey said.

Liddy’s original production took place in the Decio Theater and featured an actual forum on stage. Khorey said, to bring home the student reality of the story. The second annual production ran in Washington Hall and the director focused on the character’s “redemptive act” by playing versions of the hymn “Amazing Grace” between acts. Last year’s play focused heavily on the theme of alcohol, with actors bringing more red Solo cups onstage between each act.

“This year, our theme is that people just like you are telling their stories,” Khorey said. “We’re working to bring the cast and audience together.”

“Loyal Daughters and Sons” will take place in the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This year’s production features 33 pieces in an hour and a half performance.

A panel discussion will follow Wednesday’s and Thursday’s performances, and advocates will be positioned throughout the theater to talk to audience members if needed.

“Parts of the show will be hyper intense so expect to feel strong compassion,” Khorey said. “Go in feeling calm and relaxed and be open to a range of emotions because the show deals with a range of perspectives and experiences. There’s definitely some humor in there as well.”

Khorey said she is hopeful that the play will create dialogue and, with time, bring about meaningful change.

She referenced a verse from the Bible, John 3:20-21, which says “Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.”

“This verse talks about evil rejoicing in darkness,” Khorey said. “I’m hoping that with this show, we can flip on a couple of lights.”

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elements replicated down there.

On Friday evening fans gathered at the Alamo for a pep rally, which featured Notre Dame announcers Don Criqui and Allen Pinkett, San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro and athletic director Jack Swarbrick.

“We started with a pep rally in front of the Alamo that was attended by 8,000 to 10,000 people,” he said. “The Alamo people said it was bigger than anything they had seen.”

The festivities continued throughout the day Saturday with the recreation of many of the typical game day events. One of these events was the Saturday Scholars Series. Three Notre Dame professors traveled to San Antonio to lecture about the Catholic Church and the Latino population and how the two affect each other.

In the afternoon, University President Fr. John Jenkins and about two dozen other priests celebrated Mass at the San Fernando Cathedral.

This was one of the most beautiful Masses I’ve ever seen,” Seamon said. “Fr. John preached and did a wonderful job.”

Seamon said the speech portion of the Mass played the Alma Mater after communion and a Mariachi choir also sang at the Mass.

“The cathedral was standing room only. We fit 1,500 people inside and there were probably about 1,000 people outside,” he said. “Wherever we could put a body we put a body.”

After the Mass was over, Seamon said the Band played on the steps of the Cathedral in front of thousands of fans. The San Antonio police then cleared the streets and the band marched a mile to the stadium.

“Looked like the beginning of the New York City marathon,” he said. “Anywhere from ten to fifteen thousand people followed the Band to the stadium.”

While Seamon said it is impossible to replicate Notre Dame Stadium, he said the people of San Antonio helped create a home-like atmosphere.

“The people were great, they opened up their arms and welcomed us. It felt like home away from home,” he said. “They dressed up the inside of the stadium, all the banners said ‘Go Irish’.

While much of the talk about Notre Dame’s game in San Antonio was centered on the recruitment of Texas athletes, Seamon said that was only one small component of the school’s decision to play there.

“This whole idea came up in 2005 when the NCAA allowed teams to play 12 games per season. We knew we’d have seven home games in South Bend and then started looking at playing an eighth on the road,” he said.

Seamon said the city of San Antonio campaigned to host the first game of this nature, and it fell into the schedule well.

“The people of San Antonio made a very good pitch for this to happen, and the [Amistad] had a lot of structure in place that could accommodate a crowd,” he said.

Seamon also said traveling to San Antonio was a perfect way to travel to a different area of the country than the schedule normally permits.

“We don’t get to certain parts of the county on a regular basis and we wanted to replicate (game day) to those who don’t come to South Bend,” he said.

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Cheerleaders and the Leprechaun entertain the thousands of people at the pep rally at the Alamo Friday.

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who would be in the movie look college and high school age, and he chose comedy because he thought “it would be comedy better than drama.”

Lyons said he had to take into account the location as well as several other factors.

“Notre Dame is in Sioux Falls, South Dakota so there are not many interesting places to shoot,” he said.

Wilka is largely responsible for making it available on some cable outlets, and they are now working on making it accessible on Netflix.

“[Netflix] will post the movie without having made any DVDs of it. People put it in their queue, then they will produce them,” Lyons said.

Currently, Lyons is working on several other projects, a couple of which he hopes to have shown at the upcoming ND Film Festival.

He has a documentary and short film in the works, but he is also working on shooting a test pilot for a TV series.

The series, “Off-Campus” features Lyons’ roommates and he hopes to make more episodes of it in the spring. He is also working on a pilot about working in retail, something he did “off and on again for about five years.”

Lyons hopes to send in the scripts to places in Los Angeles to see if they would be interested in them.

Beyond these projects, Lyons said he is always writing or working on something.

“If you want to get into something, nothing is stopping you,” he said.

Anyone interested in learning more about the film can go online and watch the trailer at imdb.com.

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**IN Brief**

**After market slide, data gains urgency**

WASHINGTON — A flood of data this week could help lift the economy. Only a day earlier, investors celebrated news that the economy grew at the fastest pace in two years in the third quarter. The Federal Reserve will weigh in after it wraps up a two-day meeting Friday as traders worried that continued job losses would lead to a peak without additional stimulus aid.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 200 points Thursday only to tumble 250 on Friday. The market’s gains were a response to a flood of data this week that could help signal whether investors have been prescient or premature in their bets they’ve been placing on a rebound in the economy.

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**Union: No strike during Series**

CHICAGO — For millions of Americans the rule is simple: if you don’t want to work, you don’t get paid. That idea drives an unending number of scenarios, day care workers, servers, shopkeepers and small business owners to their jobs each day.

As the swine flu spreads across the nation — and public health officials plead with the ill to please, stay home in bed for several days until the fever goes away — a large segment of the workforce will face a tough choice about whether to call in sick or simply muddle through.

That’s because when skipping work means skipping pay on the table or missing a rent payment, staying in bed isn’t as simple as it sounds.

**Just what will he do if he gets this winter?**

“Swine flu among biggest fears for Americans with no health benefits or little pay

For the Obama administration, Lamar is as much a problem of expectations as it is of policy. For all the items contained in the stimulus, in tax cuts to road work to new schools, nothing could quickly replace what factory towns like Lamar had lost.

That’s why the White House says it’s unfair to judge the stimulus by the unemployment rate because so much of the money was going to keep Lamar’s unemployment rate from approaching 12 percent.

**For the economy, 2009 was a year of layoffs and uncertainty.**

WASHINGTON — Many communities hit hardest by job losses, those built around dying factories and mills, have been slowest to see relief from President Barack Obama’s stimulus plan, under- scoring how low hard-hit areas of the country are and how long it could take for Washington policymakers to create lasting work in the hard-hit areas.

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Notre Dame leadership

In the “Abolition of Man,” C.S. Lewis argued that modern education produces “what may be called Men without Chests. It is an outrage that they should be commonly spoken of as Intellectuals. This gives them the chance to say that he who attacks them attacks Intelligence. It is not so. They are not distinguished from other men by any unusual skill in finding truth or any virginal ardour to pursue her.” Sadly, we see this in full effect at Notre Dame today.

First, in their initial bumbling attempt to defend the Commencement invitation to President Obama, the University distributed laughable “talking points” to the Board of Trustees, which managed, in one swoop, to insult the intelligence of anyone who questioned the propriety of the invitation and to immediately disqualify the initial Laursen Award honors. Then, Fr. Jenkins compounded the error by issuing a statement to the effect that he, presumably in contrast to the shanty Catholic rubes who saw through the artifice concocted by Notre Dame in its perpetual desire for respect by those whose opinions matter in academia, was going to deliver an “inclusive and respectful speech.” In other words, as Lewis predicted, those who attack him, attack Intelligence. Also, the commencement debacle was not the most recent example at Notre Dame of Lewis’s foretelling.

Last week Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick announced that next October Notre Dame would be fortifying its football schedule by playing Western Michigan University. (Parenthetically, I’ll state that for all I know, WMU is a great school and runs a fine football program. But that’s kind of the point; about all I know of WMU is that it is in Kalamazoo — and I doubt that most anyone not from Michigan or northern Indiana even knows that.) Of course, that announce- ment understandably caused instant deflation among nearly anybody who harbors hope that the Fighting Irish will once again become the team it was under Rockne, Leahy, Parseghian or Holtz. (By way of brief examples, on our way to the 1958 National Championship, Notre Dame played Michigan, Miami and USC in the regular season. The next year we played Michigan, USC, Penn State and Miami before the bowl game. In ’90 we played Michigan, Miami, Tennessee, Penn State and USC in the regular season.)

But that wasn’t the end of the conster- nation. Instead, echoing Jenkins’ pro- nouncements surrounding commence- ment, Swarbrick announced with respect to the inevitable blacklash, “It reflects a not so sophisticated view of what’s going on out there.” As with Jenkins, those who attack him attack “Intelligence.” But I am not fooled. In the case of football, the problem isn’t finding opponents on short notice, it’s finding opponents who will be bought, not expecting a return visit by Notre Dame. Instead, echoing Jenkins’ pro- nouncements surrounding commence- ment, Swarbrick announced with respect to the inevitable blacklash, “It reflects a not so sophisticated view of what’s going on out there.” As with Jenkins, those who attack him attack “Intelligence.”

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But this was intentional. Notre Dame knew that if it shored itself by establishing a Potemkin 7-4-1 “require- ment,” it would eviscerate future sched- ules so badly that, by contrast, a league schedule (Big 10? Big East?) would be appealing. Of course, this is a false choice. Simply returning to a more balanced home/road schedule (6-6, or even 7-5), with the historical norm of playing home-and-home series with marquee schools, would immediately solve the problem. But that itself is powerless. The powers that be don’t want that problem — the supposed scheduling problem — solved. Rather, while alumni have always overwhelmingly opposed joining a conference for football, those in the Dome and JACC — specifically John Heiser — “know better” and want it (and for reasons having nothing to do with athletics and everything to do with those whose opinions matter in acade- mia). They don’t want to solve the scheduling “problem” that they created themselves. Rather, they have set us up to “solve” the scheduling “problem” by, sooner rather than later, throwing up their hands and arguing that the only feasible solution left will be to, surprise, join a conference.

But my Intelligence will not be insult- ed. Moreover, until Notre Dame decides to place Men with Chests back in leader- ship, my checkbook (which had hereto- fore been wide open) will remain close.

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Monday, November 2, 2009
A Notre Dame short story

He had been here before. He couldn’t remember when, but he had been here before. Perhaps it had been in a dream, or maybe he was experiencing a moment of déjà vu. But as much as he tried to push against that brick wall, he could not remember how to get through. His fingers gripped the cold brick and tore down the wall, but he only came away with dirty, bloody fingernails. He kicked, he punched, he yelled, but nothing worked. All he knew was that he had to get to the other side soon. His life was depending on it.

Want to write the next paragraph to the story? Submit your paragraph to NDLFshortstory@gmail.com. Limit of 200 words. Title it Part Two. This story will continue until Nov. 16. If your paragraph is selected, it will be published in Viewpoint, and you will get to read it at the NDLF panel discussion Nov. 19. The visiting authors will write the ending paragraphs. Take advantage of the opportunity to write a story along with three New York Times bestselling authors.

In response to Ms. Dougher’s letter “University of ugly girls?” (Oct.28), I would like to interject that your boyfriend’s friends do not speak for the entire male population on campus.

Though jokes trashing the looks of girls at Notre Dame are rather pervasive, it is my experience that they are made either simply in jest, or in frustration resulting from failed pursuits of the very women they are disparaging. Most guys I have talked to admit that there is not much to complain about. Visiting a couple of state schools over Fall Break certainly enhanced my appreciation for the ladies here at Notre Dame, and so I would just like to thank you all for being funny, independent, smart, interesting, engaging, good friends, and yes, attractive. I don’t think us guys are half bad, either.

Alex Andre
Freshman
Stanford Hall
Oct. 28
In the wake of Weezer's seventh studio album, "Raditude," it is essential to reflect on the L.A.-based alternative rock band's first major effort and success, 1994's "Weezer (The Blue Album)." Hailed among high school students and music critics alike, Weezer's debut LP was seen as relatable to its target audience, the average high school student.

With images of lead singer Rivers Cuomo's daydreaming adolescence doused throughout the album and a self-deprecating yet endearing humor to supplement them, the band won its audience over with its unexpected geekiness, which went against the grain of laid-back grunge rock at the time. According to All Music Guide, "What makes the band so enjoyable is their charming geekiness; instead of singing about despair, they sing about love, which is kind of refreshing in the gloom-drenched world of '90s guitar-pop."

The album opens with "My Name is Jonas," ever-popular among "Guitar Hero III" fans, as it combines a waltz-like tempo with rapid acoustic and electric guitar riffs. According to John Luerssen's book, "River's Edge: The Weezer Story," Cuomo was inspired by his brother who was having a problem with his car insurance after getting seriously injured in an accident at Oberlin College.

"No One Else" is an excellent example of Weezer's tendencies to sing about adolescent love and use appropriate grammar while they're at it. The song describes a jealous, obsessive and over-controlling boyfriend and is perhaps best exemplified by the chorus' lyrics: "I want a girl who will laugh for no one else. / When I'm away, she puts her makeup on the shelf. / When I'm away, she never leaves the house. / I want a girl who laughs for no one else."

"The World Has Turned and Left Me Here" has a sweet acoustic melodic beat and convincingly passionate lead vocals and well-written, typically creative lyrics about an agonizing breakup. "The world has turned and left me here / Just where I was before you appeared. / And in your place an empty space / Has filled the void behind my face."

"Buddy Holly" is the upbeat second single that brought Weezer critical and commercial success with its music video directed by Spike Jonze, portraying the band in Arnold's Drive-In Diner from '70s sitcom "Happy Days." Now iconic, the song epitomizes geek rock with its lyrics, "Woo-ee-oo, I look just like Buddy Holly. / Oh-oh, and you're Mary Tyler Moore. / I don't care what they say about us anyway. / I don't care 'bout that."

"Undone (The Sweater Song)," the debut single, contains a simple chord progression and a spoken introduction mimicked as a background conversation by bassist Matt Sharp to supplement Cuomo's uneasy vocals and nonsensical lyrics. "If you want to destroy my sweater, pull this thread as I walk away. / "Surf Wax America" is a more fun and laid back song with messy guitar riffs and not much substance ("You take your car to work, I'll take my board. / And when you're out of fuel, I'm still afloat"), but it works for Weezer, as some of the surrounding songs in the album address serious issues.

"Say It Ain't So," the third single, starts off with a soft, laid-back guitar and eventually grows into loud drums, guitar and vocals on the chorus, "Say it ain't so. / Your drug is a heartbreaker. / Say it ain't so. / Your love is a life-taker." According to Luerssen, these darker lyrics were based on Cuomo's belief that his parents had split up when he was four because his dad was an alcoholic. The song is probably the best-executed song on the album as relates to the strained yet passionate lead vocals, guitar riffs and feedback, and soft-loud dynamics.

Unfortunately, Weezer has never quite reached the same level of critical success since their "Buddy Holly" days. In fact, if you looked at Weezer's career backwards, starting with their most recent album and ending with their debut album, they would be a really impressive band. As it is, their critical acclaim has mysteriously and unfortunately deteriorated with each successive album, from "Pinkerton" to "Pork and Beans"-era "The Red Album." "The Blue Album" will always stand as their most seminal and well-executed LP.
Online shopping may or may not be one of the greatest inventions of our generation. Think about it, it is such a simple, easy process. All you have to do is sit down at your computer and shop for a bit on the Web for a hot new pair of Uggs; a few days later, a package arrives at your dorm, containing your new clothing. Even better, because being green is so hip right now, it is an environmentally friendly way of shopping, no care needed. Not only that, it is a great way to procrastinate on that eight-page paper due the next day in your College Seminar.

But in reality, online shopping is not always such a cakewalk. Sometimes you choose the wrong Web site, and your package is not sent to your dorm room in a few days. Sometimes it takes a month, many phone calls, and three lengthy e-mails in order to receive your package.

The key to avoiding this dilemma is discretion in picking reputable Web site. Clearly, big name Web sites, like Dell or Gateway, are respectable sites and can easily be trusted without a lot of extra research. But it is when you go off-reading, when you really need that pair of Ugg Minis and the official Web site does not sell them, that you run into trouble.

First thing to check on a Web site, where does the company ship its goods from? If it is a foreign country, beware, and possibly run away. Or in this case, hit “Back” on your browser and Google another Web site.

Next thing to check on a Web site is the “About Us” section, or something similar. What you are looking for here is evidence of poor-quality translation. This clearly indicates a foreign company and generally, though I do not like to stereotype, foretells customer service representatives whose first languages are not English. Weirdly placed punctuation is also a tip-off. For example, this quote is taken from a Chinese-based company and clearly exhibits classic symptoms of FreeTranslation.com.

Dear friends from all over the world warmly welcome and sincerely thank you for visiting our website of International trade Co Ltd, with excellent surroundings of convenient transportation and flourishing economy center.

It is very important not to be swayed by the shiny baubles and promotions of these Web sites. It is very tempting to buy from them, with their offers of free standard shipping (only four to seven days), but do not give in, unless this site is fully researched. The opportunity cost of free shipping can be very high.

Think about it in the context of an example. Imagine you need a new pair of Uggs because your current pair is two years old and, quite literally, ripping at the seams. Maybe you think you are too good for the official UggAustralia Web site, so you perform a Google search and find a Web site that offers free shipping, and you just cannot resist the gleam of that bauble. You order the Uggs, excited about your find.

But then, it’s two weeks later, the cold is seeping in through the cracks in your boots, and you’ve seen neither hide nor hair of your new shoes. In fact, when you check the tracking number, an error screen pops up. Then, to make matters worse, when you call the company, they repeatedly blow you off. Furthermore, you can only call after midnight to talk to the manager, though they never patch you through, because of the time difference. Imagine calling back twice a day, every single day and still never receiving answers about your shoes, only more faulty tracking numbers. Then, one glorious day three and a half weeks after you placed your order, your shoes do arrive, and it’s fantastic. But the anger and resentment remains, buried deep within your soul, waiting to erupt into a 1,200-word letter to the company that, true to form, remains unanswered.

Be careful when shopping online. Remember that, though it is easy and you are saving the environment, there are hazards and pitfalls, so use discretion and always do your research.

Identity theft, ruined credit scores. These are the words that first come to people’s minds when they contemplate the negative aspects of online shopping. But what about customer service and shipping time?

Scene Writer
By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL

Each year, Domers return from lazy Fall Breaks to the harsh winter winds of South Bend. Chattering teeth and frozen fingers seek solace in warm soups and toasty sandwiches. This week’s Dining Hall Dish takes a few classics from the menu at Panera Bread, the go-to spot for warm minis and savory soups, and recreates them in our dining halls.

Fontega Chicken Panini

Traditionally baked on Focaccia, an Italian flatbread with olive oil and sea salt, this panini’s rustic flavor can be recreated on freshly baked French bread, drizzled with olive oil and a shake of salt.

1. Grab two slices of bread — I recommend vending to the freshly baked breads, located behind the desserts in SDH.

2. Spread chipotle mayo on bread slices. If chipotle mayo has too much of a kick for you, chipotle mayo works wonderfully as well. You can find these sauces by the Panini makers in the sandwich station.

3. Top bread with grilled chicken (I prefer the slices, found in the Mexican station, but a chicken breast works just fine, too), red onions, tomatoes, lemons in the salad bars.

4. Grill on the Panini maker and enjoy! The O bserver Graphic I MARY CECILIA MITSCH

Broccoli Cheddar Soup in a Bread Bowl

Panera describes its Broccoli Cheddar soup as “chopped broccoli, shredded carrot and select seasonings simmered in a velvety smooth cheese sauce.” Served daily, this staple consistently pleases hungry stomachs. With a little ingenuity, you can create this cafe classic in our dining halls.

1. In SDH, freshly baked breads are served behind the desserts. Grab a round loaf of bread — that’s right, the whole loaf! — and cut into a bowl shape.

2. Fill bread bowl halfway with Canadian cheese seaming in through the cracks in your boots, and you’ve seen neither hide nor hair of your new shoes. In fact, when you check the tracking number, an error screen pops up. Then, to make matters worse, when you call the company, they repeatedly blow you off. Furthermore, you can only call after midnight to talk to the manager, though they never patch you through, because of the time difference. Imagine calling back twice a day, every single day and still never receiving answers about your shoes, only more faulty tracking numbers. Then, one glorious day three and a half weeks after you placed your order, your shoes do arrive, and it’s fantastic. But the anger and resentment remains, buried deep within your soul, waiting to
GREEN BAY — Brett Favre still knows how to win big games at Lambeau Field, even if this one came for the enemy and to a cho- rus of boos.

For the second time in less than a month, Brett Favre sliced up his former team with a Francois-like performance. The quarterback that cast him aside as the丁iverse Bay Packers 38-26 at Lambeau on Sunday.

Walking out to waves of loud jeers from his former fans threw Favre off his game, it didn’t last long. Packers fans jeered repeatedly and loudly by Packers fans who once cheered every move, Favre completed 17 of 28 passes for 244 yards and four touchdowns. The victory (7-1) took a fall in the NFC North standings.

But Packers fans cheer for the Packers. ‘I know that. But I hope that everyone in the stadium watching tonight said, ‘I sure hate those jokers on the other side, but he does play the way he’s always played.’”

Roookie receiver Percy Harvin caught five passes for 110 yards and a touchdown and had five returns for 175 yards, but didn’t mind yielding the spotlight to Favre.

‘He’s played this game a long time, he sees a lot of stuff that a lot of quarterbacks can’t see,” Harvin said. “And he can make a lot of three-read plays that you can’t do with us being explosive, to add him was like a blessing you just couldn’t make. We can’t make. With us being explosive, to add him was like a blessing in disguise.”

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**NFL**

**Chicago Bears**

Quarterback Jay Cutler passes the ball during their matchup with the Cleveland Browns Nov. 1. Though the Bears struggled early in the game, they beat the Browns, 30-6 at Chicago's Soldier Field.

**Struggling Browns lose to Bears, 30-6**

CHICAGO — Pounded the previous week and losers of two straight, the Chicago Bears couldn't afford to go down again. Good thing for them that Derek Anderson and the Cleveland Browns were in town.

Jay Cutler threw for 225 yards, Matt Forte ran for two touchdowns and the Bears (4-3) beat the stumbling Browns 30-6 Sunday.

Anderson had another miserable day for the Browns (1-7) and was lifted for Brady Quinn, the man he replaced in Week 3, with about three minutes left in the game. Anderson completed just 6 of 17 passes for 76 yards and got intercepted twice.

That certainly didn't help a rating that was already a league-low 40.6 entering this game. And now, the Browns appear to be back in a familiar spot: Deciding on a starting quarterback.

The Bears paid tribute to Walter Payton at halftime on the 10th anniversary of his death, then delivered a performance that was far from sweet.

Chicago struggled to complete drives early on, settling for field goals instead of touchdowns but did just enough to put away the team with the league's worst offense. That won't settle the nerves of fans who were more a sty after a 45-10 thumping the previous week at Cincinnati.

Cutler was on the run all day and got sacked a season-high four times despite a shakeup on the line in which Josh Beekman replaced Frank Omiyale as the starting left guard. A late hit from Cameron Wakeley on a third down in the second quarter left him with a bloody mouth, and he got leveled by Shaun Rogers on a 31-yard pass to Johnny Knox in the third.

Both plays led to touchdown runs by Matt Forte, who finished with 90 yards on 26 carries.

The Bears got a scare when Devin Hester limped off the field after making a catch late in the fourth quarter. He came back for a punt return and finished with seven receptions for 81 yards.

After giving up a season-high 448 yards and touchdowns on the first four possessions against the Bengals and old friend Cedric Benson, the Bears held Cleveland to 191. The Browns didn't score until Anderson ran it in from the 1 early in the third, making it 16-6, and the Bears pulled away from there.

They might have broken it open earlier if not for some missed opportunities. Bobbie Gould gave them a 3-0 lead with a 37-yard field goal with 2:20 left in the first quarter, and the Bears immediately had a big opportunity when a Daniel Manning punt to nick a deep pass intended for Mohamed Massaquoi. He returned the ball 35 yards to the Cleveland 13, but instead of a touchdown, Chicago had to settle for a 29-yarder from Gould that made it 6-0 with 1:13 left in the quarter.

**Wimbledon**

Serena Williams won her first Wimbledon title in seven years Sunday, beating sister Venus 6-2, 6-4 in the final, and became the first woman to win the same tournament under the new 365-point, year-round ranking system.

Serena broke twice in the first set and lost just seven points on seven consecutive games in the second set, making it 50-0 for the match and 10-0 for the year.

The younger Williams sister has been shut out by Venus in every match since the 2001 U.S. Open final.

She came out to play Sunday, scoring an early break and then fighting back from a 5-4 deficit to take the second set 6-4 and extend her winning streak over Venus to 13, the longest current streak in the WTA Tour.

Serena, who has won all nine of her meetings with Venus since their last match, said Sunday, "I felt like she was playing her best game. She was playing her best game and I was hitting the ball better than I have in a while.

"I think she was really struggling with her serve and I was able to put a lot of pressure on her. I felt like I was hitting the ball well."
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee owner Bud Adams isn’t taking credit for the decision to bench Kerry Collins and hook up with Vince Young. "It looked all right out there," Adams said. "I think he’s coming around a lot. I think there’s some things that happened to him early in his career that didn’t let him concentrate on it. I think he realized he needed to work at it hard. And he has shown that."

Young threw for a touchdown. Chris Johnson had a franchise record by rushing for 228 yards, and the Titans won their first game of the season by routing the Jacksonville Jaguars 30-13.

The NFL said it was the only game in league history with four touchdowns rushing of 50 yards or longer. Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio took the blame. "We appreciate Jack saying that, but we have to do better as players executing the game plan. Everybody has to get better, period," Garrard said.

Tennessee couldn’t have opened the game with a much better script. The change to Young was made to try sparking an offense that had been outscored 127-26 over the past three games and hadn’t scored a touchdown since that visit to Jacksonville.

All eyes were on Young, the No. 3 overall pick in 2006 and that season’s Offensive Rookie of the Year. He got a bit lucky when Jaguars cornerback Derek Cox dropped a would-be interception in the end zone on the opening drive. But he made plenty of nice throws, including his 6-yarder to Natalie Washington at 9:19 of the second quarter that ended Tennessee’s TD drought at nine quarters.

He also kept the go-ahead TD drive alive when he backedpedaled away from pressure, then found Kenny Britt on the sideline with a good pass for a 7-yard completion on third-and-6.

"That throw ... was classic Vince," Fisher said. "I said all along he stayed focused. And that’s the way he had to be tonight, and it was good to see."

With Jones-Drew ripping off runs, it looked as if the Jaguars could keep pace with Tennessee as the Titans settled for three field goals from Rob Bironas. Jones-Drew’s second TD run tied it at 13 just 23 seconds into the third quarter, but Michael Griffin blocked Josh Scobee’s extra point attempt to keep Jacksonville from taking the lead.

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Irish place sixth at Big East meet

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish cross country teams ran steadily with their expectations and each finished in sixth place at Saturday’s Big East conference meet in Kennesaw, Ga., as they competed against some of the best runners and best teams in the nation.

“Our results this weekend mean that we need to compete really well as a team at the regional meet,” senior Lindsey Ferguson said.

An already particularly difficult and hilly course, the Wayne E. Dannehl cross country course had been negatively affected by recent weather, which made Saturday’s conditions not ideal but it felt like true cross country racing. “The conditions were not ideal but it felt like true cross country racing.” The Big East has six teams in the NCAA top 30 in the women’s division with Notre Dame finishing the rankings in the 30th spot. Villanova, West Virginia, Georgetown, Syracuse, and Providence each scored better than Notre Dame as a team.

In the men’s division, five nationally ranked teams, Syracuse, Georgetown, Villanova, Louisville and Providence each best out the Notre Dame men’s team Saturday.


In the men’s division, senior Jake Walker ran the course in 25:57 and was the first from Notre Dame to cross the finish line and 28th overall. He was closely followed by junior Dan Jackson, 25:58, junior Ryan Jacobs, 26:08, sophomore Johnathan Shavel, 26:17, sophomore Joe Miller, 26:42, junior Paul Springer, 26:59, and sophomore Jordan Carlso, 26:59 who each placed in the top 50 finishers.

The teams were looking to not only measure themselves against tough competition at the Big East championship, but also to scale themselves against the other nationally ranked competitors they will race against at the upcoming NCAA regional and national meets.

“After this weekend and pre-nationals, we have a good idea about what the competition at nationals will look like,” Ferguson said. “We will be able to prepare for regionals and nationals better because of it.”

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Saint Mary’s drops first meet of season

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s opened up its season on the wrong foot, losing 180-107 to conference foe Kalamazoo.

Washab College also competed in the meet, swimming against the men’s team of Kalamazoo.

The Belles were led by freshmen Ellie Watson and Katie Griffin and sophomore Audrey Dalrymple, each of who took first in two separate events. Watson took the 100-yard and 500-yard freestyle events and Griffin claimed the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard butterfly. Finally, Dalrymple took the 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard Individual Medley. Dalrymple also contributed with a second place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Other contributors included freshman Calla Poythress with a second place finish in the 200-yard backstroke, freshman Anna Vanacayse in third in the 100-yard freestyle, and senior Meredith Lierz with third in the 50-yard freestyle.

Both A-team relays also finished second to bolster the Belles’ points totals. The Belles A-team, 2:02, won back from last year’s result where the district was only by a 10-point margin.

The Belles will now have a two-week break before they enter the water for their next competition. They will travel to West Lafayette, Ind., where they will swim against the University of Purdue University.

The Belles have not faced Carthage in three years, when they lost 121-79 back in 2006.

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Belles fall thrice to continue streak

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
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Saint Mary’s ended the regular season with three successive losses this weekend, contributing to a seven-game losing streak.

The Belles (9-16, 5-11 MIAA) played Friday against a scrappy Kalamazoo team. The Hornets were a good match for the Belles but eventually took the match 3-1. Sophomore outside hitter Lindsey Stuss led the way with 12 kills and juniors Meghann Rose and Ellen Huelsmann anchored the defense with 24 and 21 digs, respectively. Senior captain Tonya Slupczynski added nine kills, which put her over the 300-kill mark this season.

The Belles then traveled to Angola, Mich. to take on the final conference opponent on the schedule, No. 13 Calvin College, and a season-ending non-league matchup with Hanover College Saturday. The Belles were not up for the challenge, however, dropping both matches 3-0.

The Knights dominated the entire match, taking the second set by an astounding 25-4 score.

With very little high-light in the stat book, Slupczynski had the best numbers on offense with six kills, followed by sophomore setter Danie Brits’s 10 assists.

The Belles played better in the second match of the day, but were still only able to get within four points of taking a set.

With the regular season officially over, the Belles must put the losses in the past and turn it around quickly before the first round of the MIAA tournament on Tuesday.

“We are facing a very strong team this next Tuesday,” Kuschel said. “We will hopefully have one of our starting middle backs back. We were down two this Tuesday night which will not only help offensively but defensively as well.”

The Belles are 9-10 with Saint Mary’s)
Irish dominate in tenth Big East win

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's unbeaten conference record was never a source of concern as the Irish rolled over Seton Hall and Rutgers en route to a weekend sweep in the newly renovated Purcell Pavilion.

Notre Dame (16-4, 10-0 Big East) is the last team in the Big East with an unblemished record and is off to its best start since 2005 when the Irish went 19-1 through their first 20 matches in the season. Head coach Debbie Brown attributes the success of the team to its depth.

“I've never been able to use a lot of different lineups, get a lot of experience,” Brown said. “We know that we won't play our best and that depth is pretty motivated in terms of winning the conference and putting ourselves in a good position for the NCAA Tournament.”

The Irish cruised into the matchup with Seton Hall (10-16, 4-6) unfeated in 14 tries against the Pirates and set a new school record for consecutive wins. Despite the pressure and recognition that come with an undefeated conference record, the Irish have managed to keep their cool and make the most of their offensive production.

“I wasn’t thinking about that,” Moats said, referring to setting personal and team records. “I was thinking about the time that I would get and try to do the best that I could.”

Thanks to Moats, a six-year career backup, the Irish cruised to a 25-18, 25-19, 22-25, 25-18 victory.

“We've had good practices, the preparation has been great, and I think that experience they just understand that you can't look all the way down the road, you have to take it a match at a time,” Brown said. “The same being in the conference that's undefeated teams are going to be really fired up and play their best volleyball against us, and that's okay, it just makes us that much better.”

“Moats finished with 126 yards rushing and another 25 yards receiving, and most important, went without a turnover in scoring touchdowns on three straight fourth-quarter possessions,” Welsh said. “The Irish showed time improvement, and I think we're getting them in terms of their offensive production. We've got better and better with the middle action, the offense seems to have found its stride at just the right time.”

Coming into play on Saturday, the Irish ranked 25th nationally with a .263 team batting percentage and 20th overall with a 14.11 lowest average. The Irish scored the first two runs in 20 of 25 games so far this season, and the Irish scored the first run in the first inning in 19 of 25 games.

“I think our lineup is a lot kinder to us than I thought it would be,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “It picked up two victories in the double anniversary of varsity competition in our action. The offense seems to be doing a great job.”

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish celebrate Rolfs with dual meet win

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Sports Writer

In a meet to celebrate the 25th anniversary of varsity competition in the Rolfs Aquatic Center, the Irish picked up two victories in the double dual meet, defeating Cleveland State 176-122 and Miami (Ohio) 232-50-67-50.

“Moats’ scorecard was very kind to us,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “That was a kinder to us that I thought it would be. That’s always a good thing.”

“The Irish showed time improvement in many events including our freestyle and breaststroke events on the men’s side.”

“I thought we did get faster,” Welsh said. “I thought that our split freestyles showed quite a bit of depth. I just thought that we got faster across the program, and that was a good thing.”

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NFL

Slaton benched in Texans’ victory

By ANDREW PONG

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — If Texas running back Steve Slaton’s latest turnover means he’s fumbled away his starting job in Houston, Ryan Moats is certainly ready to step in.

In a game where the Texans lost star tight end Owen Daniels to what’s feared to be a severe knee injury, Slaton was sent to the bench after losing his fifth fumble of the season. But Moats took control, becoming the first player in franchise history to score three touchdowns in one game in a 31-10 win over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

“I wasn’t thinking about that,” Moats said, referring to setting personal and team records. “I was thinking about the time that I would get and try to do the best that I could.”

Thanks to Moats, a six-year career backup, the Texans cruised to a 25-18, 25-19, 22-25, 25-18 victory.

“When we needed different players to step up, they have,” Brown said. “I think when that happens it’s going to be a really good thing for us.”

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“I think we have to take it personal,” said Terrell Owens, who had five catches for 29 yards, and scored on a 29-yard run. “We’re just not getting it done offensively. That’s pretty much the key thing. Everyone’s not playing with the way we played.”

The Bills enter their bye week much like they began the season, attempting to address an offense that’s larded behind an inexperienced line and is getting no consistency at quarterback. Ryan Fitzpatrick, making his second start in place of Trent Edwards (concussion), went 15 for 23 for 117 yards and two interceptions.

“The offensive struggles spoiled a solid first-half performance by a defense led by rookie safety Jairus Byrd’s two interceptions. The second-round pick out of Oregon became the first player since San Francisco’s Dave Baker in 1960 to have two or more interceptions in three straight games.

“We have to take advantage of every opportunity that we get, and we’re not going to let this Bills running back Fred Jackson said. “Something has to change because as an offensive unit, we’ve got to do better.”

Texans linebacker DeMeco Ryans joked about how simple it was to contain Buffalo’s popgun attack.

“It was easy,” Ryan said. “They kind of had the same formations, they didn’t give us a lot of motions and things. So it was a simple offense to go against.”

Ryans then joked about how good it was sipping Gatorade on the sideline watching the offense take over.

After settling for Kris Brown’s three field goals, including a 42-yarder, to cut Buffalo’s lead to 10-9 midway through the third quarter, the Texans took control to start the fourth.

Houston went ahead 17-10 in the first minute of the period when Moats scored on an 11-yard run to cap a 10-play, 72-yard drive. Quarterback Matt Schaub then hit Andre Johnson for a 21-yard score, and Harris scored on a 29-yard run. The Texans scored on their next possession after they weren’t fooled by the Bills’ fake punt on a fourth-and-3 at the Buffalo 40. Moats scored on a 1-yard plunge and then scored again on a 3-yard run with 3:34 left.

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I’m happy to see the three sophomores really step up and showing that they can contend with all the best players in the country,” Kubinski said. “The sophomores all had winning records, and I was really proud of them.”

The Irish defeated Georgetown in the quarterfinals, tying in the six matches but winning the tiebreaker to advance. Usher and senior Doug Fortner won outright against the Hoyas. Notre Dame then destroyed Connecticut 5-5-5, led by two stroke victories from Fortner and senior Carl Santos-Ocampo.

“The Match Play” was the final match of the fall season for the Irish, who finished 30-34, a record which places them in contention for the NCAA tournament. After a winter break, the Irish will resume play Feb. 6 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

“When we play well, we can compete with any team,” Kubinski said. “When we’re not doing what we’re supposed to be doing in terms of playing Notre Dame golf with the focus and the confidence and the preparation, we can’t do that. That’s what we have to watch out for. I’m happy that when we play well we can play with anyone.”

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MLB
New York scores three off Lidge to get win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Alex Rodriguez waited all game long for this hit. Heck, he waited his whole life.

Rodriguez delivered the biggest hit of his career, a go-ahead, two-out double in the ninth inning off Brad Lidge and the New York Yankees took advantage of Johnny Damon’s diving dash to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-4 on Sunday night for a 3-1 lead in the World Series.

Derek Jeter came through again and Mariano Rivera finished it off as the Yankees moved within one win of that elusive 27th championship and first since 2000.

Rodriguez could really savor this victory — seething after again being hit by a pitch, he struck back with his potent black bat.

“There’s no question — I’ve never had a bigger hit,” Rodriguez said.

The Yankees will try to close out the defending champions Monday night when A.J. Burnett faces October ace Cliff Lee.

Of the 42 teams to take a 3-1 lead in the World Series, 36 went on to win the crown. The last club to overcome such a deficit was Kansas City in 1985.

Chase Utley and Pedro Feliz hit back-to-back home runs off Lidge to get win...
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

JUMBLE

THAT SCRABBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

You've got a ten-letter word to make in this jumble.

Answer:__________________________

Saturday's Jumble: GAUGE LYRIC PUTLE THRASH

As a sign that the beauty queen became a witch for Halloween, she was a --- "FRIGHT"

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**Men's Basketball**

**Harangody leads Irish over Lewis in exhibition**

By Bill Brink  
Sports Writer

Lake Harangody hasn't changed a bit. He had 31 points and nine rebounds in Notre Dame's 70-54 win over Division-II Lewis in Sunday's exhibition game, the first one of the season for the Fighting Irish in the new Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center.

Harangody picked up right where he left off last season, when he averaged 23 points and 11-8 rebounds, making 15-of-25 field goals.

Sunday's game was the first time senior guard Ben Hansbrough played for the Irish — the Mississippi State transfer sat out last season. His older brother Tyler, who won a championship with North Carolina last season and now plays for the Pacers, watched from the stands. Hansbrough scored 12 points on 4-of-8 shooting and had seven rebounds.

"I knew he'd be playing a little too fast tonight after sitting out for a year," coach Mike Brey told und.com about Hansbrough. "When we were struggling, he made some drives and got to the foul line and got us off the hook a few times. I love his competitiveness and I think he's going to score the ball for us because he can do it in so many different ways."

Forward Tyrone Nash, guard Tory Jackson and guard Jonathan Peoples rounded out the Irish starting lineup.

"It's small steps with this group, and as we try to analyze things, we'll start to figure this team out," Brey told the athletic Web site after the game.

The Irish took a 21-12 lead with 18:18 remaining in the first half and kept building on it. Peoples' 3-pointer made the lead 30-16 with 5:05 remaining. Peoples finished with eight points.

Lewis put together a 9-2 run to end the half, however, and the Irish led 32-25 at halftime.

Lewis took a 41-40 lead with 14:45 left in the game on Dennis Thomas Jr.'s layup. Lewis held the lead until Hansbrough hit two free throws to tie the game at 44 and Harangody hit a jumper to take a two-point lead with 12:42 left.

Notre Dame pulled away, and two free throws from Harangody gave Notre Dame a six-point lead with 7:06 remaining. Lewis would get no closer than six the rest of the way.

The Irish allowed three 3-pointers, making 15-of-25 field goals and converting 18-of-25 free throws to win the game.

**Hockey**

**Buckeyes defeat ND in shoot out**

By Douglas Farmer  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's offensive struggles continued in its weekend doubleheader with Ohio State as the No. 11/8 Irish tied the Buckeyes 2-2 Saturday — Ohio State earned the edge in the tie by winning the shoot out 2-1 — after winning 3-1 Friday.

"We got a tie and a win out of the weekend, which is not bad," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "I would prefer two wins, but hopefully it helps us."

All four regulation goals Saturday were scored on power plays, one for each team in the first and third periods, respectively. Ten seconds after midnight, Ohio State's 5-0 victory Nov. 1. The Irish advanced to the semifinals of the Big East Tournament.

**ND Women's Soccer**

**Hat Trick**

Henderson's three goals lead Irish over USF

By Alex Barker  
Sports Writer

Sophomore forward Melissa Henderson's three goals highlighted a five-goal first half for No. 57 Notre Dame, who sent South Florida packing with a dominant 5-0 victory in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament Sunday at Alummi Stadium.

"I thought [our performance] was great," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "We only had one game this week and you always worry that you lose your rhythm and not come out sharp, but that didn't happen."

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Henderson got the Irish (15-3-1, 10-0-1 Big East) on the board in the 11th minute when she scored on a pass from senior midfielder Samantha Mewis. Henderson scored her second goal on a penalty kick in the 20th minute and her third goal on a pass from junior midfielder Rachel Buehler in the 65th minute.

**ND Men's Golf**

**Notre Dame takes 2nd in Match Play**

By Eric Prister  
Sports Writer

After winning their first two matches on the weekend, the Irish fell short of the championship at "The Match Play," losing in the final match against Louisville 3.5 to 2.5 to finish in second place on the weekend, ending their fall season.

"I'm happy we bounced back from our last two tournaments," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "They bounced back this weekend and got two nice wins. Honestly, I wish we could have played at one 100 percent healthy, because we were so close. Overall, I was very proud of the efforts we put in, and how hard they tried out there."

By the final day of the tournament, the Irish had five of their six players batting flu-like symptoms, but were able to keep things close with Louisville.

Battling the most severe of the illnesses, fifth-year senior Josh Sandman, after somewhat struggling in the first two matches of the weekend, produced the edge in the tie by winning the shoot out 2-1 — after winning 3-1 Friday.