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University to renovate Joyce Center

South dome to be renamed Purcell Pavilion after donor

By KEN FOWLER News Writer

Notre Dame's basketball arena will get both a new look and a new name, thanks to an upcoming \$25 million renovation — but a significant number of questions remained unanswered after the University's announcement Thursday.

The University will renovate the south dome of the Joyce Center and rename it Purcell Pavilion to the Joyce Center in honor of Philip J. Purcell III, a Notre Dame Trustee and lead donor for the project, athletic director Kevin White said. However, neither White nor University architect Doug Marsh could name a start date for the project, since University guidelines require 100 percent of construction costs to be confirmed and 75 percent cash in hand before the University breaks ground.

Currently, the University has more than \$22 million of the \$24.7 million dollar project confirmed — \$12.5 million from Purcell, and approximately \$10 million more from "a handful" of donors, White said.

Marsh did say once construction begins, the project should take somewhere over a year.

The project will be the first major renovation of the 38year-old basketball arena. The last significant addition to the Joyce Center was the 1985

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An artistic rendering depicts plans for a \$25 million renovation of the south dome of the Joyce Athletic Center.

College breaks ground on academic building

New facility boasts updated technology

By JENNIFER METZ



Construction could create traffic jams

By LAURA

Trustees explore Facebook

Student government fields questions

By MARY KATE MALONE News Editor

The Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees received a lesson on Facebook.com Thursday when a six-person student panel explained the purpose and prevalence of the popular social networking Web site.

Student body president Lizzi Shappell, student body vice president Bill Andrichik, chief executive assistant Liz Brown, senior Sheldon Dutes, sophomore Glen Water and freshman Kate McClelland sat in a row before the Student Affairs committee for 20 minutes, answering questions about digital student communication. Trustees selected the topic for the meeting, which was the first of three scheduled for this school year.

Before the question and answer session, Kathy Brannock, assistant director in the Office of Residence Life and Housing, gave a brief overview of the Facebook Web site using a PowerPoint presentation. One Board member said he was "shivering," after viewing a very detailed_profile during Brannock's presentation. The Observer has a policy of not attributing information or quotes to specific members of the Board. Using verbs like "friend," "tag" and "poke," Board members quickly mastered Facebook lingo and posed questions about how - and why - students use the site, which has more than 7.5 million users in the United States.

News Writer

Saint Mary's broke ground on a new, state-of-the-art academic building Thursday afternoon. The building, part of the College's renovation and construction plan, will make new technology accessible to students and faculty.

The ceremony took place at the corner of Brother Andre Drive and Madeleva Drive. Parents, alumnae and friends were in attendance to celebrate what the Saint Mary's website called an "exciting

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KATE FENLON/The Observer

Second from left, College President Carol Ann Mooney and South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D'Arcy attend Thursday's ceremony.

BAUMGARTNER News Writer

Commuters to the Saint Mary's College campus may want to allow for extra travel time in upcoming months.

That's because Brother Andre Drive at the College will be clogged with heavy construction equipment for the remainder of the year as sewer lines are installed by the city of South Bend and a new academic building and hotel are built on the southern side of campus.

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Saint Mary's Board returns for meetings

By KELLY MEEHAN Saint Mary's Editor

While Saint Mary's campus was abuzz with anticipation of the groundbreaking of the new academic building, approximately 30 Trustees joined in the excitement as they flooded campus for their quarterly meeting.

Thursday's groundbreaking ceremonies purposely coincided with the two-day meeting of the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees, Executive Assistant to the President Susan Dampeer said.

"The Board's meetings began Thursday in rooms throughout campus and will once again remain closed to the public [with] the agenda not made public," Dampeer said.

Although the meetings remain extremely private, the Chair of the Board will issue a report to the community about a week or two after the meeting, Dampeer said.

The Trustees partook in committee meetings throughout the day Thursday and will hold their formal meeting today at the Student Lounge in the Student Center.

The Board elected seven and appointed three Trustees to serve for three years during their April 2006 meeting, all of whom will be present at Friday's meeting.

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Scholar reviews genocide studies

Scott Straus examines the nature, evolution of complex subject

By SONIA RAO News Writer

The study of genocide has been in constant flux, from the term's definition to research approaches, Scott Straus, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin, said in a lecture at the Hesburgh Center on Thursday.

"[It's a] beautiful day and a terrible topic," he said, referring to the contrast between the weather outside and the thorny theme of his lecture.

Straus analyzed the developments in the field of genocide



University of Wisconsin political science professor Scott Straus speaks about genocide studies in the Hesburgh Center Thursday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

A happy medium

During the meetings of intellectuals, whenever the topic of television comes up, one earnest, erudite, bright-eyed scholar never fails to quickly dismiss the subject with "There's nothing good on

television," almost immediately followed by the proud declaration of "I haven't watched television in forev-

Chris Wilson

Sports Writer

er." The logical inconsistencies in those two statements are enough to make even the most casual philosophy student scratch his head in confusion.

If you flick through the channels at any time during the day, you will obviously find some terrible programming. But is that so different from the multitude of irredeemable movies or poorly-written books released each year? Those that look down on television love to compare garish reality programming to the best of literature, film, art and music, which seems rather unfair. All mediums have their masterpieces, just as all mediums have their flops.

I don't mean to debase literature or film, as we all know the sensational feeling one achieves when finishing up the last few pages of a great book or the sense of wonder permeating a packed theater when the opening credits roll for a highly-anticipated movie. I simply wish more well-educated students would open their mind to the merits of television.

In Robert Putnam's book "Bowling Alone," Putnam argues that mass media is somehow driving our culture apart, when that position couldn't be further from the truth. How often do you watch a television show you truly enjoy alone? In the time before "Grey's Anatomy" quad watches, "The O.C." crowded 24hour lounges every Thursday night. I can only hope everyone has experienced the joy of sitting around with a group of close friends and watching "Arrested Development."

In my time here, DVD epidemics of "Lost," House," "Entourage," "Gilmore Girls," "Sex and the City," "Friends," "Dawson's Creek" and "24" have infected both male and female dorms. You don't watch those shows just because they're more addictive than most illegal drugs — you watch them because you love to both experience and discuss them with friends, enjoying the marathon visits to Stars Hollow, Sunnydale or Scranton together. I could write thesis papers on the various virtues of "Veronica Mars" or how "The Office" defines art in its truest form, but my favorite shows aren't important to the concept that television at its highest level can be as successful as other forms of "high art" in representing the human experience. Read Steinbeck, watch Scorsese, listen to Springsteen and visit the Snite, but please don't dismiss television as some form of lower art form just because it's conveniently beamed directly into your dorm room. Next time the prudish person in your seminar disregards the merits of TV when you stunningly manage to tie the French Revolution to the episode of "Entourage" where Ari attempts the agency coup, don't get angry with them. Smile, lend them season two on DVD and just hug it out.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT NON-ACADEMIC SUBJECT DO YOU WISH YOU COULD MAJOR IN?



Gracie Guebert

senior

Le Mans

"Traveling."

Jenny Hoffman

freshman Farley

> "Watching 'Grey's

Anatomy.'"



Sarah King

sophomore Le Mans

"Hugging."

Haley Nickell junior

"Rocking out to

Hanson!"

Le Mans



Le Mans

"Laying on the

beach reading a

magazine.'

Sharyl Zarnowski

senior Holy Cross

"Wedding crashing."

IN BRIEF



of the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th circuit will present a lecture entitled "The Federal Judiciary Today" at noon today in the courtroom of the Notre Dame Law School. This event is open to the public.

The Marching Band will perform its traditional stepoff at 4:30 today, marching from the front of the Main **Building** to the Joyce Center parking lot.

The limited general public ticket distribution for tonight's pep rally will be held at the Stadium Ticket Office on the east side of Notre Dame Stadium at 5 p.m.

Tonight's pep rally will be held at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena. Students may enter from 5:15 to 5:45 through gate 8.



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Crosses placed by the Notre Dame Pro-Life Club filled South Quad Thursday. The crosses were placed, as a sign indicates, "in loving memory of all women who have suffered and died as a result of abortion."

OFFBEAT

Man apologizes for spreading feces at court

DULUTH, Minn. – A Chicago man apologized for spreading his feces around a courtroom during his trial on drug charges.

Vandale Amos Willis, 28, apologized Wednesday before being sentenced to more than 10 years in prison. Willis was convicted earlier of importation of a controlled substance, cocaine and two other charges. "I'm going to take full

responsibility for everything I did in Duluth," Willis told the court. "I want to apologize for everything I did in court. I'm sorry, your honor."

He asked Judge David Sullivan to put him on probation. Sullivan told Willis his actions wouldn't be held against him, but there was no reason to depart from sentencing guidelines.

Dutch pedophile party lacks support for vote bid

AMSTERDAM — A political party formed by Dutch pedophiles is unlikely to gather sufficient support to run in general elections next month.

The Brotherly Love, Freedom and Diversity party (PNVD) probably will not succeed in gathering the 570 signatures from supporters needed by October 10 to run in the national elections, the party's secretary Norbert de Jonge told Reuters.

The party was launched in May and its campaign for a cut in the age of consent from 16 to 12, and the legalization of child pornography and sex with animals has provoked widespread outrage within and outside the Netherlands.

The party managed to attract over 100 sympathizers on its Web site although several withdrew their support.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

On Sunday at 4 p.m. the film "The Wild Bunch" will be shown in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets for the 1969 film, directed by Sam Peckinpah, are \$3 for students and \$6 for the general public.

The concert "Fleur de Lys: Two Flutes in Paris" will be performed at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the **Reyes Organ and Choral Hall** of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Admission is \$5 for students and \$13 for the general public.

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Fonda lectures on life, poverty

By RYAN SYDLIK News Writer

In between lengthy personal anecdotes, actress, writer, activist and workout video star Jane Fonda spoke about poverty and women Thursday night in DeBartolo auditorium.

While her lecture was titled "The Feminization of Poverty," her speech was focused more on child psychology processes and her own family experiences. The visit was sponsored by the Mendoza College of Business Microventuring Program, which gives students the skills and opportunities to help people in extreme poverty in several poor nations form small businesses, said Gigot Center director Jim Davis.

Fonda started by talking about her excitement for the Microventuring Program which includes internships that send students to countries like Haiti and Mexico and hoping for its success.

"I've been to these countries ... I have seen firsthand how communities change when girls are educated and microloans are made to the poorest of the poor which are women and how it transforms the family, the community and hopefully ... the world,' she said. "There's never been a course like this anywhere."

Fonda praised the fact that students in the program also put these tools to use and

actually go out and secure loans and other benefits for the impoverished.

Delving into the hefty personal portion of her address, Fonda then talked about the impact of her father's death on her life.

"This experience was a very important one for me ... I learned that I wasn't afraid of dying," she said. "I realized that what I am afraid of instead of death is that I am afraid of getting to the end of life with regrets where I couldn't do anything about it.

"I knew he had regrets and that he couldn't do anything about it and I felt bad for him."

Her crumbling marriage to multi-billionaire Ted Turner. Fonda said, brought newfound independence and selfdiscovery.

"I began to feel myself changing ... but I knew that I made the right decision," she said. "I was becoming who I used to be when I was when I was a little girl."

If she had experienced hardships even with her good fortune, Fonda said, then women struggling in countries where they have no legal or social status must be far worse.

"How do they make it?" she said.

The stress of needing to be perfect hit Fonda as a little girl, and she emphasized the problem of overbearing parents.

"The child feels it must be

their fault and they have to be perfect," she said. "It doesn't really go away when you grow up ... it continues on into your relationships."

Pursuing perfection is impossible, Fonda said. More than that, it's counterproductive to healthy living.

"We are not meant to be perfect, we're mortals, God is meant to be perfect," she said. "We are meant to become complete."

Fonda complained that cultural demands on girls to be perfect are latent until they reach puberty, when a psychological "empty space" forms. She said girls fill that space with food, drug or shopping addictions.

Boys have an even worse situation, Fonda said, because pressure hits them as soon as they start school.

"To be a real man, you can't be a sissy, you can't cry," she said. "Teach our boys not to have this bifurcation between head and heart, it's OK to be emotionally illiterate...

"We have to teach our boys to integrate head and heart, we have to understand girls are the agents of change," she continued. "We don't have our masculinity to prove, that gives us a great advantage."

Fonda sits on the feminist V-Council and is a member of the Women's Foreign Policy Advisory Committee.

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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION Football lottery, health insurance top priorities

By STEVE KERINS News Writer

University health insurance coverage and graduate student access to football ticket lotteries for away games were the primary issues discussed in the Graduate Student Union's (GSU) meeting Thursday.

GSU president Michael Lundin and co-vice presidents Amber Handy and Tim Schoenharl came to yesterday's meeting after presenting graduate students' concerns to Notre Dame's Board of Trustees earlier in the day.

"Health insurance is the largest outlay [for] graduate students in terms of things we have to pay for," Schoenharl said, referring to issues discussed with the Trustees.

"For the last three years, [Notre Dame] has given us a stipend to defray the costs [of health insurance], but that stipend program runs out this year," he said, citing the high cost of adding family members and dependents to the health insurance policy. "What we would like is for the University to cover all of the healthcare costs.'

Lundin said the Trustees would discuss health insurance in the spring and are aware of "the need to be more competitive with other universities."

Also on the agenda was the continuing controversy surrounding the recent decision by the Student Union Board (SUB) to exclude graduate students from ticket lotteries for away football games.

"Historically, the SUB has always allowed graduate students to participate in the lottery," Schoenharl said. "What we hope ... is that graduate students will be able to participate in the USC lottery, and if we go to a bowl game."

Paul Schramm, a graduate student who had contacted SUB on the issue, spoke about the disagreement.

"The SUB is very much aware of how the GSU feels," Schramm said. "For the foreseeable future, graduate students will not be allowed to participate [in the lotteries]."

Several participants commented on the widely held impression that graduate students fail to share undergraduates' enthusiasm toward Notre Dame's football program.

"There is absolutely graduate student interest in participating in these events," Schoenharl said.

The next meeting of the Graduate Student Union will be held Nov. 2.

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Susan Sheridan Associate Professor of Anthropology

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Gain insight into the lives of ancient populations of the Middle East-how they lived, what they ate, from what diseases they suffered, how they died-through an examination of their bones. Sheridan, who specializes in forensic and cultural anthropology, analyzes ancient bones and pieces together biological clues to better understand the lives of those populations.

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"What I found interesting is that you talk about the Facebook world and the real world ... you

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say in real life you have 20 friends and in your Facebook world you have 500," said one Trustee. "What does Facebook provide that your real friends don't provide? What need does it fulfill?"

The concept of a Facebook

"friend" continued to perplex some Board members, who struggled to understand the motivation for having so many.

Andrichik clarified the meaning of "friend" on Facebook, explaining that the word is "too strong of a term," since most Facebook



At Shappell's urging, Dutes admitted he has roughly 900 Facebook friends, and after being pressed by a Board member, he said he rejects friend requests from people he has never met.

"Usually [it's] people from other schools ... If I don't know them or haven't met them, I reject [the request]," Dutes said.

Facebook, the students said, is both a way to keep in touch with high school friends and a means to establish one's individuality.

"But if it went away, would that be a great loss? Second, what's next? Where does it go from here?" one Trustee said.

Brown answered that it would be "really bad" if Facebook disappeared, since it is a way to keep in touch with high school acquaintances she might have otherwise lost contact with.

But perhaps Facebook's capacity to connect high school friends takes away from "landing and really getting into college," one Trustee said.

McClelland said that was not true in her case, noting that Facebook made the college adjustment easier by keeping Notre Dame friends easily accessible before she came to college as well as keeping high school friends close once she arrived.

"I think it improves your Notre Dame relationships as well as your high school relationships," McClelland said.

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But privacy issues are certainly a concern, Shappell said, noting that most students only allow their profile to be seen by their Facebook friends, and no one else.

"We joke that Facebook is a stalker's dream," Shappell said. "But it really is."

Safety concerns aside, Trustees also expressed concern about the quality of communication between young people.

A Student Affairs representative brought up the absence of "verbal cues" in students' communication and another spoke about information that is "left out" when students use text messaging and phone calls instead of letters.

Though some students admitted that instant messaging and text messaging can keep identities hidden, no student expressed resentment of that fact.

At the end of the discussion, one trustee warned the students that virtually any digital communication is "within the purview of the courtroom" and subject to discovery.

"All of this is captured and no longer private," the Trustee said.

The Student Affairs committee is made up largely of younger Trustees and Trustees who hold positions at institutions of higher learning — making them an ideal group for a discussion like this, Shappell said after the meeting.

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"It is no unusual thing for a businessman to say casually, 'Well, let's go and get a cup of coffee,' as a visitor in his office is making ready to depart. It is a little thing perhaps, this drinking of coffee at odd times, but it is very characteristic of the city itself." -Lyle Saxon Fabulous New Orleans, 1928



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Georgians vote as crisis continues

TBILISI, Georgia - Georgians voted Thursday in municipal elections that could serve as a bellwether for President Mikhail Saakashvili's pro-Western policies amid a deepening diplomatic crisis with Russia.

The U.S.-educated Saakashvili faces an electorate increasingly disenchanted and impatient with the slow pace of economic reforms nearly three years after the Rose Revolution protests propelled him to power.

Georgia's recent arrest of four Russian military officers on espionage charges also has sent relations with Moscow plummeting.

However, bread-and-butter issues such as the rising cost of living and persistent corruption may ultimately determine how much support Saakashvili has in his drive to modernize the country and integrate with the West.

NATO takes over Afghan security KABUL, Afghanistan — NATO extended its

security mission Thursday to all of Afghanistan nearly five years after the West began its war to defeat the Taliban, taking command of 12,000 U.S. troops in the warbattered country's east.

The handover diminishes the Pentagon's role in Afghanistan and gives the Europebased military alliance its biggest test yet.

The transfer of command "illustrates the enduring commitment of NATO and its international partners to the future of this great country," said British Gen. David Richards. He was promoted to the military's top rank hours before a handover ceremony at the NATO compound in Kabul attended by President Hamid Karzai and U.S. Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry.

NATIONAL NEWS

Subpoenas issued in Foley scandal

WASHINGTON -The House ethics committee approved nearly four dozen subpoenas Thursday as its investigation of a page sex scandal sprang to life with a promise by its leaders to go "wherever the evidence leads us." Speaker Dennis Hastert said he accepted responsibility for any earlier failures to investigate complaints of inappropriate behavior by Rep. Mark Foley toward teenage male pages. But he resisted pressure to step down. "Ultimately ... the buck stops here," the Republican speaker said, borrowing the famous phrase of a Democratic president, Harry Truman.

FBI searches for contamination

Agents look for negligence at spinach companies; producers could be held liable

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In opening a criminal investigation into two produce companies involved in the contaminated spinach outbreak, federal agents are following a script first written a decade ago to hold companies responsible for mass food poisoning.

In 1996, authorities secured the first criminal conviction in a food poisoning case when juice-maker Odwalla Inc. was heavily fined for tainted apple juice that killed a baby. That was followed by a case against Sara Lee Corp. five vears later, which led to a fine for tainted hot dogs and lunch meats that killed 15 people.

Federal officials do not think anyone deliberately contaminated the spinach with E. coli, which has killed two and sickened at least 190 others. Instead, the probe is focused on whether the companies took appropriate steps to make sure their products were safe to eat.

FBI and Food and Drug Administration agents spent 11 hours Wednesday searching Natural Selection Foods LLC and Growers Express, sifting through records for evidence indicating the spinach producers skirted proper food-handling procedures. "We are looking more toward the food-safety issue at this point," FBI spokesman Joseph Schadler said Thursday, adding that the investigation was in its early stages and may or may not lead to criminal charges. It could also spread to other spinach producers, he said. Also Thursday, health officials in Idaho confirmed that the death of a 2-yearold boy was caused by tainted spinach. Test results showed that Kyle Allgood was infected with the same E. coli strain that killed an elderly Wisconsin woman.



FBI officials walk through a Growers Express plant in Salinas, Calif. The FBI searched two produce companies Wednesday for evidence of a crime in the E. coli outbreak.

products were contaminated to be convicted of crimi- time.

have known that their safety of the food supply. Penalties can include jail

mistake," he said. Tests on spinach recalled from grocers point to nine

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Judge dismisses Karr's porn charges

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — The former suspect in the JonBenet Ramsey killing left jail Thursday after a judge dismissed child pornography charges against him, saying prosecutors didn't have enough evidence to take the case to trial.

John Mark Karr, who was not in court for the hearing, was ordered released immediately by Sonoma County Superior Court Judge Rene Chouteau, ending his two-month odyssey in the U.S. criminal justice system after he was extradited from Thailand on suspicion of killing the 6-year-old beauty queen.

LOCAL NEWS

Teacher faces 23 criminal counts

SCOTTSBURG, Ind. - A high school teacher engaged in sexual misconduct with a girl who attended a church where he was a youth minister, state police said Wednesday.

John A Watts, 27, is a teacher at Southwestern High School in Hanover and was a volunteer coach of the girl's track team at Scott County's Austin High School, where the girl was a student.

The girl was 14 and 15 years old when the encounters occurred between 2002 and 2004 in various locations in Scott County, police said.

Legal experts say the companies do not need to

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nal charges, only negligent in their duties to keep tainted foods from the

market.

Lawyers involved in previous food-poisoning cases said the government will likely try to charge the companies under the 1938 Federal Food Drug and Cosmetics Act, which makes it a crime to sell or distribute "adulterated" products — any item deemed unsafe for human or animal consumption.

Distributing contaminated food through interstate commerce is usually a misdemeanor, but it can rise to a felony if authorities find evidence that company officials knowingly took action to compromise the

That would be hard to prove in this case, said Fred Pritzker, a food safety lawyer in Minneapolis who represents several victims in the recent spinach scare.

The federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act is unusual because simply allowing contaminated foods into interstate commerce could result in criminal charges, even if there was no intent to violate the law, said Eric Greenberg, a food safety lawyer.

"The result of prosecution under this statute is that you can be considered a criminal, and you may even go to jail, and it may simply be because you made a mistake, or one of your employees made a

spinach farms that supplied produce to Natural Selection, one of the nation's largest distributors of bagged salads. The company issued a statement Wednesday saying it was confident in the cleanliness of its plant and pointing the finger at growers. A spokeswoman said it had no further comment Thursday.

Growers Express operates a food-safety program in which small-scale farmers pay the company to provide health and safety inspections and maintain databases of audit reports. The company turned over those audit reports to the FBI FDA and on Wednesday.

Rice tells leaders time is limited

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice warned Iraqi leaders on Thursday they have limited time to settle their differences and that the escalating waves of violence are intolerable.

On a visit five weeks before congressional elections in the U.S., Rice also insisted the Bush administration has been honest with Americans about the costs and stakes in Iraq.

Administration officials recently have

found themselves defending their conduct of the war, and Rice's remarks reflected the political toll for the White House from an unpopular conflict.

"This is really hard going," Rice told reporters during her stop in the Iraqi capital. "Not only do I believe that the president has been clear with the American people that this is a struggle, he's been clear with the American people why he thinks it's a struggle that needs to be waged."

After meetings in the Mideast with Arab and Israeli leaders, the top U.S.

diplomat came to Iraq to tell sometimes squabbling leaders they have a short window to resolve disputes that she said are spurring sectarian and insurgent violence.

While killings among Iraqis have not abated, American casualties also have spiked recently.

Car bombs killed four people and wounded 28 in Baghdad on Thursday. At least 23 U.S. soldiers have died since Saturday; most were in Baghdad amid a massive security sweep by U.S. and Iraqi forces.

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The Board of Trustees and other guests were present at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the groundbreaking site.

The facility will contain more laboratory space and partake in environmentally sustainable practices and materials. Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney said the "updated technology ... [will] accommodate a variety of learning and teaching styles."

The College has been busy with renovation to including construction of a student center, dining hall, welcome center, clubhouse and apartmentstyle housing.

More than 600 donors including faculty, staff, alumnae, parents, students and friends of the College — are funding the new academic building. The funds have already exceeded the goal of \$16.5 million to cover construction costs and operating endowment. Even more funds are secured in gifts and pledges, and 75 percent of the necessary amount is cash-inhand.

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The construction will renovate

in this facility," White said.

"Purcell Pavilion will ... have a

"This is going to be a wonderful building that fulfills our dream of having a worldclass academic facility," Mooney said.

Philadelphia-based Ballinger Architects and Architecture Design Group of South Bend have collaborated on the design of the 65,000 square foot building.

Besides laboratories, the building will "include both formal and informal social space for faculty-student interaction," Mooney said.

"The new facility will be an excellent addition to the Saint Mary's campus," sophomore Maureen McQuade said. "It will be used to the great advantage of faculty, staff and students to advance the mission of [the College]."

The College mission reads, "The College is an academic community where women develop their talents and prepare to make a difference in the world."

Saint Mary's, which enrolls 1,500 students, is home to six nationally accredited academic programs, a large amount for a school its size. These programs are: social work, music, art, chemistry, nursing and teacher education.

[projects] are always pending

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in the past is it's better to stay at

the conceptual level," Affleck-

Graves said. "Because if it takes

two or three years, things

change so much and you change

design, and it's actually not

worth spending the money doing

detailed design for a project that

may not occur for three or four

years. Because usually when you

get to do it things have changed,

the 5,500 bleacher seats in the

Purcell Pavilion will replace

and you have to redo it all."

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Traffic

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College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said traffic will be affected by the congestion the various projects will create, but none of the roads on campus are expected to close.

The first of the three construction projects on campus was begun by the South Bend waste water department. This venture is part of a long-term plan to reduce combination sewer overflows in compliance with federal and state regulations that were issued to decrease the amount of raw sewage entering local rivers and streams during periods of heavy rainfall, according to the department Web site.

McDonald said this project as well as the installation of a new storm sewer - is expected to be completed by January.

The second project to reach completion - and the last of the three current construction jobs to be started — will be the Hilton Hotel and conference center. According to McDonald, the Inn at Saint Mary's should expect its new on-campus competition to open for business late next summer.

The final contribution to the

That addition will include a 4,500 square-foot ticket office and 3,000 square-foot retail store.

Within that extension will be a "stadium club" venue with access to the arena. The club will be "a place to congregate for basketball clubs or other kinds of groups to enjoy pre-game activities, post-game activities or other times of the day," Marsh said.

Marsh said the exterior construction likely will take 12 months or more, while the inte-

Act.

The "conceptual" renderings by HNTB architectural firm also included a new, hanging scoreboard inside the arena. But White and Marsh said the drawings were only preliminary and primarily for fundraising purposes.

Named after former Executive Vice President Father Edmund Joyce, the Joyce Center was dedicated in 1968. The initial construction cost \$6.8 million.

"This facility is a tribute to Father Joyce," Affleck-Graves said. "After 40 years, however, it needs a little facelift. And that's what we're about." Despite the lack of timeframe for other renovations of other teams' facilities. White said the momentum from this announcement should propel Notre Dame towards full funding of this project and the many others including new hockey, soccer and lacrosse stadiums — in the

athletic department's "Master Plan."

"I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to Phil," White said. "My sense is that Father Ned Joyce is smiling down upon you, Phil, as you provide his Joyce Center with a dramatic makeover."

Purcell, a member of the Board of Trustees since 1991, said he would "always be grateful to Notre Dame."

"[Athletics] is an important aspect to this school's tradition," he said. "... This new facility is

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An artistic rendering depicts the new academic building at

projects are finished and

offices have been transferred

to the new academic building,

McDonald said the College will

consider initiating restoration

of Madeleva Hall, the former

"If the Board of Trustees

approves, renovation of

Madeleva Hall will begin that

fall," she said. "The College

will begin working on a reno-

vation design for [the building]

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this summer."

Saint Mary's. Ground was broken on the project Thursday.

potential traffic flow problems was marked by the groundbreaking ceremony for the new academic building yesterday. Mconald said she expects the final touches on the new building — which requires the largest time commitment of the three ventures - to be completed over a year from now.

"Faculty and staff, except for those working in the education and math departments, will move into the new academic 2008," she said.

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the south side of the Joyce Center, benefiting both the basketball and volleyball programs, When questions about renovations for other facilities specifically, plans to redo the hockey arena — arose at Thursday's press conference, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said the University won't make concrete plans until funding is secured.

"I would say that all of those

upper bowl of the south dome with blue chair-back seats. That change will reduce the maximum arena capacity from 11,418 to approximately 9,800.

Purcell Pavilion will also feature an exterior extension of the south entrance. Marsh said the dome will feature a "dramatic entrance" and lobby between Gates 8 and 10, and a 60,000 square-foot addition therein. rior changes can be completed in "substantially" less time.

White compared the club seating to the fifth floor of the press box in Notre Dame Stadium, the private university level. He said Purcell Pavilion will also feature an increased number of women's restrooms, improved concession stands and more handicappedaccessible seating to comply with the Americans With Disabilities not just for the basketball teams — it's for the entire community."

Purcell was chief executive officer of Morgan Stanley from 1997 until this March.

Before joining Morgan Stanley, Purcell was chairman chief executive officer of Dean Witter Discover for 11 years.

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IN BRIEF

Tribune Co. ousts LA Times publisher CHICAGO — Tribune Co. ousted Jeffrey M. Johnson, the publisher of its largest newspaper, the Los Angeles Times, on Thursday after Johnson had refused to make what he considered potentially damaging staff cuts ordered by the media conglomerate.

Goodyear workers go on strike

Company, union fail to agree on deal; employees walk out in U.S and Canada

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Steelworkers union members walked off the job Thursday at 16 Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plants in the United States and Canada, unable to reach an agreement on a new contract despite months of talks with the world's third biggest tire maker.

Goodyear said the union refused to agree to help it remain competitive in a global economy. The union said the company's latest proposal would have included two plant closings and other concessions.

"Closing more plants would not only cause additional job losses and devastate the communities where the operations would cease, but it would also threaten the long-term viability of Goodyear," said Ron Hoover, executive vice president of the United Steelworkers of America, which represents the Goodyear workers.

Saul Ludwig, a KeyBanc Capital Markets analyst, said a strike could cost Goodyear \$2 million a day. The company could save \$50 million a year by closing a U.S. plant, he said in a report to clients.

He said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that unless the strike was not see tire prices affected by the walkout because of the large inventory of tires in the market. Negotiations had been held since the old contract expired July 22. As more than 12,000 workers went on strike, Goodyear said Thursday it wanted to keep bargaining. The company will continue production at two nonunion plants in Lawton, Okla., and Napanee, Ontario, and will use salaried workers at its union plants, company spokesman Ed Markey said. The company also has imports and inventory to fall back on, Markey said, declining to give specifics. Markey declined to com-



United Steelworkers Union members picket outside the Goodyear Tire Plant in Gadsden, Ala. Thursday. Steelworkers union members from 16 plants walked off the job.

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The parent company named David D. Hiller, who has been publisher of the Chicago Tribune, to succeed Johnson.

The move follows a highly publicized show of defiance last month by Johnson and Times Editor Dean Baquet against the latest proposed Tribune cuts, which drew the ire of not only Times staffers but those at some of Tribune's 10 other daily newspapers.

Scott Smith, president of the Tribune Publishing division in charge of the newspapers, said in a statement that he and Johnson had agreed on the change "because Tribune and Times executives need to be aligned on how to shape our future."

But it was unclear whether the action means Tribune, which plans major restructuring actions by the end of the year, is determined to keep the paper or put Hiller in place to slash costs and make it more attractive in a sale.

Jobless claims fall to 10-week low

WASHINGTON — The number of newly laid off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits dropped last week to the lowest level in 10 weeks.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that 302,000 people filed claims last week, the smallest number to show up at unemployment offices since the week ending July 22.

The level was down by 17,000 from the previous week and marked the second consecutive week that claims applications have fallen, providing evidence that the slowdown the economy has been going through since the spring has not triggered a big increase in layoffs.

But analysts cautioned against reading too much into the big drop in claims. Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, said it should be "considered a curiosity rather than evidence of a change in the trend." He predicted that claims would begin to rise slowly in the final months of this year, reflecting weaker economic growth. pany's offer involved plant closings. The 108-year-old company had 2005 sales of \$19.5 billion and more than

100 plants in 29 countries. But the union leader Hoover said the union, which in 2003 agreed to allow Goodyear to cut pay, pensions and health care and close an Alabama plant, had no choice but to strike.

This time, a 77-year-old plant in Gadsen, Ala., and one in Tyler, Texas, weren't on the company's list of "protected" factories, meaning they could be closed, said Bren Riley, a vice president of Local 12 in Alabama.

In Tyler, 19-year Goodyear worker Kency Alexander said he's concerned about

wife, 14-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son.

"Hey, I've still got college tuition to worry about," he said.

In Akron, workers streamed out of Goodyear's research center to join union members holding signs on the picket line.

Hundreds picketed outside Goodyear's sprawling headquarters carrying placards that read "USW Local 2L on strike against Goodyear Tire & Rubber for unfair labor practices." Strikers chanted and some motorists honked horns. By late afternoon, all but one picket had left.

In Tonawanda, N.Y., a Buffalo suburb, many of the 1,200 workers at the Dunlop plant where motorcycle and away shouting and honking car horns. About a dozen sign-carrying members of Local 135 picketed.

Among them was 64-yearold Al Tomasello, who has worked at the plant for nine years.

"They're trying to work us for a 40-percent cut in pay," he said. "We're just trying to get what we already have. We're not trying to change nothing."

Red and white signs announcing the strike were stuck in the ground along the road leading to the St. Marys rubber plant entrance, where about a dozen workers huddled together under a tent to seek shelter from the chilly fall air in western Ohio.

Stocks reach third straight record

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street rose modestly Thursday, nudging the Dow Jones industrial average to its third straight record high close as investors welcomed upbeat retail sales and jobless claims figures.

The Dow closed at 11,866.69, surpassing the record of 11,850.61 set Wednesday. The blue chip index traded up to 11,870.06, which stands as its trading high.

Rising oil prices didn't smother investors' good mood.

"Considering the distance we've come over the last three months and certainly the last three days, it's interesting we could have a data point like oil's climb and not have the market backup much," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. "It's certainly a scenario where the longer term prospects for the market are looking more positive."

Stocks pulled back briefly after Charles Plosser, the newly installed president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, signaled that further Fed interest rate hikes may be in the best interests of the economy's longterm performance.

The Dow rose 16.08, or 0.14 percent. The blue chips have gained 196.34 over the past three sessions; on Tuesday, the index shattered closing and trading highs that had stood since Jan. 24, 2000, toward the end of the dot-com boom.

Broader stock indicators were also higher Thursday. The S&P 500 index rose 3.00, or 0.22 percent, to 1,353.22, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 15.39, or 0.67 percent, to 2,306.34.

Advancing issues led decliners by roughly 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Bonds fell as stocks wavered, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note at 4.61 percent, up from 4.56 percent Thursday. The U.S. dollar was mostly higher against other major currencies. Gold prices rose.

Crude oil futures rose. A barrel of light crude settled at \$60.03, up 62 cents in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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Genocide

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studies, highlighting how the "second generation of scholarship on genocide" differs from the first, as well as discuss the limitations of these new developments in his lecture entitled "New Directions in the Comparative Study of Genocide."

He noted that there has been a "three-fold increase" in recent years of books published on genocide, attributing this

increase to events in the 1990s, namely genocides in Rwanda and Bosnia, which served to generate interest human in rights.

"This field is moving in many different directions at once ... even though [the

topic of genocide has] a very narrow focus," he said.

In demonstrating the different directions of genocidal research,

Straus cited six books by various authors which he referred to as the "core of second-generation literature" — those that underscore the values of the newer perspective on genocide.

While he discussed individual merits of each book, Straus argued that the core literature illuminated problems faced by the genocide researcher, including "conceptualization, case selection and hypothesis testing."

The problem of conceptualization in genocide research lies in the fact that "not one of these authors [of the core of secondgeneration

literature] uses "This field is moving in same definimany different directions tion of genoat once ... even though cide," [the topic of genocide has] said. Straus a very narrow focus." said the lack

Scott Straus political science professor **University of Wisconsin**

definition may apply to the Rwandan case but not the Holocaust and vice versa. Furthermore, because of the difficulty in defining genocide and pinpointing examples, Straus said it becomes difficult to comparatively study genocide using different cases.

"If you only think there are only four cases or six cases [of genocide] ... it's very difficult to do a quantitative study [on the topic]," he said. "This field does not lend itself to cross-quantitative work."

This difficulty leads to problems in hypothesis testing, Strauss said, as "people are looking at the same cases and coming up with various explanations."

To combat the problems of studying genocide, Straus suggested that studies be focused on "negative cases" — that is, cases in which genocide does not result.

In addition, he suggested treating genocide as "a continuous variable," meaning to assume genocide occurred in all cases rather than arguing its existence in certain cases over others.

"The legal definition of genocide is so vague that it's very difficult to come up with a zero point [that defines when the term can be used]," he said.

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Schwarzenegger won't release infamous tape

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's office on Wednesday rejected a request that it release several hours of audio tape that contained the governor's now infamous comments about the mingling of "black blood" and "Latino blood."

The letter from Schwarzenegger Legal Affairs Secretary Andrea Lynn Hoch came in response to a demand from the Republican governor's Democratic opponent in the November election, state **Treasurer Phil Angelides.**

Hoch said the audio files were obtained without authorization from a password-protected area of the governor's Web site. She also said they "were accessed in a way that would suggest to any reasonable person that the files had not been posted for public distribution."

Angelides has acknowledged that members of his campaign staff downloaded the audio files from the Web site and leaked a small portion of them to a Los Angeles Times reporter.

The recordings were from a speechwriting meeting in the governor's office last March that included Schwarzenegger and a handful of aides. At one point, the governor and his chief of staff discussed the possible ethnicity of \cdot a Republican assemblywoman.

Referring to temperament, Schwarzenegger said that whether Cuban or Puerto Rican, "They are all very hot."

"They have the, you know, part of the black blood in them and part of the Latino blood in them that together makes it," Schwarzenegger says on the recording.

He apologized for the remarks the next day and the assemblywoman said she was not offended.

Angelides and his campaign officials maintain aides did nothing wrong in accessing the audio files.

"Gov. Schwarzenegger is well aware that these audio files were as publicly available as a children's book in a public library, yet now his office is making false accusations and using legal tricks to keep these files from becoming available to the public," said Angelides spokeswoman Amanda Crumley.

The aides downloaded the recordings after going to a link of a Schwarzenegger speech about Hurricane Katrina on the governor's official Web site. They then shortened the Web address and reached a trove of other audio files. Last week, Angelides sent a letter to Schwarzenegger's office asking that roughly four hours of private recordings be made public. Hoch said Angelides' own statements suggest his campaign accessed the audio files "in an irregular way." She said the files were contained on an "extranet server" maintained by the governor's office and were for use by his staff. The office permits reporters to access specific files via a link, but said the directory can only be viewed through use of a password. Further, Hoch said the audio files were exempt from public disclosure because they were prepared solely for internal use and would reveal the deliberative process in the governor's office. "If the recordings were released to the public, it would chill the flow of information within the governor's office, and it would impede the governor's ability to work with his speechwriters and others in performing his official duties and in communicating with the people of California," Hoch wrote in her letter to Angelides' campaign lawyer, Lance Olson. Olson, in his letter to Schwarzenegger last week, suggested the unreleased recordings from the closeddoor meetings contain potentially more inflammatory statements by Schwarzenegger, including his "views on the assimilation of immigrants."

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Sudan threatens peacekeepers; U.N. calls crisis catastrophic

Government says any mediating troops sent to Darfur will be considered hostiles; Security Council to discuss response

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Darfur is creeping ever closer to catastrophe, with rape and violence on the rise, the U.N. chief said in a report Thursday, as Sudan warned that any nation offering troops for a future peacekeeping force in its vast western region would be committing a "hostile act."

In the report to the Security Council, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said a May peace deal was not being followed, and that humanitarian access is at its lowest level since 2004. Sudan's armed forces, as well as rebel factions and the militias, continue to violate international human rights law and humanitarian law with impunity, he said.

"It has now been three months since the Darfur peace agreement was signed," Annan wrote. "However, instead of reconciliation and building of trust, we are witnessing intensified violence and deeper polarization. The region is again on the brink of a catastrophic situation."

"Unless security improves, the world is facing the prospect of having to drastically curtail an acutely needed humanitarian operation," Annan said.

A key stumbling block to the peace so far has been President Omar al-Bashir's rejection of an August Security Council resolution that would allow the United Nations to take control of and significantly expand a peacekeeping force in Darfur, run so far by the

African Union.

In a letter sent to several nations on Tuesday but disclosed Thursday, al-Bashir's government took aim at any country that might be considering troops for a potential force. The Sudan government criticized a Sept. 22 note sent by the U.N. asking nations to nominate police personnel who would be sent to Sudan to support the African Union mission.

"In the absence of Sudan's consent to the deployment of U.N. troops, any volunteering to provide peacekeeping troops to Darfur will be considered as a hostile act, a prelude to an invasion of a member country of the U.N.," the letter said.

That response was puzzling because the Sept. 22 note makes clear the police would be sent to support the African Union mission, not as a separate force.

The sharp words in the letter prompted the United States to convene an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to consider a response. U.S. Ambassador John Bolton called the document an unprecedented rebuff to the council.

"This is a direct challenge to the authority of the Security Council in its efforts to alleviate the tragedy in Darfur and clearly requires a strong response by the Security Council," Bolton said.

He warned darkly that people should ask if "other possibilities are going to have to be pursued" if the United Nations cannot address the Sudan issue effectively, though he did not specify or go as far as President Bush, who said this week that the United Nations should not wait any longer to approve a force for Darfur.

The council broke in the afternoon, and Japan's ambassador, the U.N. Security Council president for October, said he would approach Sudanese officials for clarification.

The United States later circulated a draft presidential statement that would deplore and express regret about Sudan's attempts to "intimidate" potential troop contributors, and call the letter an "aggressive gesture."

It was unclear how willing other nations will be to support the U.S. draft. Several diplomats clearly did not share his outrage. One Security Council diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity because discussions on the issue were private, said the council must not allow Sudan to lure it into a confrontation. The focus must be on getting troops into Sudan, the diplomat said.

Tanzania's U.N. Ambassador Augustine Mahiga called the tough U.S. stance unhelpful to breaking the deadlock in Darfur. He said more time was needed to persuade al-Bashir to allow U.N. troops in.

"At this time we should be focused on the positive aspects and try to avoid any kind of confrontational approach,"Mahiga said. "It's much more healthy and productive to capitalize on the positive aspects of this whole problem." In a separate letter to Annan on Thursday, al-Bashir himself repeated his position that the government would allow the U.N. to help support the African Union peacekeepers.

"Cooperation and consultations between the United Nations, the African Union and the Government of National Unity would speed up finding a solution to the question [of Darfur] and help instill a permanent peace in Sudan," al-Bashir said in his message, according to the official Sudan News Agency.



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BRAZIL

Pilots deny turning off communication device before crash

Associated Press

SAO PAULO — The American pilots of an executive jet involved in a deadly high-altitude collision with a Boeing 737 have denied they turned off the transponder that signaled their location, authorities said Thursday.

Pilots Joseph Lepore, of Bay Shore, N.Y., and Jan Paladino, of Westhampton Beach, N.Y., repeatedly told investigators they never turned off the device that transmits a plane's location and believed that it was working just before the collision, said Denise Niederauer, a spokeswoman for the Mato Grosso do Sul State Public Safety Department.

Brazilian authorities suggested a day earlier that the pilots may have turned off the device.

Authorities did not say why they believed that may have happened, but said a nonfunctioning transponder was a possible cause of the collision with Gol Airlines Flight 1907, which plunged into the Amazon jungle Friday, killing all 154 aboard in Brazil's worst air disaster. Gol initially had said there were 155 aboard, but on Thursday changed it to 154, blaming a mistake on the passenger list. The airline said a name had appeared twice on the list.

The Brazilian-made Embraer Legacy 600 executive jet was damaged, but landed safely at an air force base.

The air force said both jets were equipped with a modern traffic collision avoidance system that monitors other planes and sets off an alarm if they get too close, but the system only works if the transponders are working properly.

service Agencia Brasil. The pilots' passports were seized Wednesday, but they were not arrested.

Authorities also were investigating why the small plane apparently was not flying at its authorized altitude of 36,000 feet. The collision took place at 37,000, where the Boeing 737-800 was authorized to be, **Defense Minister Waldir Pires** said.

"Why was this jet taken to that altitude? Was it a voluntary act by the pilot? Was it because of wrong information he received?" Sayao said. "That's the key question: What made the plane fly at 37,000 feet when it was supposed to be at 36,000 feet."

U.S. journalist Joe Sharkey, who was on the Legacy, wrote in The New York Times that shortly before the crash he saw an altitude display reading 37,000 feet.

The reporter also criticized air traffic control in Brazil, prompting an irate response from local authorities.

"It was an affirmation absolutely unfair and insane," Jose Carlos Pereira, the president of Brazil's airport authority, told GloboNews.

Pires called it "irresponsible to say something like that."

Brazil's air force said it investigated air traffic controllers' procedures on the day of the crash and found no irregularities.

The Legacy was making its inaugural flight from the southern Brazilian city of Sao Jose dos Campos to the United States, where it had been purchased by ExcelAire Service Inc., based in Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

On Thursday, the New York newspaper Newsday quoted **ExcelAire chief executive Bob** Sherry as saying he was seeking the return home of Lepore, 42, and Paladino, 34.



Above, a Brazilian Air Force helicopter lifts a load of victim remains Wesnesday from last week's plane crash in the northeast area of the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso. Below, recovery workers carry human remains. Prosecutors could charge two American pilots with manslaughter for the mid-air collision.



If the American pilots are found to be responsible for turning off the transponder, which is illegal under Brazilian law, prosecutors said they could be charged with involuntary manslaughter. Authorities said, however, that there was not enough evidence to accuse anybody.

"We don't have elements to talk about that," Federal Police Investigator Renato Savao told the official government news

He declined to comment on the crash, but said, "Our pilots have been treated well."

Nearly 40 bodies had been recovered from the crash site by Thursday, but federal authorities were having difficulties identifying the bodies and said that DNA testing may be needed to complete a process that could take weeks.

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MEXICO

Government, people upset by lack of immigration reform

Federal officials reject U.S. legislation to increase security at the border, disagree on appropriate response

Associated Press

TIJUANA — Mexico lobbied for six years for a comprehensive immigration reform that would allow millions to cross into the United States legally. Instead, they're getting a fence.

Mexicans — from leading politicians to migrants preparing to cross illegally - consider the U.S. plan to fence off much of the border shameful, offensive and illconceived.

President Bush on Wednesday signed a bill that would allot \$1.2 billion for hundreds of miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexican border and for more vehicle barriers, lighting and infrared cameras.

But migrants resting at a Tijuana shelter after being deported from the United States said more walls wouldn't deter them. Alfonso Martinez, a 32-

year-old from southern Mexico, had been working as a farmhand for six months in Vista, Calif., when he was arrested and deported last week.

"Wall or no wall, I will try at least three times," said Martinez, who said he would try to cross by himself through Tecate, a mountainous town about 35 miles east of Tijuana. "I have three girls that I have to support, and in Mexico there is no work."

Mexican immigrants in the United States and the Mexican government had lobbied lawmakers for more ways to cross the border and work legally.

While Bush had proposed a temporary worker program, it didn't garner enough support in Congress for passage. The idea has been dropped by Washington, at least until after the November congressional elections.

Congress focused on security

over immigration, arguing that the porous border could be used by terrorists who want to sneak into the U.S. undetected. There is no evidence that has happened, however.

The Mexican government this week sent a diplomatic note to Washington criticizing the plan for 700 miles of new fencing along the border. Foreign Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez called it an "offense" and said Wednesday his office was considering taking the issue to the United Nations.

But Ruben Aguilar, the spokesman for President Vicente Fox, said Thursday that Mexico had ruled out that possibility. He added he was "confident" the additional fencing would never become a reality because an immigration accord would eventually replace it.

President-elect Felipe Calderon

Thursday criticized the U.S. plan, but said the case is a bilateral issue that should not be taken to any international organization.

"I think it is a deplorable decision that has been made by the United States Congress for the construction of this wall, and it does not solve our common problem, which is emigration," Calderon told a news conference in Santiago, Chile.

Guillermo Alonzo, a migration expert at the Tijuana-based Colegio de La Frontera Norte, said fences instead will force migrants to look for new ways to sneak into the United States and find new routes through deadlier terrain.

"When migrants are determined to cross, they find a way to jump the fences," Alonzo said. "Walls don't stop anything."

Alonzo cited the construction of a fence between Tijuana and San

Diego, known in Mexico as "the tortilla wall." It was completed in the 1990s and forced migrants into the sparsely populated and dangerous Arizona desert.

While there are walls at various points along the border, the one in Tijuana is the longest stretch, running 14 miles west from the Otay border crossing and plunging into the Pacific Ocean.

It has become a symbol of the divisive immigration issue, a blank slate for graffiti, crosses, photos and other remembrances of those who have lost their lives trying to sneak into the United States. Some families, divided by the border, even meet at the fence, talking through the metal wires.

While the wall downgraded Tijuana from the illegal migration mecca it was in the 1990s, hundreds of migrants still come here, Alonzo said.

INDIA

Dengue fever outbreak kills 38; authorities deny epidemic

Associated Press

NEW DELHI — India's health minister said Thursday the death toll from an outbreak of dengue fever had risen to 38 as hospitals struggle to cope with an influx of patients.

In southern India, meanwhile, a rare mosquito-borne viral fever known as chikungunya killed another four people overnight, bringing the death toll from that disease in the

dengue symptoms, said Shakti Gupta, a spokesman for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

"The condition of all the three patients is stable. Their symptoms are being monitored and assessed," Gupta said.

The outbreaks of dengue and chikungunya come as the annual monsoon season tapers off, leaving puddles of stagnant water where mosquitoes breed.

Female Aedes mosquitoes

transmit dengue. Symptoms include high fever, joint pain, headache and vomiting. It is fatal in rare cases. India's annual outbreak normally dies off with the end of the mosquito breeding period in November.

Authorities have been working to spray pesticides in New Delhi, where 15 people have died, and surrounding areas in recent days.

"Definitely, we are tackling the situation and this is not an

epidemic and in the next few days to come we expect the cases to reduce," Ramadoss said.

He added: "The situation is being controlled. There is no need to panic."





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Renovation plan leaves questions

Why now?

Three Notre Dame athletic programs — men's basketball, women's basketball and volleyball - received good news Thursday morning when University officials announced major renovation plans for the Joyce Center.

The new-look athletic center will include a basketball arena - Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center – named after \$12.5 million benefactor and Notre Dame Trustee Phillip J. Purcell III. It will be a vastly better facility than the one the teams

use now. They saw drawings of new seats, a new entrance and received a new outlook on the future.

The problem was, it wasn't a complete outlook.

That might not matter to men's basketball

coach Mike Brey, women's basketball coach Muffett McGraw and volleyball coach Debbie Brown. Their teams look to benefit the most if the plans are seen to completion.

But without a projected completion - or, even worse, a starting date — in mind, nothing is certain. Yes, Notre Dame's athletic facilities have not kept up with the success of the athletic teams over the past decade and the renovated arena is much needed. With last year's addition of the football team's first-rate Guglielmino Athletics Complex, the plans are a sign that Notre Dame athletic facilities are moving in the right direction.

But even with all of the excitement and applause surround-

ing Thursday's announcement, it's hard not to ask the question — why make the announcement now?

University officials could not say when the facility would be completed.

They showed no plans to improve the University's currently subpar hockey facilities.

They failed to say how many student tickets would be allotted or where the student body would sit at games.

There was nothing in the plans about soccer, lacrosse or even track and field facility improvements.

The press conference gave University officials and donors a chance to pat themselves on the back, but failed to give the full picture of future Notre Dame athletic facilities.

Purcell, to his credit, generously gave an enormous amount of money to the project and was lauded by the University for his donation. He deserves the fanfare, but the school needs others like him to step up.

Notre Dame officials said they are still in the process of raising the final three million of a \$25 million goal. Why not wait until those three million dollars are in the University bank account before announcing major facility upgrades?

With the Board of Trustees meeting and a football game this weekend, Thursday's press conference gave more publicity to big donors and little information to hundreds of Notre Dame athletes, coaches and fans waiting to know more about what the future holds.

Defending my right to disagree

Many Americans believe that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Yet, when the discourse shifts to the politics of life and death issues such as war or abortion, they turn a deaf ear to those who express

differing points of view. These free speech obstructionists attempt to suffocate dissonance while conveniently forgetting that this nation was founded on dissension against the Nazis for that type of distinction. I did not enroll in Notre Dame ROTC to pass a litmus test deciding who may wave our American flag. On that September day half a decade ago, every one of us was called to the front lines, and each of us has an unlimited right to be either a hawk or a dove.

Lest those who support the president forget, in September of 2001 Democrats and Independents united as Americans giving this president more than 90 percent support. In fact, the entire world reached out to us as a gesture of succor. "Old Europe," especially France whose fries would be officially renamed "American Fries" in all of the U.S. House of Representatives cafeterias, wrote newspaper headlines touting, "We are all Americans." Under similar circumstances, it is doubtful that those petty politicians from the rigid Republican fundamentalist wing of their party would have given such unconditional support to a Democratic president. Our fellow Notre Dame alumni who refuse to ask tough questions, but who also attempt to place this column under a minister of propaganda, may recall that our president squandered that global goodwill with a series of imbecilic decisions. This writer once held the blue allaccess White House pass and knows firsthand the complex demands of the Oval Office. The deaths of more than 2,700 American troops and tens of thousands of others are the direct result of simple slogans and rigid, stubborn ideology. The president's policies, with lock-stepping congressional approval, have lowered our once proud standing in the world. Those policies have lowered the standards of the Geneva Conventions, lowered our internal feeling of community and lowered our once lofty principles of freedom. All in the name of keeping this nation safe.

Despite our president's popular slogan, they do not hate us for our freedom. They hate us for what we do and for what they perceive that we do, such as defiling their holy land in Saudi Arabia with military bases prior to the attacks on the World Trade Center. Does anyone ever wonder how Russia, once the fiercest of bin Laden's enemies, wiggled out of Al Qaeda's cross hairs?

Michael Scheuer, head of the CIA's bin Laden unit during the Clinton administration and an uncongenial critic of both



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— that our strength	
lies in our diversity and our unyielding search for truth.	Gary Caruso
On Sept. 11, 2001,	Capitol

Capitol every American was *Comments* abruptly drafted into

action, individually called to better our nation's defense of democracy abroad and to improve our own domestic safety. I personally know the call to serve my country, having first worn a U.S. Air Force uniform as a Notre Dame freshman during the height of the Vietnam War's unpopularity. How dare anyone, especially another Notre Dame alumnus who is a military lawyer and Marine captain, denigrate the service of a National Guardsman as a mere "maintenance worker" in Iraq. How dare that same sworn defender of liberty and justice label this column's description of military command failures that caused Marine deaths as "spurious allegations" and "imbecilic."

Since the attacks of 9/11, the only man in this nation who is supposed to inspire us has purposely portrayed some Americans as good and others as bad. Our President has divided this nation into those whom he believes have a right to join his debate and others who do not until they agree with him. My father did not fight for three years in World War II

Presidents Clinton and Bush, suggests in a Robert Novak column that we first need to understand bin Laden's reasoning that keeps us on his enemies list, regardless of how absurd they may actually seem. Scheuer says, "We're at war because of what we do in the Islamic world." Unfortunately, Republicans who control every branch of our government refuse to recognize Bush's folly, of course unless they are in direct danger of losing a coveted congressional seat this year.

Finally, the president's illogical and absolute refusal to allow his civilian or military advisors to freely disagree and correct current policy has doomed our troops to combat in Iraq until Bush leaves office in 2009. Call this president what vou may — idiot or hero — but every one of us has as much of a prerogative to say anything about defending this nation. And all of us earned the label "loyal American" during our national draft on Sept. 11, 2001.

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OBSERVER POLL

Does Notre Dame need to increase the number of **Catholic faculty members?**





QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Ultimately, the only power to which man should aspire is that which he exercises over himself."

> **Elie Wiesel** author

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abortion display examined *'Cemetery' reminder* Football weekend inappropriate

On Thursday and Friday, Notre Dame Right to Life will be displaying what is known as the "Cemetery of the Innocents" on South Quad. This memorializes the over 47 million children who have been killed through surgical abortion in the United States since the Roe v. Wade court decision in 1973.

This year we are erecting 600 white crosses to represent the number of abortions performed in the United States in only four hours, the length of a Notre Dame football game. In addition, there will be 3,600 pink and blue flags representing the approximate number of surgical abortions that occur each day in the United States.

This cemetery is meant to serve as a reminder of what is in fact occurring when each abortion is performed. We hope that it makes clear what is being "chosen" and challenges the idea that abortion is a matter of "choice."

Finally, we wish to remember also the millions of women who have been harmed, both physically and psychologically, through the horror of abortion. They are remembered with a display of red roses, and we recall their pain and the pain of all those who have suffered because of abortion with a large wooden cross.

We pray that the hearts of all men and women will be inspired to acknowledge the dignity of life from the moment of conception to natural death. Let us take these days of Respect Life Month to reflect on the gift of life and the tragedy of a culture that often fails to recognize the value and dignity of every human person.

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Adam Hoock co-vice president Notre Dame Right to Life Oct. 5

Dear Visitors to Notre Dame: By now, you may have noticed the crosses raising awareness of the problem of abortion in society. Perhaps you are happy that this Catholic university is holding true to its principles in such a public fashion. Perhaps you wish that you weren't being confronted by something so grave as abortion as you make your once a semester trip to see your son or daughter. Or perhaps you are deeply offended that one campus group is proselytizing in such a manner. This letter is addressed to the latter two groups.

No one can deny that the debate surrounding abortion is very serious. For women who are Catholic, like myself, it is doubly so, for it calls into question issues relating to my gender and my religion, both of which I hold as the core of my identity. The nuances of the abortion question — and anyone who denies at least that there are nuances is criminally oversimplifying — are too numerous to list in this letter. What I do wish to address is the means by which every member of the Notre Dame family is being forced to confront this question this weekend.

I recognize the purpose that the crosses serve and accept that raising awareness of this very serious issue is legitimate. Far more problematic though, is the prospect of

kids who normally throw footballs around on the same quad on Saturday morning asking their parents what those crosses mean, and their parents being put in the position of explaining that those represent graves for children killed in abortions.

I think that everyone should engage the issue of abortion at some point, but can't we let a four-yearold live in blissful ignorance of such serious moral and political issues for a couple of years? Instead, this fouryear-old is exposed to one side of the debate with a dramatic, powerful image, when he cannot yet comprehend the idea of a victim of rape or incest who has been impregnated or any of the other individual cases where the hard line some opponents of abortion draw must falter. This will undoubtedly incite responses of how the child is not to blame for the crime of his father. This is a legitimate point. I do not argue one way or the other about morality of abortion in this letter; I simply seek to point out that the crosses represent one side of the debate.

Why do you assume that visitors to this school have not already engaged the issue of abortion on their own? Many families of students, like mine, have been Catholic for generations. They have grappled with this question both on their own

and in Church. Others are not religious, but have considered the issue on constitutional grounds. You may say that I cannot assume that is the case for most visitors. But is it your place to assume that people aren't thinking enough about this?

Finally, though members of Notre Dame Right to Life, the group responsible for the crosses, are no doubt aware of this, it bears repeating. Your actions have consequences, both for your cause and the image of this University on a football weekend highly attended by parents of current students. Your opposition is strengthened but such an emotional, dramatic representation of your point of view, and Notre Dame — I have heard this opinion over and over year after year appears not Catholic, but patronizing. So, members of the Notre Dame Family, on behalf of the many Catholic students who disagree with this display, I'm not sorry that this is a Catholic university with Catholic positions on some issues, but I am sorry for tarnishing this weekend of joy with a serious political issue that you undoubtedly have an opinion about already.

> Meghan O'Connell senior off campus Oct. 5

U-WIRE

D keeps character

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My wife and I attended the Purdue game last week, and attended a crowded 11:45 a.m. Mass at the Basilica. We are getting a tad long in the tooth, but didn't think we looked "old." However, the church was crowded, and we were directed to search for seats in the rear of the sanctuary. As it turned out, there were none available at that venue. However, almost immediately a student came to inform us that there were two seats on the other side of the sanctuary — actually, seats he and his colleague surrendered to us. As Mass proceeded, we were quite impressed by the demeanor of the students surrounding us, and commend Notre Dame for keeping the Faith alive among the student body. Most impressive. That experience brought home to me that the present Notre Dame is the same as the old Notre Dame I attended for four years.

> Paul A. Fisher alumnus Class of 1943 Oct. 5

Profits to veterans?

In response to "Shirts Sold to Recognize Soldiers" (Oct. 4) my first reaction was to shop for a shirt, because I definitely want to recognize and express concern for our troops! But I am confused by the promise to give "20 percent of the profits" to veteran's charities. Profits? Most new businesses take a long time to start making profits. These shirts have received a lot of publicity on the web, but nobody, including TakePride's website, mentions any actual donations -- or profits, for that matter. But everybody mentions the company's pledge to donate that 20 percent. Does 20 percent of "no profits yet" add up to no donations yet? If I buy a regular (non-logo) shirt, can I count on any money going to actual Iraq or Afghanistan veterans? Am I being too cynical? Perhaps. But I'd feel a lot more comfortable buying a shirt if I knew how much money the company has donated so far, and how much of my \$20 if any — would actually go to veterans' charities.

> Gail Bederman history professor Oct. 4

Next Facebook stalkers: parents?

This weekend, I was confronted with every college freshman's nightmare. No, not the freshman 15. My mom asked me, "Blessing, can I get a Facebook?"

Two months ago I would have laughed at her silliness and retorted, "Of

Blessing course not, mother, you have to be in high school or college." Two years ago, any college student would have laughed at her mom and quipped, "Yeah, if you happen to have a college e-mail address."

Unfortunately, that was then. This is now.

What's next? Surprisingly, Mark Zuckerberg's decision to make Facebook open to the public hasn't instigated as much drama as the advent of easy stalking, also known as the "Mini-Feed." Why not? Thousands of students from across the nation rallied together in "official petitions" to get rid of the news feed, which resulted in minor privacy additions. Where is the protest against our parents stalking us from back home?

Don't you find it disturbing that one fine day, you'll log onto Facebook when you really should be writing that seven-page essay, only to find that your dad has added you as a friend? According to the global group, "Don't Let My Parents onto Facebook!!" almost 9,000 students do.

I know dozens of girls who scrambled to "clean up" their Facebooks during the first week of school in order to participate in rush. Pictures with the ubiquitous red cups and the occasional cowboy costumes were deleted without a second thought. Of course, that was because everyone was warned that they were being watched. Nobody is explicitly telling us that now, but it should be a thought that's niggling at the back of your mind.

This is probably more applicable to freshmen, as those lucky upperclassmen with legitimate IDs have no need to worry about incrimination — their parents know by now that

they're not really studying on the weekends. But as freshmen it was nice having the freedom of telling your friend to "Facebook that" without worrying about the potential parental consequences.

College officials and employers are right in saying that we shouldn't be putting anything we would be embarrassed for our parents to see on Facebook. True, in ten years those photos might come back to haunt us. It was still nice to know that our parents weren't able to access them.

Why would any parent even desire one? In a healthy, functioning mother-daughter relationship, phone calls are made at least twice daily as we stroll down Trousdale Parkway between classes. Hopefully, guys have their own routines of communication. But have we really gotten to the point where our parents have to learn about our lives via the Internet?

I don't even have my own shower anymore, let alone my own room. Facebook was more than a Web site, it was my last thread of privacy. In an era where everything is so easily accessible, I don't think it's too much to ask for a safe haven where we can communicate with our friends without thinking before we type and click. Maybe it'd be better if we all just went back to writing letters to each other. The fact that your parents won't read them is well worth the 39 cents.

Parents Weekend starts today. Frankly, I'd be a little disturbed walking into Leavey and seeing a parent checking out her child's Facebook. I love my mom and dad unquestionably, and I can't wait to tailgate and go to the game with them. Everything's going to be golden, as long as she doesn't ask again.

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THE PHASES OF DISNEY

From Agrabah's slums to Pride Rock and back again

By CASSIE BELEK Assistant Scene Editor

Walt Disney 2-D animation has risen, fallen, risen and fallen again. The promising rebirth of animation that "The Little Mermaid" made possible in 1989 lasted only a decade. Walt Disney Feature Animation made its last traditional animated feature in 2004 with the easily forgettable "Home on the Range," a movie that elicits zero Disney magic but does evoke amazement because it was created by the same company who crafted the masterful 1950 classic "Cinderella."

Traditional Disney animation has not recovered from this dark period that began in the late 1990s. While Disney-Pixar films have all proven to be enormously popular, the creativity that draws audiences to these computer animated films is nonexistent in Disney's most recent 2-D animated films. With the exception

of "Lilo & Stitch," these Walt Disney struck films have achieved little animation gold in success since 1999's "Tarzan." However, it should be said Disney has survived dark days before. Walt Disney struck animation gold in the early 1930s with the introduction of Mickey Mouse and later, his pals Goofy and Donald Duck. However, Disney wished to break further ground in animation and in 1938 he released "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" the first animated feature film in English and Technicolor. The wild success of "Snow White" sparked the company's golden age of animation that, despite a few bumps during World War II, continued until Disney's death from lung cancer in 1966. Before Disney's death, Walt Disney Feature Animation had completed 18 animated films. During his tenure, Disney looked for new ways to experiment in animation. His third animated feature was the 1940 masterpiece "Fantasia"- a beautiful synthesis of classical music and mesmerizing animation. The result of this synthesis was an instant critical success, but only slowly gained a public following over the years. 1959's "Sleeping Beauty" — the last of the fairy tale features until "The Little Mermaid" - was a successful stylistic experiment. It was the last of Disney's animated features to use hand-inked cells and its elaborate paintings resembled a moving tapestry. Eyvind Earle painted most of the backgrounds himself and each painting took him seven to 10 days to complete seven times the amount of time in previous features. Initially, "Sleeping Beauty" was a box-office failure because of its slow pace, but like "Fantasia" it has gained a following over the years and is now heralded as one of Disney's best and most beautiful animated films.

studio seemed lost without his direction. From his death until the release of "Mermaid" in 1989, Walt Disney Feature Animation produced only nine animated features, the most memorable being "The Jungle Book" released the year after Disney's death - and "Robin Hood."

After years of honing the craft of young, new animators, the animation studio finally found a new life in the animated musical "The Little Mermaid." Returning to Disney's successful musical format, "Mermaid" won the Academy Awards for Best Original Score and Best Original Song for "Under the Sea." The film was a boxoffice success and ushered in a new era of Disney musical animated features.

Disney's successes only marched forward after "Mermaid." In 1991, "Beauty and the Beast" became the only animated film to ever be nominated for an Academy Award in the Best Picture category. It lost to "Silence of

Original Song for the tituthe early 1930s with lar song. the introduction of Mickey Mouse and

the Lambs," but won the Academy Awards for Best **Original Score and Best**

DISNEY BETRAYS NOSTALGIA

By MARTY SCHROEDER Assistant Scene Editor

Disney has dropped a pack of shrinkwrapped nostalgia into the collective lap of our generation. Now, the question arises — what is the House of Mouse going to do with that nostalgia in their marketing

strategies? With the recent release of "The Little Mermaid" on DVD, this pertinent question is at the forefront of the current college generation and their wallets.

"The Little Mermaid" is now digitally remastered and, so the logic goes, more enjoyable. Disney has also included several documentary featurettes on the new two-disc special edition, including one

explaining the animation processes and another discussing the titular source material by Hans Christian Anderson. Anderson's fairy tale supposedly provided the background story for this film. Needless to say, the background that Anderson supplied was only slightly altered — only slightly. They also include a feature called "DisneyPedia: Life Under the Sea." It is almost assured that no one of our generation cares about Jacques Cousteau telling them about life under the sea when they are buying "The Little Mermaid." All they want to hear about is what Sebastian the crab has to say about life under the sea in the eponymous song. The release date of the DVD is also confounding because of the so-called "limited time release." Disney has been threatening to put their most beloved films into a "moratorium" since they started releasing these two-disc special editions. Since the group that is most likely buying "The Little Mermaid" is either in college (which means they don't have much money) or is working temporary or low-paying jobs. Yet Disney says they only have a year to buy the DVD. How do they expect people to buy it when the disposable income isn't there? The people with the disposable income - teenagers and those who have been out of college for a few years — are

either too young or too old to remember "The Little Mermaid" in the same vein as the generation in between them.

Also, the parents that had kids growing up on this film and other films like it most likely don't have young children anymore. If this DVD were released three to four years after the film had come out (which, of course, is impossible), theoretically, our parents would have wanted to enjoy "The Little Mermaid" with our younger siblings as they did with us. However, this is not the case and it seems that Disney is shooting itself in the foot.

And the proverbial gun is the limited time release. Though it was clearly a decision concocted by some executive to get people into Best Buys and buy the DVD, it's not going to work. In fact, it is more likely to alienate consumers than to do anything else. Many remember this film as one of their childhood's favorites and now Disney is saying, "We'll give it to you, but only for a year and then after that, well, tough luck." Some will most certainly buy it, but many may hear "For a limited time only" and become awash in a wave of betrayal over the film felt given freely in their childhood which now feels stolen. When younger, we watched the movie and loved it. We feel robbed now that we know Disney is looking for a quick buck playing off their loved memories.

And it extends past "The Little Mermaid." The past release of "The Lion King" included an entirely new song. If it were added as an extra on the DVD, no big deal, but Disney decided to throw it into the film. Who do they think is going to buy this? The answer is the kids who grew up with it and the song "Morning Report" is not in the film as remembered. It may have worked for "Star Wars" --able to create a whole new fan base in a new generation — but these films are not going to be doing that with a new song and some remastered animation. The moral of the story is Disney wants money. They are going to make a boatload with "The Little Mermaid" DVD but if only they'd realize who wants to the DVD and how to be friendly to their consumers who love this film, they could make so much more — and wouldn't come across as jerks.



Marty **Schroeder**

Assistant Scene Editor

After Disney's death, the animation

later, his pals.

"Aladdin" followed in 1992 and "The Lion King" kept pace in 1994. Although extremely popular among females, both

movies have been cited as favorite among males as well. Both musicals feature a male protagonist, a change from the two Disney princesses that preceded them.

1998's "Mulan" and 1999's "Tarzan" were Disney's last two traditional animated successes. Since then, Disney has produced flops that lack the beautiful animation details of their predecessors. Disney's recent lack of quality in its feature films has been coupled with its shameful direct-to-DVD animated sequels. Instead of producing wellthought out and well-animated feature sequels, Disney distributes hackneyed shadows of its original animated masterpieces in order to make a buck.

These recent inferior features and sequels do not evoke the same enchantment that Disney animated features have for years. "Magical" is the only way to describe a beloved Disney animated feature. With former CEO Michael Eisner gone, Walt Disney Feature Animation has announced plans to return to the traditional animation that it abandoned with "Chicken Little." Disney is currently developing "The Frog Princess," which will return to the musical format of the early 1990s. Like "The Little Mermaid," the public will look to this feature to return traditional Disney animation back to glory. If "The Frog Princess" can successfully capture the famed Disney magic, 2-D animation has a chance of making yet another triumphant return.

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Ariel is the main character in the Disney classic, "The Little Mermaid." Based on a fairy tale, it tells the story of a mermaid who wants to become human after falling in love.

THE OBSERVER **SCENE**

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DVD REVIEW

By SEAN SWEANY Assistant Scene Editor

Before there was "Finding Nemo," before there was "Shark Tale," there was a little movie under the sea about a mermaid named Ariel. In 1989, Disney's "The Little Mermaid" began the so-called "sec-

ond golden age" of Disney animation, which then led to blockbuster hits that included "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Lion King."

"The Little Mermaid" has recently been released in a two-disc special edition DVD in Disney's Platinum collection, which includes firstgeneration Disney classics

such as "Sleeping Beauty," "Cinderella" and "Bambi" along with second generation hits in the vein of "The Lion King" and "Aladdin.'

This release, as Disney has now done for many of its most beloved films, gives "The Little Mermaid" the deluxe treatment in terms of film restoration and a wide assortment of special features that cater to casual and ardent fans alike.

Loosely based on a story by Hans Christian Andersen, the movie follows the mermaid Ariel (Jodi Benson), daughter of King Triton, who is unhappy with her life in the sea, preferring to live in the human world above. After falling in love with a human prince, Ariel makes a Faustian bargain with the sea-witch Ursula to become human in return for her beautiful singing voice. While Ariel's sea friends Sebastian the crab, Flounder the fish and Scuttle the seagull try to help her win over the prince, Ursula tries to take control over

the sea and King Triton's power. In true Disney fashion, this can only resolve itself in an epic battle that results happilyever-after for Ariel and her prince.

Perhaps the most interesting character is the Sea Witch, Ursula. Voiced superbly by Pat Corrall, Ursula is far more developed than her foil and Ariel's father, King Triton. Her cephalopod-like body is beautifully and evilly animated along with her eel lackeys.

Evil, vain and tragic In true Disney fashion, all at the same time, she is a centerpiece of the this can only resolve film, showcased in specitself in an epic battle tacular fashion by her that results happilysong "Poor Unfortunate Souls." The swirling colever-after. ors and well-written lyrics provided the

> benchmark for another well-remembered Disney villain's song — Scar's nefarious "Be Prepared."

Several other memorable musical numbers — including "Kiss the Girl" and Academy Award-winning "Under the Sea" — transform this from a mediocre film into a Disney classic, as they are instantly recognizable

After the success of "The Little

Mermaid," Disney produced a string of

hits — culminating with "The Lion King"

— using mostly the same formula where

a headstrong teenager causes conflict

songs to millions of people. Such music composed by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman — quickly reemerged as a staple

of Disney films as the

pair also contributed

the music for "Beauty

and the Beast" and

"Aladdin."

Graphics by JARRED WAFER/The Observer

tchy, memorable songs along the way. There is no question this formula practically gave Disney a printing press in their basement and "The Little Mermaid" is without a doubt the catalyst that jumpstarted the whole process — although the mediocre "Pocahontas" and "Mulan" used the same formula. As such, the treatment it receives on this DVD is well deserved, but the overall product falls just short of what it could be.

The film itself has been digitally restored, as has nearly every other Platinum Disney DVD release, a process that results in more vibrant colors and a sharper image than ever before seen on a home release. While on other DVD releases this has been a good thing, here the job seems haphazardly done. The central characters look stunning, but the smaller roles and backgrounds themselves seem neglected and the juxtaposition between the two is jarring and unsettling. The sound, also remastered, seems unnatural at times with loud sound effects often overshadowing dialogue or music. While the film presentation is disappointing, the special features

on the second disc are impressive and show the time and effort This release, as Disney has that went into producing this DVD.

Seven deleted/alter-



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The Little Mermaid

Platinum Collection Edition

Walt Disney Home Entertainment



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'The Little Mermaid deluxe treatment in terms of film restoration.

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nate scenes give an indication of what the film might have been like and an hour-long "Making of" special gives an idea of the obstacles faced in creating the movie.

Additionally, there is a section devoted to a sidelined "Little Mermaid" theme park ride that never surmounted the planning stages, including a virtual ride of the proposed attraction.

With such comprehensive special features and a treasured story and film, the "Little Mermaid" DVD, in spite of the presentation quality, is enjoyable and worthwhile. While not on the level of "Aladdin" or "The Lion King," "The Little Mermaid" makes it fun to relive childhood and enjoy a life that's better, down where it's wetter, under the sea.

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"The Little Mermaid" revived Disney animation when it was released in 1989. Characterized by amazing music and dazzling animation, it was the harbinger of Disney animation renaissance which produced other great animated films.

ty, allowing the villain to take power, forcing the teenager and a colorful cast of friends to set things right with a plentiful assortment of ca-

with authori-

MLB PLAYOFFS

Yankees fail to hold off Tigers; Cards shut out Padres

A-Rod goes 0-4 with 3 strikeouts in loss

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Justin Verlander overpowered Alex Rodriguez with 100 mph heat. Joel Zumaya topped that, his fastball whizzing by at 102.

The New York Yankees never saw what was coming, and the Detroit Tigers headed home with a split.

Verlander and Detroit's bullpen held down New York's mighty offense, Curtis Granderson's go-ahead triple off Mike Mussina capped a comeback, and Detroit beat the Yankees 4-3 Thursday to leave them fied at one game apiece in their bestof-five AL playoff series.

"There's a lot of people doubting us," Zumaya said. "A lot of people don't expect the Tigers to come out and play as good as we did. We have to prove ourselves and, obviously, we proved it a little bit today."

Verlander, like Zumaya one of Detroit's rookie sensations, pitched in and out of trouble for 5 2-3 innings, allowing seven hits and four walks. He gave his only runs on Johnny Damon's fourth-inning homer, which put New York ahead 3-1.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland then made the unusual move to pull him with a runner on, one out and a 1-1 count on Robinson Cano. Jamie Walker came in, threw two balls, and induced an inning-ending 6-4-3 double play.

It was that type of up-anddown day for the wild-card Tigers, who ended a six-game losing streak that cost them the AL Central title last weekend.

"I just didn't like the fastball before that. It was 92," Leyland said. "I just said, 'This is it. I'm going to make my move now. I know there's a count on the hitter, but I'm going to make it right now.' Just all of a sudden, your instincts take over and say, 'Look, this is just not right.'"

Those type of against-thebook moves helped Leyland turn around the Tigers in his first year as manager, stopping Detroit's streak of losing seasons at 12.

"He's a feel guy," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Walker, Zumaya and Todd Jones combined for one-hit relief, making New York's modern-day Murderers' Row resembled overmatched kids.

Jones pitched the ninth for the save, giving up a leadoff single to Hideki Matsui. A soft tosser when compared to his hardthrowing 'pen mates, Jones then struck out Jorge Posada, retired Cano on a soft fly and got Damon to fly out.

New York's All-Star batting order struck out nine times and went 1-for-8 with men in scoring position.

Cardinals 2, Padres 0

Not even San Diego native David Wells could save the Padres, who appear to be headed for their same ol' postseason fate against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Albert Pujols and Jim Edmonds hit RBI singles off Wells in the fourth inning and Jeff Weaver held the popgun Padres in check to lead the Cardinals to a win Thursday at Petco Park and a 2-0 lead in the division series.

The two-time NL West champion Padres spoke about going deep into this postseason. Heck, if they don't start hitting the ball, they might not go deep into this weekend.

San Diego has now lost nine straight postseason games dating to its World Series sweep at the hands of the New York Yankees in 1998.

Pujols got three more hits after homering in the 5-1 victory in Game 1.



Yankees third-baseman Alex Rodriguez throws his bat after striking out in the eighth inning of the team's 4-3 loss to the Tigers Thursday.

in the postseason against San Diego. That includes division series sweeps last year and in 1996.

In those eight games, San Diego has led for only four innings, all in Game 3 in 1996. They ended up losing that game 7-5 when Brian Jordan, who made a spectacular diving catch in the eighth inning, hit a tworun homer off Trevor Hoffman in the ninth, with the ball landing in a palm tree beyond the left-field fence at Qualcomm Stadium.

Overall, the Padres haven't led in a postseason game since was traded to make room in

five scoreless innings, allowing only two Padres baserunners as far as second base. He struck out three and walked three.

Relievers Randy Flores, Josh Kinney, Tyler Johnson and Adam Wainwright pitched four innings of two-hit ball. Wainwright got the last four outs for the save.

Padres rookie Josh Barfield doubled off Wainwright with two outs in the eighth before Adrian Gonzalez grounded to second.

Weaver struggled so badly with the Angels this year that he



Cardinals outfielder Jim Edmonds hits an RBI single in the fourth inning against the Padres. The Cardinals won 2-0 Thursday.

Weaver, dumped by the Los Angeles Angels with a 3-10 record, and four relievers combined on a four-hitter. The Padres have only 10 hits in the first two games and are 0-for-10 with runners in scoring position.

Game 3 is Saturday at St. Louis. Game 4 would be Sunday, if necessary, but history suggests otherwise.

St. Louis, which barely avoided one of the biggest September collapses ever, improved to 8-0 being up 3-2 against the Yankees after seven innings of Game 3 of the '98 Series. Scott Brosius stunned the Padres with a three-run homer off Hoffman in the eighth inning — his second shot of the night — and the Yankees won 5-4.

Weaver, making his second postseason start, outpitched Wells, who was making his 17th postseason start and 27th appearance dating to 1989.

Weaver gave up two singles in

their rotation for his younger brother, Jered. But he earned this start by going 4-1 with a 4.03 ERA in eight road starts with St. Louis.

The Padres obtained the 43vear-old Wells from the Boston Red Sox on Aug. 31, mostly because of his history of postseason success, which included World Series championships with Toronto in 1992 and the Yankees in 1998, when he beat San Diego in Game 1.

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Men's Soccer Top 25

	team	W-L-T	prev.
1	SMU	11-0-1	1
2	Maryland	10-1-0	3
3	Virginia	10-1-0	5
4	Clemson	8-1-1	2
5	West Virginia	9-1-2	9
6	North Carolina	10-2-0	8
7	UC Irvine	8-1-1	22
8	NOTRE DAME	7-3-2	17
9	South Carolina	9-2-0	6
10	Washington	8-2-0	4
11	Wake Forest	9-2-0	11
12	Fordham	6-0-3	12
13	Kentucky	8-2-1	RV
14	Indiana	6-3-2	NR
15	Duke	7-2-1	14
16	UCLA	6-3-2	NR
17	Memphis	8-2-0	15
18	Illinois-Chicago	7-1-2	7
19	Fairfiled	6-2-1	NR
20	Old Dominion	8-2-0	12
21	Brown	7-1-2	20
22	Saint Louis	6-1-1	NR
23	San Diego State	5-3-1	NR
24	San Francisco	7-3-1	NR
25	Boston University	7-3-1	NR

Women's Soccer Top 25

	team	W-L-T	prev.
1	NOTRE DAME	11-0-1	1 ⁴¹¹
2	North Carolina	12-1-0	2
3	Santa Clara	9-2-0	3 - 3
3	UCLA	9-2-0	5
5	Florida State	8-1-1	4
6	Portland	9-2-1	7
7	West Virginia	9-1-2	6
8	Texas A&M	8-3-1	8
9	Wake Forest	11-2-0	12
10	Illinois	7-4-0	15
11	California	7-1-2	13
12	Boston University	9-2-2	10
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- 14 🔅	Penn State	7-3-2	9
15	BYU	9-1-1	18
16	Virginia	7-3-2	14
17	Colorado	7-2-2	21
18	William & Mary	9-1-2	16
19	Utah	7-4-0	23
20	Louisville	9-1-1	25
21	Florida	7-4-1	20
22	Texas	8-3-1	11
23	Maine	9-1-1	22
24	Arizona	7-4-0	24
24	Duke	7-4-1	NR

NFL



Tennessee Titans defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth, center, argues with head coach Jeff Fisher after kicking Dallas Cowboys center Andre Gurode in the head Sunday. Haynesworth will not be criminally charged.

Haynesworth escapes charges

repentant charged with assault for spokesman Robbie Bohren. room in 2007 to easily He got welcome news bashing his cleat into the bare head of Dallas Cowboys center Andre Gurode. An unprecedented five-game suspension may not be the end of his punishment, however. After consulting his family all week, Gurode said Thursday he's decided not to press charges agains the **Tennessee Titans defensive** tackle. But with their own fans stil angry about Haynesworth's latest trouble, the Titans are investigating their options and

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - A trying to decide if they son on his contract, but work with Nashville chil-

Albert even want him around the winless Titans will Haynesworth won't be anymore, according to have enough salary cap he has learned.

dren to share the lessons

Big East Women's Volleyball

	team	Record
1	St. John's	4-0
2	Notre Dame	3-0
3	Louisville	3-1
4	Villanova	3-1
5	Marquette	3-1
6	USF	2-1
7	Cincinnati	2-2
8	Pittsburgh	2-2
9	Seton Hall	2-2
10	Rutgers	2-2
10	Connectilcut	1-3
12	Syracuse	1-3
13	Georgetown	0-3
14	DePaul	0-3
15	West Virgini	0-4

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MLB

Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs 8:05 p.m., WGN Chicago White Sox at Detroit 7:05 p.m., Comcast

IN BRIEF

Bonds' trainer released from prison

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge ordered Barry Bonds' personal trainer released from prison Thursday, blaming a legal "snafu."

U.S. District Judge William Alsup said Greg Anderson must be freed because a federal appeals court hadn't affirmed the contempt order within the required 30 days after Anderson was jailed.

Anderson, 40, could be returned to prison if the appeals court affirms the Aug. 28 contempt citation.

The trainer has been imprisoned twice for refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating whether the Giants slugger committed perjury when he said he never knowingly used steroids.

Bonds told a 2003 grand jury investigating BALCO that Anderson gave him what he believed to be flaxseed oil and arthritic balm. Anderson later pleaded guilty to distributing steroids and money laun-

As a former player himself and co-chairman of the competition committee, Titans coach Jeff Fisher has been angry with his top run stopper all week. Fisher did not immediately return a telephone message left Thursday.

"To me, the respect factor was violated by Albert," he said Monday.

Seven games will remain on the Titans' schedule once Haynesworth's fivegame suspension ends. The five-year veteran has one more \$5.5 million seaabsorb the hit if they release him.

Haynesworth's stomp has been shown on countless TV replays, lampooned by national comedians and unanimously criticized — even overseas.

Haynesworth stepped up damage control with a news conference Thursday in which he apologized to all who watched what he did Sunday in a 45-14 loss to the Dallas Cowboys. He admitted he was an emotional player who is starting counseling and will

shortly before his news conference, when Gurode announced through his agent that he would not seek charges despite still having 30 stitches in his face and headaches.

A lawsuit remains a possibility.

"He's agonized and he's deliberated back and forth on this, and he has no desire to pursue any criminal charges at this time," said his agent, Kennard McGuire. "But I think in going forward this young man just wants answers."

dering, serving three months in prison and three months' home detention.

Carlisle signs extension, becomes team executive

INDIANAPOLIS — Any Indiana Pacers players talking back this season to coach Rick Carlisle will also be mouthing off to a team executive.

Carlisle signed a multi-year contract extension and added a new title as executive vice president of basketball operations. The new position puts him directly below CEO Donnie Walsh and president Larry Bird and gives him more clout in disciplinary matters.

"It lets the players know that there's a front-office position associated with the head coach," Walsh said. "He's not just hanging around. He's part of what we do up here."

Terms were not disclosed in Thursday's announcement.

"I was confident that we'd come to some kind of an agreement," said Carlisle, who has a 146-100 record going into his fourth season with the Pacers. "Things worked out well. I think it shows we've got a common vision for the team, not only this year but for the future of the franchise."

French goalkeeper Barthez announces retirement

PARIS - Goalkeeper Fabien Barthez announced his retirement from soccer Thursday, three months after helping France reach its second World Cup final.

"I am starting a new life," Barthez said. "I will continue to enjoy myself ... but without soccer.

"Some goalkeepers continue until 37 or 38," the 35-year-old Barthez added. "But I needed a human adventure, something like that."

Barthez, who helped France win the 1998 World Cup and 2000 European Championship, isn't attached to a club and hasn't played since July 9, when the French lost a shootout to Italy in the World Cup final.

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Belles not taking 0-8 Comets lightly

"We have had some

ups and downs over

the past week, but I

am looking forward

to our Olivet match."

Julie Schroeder-Biek

Belles coach

By SAMANTHA LEONARD Sports Writer

Olivet hasn't won a match all season. But that doesn't mean the Belles have a freebie this weekend.

The Belles (12-6, 5-4 MIAA), who are fifth in the MIAA conference, will take on Olivet tonight. Olivet (0-

17, 0-8 MIAA) is last in the conference and the only team without a win this season.

Saint Mary's hopes to recover from its recent loss against the MIAA leader No. 19 Calvin. The Knights, who are 10-0 in the conference and 17-1

overall, swept the Belles in straight games 30-16, 30-19, 30-19 on Wednesday.

With Olivet on the other side of the MIAA conference standings, the Belles hope to improve their fortunes and keep the Comets at the bottom of the MIAA pile.

Saint Mary's head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek says the team is ready.

"We have had some ups and downs over the past week, but I am looking forward to our Olivet

match," Schroeder-Biek said. After losing two conference matches in a row, Schroeder-Biek knows her team has some things to work on.

"We need to come in strong and take care of our game,' Schroeder-Biek said. "We need to get in the flow of competition again as a squad — much more talk out on the court, [and]

everyone coming prepared compete. Our primary goals [are to] work hard together to get in sync again." The Belles

to

have already taken on Olivet once already this season, beating the Comets 3-0 on Sept. 7 with

game victories of 30-19, 30-39 and 30-25.

Key players to watch in tonight's game will be sophomore middle blocker Cathy Kurczack and senior setter Amanda David. Both players were honorable mentions for the MIAA Conference Player and Specialty Player of the week.

The Belles take on the Comets tonight at 7 p.m. at Olivet.

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Team at home for two matches

By DEVIN PRESTON Sports Writer

Notre Dame comes back to the Joyce Center this weekend for a pair of home matches against Marquette and Syracuse — the first time the team will play on familiar ground in over a month. Its last appearance at home was a 3-0 loss to then-No. 6 Santa Clara Sept. 3.

"It's so nice to be back in the Joyce Center," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "Not having to deal with delays and long travel [is fantastic]. I don't think any of our flights have been on time this season."

The Irish (9-5, 3-0 Big East), who are set to play Marquette today at 4 p.m. and Syracuse Sunday at 1 p.m., will look to continue their dominant winning streak amongst Big East opponents and advance to the top of the conference. Having beaten Rutgers, Villanova and Seton Hall, Notre Dame is one of two teams in the Big East that has won all of its conference games so far this season.

Big East rival Marquette (7-8, 3-1 Big East) is confident coming into the match. Like Notre Dame, it has won five of its last six matches. While Brown has now totaled 500 career wins, the Golden Eagles are one win away from that milestone number as a program.

Marquette has strong offensive players that have been putting up solid numbers. Junior Kimberly Todd averages 4.84 kills per game and senior Jamie Mueller has posted 3.98

has been equally as potent, posting 15.6 kills per game same average the \mathbf{as} Marquette. Freshman outside hitter Christina Kaelin leads the team with 3.93 kills per game. Notre Dame has also hit with more consistency than the Golden Eagles, hitting a conference best .325 in Big East matches compared to Marquette's .246.

Both Marquette and Notre Dame are very formidable teams defensively, ranked second and third in the Big East, respectively, in digs per game. The Irish defense averages 17.35 digs each game. Mueller leads Marquette with 5.32 digs per game. Senior libero Danielle Herndon leads Notre Dame with 5.14 per game.

Hoping to gain an advantage over their opponents this weekend, the Irish have been working to improve their defense even further.

"We worked a lot this week on defensive positioning and individual digging drills, trying to work on our blocking and defending," Brown said.

Syracuse has managed to put together a three-game winning streak this past week, improving its overall record to 6-16 (1-3 Big East). Led by junior Cheryl Cobbina, who has 4.18 kills per game, the Orange hope to improve at the middle hitter position. The Orange defense averages 15.14 digs per game, led by Joscie Kaup's 5.32 average. Historically, Notre Dame has had success over both opponents. Since entering the Big East, the Irish have only dropped two games to each team and have won a combined 60 games against Marquette and Syracuse. Regardless, the Irish understand the importance and intensity of this weekend's matches.

"The Big East is really wide open this year," Brown said. "It's a really competitive season, making each match that much more important. It's like we're playing a championship match every week."

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kills per game this season. The Irish offense, however,

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Phoxes down Lewis; Farley blanks McGlinn

By MATT HOPKE and KATE DONLIN Sports Writers

A clever Brynn Johnson reverse was all it took for the Pangborn Phoxes (5-0) to seal their 25-0 victory over Lewis and continue a dominant run that has the team looking like the favorite heading into the playoffs.

Thursday's game was called four minutes into the second half after Johnson's touchdown put the Phoxes up by 25, forcing the mercy rule to come in effect.

Pangborn's offense has been unstoppable, generating 81 points in its last three games. Opposing teams — like Lewis — have struggled with the variety of weapons the Phoxes present. Quarterback Katie Mooney is a threat both in the air and on the ground, throwing for another three touchdowns Thursday. Her receivers — junior captain Katie Riemersma and freshman sensation Meghan Bescher — have been equally strong, combining for over 100 yards with three Bescher touchdowns.

"Offensively we had a strong game," Riemersma said. "We wanted to focus on running deeper routes and we did so well."

A nice compliment to Pangborn's high-powered offense is a defense that has recorded shutouts in the Phoxes' last two games.

The Chicks (0-5) turned to thier running game, but the Phox defensive line was up to the challenge, limiting the Chicks to less than 50 yards on the night.

The Phoxes will face Breen-Phillips this Sunday, while Lewis will wrap up their season with a game against Farley.

Farley 19, McGlinn 0

Thursday's battle between Farley and McGlinn ended just 24 minutes into the game after the Shamrocks forfeited the second half. McGlinn's season continues to be plagued by unexpected challenges that have made it tough to see the results they want.

Only eight McGlinn players showed up for Thursday's matchup — the minimum required for a game to take place.

The Shamrocks started out with the ball, but turned it over on the first play of the game.

Once Farley gained possession, it wasted no time advancing the ball down the field. Farley's guarterback, Brittany Baron, consistently connected with open receivers. Farley scored its first touchdown off a short pass to Annie Parrett, but failed the extra point attempt.

McGlinn's strategy was to complete lots of short passes and slowly work its way toward the end zone. On a risky fourth down attempt, the Shamrocks fell just short of the first down, turning the ball over on downs to Farley.

Parrett continued to contribute to her team's offense with a couple big runs, darting between defenders and earning Farley a series of first downs. Eventually the Finest moved the ball past the goal line with Baron's 10-yard touchdown pass to captain Kim Crehan, putting Farley up 13-0.

The Shamrocks hoped to put some points on the board when they got the ball back, but once again failed on fourth down this time on their own 18.

On the next play, Baron tossed the ball to one of her receivers for another quick touchdown. At the end of the half — and what turned out to be the end of the game — Farley led by 19.

Parrett was happy about the team's win, but a bit disappointed with how it was earned. "McGlinn just wasn't able to get enough players to the field, and since we were within once point of the mercy rule, they decided to call the game at the half."

Both Farley and McGlinn will play their final games of the regular season next week. Farley will face the Lewis Chicks, while McGlinn plays Pasquerilla West

Pasquerilla West 33, Howard 6

Senior leadership and four big interceptions helped the Weasels earn their victory over Howard. The Weasel offense was unstoppable, and the team managed to put points on the board on each possession.

Pasquerilla West captain Mo Spring was impressed by her team's play

"Like all teams it is our goal to peak at the end of the season, heading into playoffs, which is what is happening for us now," she said.

Spring led the Weasel defense along with seniors Brigid Bulfin and Julie Putnam.

Howard's defense didn't have as much success in stopping the Weasels' charge. Weasel quarterback Cara Davies consistently found receivers down field, allowing the offense to make first down after first down. On their first possession, the Weasels quickly put 6 points on the board with a 5-vard touchdown pass to Spring, who also caught a pass for the extra point.

The Ducks had a promising start to the game when Laura Plis intercepted Davies' pass and ran it 40 points for a touchdown. After missing the extra point, the Ducks trailed just 6-7.

Once the Weasels got the ball back, they made a repeat performance of their first drive. Spring grabbed a short touchdown pass, and freshman Cynthia Curley reached over her defender for the extra point, putting the Weasels up 14-6. Before the end of the half, Spring once again carried the ball across the goal line to give her team a 21-6 halftime lead.

The Ducks defense continued to struggle after the half. A long Weasels drive — with two big receptions by Curley — culminated in a 5-yard touchdown pass to Bulfin, adding 6 to the Weasels score.

Before the end of the game, the Weasels managed to intercept two more Howard passes, one of which resulted in another Pasquerilla West touchdown.

This was the final game of the Ducks regular season. Pasquerilla West will take on the McGlinn Shamrocks Sunday afternoon.

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Playoff berths, seeds on the line this weekend

By MATT HOPKE and BILL BRINK **Sports Writers**

Alumni and Dillon have opposite intentions but the same motivation for Sunday's 1 p.m. game at Riehle Fields.

The Dawgs, who at 1-1 are in the middle of a playoff run, are playing for a possible threeseed. The 0-3 Big Red are playing to avoid a winless season.

Both teams, however, know exactly how important the game is.

"We're always motivated," Alumni captain Richard Dancy said. "The rivalry exists no matter what the records are. Last year we were 0-2-1, and we beat them in the last game of the season."

Although Dillon is winless, Alumni has prepared for the game like any other.

"Dillon has a talented quarterback," Dancy said. "He's explosive and fast. We've worked this week to be able to contain a mobile quarterback."

Alumni also needs to get its offense back on track after failing to score in its last game, an 18-0 loss to Morrissey two weeks ago.

"We got a different front from Morrissey than we were expecting," Dancy said. "We went back over the basics. We worked with the line and backs on remembering assignments."

Dillon will have an extra momentum boost heading into the game. Every year, former residents of Dillon come back and practice with the team for a day.

That includes Joe "Crackhead" Parker — a nickname referring to his affinity for breaking plates over his head during the annual Dillon Pep Rally.

Figueredo stressed the importance of these practices for the team's motivation and morale.

"It's Alumni," said Figueredo, referring to the importance of the game. "It'll be a fun one."

Zahm vs. Slegfried

Last year's reigning champ Zahm is still looking for its first win heading into Week 4 of the season, meeting up with the Siegfried Ramblers at 1 p.m. on Riehle West field Sunday.

But a playoff-ready Siegfried squad isn't ready to let Zahm get that win any time soon.

The Ramblers (2-1) have looked strong this season, posting early wins over St. Ed's and Knott but dropping their most recent game to the Green Wave.

Zahm (0-2) hasn't started the season well. The Rabid Bats have yet to score a point.

Zahm captain and guarterback Sean Wieland expressed the team's new attitude toward the game against Siegfried.

"Obviously it's important for us to win," he said. "Our playoff status is kind of in jeopardy so we're just going to go out there, have some fun and play some football."

Knott vs. Carroll

Sunday's 2 p.m. Knott-Carroll matchup on Riehle West field will have a significant impact on the playoff picture of the Blue League.

An undefeated Carroll squad looks to stay on top and earn the top seed for October's playoffs, while Knott, currently tied with the Sorin Otters for the last playoff spot, desperately needs to win this game just to get in.

The Vermin (2-0) hope to continue their winning streak by utilizing a brilliant passing game that generated 146 yards of offense and three touchdowns against the Stedsmen.

The Juggerknotts (1-1-1) are coming off of a solid defensive performance that resulted in a 6-6 tie with Sorin. That game could have settled the playoff situation in the Blue League, but the tie made things much more complicated. Knott now faces a must-win situation in order to secure the fourth and final postseason slot.

"I think everyone on our team is aware of how important this game is to us," Knott captain Matt Crosson said. "Our season will be decided on this game so we're pretty excited for it."

The game will be decided between Carroll's offense and Knott's defense, both teams' respective strengths. On the opposite side of the ball, Carroll's passing game has been potent, capitalizing on the height of their receivers, especially Paul Tassinari.

"Our strategy is just to keep everything in the middle, slow down their passing game and keep their offense off the field," Crosson said.

Stanford vs. Keenan

In the thick of a playoff race. a tough, stingy defense is a very potent weapon. Keenan will wield that weapon once again, this time against Stanford, at 2 p.m. Sunday on Riehle Fields.

The 2-0 Knights have allowed just eight points all season. They shut out O'Neill 10-0 last week and forced three interceptions en route to their victory.

"Defense is always our number one focus," captain Matt Gibson said. "We win games on the defensive side of the ball."

Keenan needs a win Sunday to secure its spot atop the Gold League. If Morrissey, also 2-0, beats Keough, both Keenan and Morrissey will be undefeated for their showdown next Thursday, a game that could potentially determine which team will be the number one seed in the playoffs."

Stanford will be no pushover. A comeback victory two weeks ago against Dillon demonstrated their ability not only to put points up but also to force turnovers and make defensive stops.

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SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's to face key MIAA opponent

By DAN MURPHY Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look to get back on track Saturday when it travels to Michigan to take on **Olivet College**.

The Belles are recovering from their first conference loss this season, a 2-1 defeat at the hands of the Albion Britons.

Albion's Brittany Cortese scored twice in the game, including burying a rebound late in the second half to give the Britons the lead for good. Saint Mary's was able to produce plenty of opportunities in the last few minutes but could not overcome a sloppy first half of play.

"I don't really know what to blame it on, but for whatever reason we were not ready to go in the first half," head coach Caryn Mackenzie said following the loss.

The team's lone goal came early in the second half when Ashley Hinton took advantage of a penalty kick to net her third goal of the season.

Olivet also struggled to produce any offense Tuesday when it battled Kalamazoo to a 0-0 tie. Comets goalkeeper Kellie O' Dowd turned in a solid performance with seven saves on the day. O'Dowd has allowed just five goals in her four starts this season.

"We just need to be more aggressive, especially with balls in the air," senior Colleen

Courtney said. "We are going to try to get more shots on net, hopefully long shots."

Leading the way on offense for the Comets this year has been forward Cori Barrea. The sophomore leads the team in points with six goals and an assist. She has already doubled her production of three goals from her rookie season in 2005.

Barrea scored both goals for Olivet in a recent comeback to tie Albion 2-2 and maintain its unbeaten record in the MIAA. The team has one win and two ties in conference play so far, which puts it just behind Saint Mary's in fourth place. With a win Saturday, the Comets would take possession of third place away from the Belles.

In order to keep its spot in the rankings intact, Saint Mary's hopes to get its offense clicking again. Sisters Ashley and Lauren Hinton have provided most of the production so far this year, with 10 of the team's 12 goals. Colleen Ferguson and Caroline Stancukas round out the scoring for the Belles with one goal apiece.

Stancukas has stepped up her play in her senior season, consistently producing chances from the wing.

"Stancukas works really hard out there — she was one of the few positives in the [Albion] game," Mackenzie said.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles ready for Eagle Invite

Runners confident after last week's solid performance in Chicago

By BECKI DORNER Sports Writer

The Belle runners head into the Eagle Invitational today in perhaps the best shape they have been in all season.

Many Belles coming off personal bests last weekend at the Sean Earl Invitational, hosted by Loyola University Chicago. Megan Gray was the top individual for the Belles, breaking 20 minutes for the first time this year with a recorded 19:27. Sara Otto was just shy of the 20-minute mark, finishing the 5K with a 20:10.

Saint Mary's came in 17th out of 33 teams, with Case Western University taking the overall team crown.

"Many of the girls stepped

few weeks which will help

up," said Belles head coach **Jackie Bauters** of her runners' performance in Chicago. "Megan Gray has been a consistent leader for us, and is on top of her game right now. I was excited to see Alicen Miller Caitlin and Stevenson race well. I think we'll see a lot more out of them in the next close our scorers distance." Miller and the other Belles

pushed themselves especially hard this week in practice, with local storms and changing weather con-

ditions making training a little bit complicated.

Bauters, however, was pleased that the team managed to log some good hours on the course.

"[We were] trying to put a little more quickness in the team, incorporating some more speed

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Jackie Bauters

Belles coach

rather than strength training," she said.

Last year at the Eagle

Invitational, hosted by Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill., the best times out of the current roster came from Otto with a 20:20, Katie White with a 20:58, Kelly Biedron with a 2 1 : 2 0, Stevenson with a 21:25 and Miller with a 21:56.

"[The course has] a tight start going into the first mile

with hill and bridge at the bottom," Bauters said. "It's flat besides the hill just before the mile mark. ... It's typically a good race for us.'

"Things are starting to pick up for the team, and this past weekend's success has really boosted the confidence of the

28 — the Belles hope to peak

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The Belles hope to better last year's fifth place league finish, and Bauters is confident with the state of the team's prospects.

"I feel like the team is in a good place right now for the MIAA a month away from now," Bauters said. "Things are starting to pick up for the team, and this past weekend's success has really boosted the confidence of the team they're excited to compete.

"Our competition is doing well too, it's going to be tough, but I feel like we're on track to really peak at the championships, which is our goal."

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HOCKEY

Irish take ice in exhibition game

By KYLE CASSILY Sports Writer

Notre Dame had only six days to prepare with its coaching staff for tonight's exhibition game against Windsor, but the team spent the off-season in the weight room to get bigger and -jumpstart an offense that frequently lagged last season.

The first day the Irish could officially hold practice was Sept. 30. The 7:30 p.m. game in the Joyce Center against Windsor will be the only exhibition match-up of the season, as the Irish open the regular season Thursday night at home against Minnesota State-Mankato.

But the short amount of preparation time does not compare to the struggles the team faced last year when it had to learn new systems and a new coaching style under then first-year head coach Jeff Jackson.

"As far as learning the systems and what not, you think it would be a little easier and a little less growing pains, because we've had a year under Coach [Jackson] and we know how he works," captain T.J. Jindra said.

Jackson said that the pick-up hockey and shinny — a free-forall fight over control of one or more pucks — that the team played over the summer has led to a decrease in turnovers and better puck protection in practice. Players have also devoted the off-season to putting on muscle mass.

"[We've] been in the weight room an awful lot," Jindra said. "We're just trying to get bigger and stronger, a lot of guys have put on some weight. That's what coach wanted." that was third-worst in the league in kill percentage.

"Some of the younger returning guys have shown great improvement in the weight room," Jackson said, "And right now it looks like they may carry that over onto the ice."

The team has carried its unity onto the ice as well and wears it on their backs - literally. Every Irish practice jersey has the No. 7 steamed onto it, and it holds a special meaning to the players and coaches – a meaning that they won't say beyond the locker room.

"Lucky number seven," Jindra joked about the number's significance.

Notes:

◆Jindra was named team captain Monday by Jackson, and it is the second year that the senior has held that role. Jindra was joined by senior alternate captains Jason Paige — also in his second year as alternate captain — Wes O'Neill and Tom Sawatske.

Jackson said he and Jindra had to learn to trust each other early last season, but were soon able to establish a common bond.

"The one thing about him is he wears his heart on his sleeve and he's very sincere," Jackson said. "We talk about ownership, and he was the first guy that really bought in and said that he was going to stand up for this program and make sure things are done in the right way."

◆Sophomore forward Erik Condra was selected by the





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The Irish players that returned this season averaged 190.2 pounds each in 2005, while this year those same players weigh in at 200.2 pounds per man.

The Irish hope that their offense that finished 10th out of twelve teams in the CCHA in goals scored per game — 2.47 and 11th in shots per game — 25.61 — will benefit and that the extra weight will cause more wins in corner battles.

And although Notre Dame finished with middle-of-the-pack numbers in CCHA defense, the additional pounds could gum up the opposition's ability to move within the Irish zone and add physicality to a penalty-kill unit Ottawa Senators in the seventh round, 211th overall, of the NHL Draft June 24. Condra led the Irish in scoring in his rookie season, the first freshman to do so since Jamie Ling did it in 1992.

◆Irish defenseman Luke Lucyk has left the program for a year to spend a season at the junior level. Lucyk will return to the Tri-City Storm, his former team in the United States Hockey League, but will re-join the Irish next season. Jackson said that Lucyk's age allowed him to make the switch in order to gain more experience and his scholarship will still be there upon his return.

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer Irish junior defenseman Brock Sheahan grabs the puck in Notre Dame's match against Michigan Nov. 4, 2005. Michigan won 8-0.



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ND BASEBALL

Players take field in fall scrimmage

By KEN FOWLER Sports Editor

Notre Dame will have its first games under new coach Dave Schrage this weekend — and Schrage is guaranteed three wins.

The annual Blue-Gold intrasquad series kicked off Thursday with sophomore righty David Phelps squaring off with junior right-hander Joey Williamson.

"We're trying to play it as close to a spring game as we can," Schrage said. "It's kind of the culmination of the fall."

Each game is a seven-inning contest, with Game 2 and 3 coming Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at noon. Schrage said he is looking for "crisp" defensive play, even if the offenses play well.

"If it's high scoring and we're hitting the ball all over the place, that's fine," Schrage said.

Saturday's game features starting pitchers Wade Korpi, a junior left-hander, and fellow southpaw Sam Elam, a sophomore.

"The guys have thrown well this fall," Schrage said. "They've had a great fall and I think the biggest thing is looking for consistency out of them throwing strikes."

Pitchers are limited to 75 pitches over the course of the series, which may limit the amount of work relievers get in. Sophomore right-hander Kyle Weiland, who has worked with the starting pitchers this fall, will be in his usual role of closer for the series. Weiland had 16 saves last season with a 2.37 ERA in 49 1-3 innings pitched.

Schrage said he expects the pitchers and hitters to be on par after four weeks of fall practices.

"Guys have competed really hard this fall for some positions," Schrage said. "What we're looking for is to see how our guys have progressed."

Notes:

◆Schrage brought in some help to coach the series.

Irish pitching coach Sherard Clinckscales will manage the Blue team with the help of Colin Burns of Irisheyes.com in Game 1, Irish Illustrated's Tim Prister in Game 2 and Michiana celebrity Jeff Jeffers of WNDU-TV in Game 3.

For the gold team, volunteer assistant John Fitzgerald will have the support of WSBT-TV's Pete Byrne in Game 1, Blue and Gold Illustrated's Ryan O'Leary in Game 2 and Sean Stires of ESPN Radio in Game 3.

"It's something that I did at Evansville," Schrage said. "One it involves the people that cover us. We have some ammunition with those guys in the spring when they get on us."

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Stark Relays mark start of season

Swimmers attempt to 3-peat as Big East Championship begins Friday

By CHRIS HINE Sports Writer

Defending two straight titles is hard. Defending two straight titles after graduating ten seniors from last year's championship team is even harder.

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving teams will start down the road to defending their previous two Big East Titles this weekend at Rolfs Aquatic Center in the Dennis Stark Relays.

The Irish will compete against five other schools in the 13-event meet.

"Our expectations are very simple, but very demanding," head coach Tim Welsh said. "All we expect is for the team to improve in every event. We're not worried about the scoreboard. If we improve, the scoreboard will read how we want it to read."

Associate head coach Matt Tallman was also optimistic about Notre Dame's chances.

"We really look good. The guys are swimming well. Even the guys who are returning this year have looked better than they normally have," Tallman said.

The Irish will be led by senior tri-captain and nine-time Big East champion Tim Kegelman, who is the first swimmer in school history to compete in the NCAA national meet. Kegelman holds school records in seven events.

"Our team wants to defend

our Big East title, work our way up to top 15 in the Dual Meet polls, qualify a solid group of people, including relays, for the NCAA championships so we can score some significant points once we get there," Kegelman said. "To accomplish these things, we must consistently turn in fast times in our dual meets when we race during intense, midseason practices."

Also returning this year is junior Jay Vanden Berg, a three-time Big East champion and owner of school records in the 1,650-yard freestyle, 500yard freestyle and 1,000-yard freestyle.

Senior tri-captain Ted Brown, who set the top time in the 200-yard freestyle, will provide some much-needed versatility for the Irish. Brown was a part of the 800-yard freestyle relay team with fellow senior captain Louis Cavadini, senior Brian Freeman and junior Rob Seery. Last season,

Brown competed in the 1,000-yard freestyle, the 200yard fly and the 400-yard individual medley.

"We have big expectations this year that include not only winning the Big East Championship for the third straight year, but also sending a big group to the NCAA meet," Brown said. "We've set the bar of excellence high because we feel like we're a special team this year that can do big things in the water." Sophomore Michael Bulfin, who qualified for the NCAA nationals, will dive for the Irish, along with junior Sam Stoner.

Stoner and Kegelman said the Irish shouldn't miss a beat after graduating 10 seniors.

"Our senior class last year was big and quick, but I could say the same thing of our entering freshman class," Stoner said. "There are a few guys who have cuts for the Olympic trials already, so it will be exciting to see how they do in the meet."

The team's upperclassmen have liked what they've seen so far from the younger members of the swimming corps.

"Two sophomores will be racing for us for the first time, Sam Pendergast and Jeff Wood, both of whom bring a lot of speed to the team," Kegelman said. "Having the new guys has increased the level of the practices, which will benefit us all this year."

The event is named in honor of longtime head coach Dennis Stark, who was the program's first head coach from 1958 until 1985, the year Welsh took over the program.

"[Stark has] been great," Welsh said. "This is the 42nd year in a row we've begun a season where he's either coached or been the meet referee. He'll be the meet referee again this year."

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the program ... Certainly it's a recruiting jolt," Brey said after White's press conference Thursday. "I think it clearly says, 'We're going for it.""

Like Brey, Brown — whose team finished 30-4 last season with only one loss coming at home understands the importance of having an attractive facility to show recruits when they visit campus.

"Every improvement that we have helps," Brown said. "When kids come into the arena ... and go, 'Oh wow,' it's a

good thing. Every little thing added to the arena will help. Even having video on the scoreboard will help."

White said specific changes will include new seating in the entire arena — including the replacement of the upper-level bleachers with individual chair back seats. With that change, the arena will be able to fit approximately

9,800 people down from the 11,418 it current-. ly holds.

It will also feature a 16,500 square foot stadium club/hospitality arena in the south end of the building with premium club seating and a separate entrance from the rest of the arena. The premium club seating will also have private bathrooms and food stands.

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"I think it's going to impact our program dramatically from coast to coast," McGraw said. "I think from our fans perspective, our season tickets are capped in the lower bowl. Our fans don't want to sit in the bleachers."

The arena's renovation is the next step for the basketball prowhich

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regardless of construction, the arena's redesign is already being

used for recruiting purposes.

The coach said he has copies of

the renderings in his office to

show recruits and their families

on football weekends to display

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"I've always been a recruiting nut since I got here," Castellan said. "What we're trying to do is something that's completely legal to get the Notre Dame fan base together."

Lemming said this weekend is the perfect time for Notre Dame to make some noise with the recruits because of the quality of defensive prospects on official and unofficial visits.

"It's probably Notre Dame's most important weekend of recruiting," Lemming said. "It's some of the top defensive players in the country. It's guys that it's imperative to get."

That's not lost on Castellan.

"This week is a huge weekend," Castellan said. "This weekend, especially, we have a really good shot at beating Stanford. With a win and a good experience — they see the crowd really into it — that could really help."

Castellan said he's tried to stay updated with NCAA regulations on contact with recruits so that his group doesn't cost Notre Dame any prospects. As of Thursday night, he said the group had nearly 200 members.

Lemming said the Notre Dame coaching staff may have strategically set this weekend as a big recruiting period, hoping players who choose soon will lean towards Notre Dame after just visiting.

Linebacker Chris Donald of Huntingdon, Tenn., (Huntingdon High School) is "one of the top two" players at the position, and defensive back Harrison Smith of Knoxville, Tenn., could give the Irish much-needed depth in the secondary, Lemming said.

Both players have Notre Dame and Tennessee at the top of their lists at this point. Lemming said Smith's visit will be unofficial, as the 6-foot-2, 205-pound recruit already made his official trip.

"[Smith] is one of the premier free safeties in the nation," Lemming said. "He already came officially. It's a good sign for Notre Dame that he's coming back for this."

What's more, defensive end Ben Martin of Cincinnati (La Salle High School) and safety Mike Williams of Ventura, Calif. (St. Bonaventure High School) will be in attendance Saturday, Lemming said. Both are considered top-10 prospects at their position.

Lemming said Martin is choosing between Ohio State and Notre Dame.

But the recruits in town are not just limited to the defensive side of the ball.

Top-20 running back Armando Allen of Hialeah, Fla., (Hialeah High School) will be visiting Notre Dame this weekend, Lemming said.

A high-profile offensive recruit, though, isn't out of the ordinary for Notre Dame, Lemming said.

More than five months after Westlake Village, Calif., quarterback Jimmy Clausen (Oaks Christian) committed to the Irish and coach Charlie Weis on national television, Lemming says some of Notre Dame's best offensive recruiting tools are far off campus.

"Clausen himself has become one of Notre Dame's best recruiters," Lemming said. "But he calls the offensive kids mainly."

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well organized team," Lorenzen said. "They usually have an all around solid [team]. All around the field

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6 West Virginia and Pittsburgh.

But the Irish can't get caught up in Sunday's

Lorenzen hopes a strong Irish crowd Friday night could help quell any ideas the Pirates have of an upset. Last weekend, Lorenzen said a large and loud student section was a critical part of a 3,000-strong crowd that helped turn the second-half momentum against West Virginia — numbers that carried into Sunday as 2, 700 filed in to watch the Irish beat Pitt.

"I would definitely say having that large of a crowd Friday and Sunday really changes the game," she said. "When we got down Friday 1-0, having the crowd build the momentum made a big difference knowing you have that support and everyone's yelling for you."

This weekend's noise will



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held back by forces it cannot control when it should be on its way to the NCAA tournament and a national title.

Jackson turned a five-win team the season before into a contender for the CCHA crown, and in the off-season compiled a 2007 recruiting class that many college hockey analysts say is the best in the country. The longer the team goes without a new arena. the longer it's development toward the goal of a national championship is delayed.

And yet Jackson still convinced the best 14-year-old defenseman in North America. Cam Fowler, to choose Notre Dame over Michigan and Ohio State — both prominent programs with prominent arenas.

Ramshackle and downtrodden are both more apt descriptions of Notre Dame's ice facilities. Jackson and his coaches must duck in half to avoid ramming into steel supports in the equipment room after games just to have a private postgame meeting.

That same equipment room floods under several inches of water in February when the ice is removed to accommodate Junior Parents' Weekend.

The ice frequently melts under the intense body heat and varying conditions often present in the Joyce Center's north dome. With the hockey arena situated in only one half of the dome, many events are held next door — and the ice

suffers.

champions,

Last March during the firstround CCHA playoffs against Alaska-Fairbanks, the Boxing Club's Bengal Bouts also took place in the Joyce Center, and the heat generated by the boxers and spectators wreaked havoc before the biggest Irish hockey series since 2002.

The ice became slushy and puck control and

skating slowed down, playing College hockey into Alaska's physical, defenprograms around sive style — and the country have no amount of used new arenas to work by the transfrom average save it. teams into national especially in the past 10 years.

arena staff could The Irish were swept out of the series in two

close games. Notre Dame held its first team practice of the

year Sept. 30 - only a week before its opening game --amid a throng of football fans guzzling beer and brats within a puck's throw. The team attempted to work out the offseason rust, but Jackson could not be heard by any of his players over the crowd and the deafening whine of construction equipment.

The facilities erode team chemistry as well. The team does not have a lounge or room in which they can hang around before practice or during free time — the crucial times where teams forge the bonds that create championships.

Jackson took a drastic measure and rescinded a team rule — a rare event — to allow his players to watch television in the locker room before practice. Outside of the locker room, the Irish have little more than a few hardwood benches and rubber mats in a drafty tunnel for recreation.

But Jackson, his staff and the

players accept the inconveniences the arena offers and have made it their home.

College hockey programs around the country have used new arenas to transform average teams into national champions, especially in the past 10 years.

Minnesota had not won an NCAA title since 1979 when it built the new Mariucci Arena in 1994. The Golden Gophers won back-to-back championships in 2002 and 2003, following a run of tournament appearances.

Wisconsin's hockey program had fallen on hard times in the late 1990s before it built the Kohl Center in 1998. The Center is a multi-purpose basketball and hockey arena that houses 14,000 people when configured for hockey.

Both the Badgers men's and women's hockey teams were 2006 national champions and were perennial contenders in the WCHA for the eight seasons prior to the titles.

This success can and will be replicated at Notre Dame. It was guaranteed the day White hired Jackson as his new hockey head coach.

White works now to secure the funding that is necessary to build a new arena, and has shown a dedicated effort during his tenure to improve every sport's situation. The one obstacle that remains is to gain monetary backing by benefactors. With that in place, it is fair to say that architectural plans will follow shortly thereafter.

If Jackson has accomplished this much without facilities on par with his CCHA peers, imagine what he could do with a new arena.

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and he currently leads the nation with 15 goals. Lapira is ahead of Winthrop's Saidi Isaac by one goal.

While Lapira has scored all of the Notre Dame goals in each of the last two games, Clark is not concerned that his striker is being asked to do too much.

"The nice thing is, all the goals have been provided by different people, and there's a lot of great passes [coming from other players]," Clark said. "He's our furthest up striker, [and] he's the one that's going to get most of our goals. That's his position."

However, Clark says the Irish would still benefit people putting the ball in the back of the net.

"Just by nature of his position. he should be the guy [who gets most of the goals], but it would be nice if the other guys can score now and again," he said.

Defensively, the Irish will rely on the efforts of senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill. Cahill has given up just one goal in the past five games, and has kept a clean sheet in each of the last three games.

The Hoyas (4-8-0, 1-5-0 Big East) will be led by forward Ricky Schramm, who leads the team with eight goals.

Georgetown is coming off a 5-

0 rout of Howard Tuesday, their most lopsided decision of the season.

"They're coming of a big victory, [so] they're obviously going to be very confident," Clark said.

The Hoyas also enter with a history of upsetting the Irish. Last season, Georgetown, which finished 10-9-1 and 6-5-0 in the Big East, defeated Notre Dame, which ended up going 12-8-3 and advancing to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament, 1-0.

"They're a team that's been a spoiler for us," Clark said.

Clark anticipated that any momentum that Georgetown may have entering the game would be negated by the Irish's own momentum, as the team is currently in the midst of a season-high four game win streak.

He also hoped that the atmosphere surrounding Saturday's football game, which begins two-and-a-half hours after the soccer game does, would spill into Alumni Field.

"I hope plenty of people come to see us play," he said. "It's always very difficult to play on a football Saturday. We've tried playing after the games, and we always felt it was a little bit of a flat game, and we hope that a lot of fans will come out and cheer on the Irish."

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Analyst: Students can have recruiting impact

By KEN FOWLER Sports Editor

There's a new push in town — and it's for getting the Notre Dame student body more involved in the recruiting process.

National recruiting analyst Tom Lemming said he has seen students at other schools — from Georgia and Ole Miss to D Tennessee and Ohio State — w work as active participants in fe the recruiting war. cr "The one thing I could notice

"The one thing I could notice at other schools is that the fans could let the recruits know they're there," Lemming told The Observer Thursday. "A lot of the students [at other schools] know who these recruits are. But the Notre Dame's student body, from what I noticed, are all on caffeine. They're bouncing like crazy. And I think that energy could help a lot if they make more noise [towards the recruits]."

At least some students, though, are trying to change the perception Lemming put forward.

Notre Dame seniors Chris

Castellan and Matt Wharton have started a group on Facebook.com, "ND Students Today for Continued Excellence Tomorrow," that promotes what recruits are coming to campus each weekend and encourages students to recognize by name each recruit in cheers at pep rallies and games.

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NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

Home remodeling

By BOB GRIFFIN Sports Writer

When Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White announced the \$24.7 million renovation on the current Joyce Center arena Thursday, there were three particularly satisfied faces present to absorb the news.

Because for Irish men's basketball coach Mike Brey, women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw and volleyball coach Debbie Brown — all three whose teams use the facility for home games — the improvements will not only provide a better atmosphere for fans, but also an additional allure for high school recruits.

"It's great in recruiting and



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The right coach and his staff are in place. The team has bought into the philosophy.

And North America's best recruits give verbal commits to

Irish hockey before they can even drive. Yet Notre Dame is forced to play in a Joyce Center arena that has never been

adequate, let



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That's unacceptable.

And it appears set to remain that way for the foreseeable future after Thursday's unveiling of massive renovations to the Joyce Center by athletic director Kevin White did not include a single mention of the hockey facilities.

White and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said that plans for a new hockey facility were still in the conceptual stage pending funding and that they would not advance to a more definite plan until the backing was in place.

That is a sound strategy to

with some of your young guys in

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Drawing courtesy of Notre Dame Athletic Department

Notre Dame men's basketball coach Mike Brey, women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw and volleyball coach Debbie Brown support plans for renovations to the Joyce Center, announced Thursday. follow, but the hockey team is

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Squad aims to protect rank



Irish midfielder Susie Pinnick slides in for a challenge against Pittsburgh defender Carli Brill in Notre Dame's 5-0 win Sunday. Seton Hall, Rutgers to test Notre Dame

By TIM DOUGHERTY Sports Writer

No. 1 Notre Dame welcomes a pair of New Jersey schools to South Bend this weekend with the top spot of both national and Big East rankings on the line. The Irish (11-0-0, 4-0-0 Big East) take on Seton Hall tonight and Rutgers Sunday afternoon at Alumni Field.

And if Rutgers (10-1-1, 4-0-1) gets by DePaul tonight in Chicago, it will enter Sunday's match undefeated

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MEN'S SOCCER Former Irish assistant returns as opponent

By ERIC RETTER Associate Sports Editor

Georgetown's first-year head coach Brian Wiese has a mentor who is well known in South Bend — Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark. Before taking over the Hoyas' program, Wiese had spent 10 years as an assistant under Clark, five at Stanford and five at Notre Dame.

Clark said Weise will come into Saturday's noon matchup with Notre Dame with a far superior knowledge of the Irish roster than any other Notre Dame opponent.

"If anyone knows the way we play and our players, it's Brian Weise," Clark said. "That's going to be something we'll have to deal with. He'll know us better than anyone else in the country outside our own staff."

Clark, however, said that No. 8 Notre Dame won't be changing its game plan.

"We always just play the way we play," he said. "Our players have got to be mentally tough. We're going to do what we do, [but] we've just got to be able to do it well."

The Irish (8-3-2, 5-2-0 Big East) will be led by standout striker Joseph Lapira. Lapira has been the main focus of the Notre Dame offense the last few weeks — scoring two goals in each of the last four games —

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ORT A GLANCE	Swimmers are set to commence season at Dennis Stark relays.	The Belles look to improve record to 3-1 Saturday as they travel to Olivet.	Knott prepares for a do-or-die battle against Carroll on Sunday.	Pangborn 25, Lewis 0 The Phoxes beat the Chicks by mercy rule early in the second half.	The Irish return home to take on Marquette and Syracuse in Big East matches.	Tigers 4, Yankees 3 Alex Rodriguez strikes out three times as New York loses at home.
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Irish coach Charlie Weis and quarterback Brady Quinn's success in running the no-huddle offense — a throwback to Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly's K-Gun attack — has left opposing defenses on their heels.

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Why Notre Dame needs a blowout

Now we know — Notre Dame can win games. But can they win blowouts?

The Irish are used to being

favorites by now. They know that anything can happen, that the Vegas line doesn't mean anything at

the end of

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Kate Gales Associate Sports Editor

few dollars have changed hands.

In five games, they have one win by a clean margin (Penn State), lost one game by much more than expected (Michigan), and had two one-score victories (Michigan State and Georgia Tech).

But the Irish should have blown Purdue out of the water, and they didn't. They gave up too many plays on defense. They left too many offensive point opportunities on the board.

That can't happen again. This Irish team knows that carrying a two-score lead isn't necessarily safe — just ask John L. Smith. They've shown that they're vulnerable to big plays on defense and, more suprisingly, on offense.

This team is not invincible. But to Stanford, it should be.

Stanford is 0-5 and has scored just six touchdowns in five games, while giving up 18. Its opponents have outscored the Cardinal by

124 points this season.

The Irish carry a slim point differential of 19 points in their favor, a very different story than last season.

It's time for a blowout win.

The Irish need a lopsided victory. They need Brady Quinn to compile numbers rivaling the national debt. They need Rhema McKnight and Jeff Samardzija to come up with circus catches. They need Darius Walker to run halfway home to Georgia.

Because no matter how much these players say that doesn't matter, it does. Individual awards aside, the BCS system is now dependent on a spread-out nation of voters. Some of them will use any excuse to rank the Irish lower.

Last season, Oregon was livid that it was passed over for the BCS and the Irish were invited to the Fiesta Bowl. Being a BCS wallflower isn't fun, especially after a tough regular season.

This season, the Ducks demolished Stanford 48-10 in the first game of the season. Granted, Notre Dame's first opponent, Georgia Tech, is compiling a more respectable record than the Cardinal after doling out its own dominant win at Virginia Tech last week. But when Oregon and Notre Dame are up for at-large BCS spots, the way they performed against common opponents — Stanford, UCLA, USC — is going to matter.

Granted, it's not the most important thing. A win is a

win. But when something like the BCS is on the line with the Gator Bowl, every point is an argument in your favor.

A dominant win over Stanford will send the Irish into a bye week with good karma. The Irish need a **Brady** Quinn lopsided victory. They breaking a need Brady Quinn to few more passing compile numbers rivaling records the national debt. They probably need Rhema McKnight ones he already and Jeff Samardzija to

holds, but who's counting? would be a nice cap for this game. Notre

Dame is a

game that

Stanford can get up for. Last season, a Stanford team with a 5-5 record took Notre Dame to the wire with everything at stake. Walker's \$14 million two-point conversion saved the day, but it was more of the same for the Irish — giving up too many big plays on defense.

This game should not be a shootout. Trent Edwards isn't bad, but with two top receivers out, he shouldn't have anyone to throw to -let alone any time to throw. This is a game where the defense should come up big every time, holding Stanford to three-and-outs and preventing 88-yard pass debacles (see last week's Purdue game).

The Irish have something

to prove.

This isn't to say that there's no place for class in football. There is, and Irish coach Charlie Weis has shown it. Calling a play for a dying boy — that's class.

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keeping the

reaching the end zone. A blowout win would help dull the leftover pain from the Michigan game and ease the stress that fans still feel after a close call at Michigan State.

best game against Purdue, but they played well enough to win. Well enough to win isn't always enough, though. As long as humans are running the polls, a blowout or two is always going to be necessary.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kate Gales at kgales@nd.edu

Congratulating after a heartbreaking home loss last Oct. class. Calling off the dogs two-score lead — that's just

Cardinal from

The Irish didn't play their

Sorry, Stanford.



"Our focus has

to be on

ourselves and

doing the

things that we

do and are

asked to do."

mental things that we've got to be prepared for and kind of work through this whole entire week."

"We're not playing [the] Four Horsemen and we're not playing Joe Montana. We're playing a team we have played with before."



Joslah Vinson

Cardinal offensive guard

"The players are not dumb. ... There's evidence from last year's game of what happened, OK, how it was a dogfight." **Charlie Weis** Irish coach

game hype

Walt Harris Cardinal coach



Brady Quinn Irish guarterback



Breaking the 50-point barrier would be nice this weekend. So would

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Speed ball

The no-huddle offense has been crucial for Brady Quinn and the Irish this season, allowing fast transitions and keeping defenses off-balance

By BOB GRIFFIN Sports Writer

Irish coach Charlie Weis arrived at Notre Dame with a playbook as thick as an encyclopedia, four golf-ball sized rings and about 15 years of coaching experience at the professional level.

And given his background, it's no surprise he introduced the Irish to his version of the nohuddle offense - an instrumental part of his success in New England and something that's already been a catalyst in the past two seasons in South Bend.

So far in 2006, Notre Dame has used the no-huddle, or hurry-up offense, as a way of catching defenses off guard and allowing Irish quarterback Brady Quinn to settle down and develop a connection with his receivers.

Separate from the two-minute offense, which is also a no-huddle set but has the added immediacy of driving down the field at the end of a half — Notre Dame moves quickly to the line of scrimmage in these formations where Quinn reads the defense and the team works off a limited playbook.

Offensive tackle Ryan Harris described Notre Dame's nohuddle offense as a slightly slower version of the twominute tempo, but with the same focus of confusing defenses.

Of course, the two-minute offense has been equally productive, with memorable drives coming in games against Stanford and USC in 2005, and Michigan in 2006 — where the game's only offensive production came on an eight-play, 72yard series to end the first half. But like most things Notre Dame football related — either form of the no-huddle offense simply comes down to execution.

would eliminate the defense's ability to make substitutions based on player mismatches.

Wyche also noticed that in a no-huddle system, the defense would become tired before the offense. And of course, given a team's inability to stop the clock without using a timeout, a defense had more trouble making necessary adjustments.

Wyche's innovation proved to create major contentions among other coaches who would instruct their players to fake injuries in order to stop the clock. It was because of the no-huddle offense that the NFL made rules to counter its effects.

Teams are now charged an injury timeout when their players are hurt, the injured player is forced to sit out one play before re-entering and defenses are given adequate time to make personnel changes when the offense makes substitutions mostly because of Wyche's system.

The hurry-up offense continued to evolve in the early 1990s when Buffalo Bills coach Marv Levy took the no-huddle to the next level.

Quarterback Jim Kelly, receiver Andre Reed and running back Thurman Thomas led the Bills to four straight Super Bowl appearances in the early part of the decade. Their offense, known as the K-Gun, worked many times strictly out of the no-huddle.

Kelly's efficiency in this set would become one of his most lasting impacts in the NFL. Weis discussed what made the K-Gun so effective in his press conference Tuesday. explaining the key to an efficient no-huddle offense is simplicity and execution — something Kelly's group worked to near perfection. "The biggest problem that coaches have is when they get into a mode like that, they try to have too many plays," Weis said. "I think the Buffalo Bills back in the K-Gun days with Jim Kelly ... but back when the Buffalo Bills were lighting it up going up and down the field, they had about ten plays total.



standing coverages — just like he would read a regular defense — and then making sure everyone is on the same page.

a 47-21 loss to Michigan Sept. 9.

Of course, Quinn, like he is with most things football related, is calm in these situations.

"We've repped it enough in the past, especially last year and maybe even coming into this year, being behind in games, we've come into it enough, it's like riding a bike," Quinn said. "You don't necessarily have to work at it all the time. But once you know it's time to get into that mode you make the adjustment and get out there and start working at it." And the two specific situations where Notre Dame moves into the no-huddle entail different mindsets. Not surprisingly, Quinn said the main distinction is the urgency of the situation in the two-minute drill as opposed to the regular hurry-up offense. "If you're in a two-minute mode, you have to be aware of the clock [at] all times," Quinn said. "The down distance, the situation, how many timeouts. You have all different things like that." But Quinn is not the only person responsible for making the offense run. The receivers, for example, are instrumental in running precise routes and being on the same page to keep the clock moving and the defense from settling down. Irish wide receiver Jeff Samardzija, whose pass catching ability and athleticism make him a dangerous threat in the no-huddle offense, understands that the responsibility of ensuring efficiency does not only fall on his quarterback's shoulders. "Your responsibility is to be in shape, and get back and make sure you know what you're doing and get the calls from the quarterback," Samardzija said Tuesday after practice. "It's a

quick operation and you have to be at the right place at the right time and understand that no matter what happens on one play, you've got to [get] back on the next one because they're going fast."

Samardzija, who has been the focus of opposing defensive attempts to limit his effect on the field for much of the season, said it's important to have a smart, veteran group that understands how to work in quick-set offenses. Notre Dame starts seven seniors on offense who are familiar with Weis' nohuddle. "We got some older guys that have done it before," Samardzija said. "I think that it's something that takes practice and takes time to master, and when you get on the same page like our offense is a lot of the time in the two-minute, the quick-run offenses work."

huddle and the two-minute drill, without a quarterback like Quinn who has distinguished himself as one of the smartest in the game — the offense can't run as smoothly.

At the end of the day, it's the quarterback who is responsible for running the offense, delivering the passes and developing communication outside of the huddle. Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning is an example of an NFL signal caller that currently runs the no-huddle effectively, often calling audibles until the last second at the line of scrimmage. But on the college level, Quinn isn't far behind. And his teammates, like offensive tackle Ryan Harris, have the utmost confidence in him. "[Quinn's] the best in the country," Harris said emphatically Tuesday after practice. "Best in the country."

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"You just want to make sure you communicate everything to the rest of the team so there's no one hung out there, just hung out to dry, unsure of what the call is, unsure of what the play is," Quinn said in his press conference Wednesday.

Sam Wyche, Jim Kelly and the history of the no huddle

Weis did not invent the nohuddle offense, but at the same time, its implementation hasn't quite existed since the advent of the forward pass. In fact, it wasn't until the late 1980s when NFL teams began using this hurry-up style as a major part of their offensive repertoires.

Cincinnati Bengals coach Sam Wyche was the first to use it as a major part of his game plan in the late 1980s. Wyche coached the Bengals from 1984-91 after a 12-year NFL playing career.

His most memorable coaching moment came when he took Cincinnati to the Super Bowl in 1988 against the San Francisco 49ers. The 49ers won 20-16, thanks to a last minute drive by quarterback Joe Montana.

But his major contribution to modern football was his recognition that a no-huddle system

"That's all they ran, and no one could stop them."

Coming down to execution

Weis' no-huddle works effectively for similar reasons to the K-Gun. The Irish coach understands the importance of simplifying the playbook and relying more on other factors to create an imbalance in the offense's favor.

"It's not the amount of plays," Weis said. "It's having a quarterback who understands the plays, getting the protection set right, and being able to run it with a sense of urgency because what you've done is simplified what the defenses can do because you're going to get a lot less looks when you're not huddling up.'

A lot of that pressure rests on Quinn's shoulders. As the quarterback, leader and signalcaller, Quinn effectively becomes the main factor in making the no-huddle work. He has to be responsible for under-

K-Gun to Q-Gun?

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But regardless of the team's efficiency running both the noContact Bob Griffin at rgriffi3@nd.edu

by the numbers

Consecutive games, dating back to 2005, Stanford has gone without a win. This includes a 38-31 loss to Notre Dame last season.

Consecutive games Stanford has lost at Notre Dame Stadium. Notre Dame J has also won the last four games of the series.

Games Notre Dame has played against Pac-10 opponents, the second-most of any conference. The Irish hold a 74-39-6 edge 118 in the series against the conference.

Yards Darius Walker gained last season against the Cardinal. He 190 had a crucial two-point conversion to make the final score 38-31.

Walker's rank on Notre Dame's all-time career rushing list. He's also fifth among current players in touches per game with 22.0.



Touchdowns the Cardinal has scored this season. Two are rushing scores, and six came on passes from quarterback Trent Edwards.

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish



Brady Quinn is 121-for-196 this season with 13 touchdowns and only four intercecptions. He looked stronger passing to his left side last week after some

IRISH PASSING

The receiving corps is hitting its stride. Rhema McKnight has 32 catches for 433 yards and six touchdowns and Jeff Samardzija has totaled

IRISH RUSHING

The well-balanced attack against Purdue featured Walker rushing 31 times for 152 yards and a touchdown and George West adding another score. Samardzija

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Irish experts



Mike Gilloon Editor in Chief

Stanford limps into South Bend without its best receivers, strongest running back and an 0-5 record. The Cardinal is a wounded ... well .. tree and the Irish will get Harris and Co.'s best shot. Expect Quinn to succeed through the air, but the Cardinal offense exploits a struggling Notre Dame secondary to make this game closer than most expect. Look for Zbikowski to keep Notre Dame in the lead with a timely interception, but this one will go down to the final five minutes. FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 45 Stanford 35



Bob Griffin Asst. Managing Editor

Stanford has absolutely nothing to lose in this game. The team is winless at 0-5 and is missing Moore and Bradford. Expect the Cardinal to come out fired up, maybe scoring on its first possession. Unfortunately for Walt Harris, it could be their last touchdown. Notre Dame needs a big defensive game after three weeks of allowing more points than it anticipated. The Irish won't disappoint heading into their bye week, and the offense will continue to click against Stanford's 3-4 defense. FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 42 Stanford 10

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Stanford

Cardinal Record: 0-5 **AP: NR Coaches: NR**

Walt Harris 2nd season at Stanford career record: 68-79 at Stanford:

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Walt Harris head coach

Roster

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The Irish secondary gave up an 88-yard pass in the second quarter last week, missing multiple tackles and giving up too many yards after the catch. Chinedum Ndukwe has come up with some big turnover plays for the Irish this year and is poised for another one.	Notre Dame has given up 737 yards on the ground this season, including four rushing tuochdowns over five games. The defensive line had an excellent game against Stanford in 2005. Victor Abiamiri had four sacks for a loss of 43 yards.	SPECIAL TEAMS Notre Dame's specia teams have been up an down, but played wel against Purdue. Weis ha run a fake punt and fake field goal, gainin two touchdowns. Davi Grimes has a long kic return of 46 yards an Zbikowski's longest pun return is 25 yards.	It's the game before a bye week, and the Irish have to come out strong to make a statement before taking a week off before UCLA. Winless Stanford is the perfect game to put up some big numbers and make noise	NOTRE DAME	32Émeka NnoliFB $6-1$ 235 SR33Jason EvansRB $6-1$ 190SR34Ray JonesRB $6-1$ 190SR35Blaise JohnsonS $5-11$ 185SO36Chris HobbsCB $5-9$ 170SO37Mark MuellerWR $6-3$ 195FR38Austin YancyWR $6-4$ 195FR39Nick FrankFB $6-2$ 250SR40Kris EvansCB $6-0$ 175SO41Tom McAndrewDE $6-5$ 240SO42Will PowersLB $6-4$ 235SO43Ryan FisicaroRB $6-2$ 205FR43Kenny LongS $6-0$ 185SO44Pat MaynorLB $6-2$ 210FR45Ben LadnerFB $6-3$ 220SO46Robert PolkWR $6-3$ 200FR47Leon PeraltoFB $6-0$ 230SO47Josh CatronCB $6-0$ 185FR48Jerome JacksonLB $6-3$ 225FR50Nick MacalusoLB $6-1$ 230SR54Edom UdofiaNT $6-2$ 310SR55Michael OkwoLB $6-4$ 230JR56Brandon WilletsLB $6-4$ 230JR
Two of Stanford's best receivers, Evan Moore and Mark Bradford, are injured and not expected to play against the Irish. Moore was the only receiver to have more than one touchdown catch of the four Stanford has this year. The team, however, is averaging over 11 yards per reception.	Harris has said he thinks Anthony Kimble, his starting tailback, could be ready to play at Notre Dame. Stanford's rushing attack has been anemic this season — totaling less than 500 yards in five games. The team has gotten just two rushing touchdowns.	Jason Evans average 22.6 yards on kickof returns to lead th Cardinal. Punt return have been anemic fo Stanford, with just thre returns for four yards Protection hasn't been that good either — the team has also given up score on a punt return.	IfStanford was too close for comfort, and a fired-up Cardinal team nearly came between the Irish and the BCS. This season the Cardinal needs a win and needs it badly to get the season back on track.		58 Brian Bulcke LB 6-4 260 FR 59 Josiah Vinson OG 6-4 315 SR 60 Alex Fletcher C 6-3 300 JR 61 Aldred Johnson DE 6-4 260 JR 62 Tim Mattran C 6-5 300 SR 63 Chris Marinelli OT 6-7 305 SO 64 Joe Dembesky OL 6-5 285 FR 65 Gustay Rydstedt DE 6-3 300 JR 66 Michael Macellari NT 6-6 290 SR 67 Allen Smith OT 6-5 290 JR 68 Bobby Dockter OG 6-5 290 JR 69 Preston Clover OG 6-5 290 SR 70 Jeff Edwards OT 6-6 290 SR 71 Andrew Phillips OL 6-5 290 FR 72 Mikal Brewer C
An injury-depleted Stanford passing attack should be no match for the Irish. But Notro Dame has proven itself again to be usceptible to hig plays ind a few of those could ombine for trouble. Bot the linebackers and the secondary will need to be consistent in pass coverage.	Kimble isn't likely to be 100 percent if he plays, although Toby Gimble is averaging nearly five yards per carry. The Irish defense should be able to easily contain any rushing attempts by the Cardinal. With strong play from the defensive line, Stanford will struggle to gain yards.	Zbikowski knows how it feels to return punt for touchdowns. If the Irish can stay focused and force some punts, he might have the chance to get that feeling again Stanford will also be forced to prepare for Weis' different trick play on special teams.	before its home crowd against an opponent who is statistically inferior in every category. This is not only a must-win. A loss would be a meltdown of epic proprotions for Notre Dame. The team will stay	VALYSIS	78 John Coltrain OI 6-6 305 SR 79 Ismail Simpson OG 6-4 305 SR 80 Erik Lorig TE 6-4 250 SO 81 Patrick Bowe TE 6-6 250 JR 82 Patrick Danahy TE 6-4 245 SR 83 Jim Dray TE 6-5 240 SO 84 Austin Gunder TE 6-5 245 JR 85 Nate Wilcox-Fogel WR 6-1 190 JR 86 Kelton Lynn WR 6-1 195 SR 80 Udeme Udofia LB 6-4 240 SR 91 Pannel Egboh DE 6-6 280 JR 92 Sione Fua NT 6-2 290 FR 93 Matt Kopa DE 6-5 270 SR 94 James McGillicuddy NT 6-3 300 SO 95 Chris Horn DE 6-

Stanford Cardinal

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Sept. 23	WASH. St-L	
Sept. 30	at UCLA—L	
Oct. 7	at Notre Dame	
Oct. 14	ARIZONA	
Oct. 21	at Arizona St.	
Nov. 4	USC	
Nov. 11	at Washington	
Nov. 18	OREGON St.	
Dec. 2	at California	



Ken Fowler Sports Editor

Notre Dame's offense will exploit a defense that has been vulnerable against much lesser offenses. But Walt Harris is an excellent coach who will keep his team in the game. Expect the Cardinal to control the clock much like the Irish did last season against USC. This is the biggest game for Stanford since Notre Dame won their meeting last November, and the Cardinal will come in prepared and primed for an upset — one they fall just short of again. FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 32

Stanford 29



Kate Gales Associate Sports Editor

What's been holding Notre Dame back from having a really big game? After last season, expectations exploded, and Quinn passing for five touchdowns goes practically unnoticed. It's time to make the jump to the next level, and the Irish can make that happen against Stanford. The most important statement, however, will be containing Stanford's tight ends and controlling the line of scrimmage. Notre Dame can't lose this one, and it doesn't come close. FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 62 Stanford 9

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Sizing up the Irish and Cardinal

	Notre Dame	Stanford
Points Scored	30.2	12.6
Points Allowed	26.4	37.4
Total Yards Gained	369.2	289.4
Total Yards Allowed	372	458.8
Rushing Yards Gained	87.4	87.2
Rushing Yards Allowed	147.4	282.8
Passing Yards Gained	281.8	202.2
Passing Yards Allowed	224.6	176
Turnovers Lost	7	14
Turnovers Recovered	8	10
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DEFENSIVE LINE

seven has proved to be

vulnerable against

every running back it

has faced. In fact,

Stanford has given up

282.80 yards per

game on the ground ---

the most in the nation.

If the Cardinal can

slow down Darius

Walker, they can focus

on Brady Quinn and

the Irish air attack,

which will play to its

The key for Stanford

will be containing the

outside runs, where

Walker excels. If it can

do that, Stanford

could have a chance to

hang in the game with

the explosive Irish

offense.

defensive strength.

Stanford's front

NOTRE DAME RUNNING GAME

Darius Walker had his best game of the year against Purdue, totaling 146 yards on the ground to go along with his 73 receiving yards.

Walker will have Ashley McConnell blocking for him again at fullback and can provide another consistent balance for the Irish with another strong showing.

It was no coincidence that Brady Quinn had his best game of the season when Walker finally came through with a strong showing.

Quinn may have another big game with more big passing numbers against another overmatched opponent.

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Brockington confident after first start last weekend

With Thomas out, senior linebacker nearly intercepted a pass against Purdue, recorded three tackles

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Notre Dame senior linebacker Joe Brockington made his first start last Saturday against Purdue. He just might make his second against Stanford.

With starting outside linebacker Travis Thomas "iffy" for Saturday's game as he recovers from a rib injury suffered against Michigan State, Weis said he is considering keeping Thomas off the field for a second straight week. But for Weis, that decision might be easier to make after Brockington's performance against Purdue.

"I thought Joe was fairly solid," Weis said. "He certainly wasn't the reason that [Purdue] had production. He was part of the reason, now, mind you, but ... it wasn't like they exploited Joe."

The 6-foot-2, 232-pound Brockington had one solo tackle and two assists against Purdue. After nearly catching a pass tipped by Irish defensive tackle Chris Frome in the first half, Brockington added one pass deflection in the fourth quarter, a play on which he had a chance for an interception until the slippery ball fell out of his hand to the ground.

"Probably the biggest play of the day that you noticed him is when he dropped the interception, which he took a lot of ribbing from his teammates on," Irish coach Charlie Weis said during his Tuesday press conference.

Brockington didn't need his teammates to get on his case about the dropped ball. He was his own critic.

"The second one that I dropped, there was no excuse for that," he said. "It was pretty horrible."

The "no excuse" line fit in perfectly with Brockington's mentality about the game. Although it was his first start, Brockington said he was "probably too calm" and expected to play at a high level.

"I was definitely excited, but I think I was prepared going into the week," he said.

The preparation paid off. Weis said Brockington's absence from the big plays the Notre Dame defense surrendered to Purdue was a positive, especially for a first-time starter.

"You didn't really notice him getting exploited out there," Weis said. "I think that's a very good thing when a guy goes in there really for the first time with a bunch of meaningful reps and you don't really notice him too much."

Before the game against Purdue, Brockington had recorded just one tackle — a solo stop against Georgia Tech — this season while playing in all five times.

Palmyra, Penn. native, Α Brockington played in 11 games in 2004 and 2005, but Saturday marked his first career start. As a sophomore, Brockington saw almost all his playing time on special teams. Last season, he played at linebacker in seven games. Against Michigan State in 2005, he made his first career tackle for a loss.

Irish strong safety and defensive captain Tom Zbikowski said Brockington's three tackles only tell part of the story of his performance in his inaugural start.

"He made the plays that he had to make and was always in the right position for coverages and run plays," Zbikowski said. "He had a couple of nice pass breaks and a lot of plays where he was in coverage that may have gone unnoticed, just because the pass wasn't thrown to his side ... So definitely a good performance for his first start."

Those pass defenses will be important for the Irish this week against a Stanford team that utilizes its tight ends running routes against linebackers in the passing game. Notre Dame defensive coordinator Rick Minter said Cardinal coach Walt Harris is much like Weis in that respect.



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Irish linebacker Joe Brockington, right, competes against linebacker Maurice Crum in practice Oct. 3. Brockington collected three tackles against Purdue last week.

loves to get the big bodies downfield." Brockington said he has to be ready to face Cardinal tight ends Jim Dray, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, and Patrick Danahy, a 6-foot-4 senior, in between the hash marks. If he starts, Brockington said, he would have to "He, like Coach Weis, loves the tight play even better than he did against end in the offense," Minter said. "He Purdue to shut down Stanford's air

attack. "I was somewhat happy, I would say, with my performance [against the Boilermakers]," he said. "But when I watched the tape on Sunday, I knew there was still a lot of work to do."

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Stanford offense looks for spark against ND

Cardinal confident despite losing streak

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It doesn't look pretty on paper.

when sizing Because Stanford's seven-game losing string against Notre Dame's Brady Quinn-led offense, it looks like the Irish are ready to unleash a flurry of points on the Cardinal. That may be true and - if Notre Dame can meet national experts' blowout predictions of a blowout must happen.

But if Stanford is to stun Notre Dame at home for the first time since 1992, the Cardinal offense must stem that Irish tide and score some points of its own.

That's not impossible, according to one of this weekend's visitors from Palo Alto.

"We're not playing [the] Four Horsemen and we're not playing Joe Montana," said Stanford offensive guard Josiah Vinson. "We're playing this team who we have played with before and were ahead with a

minute and a half to go last year."

The Notre Dame secondary on the field when the Irish trailed 31-30 with a minute and a half remaining against Stanford last season hasn't changed much personnel-wise. Strong safety Tom Zbikowski, free safety Chinedum Ndukwe and cornerbacks Ambrose Wooden and Mike Richardson started against the Cardinal in 2005 and are all expected to play Saturday, along with freshman cornerback Darrin Walls and junior Terrail Lambert.

It isn't a group that said it will be surprised if the Cardinal plays like it did last year, when the Irish had to rally for the 38-31 win.

Zbikowski said he isn't fooled by the Cardinal's uncharacteristically poor, winless record. And he doesn't expect to get anything but Stanford's best shot.

"[Stanford coach Walt Harris] is one of the best offensive coordinators ... in the game," Zbikowski said. "We went out there last year, thinking this will be a pretty easy game and it was a dogfight."

If the Irish are to avoid a dogfight this weekend, the second-



Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards, right, is sacked by UCLA defensive end Justin Hickman in the first half of the Cardinal's 31-0 loss to the Bruins Sept. 30.

ary must perform better than it Painter stroked through the did last week, when Zbikowski left the field scowling — partly because of a hard hit to the head and partly because of his unit's subpar play.

Purdue quarterback Curtis

Irish defensive backfield for two touchdowns and 398 yards — not statistics that Zbikowski wants to walk away from Saturday night.

"[Stanford's] going to come

out and try to prove a point that [it] can play," Zbikowski said. "We've got to be ready to go."

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