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Tragedy prompts campus action

Jenkins e-mail explains University security

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Though Notre Dame created a task force in 2006 to review crisis plans, the deaths of 33 people at Virginia Tech Monday "will spur even greater review and preparedness," University President Father John Jenkins said in an e-mail to students Thursday.

Though limited in scope, Jenkins' message was the most in-depth explanation of Notre Dame's security measures since Monday's shootings.

In the 700-word letter,

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A Mass was held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Tuesday in memory of the 33 people killed Monday at Virginia Tech.

Counseling Center offers services

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

As more information seeps out about the mental state of Cho Seung-Hui, who shot and killed 32 people at Virginia Tech Monday before turning his gun on himself, university counseling services have become a nationwide issue.

In news conferences Thursday, Virginia Tech officials said Cho did not receive any treatment from the school's counseling center, and the court did not tell the institution when Cho was released from outpatient treatment at a local clinic.

Nonetheless, more and more

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Sorin sends students to Uganda

Men's dorm raises funds for St. Jude

By JOHN PAUL WITT
News Writer

Notre Dame students may have heard about the problems facing Uganda through classes, academic forums and campus events this year, but it's likely few realize that Sorin College has been sending students and money to the East African country for almost four years now.

Since the summer of 2003, Sorin has worked with the Center for Social Concerns and the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross to send one student each summer for an eight-week placement at St. Jude Primary School, a Catholic grade school in Buwekula, Uganda.

Last summer, junior Patrick Reidy was chosen to work at St. Jude and had an experience he said has "stolen a piece of his heart."

It's not every day that students are willing to work in a country famous for its long-standing civil conflict, though Reidy admits that his reasons for going were "selfish."

"I never needed anything growing up, and I wanted to see if I could be the good person I hope I am when things aren't as easy, when things are really difficult," he said. "It wasn't a very Africa-oriented reason."

Reidy said his most impor-

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LGBTQ activists take new approach

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

A Holocaust Memorial lined the east part of South Quad Tuesday as part of Stand Against Hate Week, organized by different campus groups and departments to send the message that "we here at Notre Dame do not discriminate or tolerate hate, specifically toward our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning students."

The display was just one indication of altering tactics used by those campaigning for rights and respect for LGBTQ students.

Despite high visibility enjoyed by the "Gay? Fine By Me" campaign, the week's student organizers decided to take a different approach.

"People are almost getting bored

with this push for equality and acceptance for gay students," said senior co-organizer Casey Scott. "There's a whole lot more to be asked for. There isn't any way, shape or form full acceptance. I don't think this issue is going to go away for a while nor should it."

In addition to the memorial and the distribution of T-shirts for the Stand Against Hate campaign, a Day of Silence was organized Wednesday. Participating students took a daylong vow of silence to represent the silence of LGBTQ students and their rights.

Scott said she considers the week a success especially for its first time on campus.

"I think it's a great event. [...] It's widespread and I'm excited we're a

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Karen Koski hands a Stand Against Hate Week T-shirt to Charlie Vogelheim Thursday at the Fieldhouse Mall.

The Shirt 2007 to be revealed

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

With this weekend's Blue-Gold Game festivities in full swing, football excitement is in the air along with anticipation for next fall's games — and for the unveiling of the unofficial attire worn to those games, in the form of The Shirt 2007.

The Shirt will be revealed to Notre Dame football fans this afternoon at the Hammes Bookstore. Celebrating 18 years of the project, this year's The Shirt will be "special," said sophomore Brad Lenoir, president of The Shirt committee.

"When designing The Shirt, we wanted to incorporate all that is the Notre Dame football experience," he said. "We wanted to bring everything together, show

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Rich Fox, president of The Shirt 2006, speaks at last year's unveiling event at the Hammes Bookstore.

Notre Dame alumnus part of Pulitzer team

By JOHN PAUL WITT
News Writer

Rob Finch, who graduated from the University in 1998, is part of a team of journalists at The Oregonian newspaper in Portland, Ore., awarded the Pulitzer Prize Monday for their coverage of the disappearance of James Kim and his family in southern Oregon's Siskiyou mountains last December.

Finch, part of the New Media department at The Oregonian, used Google Earth technology to develop maps of the path Kim took through the mountains, using an innovative "three-dimensional" approach to enable readers to better understand what occurred.

He is the fourth Notre Dame

graduate and former Observer employee to win the award — either individually or as part of a staff — in the past seven years.

"We were trying to give readers an idea of where the car was found with the rest of the family and the surrounding terrain," Finch said. "We got GPS coordinates for where the car was [and] used



Finch

that along with narration and still photographs to try to explain to people what happened and how

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INSIDE COLUMN

Força Barça 101

If you're still replaying in your head Messi's goal against Getafe Wednesday, maybe you love Barcelona soccer as much as me. No, wait. I doubt you come close, but it's a start.

If tears flooded your eyes when Eto'o was booed during the Zaragoza match for his skin, then you're off to a very good start.

Marcela Berrios
Associate
News Editor

If you see in Messi the rebirth of Maradona, we might be on the same page and you may appreciate my reflections on the greatest team in the history of soccer.

Is it wrong to find a group of soccer players covered in sweat, jumping on each other and kissing as they celebrate a goal, absolutely adorable? Is this the equivalent of men's fascination with lesbians? I don't know. I do know that Ronaldinho alone is wonderful. Messi alone is wonderful too. Put Ronaldinho and Messi together, however, and the wonderfulness explodes.

Why won't coach Rijkaard let Saviola play more? I can understand Saviola's mammoth paycheck could create rivalries within the team — but benching him can't be the solution. My heart weeps when I see his youth and skill squandered. Rijkaard, you're killing a mockingbird!

While we're on Rijkaard's questionable coaching decisions, let's talk about his defense. Coach, off the top of my head, I can name a dozen other goalkeepers to fill Valdes' clown shoes. Give me someone along the lines of Real Madrid's Casillas, and Valdes can be a fantastic understudy.

If Rijkaard wants to keep Puyol on the field, he needs to offset the captain's retirement age with an impenetrable defense. What does he do instead? He calls Marquez, Mexico's Aztec Kaiser. Mexico, that's laughable.

Marquez is the foil to Ronaldinho's clean game. He's incompetent too, allowing the other teams to come near Valdes when "leave it to Valdes" is the shortest way to defeat, followed closely by "leave it to Marquez."

Is it sad that I only wake up every morning because I know it brings me one day closer to the next Real Madrid-Barcelona game? No, it's not sad because Barcelona is "més que un club."

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Marcela Berrios at aberrios@nd.edu

FROM THE EDITOR

The picture accompanying the front-page Student Senate story in the April 19 edition of The Observer was an inappropriate choice, given the article's subject matter.

The photo, which showed student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun laughing, was not taken during the Senate's discussion on how to respond to the shootings at Virginia Tech — although the headline may have implied that. Rather, it was taken at a different point in the group's meeting.

The photo was poorly chosen during The Observer's production process, its placement was misleading, and we regret any confusion it caused.

CORRECTIONS

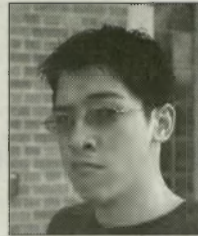
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SLOGAN WOULD YOU PUT ON THE SHIRT?



Johanna Kirsch
freshman
McGlinn

"God says we're gonna win. He told me 'cause I go to Notre Dame."



Andy Tran
freshman
Carroll

"Fight me, I'm Irish."



Caitlin Brown
freshman
Badin

"Kiss me, I'm Irish."



Sean McGowan
senior
Siegfried

"Maybe this year we can make a mediocre bowl and actually win."



Michael Nadorff
senior
Fisher

"The second coming of J.C. ... Jimmy Clausen that is."



Tim Falvey
senior
Dillon

"Charlie Rice — Not Charlie Weis. 11 and 2."



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Megan Sennett, left, and Meghan McDonough sign a poster depicting the mascots of each of Notre Dame's 27 resident halls that will be sent to Virginia Tech as an expression of solidarity. Posters are available to sign today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in LaFortune.

IN BRIEF

"The Shirt" will be unveiled at 6 p.m. today at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. The Glee Club, marching band, pom squad, cheerleaders and leprechaun will join the fanfare, which will include free food, drinks and activities.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play against West Virginia today at 6:15 p.m. in Frank Eck Stadium.

A candlelight rosary service will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at the Grotto to remember the 32 students and faculty members killed Monday at Virginia Tech University. The public is invited to attend. Organized by Notre Dame's Student Government, the service will include the lighting of 32 candles decorated with Virginia Tech ribbons.

Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will give their spring concert today at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are available at the door. They are \$5 for students and \$7 for other guests.

The annual Blue/Gold game will start Saturday at 1:35 p.m. in Notre Dame Stadium.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play against West Virginia Saturday at 3:05 p.m. in Frank Eck Stadium.

Africa Night, an evening of musical performances, storytelling and dancing celebrating the people and cultures of Africa, will take place Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office.

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

OFFBEAT

School to have Port-A-Potty prom

MAGNOLIA, Ark. — Plumbing problems at an armory that will host the Magnolia High School prom Saturday night has prompted organizers to arrange for portable toilets outside.

The National Guard is debating whether to repair or replace sewer lines leading from the armory at Southern Arkansas University. The high school was notified about the problem last week and decided to leave the prom at the armory, which has air conditioning and adequate parking.

Prom coordinator

Whitney Whitelaw said students have reacted well, remarking that they would be sure to pose for photographs in front of the portable toilets for their scrapbooks.

School district spokesman Scott Nipper said "deluxe" portable toilets would be available, along with a hand-washing station. Also, golf carts will be standing by to take students to another campus building to use restrooms there, if desired.

Dad makes son wear sign for using drugs

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A father says he wasn't trying to shame his 14-year-old

son when he made the boy wear a large sandwich-board sign saying, "I abused and sold drugs."

"I'm not out here doing this to humiliate my son," the father told WATE-TV as the teenager walked up and down the sidewalk Wednesday in front of Cedar Bluff Middle School.

"I'm doing this because I love him," he said. "We do have an extreme drug problem in America, and maybe it's time for extreme measures that parents need to take to monitor this problem that we have."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 60 LOW 44	HIGH 42 LOW 38	HIGH 70 LOW 50	HIGH 77 LOW 55	HIGH 67 LOW 55	HIGH 65 LOW 55

Atlanta 72 / 48 Boston 55 / 38 Chicago 61 / 37 Denver 69 / 34 Houston 80 / 61 Los Angeles 63 / 54 Minneapolis 66 / 45 New York 62 / 41 Philadelphia 63 / 42 Phoenix 85 / 56 Seattle 58 / 39 St. Louis 70 / 45 Tampa 79 / 59 Washington 64 / 40

SMC hosts annual dance marathon for hospital

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

With their comfortable shoes in tow, students will crowd into Saint Mary's Angela Athletic Facility tonight to raise money for Riley Hospital for Children in the College's second annual dance marathon.

Close to 270 Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross students have already registered to participate in the marathon, which begins at 6 p.m. and runs until 6 a.m. Saturday, Dance Marathon co-presidents Francesca Johnson and Pauline Kistka said.

"There are a lot of critically ill children in South Bend that go to Riley's," Johnson said. "We wanted to bring something here to benefit the Hospital, and make it a tri-campus event."

Last year, Saint Mary's raised \$21,047.42 during its first ever marathon.

"It was more than double any college for the first year of a marathon," fundraising chair Sarah Voss said.

Not only did the marathon raise the most money for a new dance marathon in Indiana, but it was also recognized last July at the Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon Leadership Conference 2006 as the Best New Dance Marathon.

Organizers have held multiple fundraisers throughout the course of the school year to benefit the marathon, including selling sweat-shirts and holding a Battle of the

Bands in December.

The main fundraising initiative, however, is a letter-writing campaign. Each registered dancer provides addresses of family and friends back home to which organizers sent letters asking for donations to the hospital. The amount raised will be revealed at the end of the event Saturday morning.

"We chose for it to be a surprise," Voss said.

The organizers aim to beat their goal and raise as much money as they can for the hospital, Johnson said.

Participants, who paid \$12 to enter, are not allowed to sit down, Johnson said, and must remain on the premise the entire 12 hours.

Entertainment will include performances by The Undertones, the Notre Dame Swing Club, Troop ND, Katius, Becca Schiappa and Harper's Valley. There will also be a Morale Dance that will be taught to participants in stages throughout the night, and the event will culminate in completing the dance.

More than 50 families personally involved in Riley Hospital will be attending the event and telling their stories throughout the night.

Registration starts at 5 p.m. and anyone can register at the door.

"We hope to have at least 300 dancers," Johnson said. "Our slogan is, 'We dance because we can. We stand for those who can't.'"

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Fans flock to Blue-Gold

By KATIE PERALTA
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Saturday afternoon will have the feel of a typical fall football weekend at Notre Dame, complete with the fans, the concession stands, the cheers and the Fight Song.

But as added bonuses, Saturday is expected to bring beautiful spring weather along with legendary Notre Dame coaches Lou Holtz and Ara Parseghian, in town for the annual Blue-Gold spring football game.

The game squares members of the team against each other in a bout that will give fans a taste of what to expect for next year and who to watch out for. The game has a running clock of four 15-minute quarters.

After a coin toss Wednesday, starting positions were conferred to early-entry freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen and rising sophomore Zach Frazer. Frazer's classmate Demetrius Jones and rising junior Evan Sharpley lost

their tosses for the Blue and Gold teams, respectively. The four are competing to replace former Irish stand-out Brady Quinn, who is preparing for the NFL Draft, which starts April 28. Clausen, Frazer, Jones and Sharpley will alternate series.

Freshman Jessie Jenkins plans to attend and is excited because it will be her first Blue-Gold Game.

"The dynamic is just going to be so different without Quinn, so I'll be interested to see who wins out," said Jenkins, who added that she

will miss former safety Chinedum Ndukwe and Quinn.

Junior Andy Ostrowski, who has attended Blue-Gold game each of the last two seasons, is looking forward to watching some of the new quarterbacks play.

"With Brady Quinn gone, it will be interesting to see where the spotlight will shine," Ostrowski said. "I think that Jimmy Clausen will do well. I don't expect him to let us down."

Freshman Jackie Mirandola Mullen, who hails

from the same town in Georgia as former running back Darius Walker, shares Ostrowski's enthusiasm. Since this is her first Blue-Gold game, she is excited to see all of the new players after the departure of Walker and last season's seniors.

"I think that [running back] James Aldridge will do well next year. I am also excited to see [cornerback] Munir Prince as well as the new quarterbacks," she said.

The Notre Dame ticket office expects a record high of ticket sales for this year's game.

Ticket prices are \$12 and \$10 for adults and children, respectively, if bought in advance. On game day, the prices go up to \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are admitted for free with a valid ID and are to enter through Gate E. The game begins at 1:30 p.m.

Holtz, head coach at Notre Dame from 1986 until 1996, will be the honorary head coach for the Gold team. Ara Parseghian, head coach from 1964 until 1974, will be the honorary head coach for the Blue team. He was recently inducted into the AT&T Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame.

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**Andy Ostrowski
Junior**

The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

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UCC

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accounts from classmates of the disturbed student and the intense coverage of the incident have reinforced the crucial role counseling facilities play for many college students.

At Notre Dame, the University Counseling Center (UCC) has a wide variety of options for students who "face any problem or concern that may require professional assistance," according to the UCC's brochure.

In the 2005-06 school year, the UCC saw approximately 950 students for individual counseling, said Susan Steibe-Pasalich, the UCC director and assistant professor in the psychology department. Of those students, 14 percent were freshmen, 21 percent sophomores, 19 percent juniors, 21 percent seniors and 21 percent graduate students, Steibe-Pasalich said. Three percent did not report their academic year.

The UCC has 12 psychologists, eight employees under supervision who either are working toward or have received a Master's degree, one consulting psychiatrist and one consulting nutritionist.

"We do think we have very qualified people here. We have licensed psychologists who are experts in college student development," Steibe-Pasalich said.

Although data on whether students visited these staff members as a result of the Virginia Tech shootings is not available, the UCC has added a link to its Web site for students, faculty and staff to give tips for managing distress in the aftermath of the shootings.

In University President Father John Jenkins' e-mail to students Thursday, he encouraged students, faculty and staff members with a

need to discuss the shootings to contact the UCC.

Reasons for visits

While Notre Dame students may visit the UCC for a variety of reasons, 47 percent of students seen last year reported depression, according to Steibe-Pasalich. Twenty-seven percent of students reported anxiety.

"They really are our top two issues," she said.

The UCC asks counselors to report what issues they "work on" with students. Steibe-Pasalich said that 53 percent reported that they worked with students to deal with "interpersonal concerns," which could include relationships with family members, peers, classmates, roommates, or boyfriends and girlfriends.

"I think it's really just not feeling good — feeling down, feeling depressed, feeling anxious — that brings students in, and the reasons for that could be all over the board," she said.

Last year, 19 percent of students who visited the UCC reported academic adjustment as an issue.

While Notre Dame strives to maintain a Catholic identity, something the UCC must take into account, Steibe-Pasalich said students are not counseled in a particular religious direction.

"We certainly are sensitive to a Catholic student body in that they are unique and it behooves us to pay attention to how that uniqueness manifests itself," she said.

And with some students not used to the grey skies of a South Bend winter, seasonal affective disorder seems to impact "students who come from warm and sunny climates," Steibe-Pasalich said. The UCC, which sees slightly more females than males, has a light box to help with this in its Inner Resources Room.

Rules and regulations

Whether for faculty, undergraduate students or graduate students, the UCC upholds the same confidentiality policy.

"Legally, because we are staffed by licensed psychologists, we do, by law, have to maintain students' confidentiality," she said. "Exceptions to that are if a student is suicidal or homicidal. We might need to alert somebody to that fact in order that the student and others are kept safe."

The Virginia Tech slayings have caused many to ask whether or not university counseling centers have the authority to force students to seek counseling.

At Notre Dame's UCC, it is not possible to make a student go to counseling, Steibe-Pasalich said. DuLac, however, does give faculty or Hall Staff permission to mandate an assessment.

"A rector may say [to a student] 'I want you to present yourself to a counselor for psychological assessment in order for you to stay in the hall,'" she said.

When an assessment is mandated, Steibe-Pasalich said, the UCC can make recommendations for that student, and the student will usually have the UCC let his or her rector know that the student visited.

However, if an assessment indicates that a student may be in or cause harm, the UCC has the authority to hospitalize the student.

Ultimately, students who want to want to make psychological changes must want to receive help.

"The student has to want help, to be motivated," Steibe-Pasalich said.

Off-site referrals from the UCC are not too common and are handled carefully.

"We don't refer out many students," Steibe-Pasalich said. "We are careful when we refer out. We document that. We usually see the stu-

dent until [he or she] has connected with someone else, unless if medication is the only issue."

Reasons a student may be referred off site include the need for medication, if a student is in so much distress he needs more than once-a-week counseling or if a student wishes to receive long term counseling with the same counselor, which can conflict with the UCC's brief therapy model.

"We would like to see a student decrease their need for counseling," Steibe-Pasalich said, adding that the UCC has an ethical obligation to refer students who do not seem to be "getting better" elsewhere. The UCC may also suggest that students who do not comply with treatment recommendations seek help elsewhere.

The beginning of help

The recently renovated UCC — located on the third floor of Saint Liam Hall — includes group and individual counseling rooms, a conference room and a library. The Inner Resource Room, which was the gift of the Class of 2004, includes a massage chair, biofeedback technology and software games to help control breathing and increase relaxation. White noise machines in the halls keep counseling private and confidential. There are also rooms in which students can fill out intake paperwork.

This intake paperwork — filled out on a student's first visit to the UCC — helps see what a student's issue is, Steibe-Pasalich said. It also helps the UCC gather statistics and demographics to "determine who we're not meeting enough with" and to help the UCC tailor services to specific groups of students when necessary.

Once a student has completed intake forms, the UCC's Disposition Team — a group of staff members

that meets twice a week — discusses a student's case to determine whether the UCC is the best place for the student to receive help, Steibe-Pasalich said.

Along with regular scheduled counseling appointments, the UCC offers options for students in emergency situations.

"We have a walk-in emergency service. If a student or someone concerned for a student can't wait to come in [for a scheduled appointment]," she said. "[We have] a 24/7 emergency call system. One of us is always available to help a student in distress. ... Our availability is paramount, I think."

Counselors are available by the call system to answer phone calls from students or anybody who may be concerned about a student.

Students who are in distress themselves, have concerns about another distressed student, or are wondering what to do in the event that another student displays violent tendencies are encouraged to call 631-7336 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and request to speak with a "warm line" counselor.

Along with individual and emergency counseling services, the UCC offers group counseling and outreach programs. UCC groups deal with issues such as obsessive-compulsive disorder, depression, stress, alcohol, food and body image, personal growth and relaxation. There is also a group for graduate students.

In addition to helping students, the counseling center also advises faculty and staff on dealing with students.

"We're also consultants to faculty and staff who need advice on handling a distressed student," Steibe-Pasalich said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suicide bomb rips Baghdad

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber slipped past security barriers to kill 12 people Thursday, the latest in a wave of attacks that have shown the resilience of insurgents in the face of a U.S.-led crackdown on major violence in Iraq's capital.

The attack in a mostly Shiite district showed yet again the ability of insurgents to penetrate Baghdad's heavy security presence, a day after more than 230 people died in the worst spasm of mass killings since President Bush announced his plan in January to increase American troop levels in Iraq by 30,000.

Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, said an "open battle" was being waged for control of his nation.

Child soldiers rampant in Congo

DAKAR, Senegal — Congo's new government has failed to stop the use of child soldiers — merging forces of former warlords into the regular army without weeding out hundreds of underage fighters, an international human rights group said Thursday.

New York-based Human Rights Watch said 300 to 500 children, some as young as 13, are serving in newly combined army brigades in remote North Kivu province. The group said the figures came from local and international child protection workers.

"The head of the army has given the order that child soldiers need to be demobilized and taken out of the ranks, but despite the order, nothing is happening," said Anneke Van Woudenberg, a London-based Congo researcher with Human Rights Watch.

NATIONAL NEWS

Record vaccine doses to be produced

ATLANTA — Flu vaccine manufacturers expect to have a record 132 million doses ready for the 2007-2008 flu season, and even more could be available if a fifth company joins their ranks, officials said Thursday.

CSL Biotherapies, an Australian company, applied last month for federal approval to sell its flu vaccine in the United States this fall.

Government health officials have been expanding their flu shot recommendations to cover more age groups, and they now say that more than 200 million Americans should get vaccinated each year. But setbacks in recent years — including vaccine delays and shortages — have left doctors and patients soured and confused.

Influenza kills an estimated 36,000 Americans each year, and hospitalizes another 200,000, according to the CDC.

Preacher's wife convicted

SELMER, Tenn. — A preacher's wife who claimed her husband abused her was convicted Thursday of voluntary manslaughter for shooting him.

Mary Winkler, 33, showed no emotion as the verdict was read.

Prosecutors had asked that Winkler be convicted of first-degree murder, but the jury settled on the lesser charge after deliberating for eight hours. She faces three to six years in prison.

Winkler had told jurors that her husband, Matthew, abused her physically and sexually, but she said the shotgun went off accidentally as she pointed it at him.

The prosecution said it was ludicrous to suggest the shooting was an accident.

LOCAL NEWS

State bill allows slots at tracks

INDIANAPOLIS — The House and Senate have both approved plans to put slot machines at Indiana horse racing tracks, but on Thursday it seemed lawmakers have a pretty large gap to close between the two proposals before a compromise bill can be reached.

The House and Senate versions of the proposal include many differences — including the amount of upfront fees required, the number of slot machines permitted and the taxing structures. The versions would also use the state's share of the money for different uses.

"We've got some significant work to do on this," said Rep. Trent Van Haaften, D-Mount Vernon. "We need to find the right price and the right structure."

IRAQ

Gates says Iraq's 'clock is ticking'

Defense secretary tells leaders that American commitment isn't open-ended

Associated Press

FALLUJAH — U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates landed in Baghdad on Thursday to deliver a sharp message to Iraqi political leaders: The U.S. military's commitment to the war is not open-ended.

"The clock is ticking," Gates told reporters, saying he will warn Iraqi officials that they must move faster on political reconciliation. "I know it's difficult, and clearly the attack on the council of representatives has made people nervous, but I think that it's very important that they bend every effort to getting this legislation done as quickly as possible."

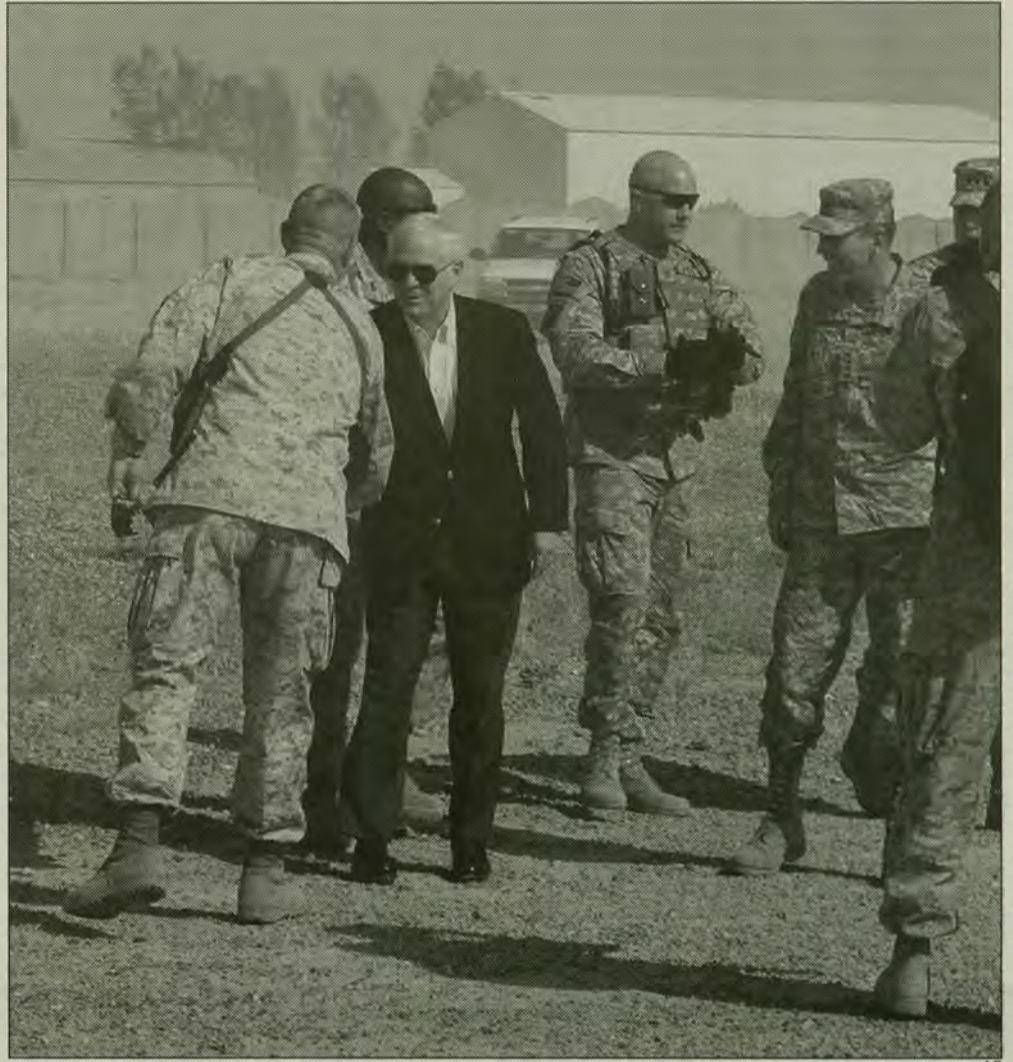
A suicide bomber infiltrated the parliament building in the heavily fortified Green Zone a week ago, delivering a major blow to the U.S.-led effort to pacify the capital's streets.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki called the violence in Baghdad an "open battle."

Gates, traveling to Iraq for the third time in four months, took a decidedly stronger tone this time, reflecting U.S. frustration and the political tumult in Washington where President Bush and Congress are deadlocked over whether to set an end date for the war.

The defense secretary stressed again, however, that the debate has been helpful in letting the Iraqis know that American patience with the war is ebbing. Democrats have seized on those remarks to bolster their arguments that there must be a deadline for the Pentagon to begin withdrawing troops from Iraq.

The last time a U.S. defense secretary visited Fallujah — which until late 2004 was a key stronghold of the Sunni insurgency — it was Donald H. Rumsfeld, who stopped here in December 2005 to announce a plan to begin reducing



U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates is greeted by top military commanders at Camp Fallujah Thursday after visiting Baghdad to speak to Iraqi political leaders.

U.S. troops. Small reductions were made, but shortly afterward troop levels began climbing again. In February 2006 the spectacular bombing of a mosque in Samarra, north of Baghdad, set off a wave of sectarian retribution and a surge of civilian deaths that scuttled U.S. plans to pull out more troops.

Meantime, Gates said the Iraqis must, as quickly as possible, push through legislation on political reconciliation and the sharing of oil revenues among the Sunni, Shiites and Kurds.

"It's not that these laws are going to change the situation immediately, but I think ... the ability to get them done communicates a

willingness to work together," he said.

Those efforts, Gates said, would, in turn, create an environment in which violence could be reduced. But he acknowledged, "I'm sympathetic with some of the challenges that they face."

Shortly after landing in Baghdad, Gates boarded a helicopter to Camp Fallujah, about 35 miles west of the capital city. There, he met with top military commanders, including Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Peter Pace, and the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Army Gen. David Petraeus.

There commanders agreed that the recent uptick in violence is troublesome, occurring just as they

were starting to see some improvements.

Gates' visit comes on the heels of Iraq's bloodiest day since the U.S. troop buildup ordered by Bush began nine weeks ago. On Wednesday, four bomb blasts killed 230 people.

"Yesterday was a bad day, there's no two ways about it," said Petraeus. "And a day like that can have a real psychological impact, and it came at a time where frankly ... (we) felt like we were getting a bit of traction."

Petraeus added that while the changes are almost imperceptible at times, there had been slow progress both in Anbar and with the Baghdad security plan.

Gonzales struggles to sway skeptics

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales confronted a fresh Republican call for his resignation Thursday as he struggled to survive a withering, bipartisan Senate attack on his credibility in the case of eight fired prosecutors.

"The best way to put this behind us is your resignation," Sen. Tom Coburn bluntly told Gonzales — one GOP conservative to another — at a daylong Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

Gonzales disagreed and told the Oklahoma senator he didn't know that his departure would put the con-

trovery to rest. "I am committed to working with you in trying to restore the faith and confidence you need to work with me," he said.

The exchange punctuated a long day in the witness chair for the attorney general, who doggedly advanced a careful, lawyerly defense of the dismissals of the federal prosecutors. He readily admitted mistakes, yet told lawmakers he had "never sought to deceive them," and added he would make the same firings decision again.

"At the end of the day I know I did not do anything improper," he said.

Gonzales sat alone at the witness table in a crowded room for the widely anticipated hearing. There

was no doubt about the stakes for a member of President Bush's inner circle, and support from fellow Republicans was critical to his attempt to hold his job.

"The moment I believe I can no longer be effective I will resign as attorney general," Gonzales said after making it clear he did not believe it had come to that.

The hearing was drawing to a close on Capitol Hill when Bush spokesman Tony Fratto told reporters at the White House, "The attorney general has the confidence of the president. ... The attorney general acted to replace the U.S. attorneys and there was nothing improper."

Shirt

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how unique it is, and the power it contains."

This year's designer, sophomore Andrew Parnell, said he wanted to create a shirt that expressed exactly what Notre Dame football fans feel every fall.

Lenoir thinks Parnell succeeded.

"The Shirt is a unifying factor of Notre Dame fans," Lenoir said. "It brings everyone together: the students, alumni, fans and the football team. It is something special that has become a part of the Notre Dame football tradition."

Although the design started as a

very rough draft, after multiple revisions and some insight from the committee, a great finished product resulted, Lenoir said.

Parnell agreed.

"When you see The Shirt, you think, 'Now that is what Notre Dame football is all about,'" Parnell said.

Although specifics regarding the look of The Shirt could not be revealed earlier this week, Parnell said students "can expect a comfortable fitting quality made shirt."

Many students are interested in seeing how this year's shirt will stack up against its predecessor, The Shirt 2006. Last year's record-breaking campaign sold more than 150,000 units.

"Last year's shirt was a huge

success," junior Mike Youngmark said. "It will be interesting to see if this year's shirt can meet the high expectations we have from last year."

But Lenoir said the committee "didn't feel any added pressure this year."

"The beauty of The Shirt project is that it is a fresh start every year. We understood that last year was successful, but this is this year," he said.

Although the committee did not look to old shirts for design inspiration, it did use shirts from the past in its promotional campaign. Posters across campus feature students wearing past designs of The Shirt.

"In our campaign, we wanted to show everyone how far The Shirt

has come over 18 years," Parnell said. "Our posters feature a collection of past shirts, from the navy blue 2006 'Tradition' shirt way back to the original kelly green 1990 shirt."

At the unveiling, the committee hopes to have all of the past shirts on display to show how far the project has come, Lenoir said.

Also at the unveiling will be a Johnsonville brat truck with the world's largest grill, measuring 64 feet long. The grill will be supplying 2,000 free brats to those in attendance. There will also be inflatables and a bike give-a-way at the event.

Scheduled to appear at the unveiling are Alumni Association President Chuck Lennon, the Glee Club, the marching band, the pom

squad, cheerleaders and Matt Phipps, Notre Dame's new leprechaun.

Festivities kick off at 5 p.m., with the official unveiling starting an hour later. The committee moved this year's release to the evening to accommodate the schedules of the students and community, Lenoir said.

The Shirt will again sell for \$15, but today only, students presenting their ID can purchase The Shirt at a discounted price of \$11.

Proceeds from The Shirt go to student organizations and are donated to charity. During its 18 years, the project has raised over \$4 million.

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Pulitzer

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the kids survived."

Finch credited the entire staff of The Oregonian with the award and said it was "cool to be part of such a team effort."

"I'm proud of the work we did and effort it took to do that," Finch said. "This wasn't an individual award — it was the entire newspaper's award — because 100 people touched these stories in one way, shape or form."

But the award is bittersweet, Finch said, the story was so tragic.

"You're celebrating something that wouldn't have been a story if this guy hadn't died," Finch said, "It's a hard thing to accept."

Finch worked as a photographer for The Observer when he was an undergraduate and covered Notre Dame's football game against Navy

in Ireland in 1996. He credited Notre Dame with providing him with "many opportunities" and inspiring him with a sense of "newness and creativity."

The other three recent Notre Dame Pulitzer winners are also former Observer staffers. 1995 graduate and Saint Paul Pioneer Press reporter George Dorhmann won the 2000 beat reporting award for a series on academic fraud within the University of Minnesota's men's basketball program, and 1994 graduate David Kinney was a member of the Newark Star-Ledger's Pulitzer-winning staff in 2005. The staff won for its coverage of the resignation of New Jersey governor James McGreevey after he admitted to appointing his extramarital male lover to a state security leadership post.

Former Observer Editor in Chief Michelle Krupa was part of last year's Pulitzer-winning New

Orleans Times Picayune staff, which received the award for its coverage of Hurricane Katrina. The Pulitzer Board awarded the 2006 breaking news reporting prize to the Times-Picayune staff for its aggressive coverage of the disaster, and the paper won a second Pulitzer for public service for its multi-faceted coverage of the hurricane and its aftermath.

Krupa served as editor in chief of The Observer during the 1999-2000 academic year.

At least two other Notre Dame alumni have won individual Pulitzers, Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown told The Observer last spring. 1939 graduate Edwin O'Connor won for fiction ("The Last Hurrah") in 1962, and 1927 graduate and sports columnist Red Smith won in 1976.

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part of it," she said.

Scott was also pleased that the Day of Silence could be brought to campus. She said the day is observed around the country at other universities, high schools and even middle schools.

For freshman Patrick Bears, remaining silent all day "was the hardest thing in my life."

"I hope what I did will help the awareness of LGBT issues that are faced by people at this and other universities," he said.

Scott said she felt the Holocaust Memorial display on South Quad was particularly successful and had "the most reach in terms of all the events we did."

"Just even walking by the few times that I did, it seemed that

people took notice of it. I think that had a big impact," she said.

To make an even bigger splash next year, Scott said she hopes to see "more interactive events," like the Day of Silence, so more students can participate.

"While I'm happy with the amount of people who did partake in the Day of Silence, I would love to see many more people participate," said Scott, who hopes the day will become a "significant campus-wide event."

The week was put on by the Core Council for Lesbian and Gay Students, the sociology and history departments, student government, Jewish Club of Notre Dame, Progressive Student Alliance, Feminist Voice, Graduate Student Union, the Gender Relations Center and the University Counseling Center.

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IN BRIEF

Newspapers face rocky quarter

CHICAGO — Media companies announced lackluster earnings during their latest quarter as declining revenue, profit and circulation figures dealt the newspaper industry its latest financial blow.

Gannett Co., Tribune Co., New York Times Co. and Media General Inc. all reported lower earnings Thursday, as classified advertising dwindled and overall online revenue growth began to slow, analysts said.

At Chicago-based Tribune, interactive revenue grew 17 percent to \$60 million. That segment grew 30 percent during the first quarter in 2006.

"The big problem and the big red flag for newspaper companies is that the slowing in online revenue growth means that their ability to make up that print loss is eroding very quickly," said Ken Doctor, a media analyst for Outsell, Inc.

Newspaper publishers have been struggling for years as readers turn to the Internet for their news and advertisers — particularly classified advertisers — follow them. That trend has continued. During the latest quarter, classified revenue at Tribune and Media General fell 14 percent, while dipping nearly 12 percent at New York Times and 3 percent for Gannett.

Michael Simonton, newspaper analyst at the credit ratings service Fitch Ratings Inc. said an 8 percent drop in print ad revenue at Gannett's flagship USA Today was a cause for concern.

Wall street finishes on flat note

NEW YORK — Wall Street closed essentially flat Thursday after struggling to resume a modest upward trend while investors juggled upbeat economic data, divergent earnings reports and a pullback in Chinese stocks. The Dow Jones industrials edged higher to a record close for the second straight day.

While a mix of profit reports pushed and tugged at stocks Thursday, investors also watched markets abroad, where stocks fell following word that economic growth in China's first quarter jumped a higher-than-expected 11.1 percent and inflation increased at the fastest pace in more than two years.

Google's first-quarter profit rises

Company's three-month earnings increase 69 percent, exceeding analyst estimates

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc.'s first-quarter profit rose 69 percent, maintaining the online search leader's penchant for obliterating analyst estimates.

The stellar results released Thursday left little doubt that Google has widened its lead over its closest rival in Internet search and advertising, Yahoo Inc., whose first-quarter earnings eroded.

Google detailed its sparkling performance on the same day that several major U.S. newspaper companies announced another quarter of financial decay, underscoring an advertising shift that is enriching Internet upstarts at the expense of traditional media outlets struggling to adapt to a new order.

Born less than decade ago, Google now reigns as the most profitable — and probably most powerful — force on the Web.

In the latest demonstration of its clout, Google earned \$1 billion, or \$3.18 cents per share, during the first three months of the year. That compared with net income of \$592.3 million, or \$1.95 per share, in the same period last year. It was also the second consecutive quarter in which Google earned \$1 billion — nearly as much money as the nation's largest newspaper publisher, Gannett Co., made all of last year.

If not for expenses incurred for employee stock compensation, Google would have earned \$3.68 per share. That figure topped the average estimate of \$3.30 per share among analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial.

Quarterly revenue reached a new company high of \$3.66 billion, a 63 percent increase from \$2.25 billion a year earlier.

After subtracting advertising commissions and other



Japanese students pose for pictures outside Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., Thursday. Google announced a 69 percent increase in first-quarter profits.

payments to its partners, Google's revenue totaled \$2.53 billion. That amount was about \$40 million above analyst estimates.

"We are ecstatic about our financial results this past quarter," Google Chief Executive Officer Eric Schmidt crowed in a Thursday conference call with analysts. Schmidt, Google's CEO for nearly six years, also will become chairman of the board in a promotion announced Thursday.

Pleasant earnings surprises have become routine for Google, which has succeeded in beating analyst estimates

in all but one of 11 quarters since its ballyhooed initial public offering of stock in August 2004.

That track record had helped elevate Google's market value to nearly \$150 billion, even before the stock price surged \$12.55, or 2.7 percent, in Thursday's extended trading. Google shares fell \$4.36 to close at \$471.65, in regular trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market before the report was released.

It has become more difficult for Google to impress Wall Street because its stock is scaling lofty heights and investors have become

accustomed to the company's eye-popping earnings growth, said Global Crown Capital analyst Martin Pyykkonen. "The stock isn't going to double or triple like a few years ago, but it's still a good growth stock to have in your portfolio," he said.

As usual, Google's financial firepower flowed from its search engine. That ubiquitous tool has become the hub of the Internet's largest marketing network and appears to be getting even better at identifying the right ads to display with its search results, which in turn helps elicit more revenue-generating clicks.

Wolfowitz fights to keep his position

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fighting to keep his job, World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz is offering to make management changes at the institution, officials close to the situation said Thursday.

The overture — which came during a meeting of bank vice presidents on Wednesday — was made as Wolfowitz is facing mounting calls for his resignation. The controversy is over Wolfowitz's role in arranging a high-paying job for Shaha Riza, a bank employee who he has dated.

The World Bank's 24-member board is expected to meet behind closed doors on Thursday to discuss the matter. It is not clear what action, if any, the board might take. Wolfowitz has said he made a mistake and has apol-

ogized.

At Wednesday's meeting, Wolfowitz stated anew that he did not intend to step down, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not permitted to speak on behalf of the bank. They said Wolfowitz spoke in general terms for the need to improve the bank's management, including that of his inner office, and to soften his management style. He also invited recommendations.

The United States — the bank's largest shareholder — has been standing by Wolfowitz. "As we've said before, the president has confidence in Paul Wolfowitz," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said Thursday in a fresh statement of support. She also said it is appropriate to let the board's review process take place.

Although they have not said so publicly, some European governments would like to see Wolfowitz go but do not want to provoke a fight with the United States over the issue.

Under an informal agreement, the United States names the head of the World Bank and the Europeans chose the leader of its sister institution, the International Monetary Fund. The controversy over Wolfowitz could bring this informal arrangement into question if he resigns or is fired.

Documents released last week showed that Wolfowitz had a direct hand in securing a State Department job for Riza in September 2005 that pays her \$193,590. Before the transfer, Riza was earning close to \$133,000 as a communications adviser in the bank's Middle East department.

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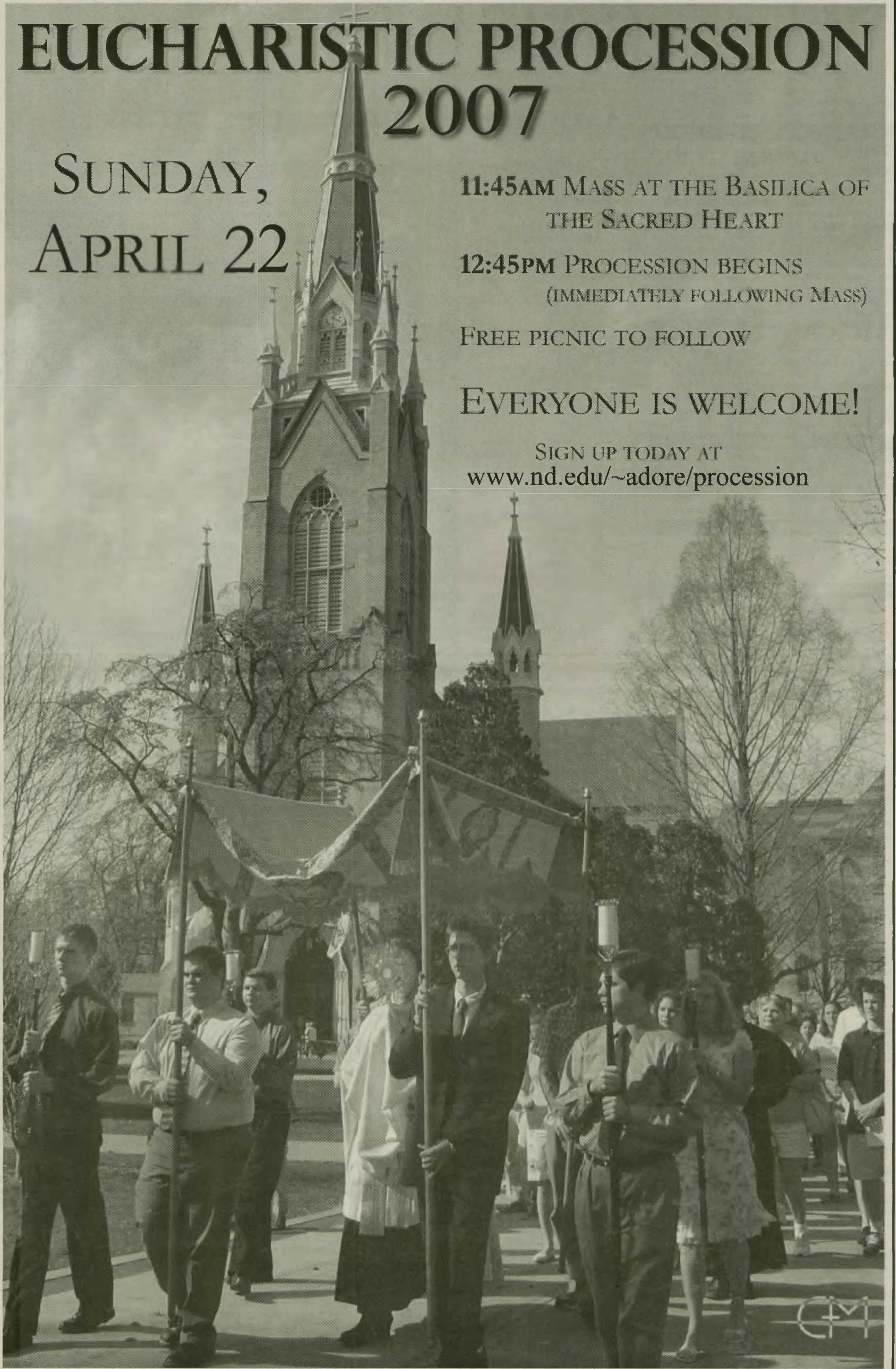
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Jenkins said Notre Dame has procedures in place to respond to natural emergencies as well as acts of violence. The University continues to search for the best ways to communicate with students in the event of a campus crisis.

Jenkins noted the Office of Information Technology's pilot program to send text messages to all students who provide their cell phone numbers.

University spokesman Don Wycliff said Thursday that Jenkins' letter did not go into more detail about specific

response procedures as a safety precaution, so that security details of the plan would not be compromised.

"There had been a sense all during the week that at some point it would be appropriate to address the issues," Wycliff said. "Today seemed appropriate."

Jenkins reaffirmed the University's desire to have the service fully operational by fall and said officials would encourage students to participate in "this important and innovative communications initiative."

The question of communication is only heightened by the University's decision in 2006 to de-standardize land telephone lines in dorm rooms.

In an interview with The Observer at the beginning of the school year, Director of Integrated Communications Services at OIT Steven Ellis said only 60 students initially paid a \$161 fee to have the dorm phones in their room. Every resident assistant, however, does have a landline, provided free.

In the e-mail, Jenkins expressed confidence that Notre Dame Security/Police's (NDSP) 28 police officers and 35 additional security personnel could adequately handle

"Please know that safety is of paramount importance to all of us at Notre Dame."

Father John Jenkins
University president

major incidents on campus and work with other local emergency responders to control a crisis scene.

"These men and women receive regular training to address a wide variety of emergency situations, and the department maintains a productive and close relationship with all public safety agencies in the area," Jenkins said.

For emergency situations, Jenkins said, the University maintains 48 call boxes throughout campus and keeps

telephones in the public areas of each residence hall.

Jenkins did not detail a specific plan of action for NDSP in the event of a major campus incident and did not say what University officials have the authority to declare a lock-down on portions campus or specific buildings.

"Please know that safety is of paramount importance to all of us at Notre Dame," Jenkins said. "While we believe we are ready to respond to a myriad of circumstances, the tragedy at Virginia Tech will spur even greater review and preparedness."

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tant lesson came not in the classroom, but through his daily interactions with Ugandans.

"The people [in Uganda] aren't looking for you to save them," he said. "They want you to share in their struggle, to know, and to care."

Reidy, a political science major, was at first slated to teach social studies, but wound up teaching religion, math, physical education and science.

For Reidy — who said he "didn't know anything about Ugandan history" — crossing ethnic, cultural and linguistic barriers in the classroom was not easy, despite a state-man-

dated, standardized curriculum.

"It was hard to communicate," he said. "I can't speak their language and they can't speak English well — imagine teaching a religion class to kids in middle school and trying to answer, 'How can I believe in God if I can't see him?'"

Despite this, Reidy said the experience of teaching was tremendously rewarding.

"In an eight-week program you either find a way to swim or you drown," he said.

Reidy, like the Sorin students who visited Uganda before him, engaged in fundraising for St. Jude when he returned to the U.S. — something he was not obligated to do.

A problem he faced was the enormous cost of expanding the school to parents and

administrators in Uganda.

"Ten thousand dollars is an impossible amount ... when a sweet roll and a bottle of Coke costs a family its weekly income, maybe more," he said.

Back in the U.S., the Sorin students have been successful in their fundraising. The dorm recently surpassed \$75,000 in funds raised for St. Jude and in support of future summer placements.

Reidy and senior Michael Dewan have both won awards for their work in Uganda with Sorin College. Reidy was recently recognized with the prestigious Lou Holtz Leadership Scholarship for outstanding campus leadership, and Dewan was awarded the senior award for Outstanding Service. Dewan was also a panelist in Notre Dame's academic forum on

health, where he spoke about his experiences with AIDS in Uganda.

Sorin College's involvement with Uganda began after rector Father Jim King attended a presentation given by Brother John Bailanda, then Director of Development for the Congregation of Holy Cross in East Africa.

"There were lots of pictures of kids who obviously needed help and I realized that this is the sort of thing that college students would like to help with," King said.

King offered to raise money for Holy Cross' projects. Bailanda suggested the proceeds be used for St. Jude School, since it was particularly in need.

King began to take up a collection at dorm Masses on football weekends, but then began

to see that the dorm could do something more to help.

"I got students interested by posting pictures of the kids in Uganda and I realized that we could probably get a grant to start a summer placement for a Sorin resident in Uganda," King said.

After students returned from Uganda, their experiences "motivated others to engage in service" both in the local community and abroad, King said.

"Our students, coming into contact with the Ugandan people have enriched their lives — the best part for me is seeing how student's lives have been transformed by their desire to go back [to Uganda] and do good and make a difference," King said.

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Security with transparency

There are still plenty of questions surrounding what happened Monday at Virginia Tech.

But one thing that isn't up for discussion is that Notre Dame should have a plan in case the unthinkable happens here.

Which is why University President Father John Jenkins' e-mail Thursday discussing emergency plans was a welcome — and much needed — announcement for students, faculty and, maybe most of all, parents.

That message didn't come, however, until days after the shooting — days of wondering and worrying and wanting to know what Notre Dame would do.

Earlier this week, members of the administration and Notre Dame Security/Police were unwilling to comment on the University's preparedness for such an emergency, leaving students questioning if the plan was fully developed.

But now, Jenkins has reassured the community through

an e-mail that, while somewhat vague, promises the University will work to further prepare for anything that may come along.

It's understandable that Notre Dame would need time to work out certain details before making a plan public. Still, when information of this nature isn't being released, it's important to tell people why, instead of generating anxious speculation that no plan exists.

Hopefully, Notre Dame's plan will eventually include the text-message initiative, one of the few specifics Jenkins included in his e-mail. If implemented, the procedure would go a long way to helping Notre Dame not repeat the delay in warning students that happened in Blacksburg.

While other details of the plan will likely always be kept secret, it's necessary to be open about all procedures and safety measures that do not compromise security — and open in telling students when information isn't released due to security concerns.

The Observer Editorial

Well wishes for the Class of '007

Rarely does a year's numerical arrangement offer a cute correlation to an icon like the parallel this year between the Class of '007 with the fictional international spy James Bond. But this week is not a cute one with the massacre at Virginia Tech. Neither is this a charming year with the carnage that defies understanding of both young Americans and Iraqis in the Middle East. The feel of our time is reminiscent of my second semester of freshman year when four students were murdered at Kent State.

It may seem whimsically befitting that at this time of international strife and uncertainty, this year's seniors can be branded with the James Bond code name of "007." Yet it is evident that for the near future, the years ahead will be filled with learning experiences in hope of healing an unsettled world. Life at times is cruel, shocking and unforgiving. Ask the families of sons and daughters lost on the Virginia Tech campus. Ask the maimed servicemen and servicewomen who return from Iraq each day with the scars and nightmares of war.

Within a month, the Notre Dame senior class will march onward to many personal and individual victories. Graduates will disperse in every direction like the high-flying seeds of a mature dandelion scattering on a windy day. Their choices in life can be motivated by either fear or love. All of us must decide if we are motivated by fear so that we are reactive, or if we are motivated by love so that we reach out to others in a proactive way. Tragically, many of us never know that

we have a choice.

Notre Dame teaches its graduates to know better, to be better and to act better — not in a self-righteous way, but in service to others. The bonds of love felt at Virginia Tech in light of this week's tragedy are the bonds Notre Dame slowly, subtly instills in its graduates throughout their four-year journey. Many times, though, graduates who believe in absolute certainties diminish their ability for tolerance, open-mindedness and acceptance. However, sometimes the greater forces of the universe change individuals through an abrupt tragedy or death.

This column regularly recalls Notre Dame's so-called "angels," the great friends and teachers who change or mold a student's outlook. In my era, Frank O'Malley, Tom Stritch and Father Robert Griffin were among the iconic figures in our hearts. Most recently, former Notre Dame Security/Police Director Rex Rakow joined that heavenly group. Their thoughts, their deeds and their warmth were the formula that sprouted their wings, but more importantly, touched our hearts.

The members of the Class of '007 cannot conform like puppets to a small segment of our society — although they have sought acceptance within the campus community for nearly four years. Do not confine yourselves to your sense of belonging, to your sense of behavior, or to your sense of morality. If you do limit yourselves, you will strike out against those who are different rather than embrace and tolerate others in our world.

In the family of nations, wisdom is the first cousin of freedom while freedom is the glory of our nation. Without wisdom we cannot be a beacon of light. We cannot be brave, gallant or kind. This nation once stood as the beacon of truth

because others yearned for our ideals.

Recently, we lost our moral authority with secret prisons, torture, indifference and duplicity. Our leaders replaced wisdom with an ideology.

Does anyone think the world can find answers when we have no dialogue? One thing is for sure, when the Class of '007 grasps the torch of leadership, our nation will be less bigoted and more inclusive. The world will know that this year's graduates have asked the questions and extended a hand. It may take a decade to solve today's current international mess, but it is possible to heal and unite the world. Just when we have walked through a valley thinking that the sun has gone down on us, we should remember that it always comes up again.

Wisdom sometimes comes from the most unlikely sources, and we must learn to open our eyes to everyone. Robert Stroud, the famous prisoner known as "the Birdman of Alcatraz," found a baby sparrow and raised it to maturity. Whenever he thought it was time for the bird to go out into the world on its own, he said, "You best go find out who you are. Kick up dust, dance to fiddle music, taste sweet whiskey and red-eyed gravy. Bite the stars for me."

In the true tradition of Bond, James Bond, this writer has high hopes for the future of this year's graduates and wishes the Class of '007 many bites at the stars. The dust, fiddle music, whiskey and red-eyed gravy are at your discretion.

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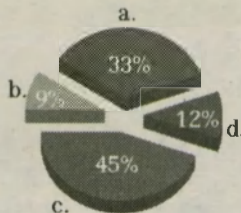
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OBSERVER POLL

Who will be the starting quarterback this fall?

	% of votes	# of votes
a. Demetrius Jones	33%	322
b. Zach Frazer	9%	87
c. Jimmy Clausen	45%	437
d. Evan Sharpley	12%	121



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is impossible to make people understand their ignorance; for it requires knowledge to perceive it and therefore he that can perceive it hath it not."

Jeremy Taylor
English prelate

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What I really think about NDLS

This week has seen opinions from all over the spectrum of viewpoints about Notre Dame Law School. One of those opinions was found in this paper, and attributed to me. Many of the other opinions were in response to my quotes in *The Observer*. But, none of those viewpoints were entirely mine. The quotes were out of context and didn't do justice to what I really feel about the school. And as the responses referenced those same quotes, they didn't get my position correct either. So, I'd like to explain what was said, what should have been said, and what was omitted, to provide a full understanding of my much discussed opinion of NDLS.

First, regarding what was actually said, Ken Fowler called my cell phone this past Monday and requested an interview about the Law School's drop in rankings. Of course I obliged Ken. I knew who he was since I was his TA for Father Bob Dowd's Religion and Politics course last spring. I figured we'd talk. Our conversation lasted roughly 25 minutes, and I explained my views of the school. At one point, I said, "And you can quote me on this," assuming that apart from that instance, I could drop my guard because I would not be quoted. But (and I have now been told that this is common practice) I was recorded without my knowledge, and everything I said was "fair game" for the article.

As I'm sure my friends (and enemies) can agree, this law student has a tendency to embellish his point. That's just one of the many skills the NDLS Trial Advocacy program teaches you. Unfortunately, when a paper reports "sound bytes," a speaker's more colorful statements can be divorced from their intended purpose. The quotes used were taken out of their context, and should be seen for what they were — about 30 seconds from a conversation that lasted

roughly 1,750.

Next, what should have been said (more clearly) in the article? Well, my first point to Ken was that, in my opinion, the Law School requires particular courses that aren't the most practical, *vis. Jurisprudence and Ethics II*, and that those courses are inappropriately understood as an integral part of the Law School's mission to educate a "different" kind of lawyer. And my second point was to suggest that while these courses are highlighted, other elements of a full legal education, which I explained to Ken included the study of the Federal Rules of Evidence and Trial Ad[vocacy], are eclipsed.

Part of making those points was to make abundantly clear to Ken my opinion that jurisprudence isn't very practical ... or as I put it, "jurisprudence is a joke." I have nothing against jurisprudence, *per se*; I have a BA with dual majors in politics and legal philosophy and a MA in legal philosophy. It's the implementation that I find problematic. The administration can require the course, but it cannot tell the faculty how to teach or evaluate the classes. That results in a marked gap between the concept of the course and the rather deficient form it actually takes, or what many students would call a waste of our time. The law is important, as is good philosophy. But when you require nearly 100 adults to squeeze into an overcrowded room and be force fed some mutation of legal philosophy, that exercise rings more comical than constructive.

As a corollary, I had hoped to make it clear that this school lacks a strong focus on the practical, particularly the Trial Advocacy program. Consider the following. This Law School does not have one room that is capable of properly accommodating a jury trial. And the drawings of the new courtroom show it is designed for appellate arguments, and not trials.

Here's a shocker; you generally don't have an appeal unless you have a trial, but here at NDLS, that's apparently not a concern. How does that make sense?

Finally, what was completely omitted from the article was my actual opinion of NDLS. Simply stated, I am proud that I will be a graduate of such a great Law School. I like the faculty, the administration and the strong community here. Most importantly, I feel as though I have received an education that has prepared me to enter the workforce better equipped than students from almost any other school.

In addition, I am personally committed to NDLS' Catholic mission, as exemplified in the character of faculty and scholarship at this school. I find that often it is the Christian ethic of professors, such as professor Matt Barrett, that can motivate them to pursue their vocation as educators with an unparalleled dedication. Equally as important is the work of professor John Finnis, who is the epitome of a Catholic law professor and foremost among my intellectual heroes.

Now it is my personal opinion that when the commitment to a "Catholic mission" supersedes the practical necessities of a legal education, this school gets into trouble. And this, I believe, is one reason why the school's rankings are not as high as they could be. This can be seen in the failure to require something as simple as a course on evidence instead of a second ethics course. It can be seen in the unwaveringly conservative approach to administration that underlies many other actions at the school. And it can be seen in the employment of professors best suited for philosophy-based courses as instructors in the secular law.

A mix of both young and seasoned legal scholars, all of whom respect the school's Catholic mission, are responsible for teaching these Catholic or philosophy-

based courses. I find it unfortunate that additional responsibilities are placed on several seasoned professors who would be better employed to provide the "different" aspects of the NDLS education, faculty who, in my opinion, are unable to teach any substantive — dare I say real — Law School course as well as other teachers. A contract is not a bread bowl. This is a divisive point, but one I am willing to make. The quality of a professor has nothing to do with religious affiliation. Neither does directing the Career Service Office, or being a librarian. But if the first hiring criterion is the ability to promote Catholic thought, the ability to teach substantive law (or do anything else) must come second, or third, or fourth ...

So, here's a suggestion. Hire the best professors you can. Get the best contracts professor. Get the best criminal law professor. Get the best international law professor (oh ... we already have her). Use some of that money and get Chemerinsky to come to NDLS. And do it while maintaining a balance between the concept of a Catholic mission and a "secular" legal education.

I am confident that this school enjoys a position among the best Law Schools in the nation in large part because of the contributions of the faculty and the current administration. I am grateful for Dean O'Hara's leadership both in bringing the Law School into a new and much needed building, as well as working to strengthen the relationship between the administration and the students. I believe that most of the faculty are ranks above their academic peers in scholarship and teaching ability. As with all things in life, I think that there is still room for growth. But ... that's just one man's opinion.

Jim Paulino
 third-year law student
 April 19

Awareness main goal of T-shirts

I would like to thank Thomas Klepach for his Letter to the Editor ("T-shirts raise awareness, limit funds," April 18). As activists, we must always ask ourselves how we can best deliver our message, work toward our cause, and not lose sight of the real goal at hand. Social justice activists, in particular, must avoid becoming good-intentioned people who lose sight of the real purpose of their work. However, in regards to the choice of the Millennium Development Goals Task Force of the CSC to use T-shirts in their action week advocacy, I will give no apology.

First, unlike Klepach speculated, the cost of the MDG T-shirts were entirely funded through a private company, which holds the Millennium Development Goals and the work of this task force close to its heart. Its generosity in donating the T-shirts is what enables us to give the entire \$10 cost of each T-shirt to the Malaria No More bed-net distribution in Africa. The shirt is by no means intended to encourage "publicly lauding the self for donating to an anti-malaria cause." On the contrary, the main purpose of these shirts is to raise awareness about all eight of the Millennium Development Goals — thus the large eight on the shirt — to which many students at Notre Dame have had little to no exposure.

This is about teaching our campus that these goals exist and that the U.S. government has not fulfilled its commitments to them. The shirt aims to encourage people to ask questions, such as Klepach's, and to inspire students to help make the goals a reality. Furthermore, issues like malaria are not simply about "garnering

resources for a charitable effort on another continent," as Klepach states. This is exactly the mentality about global issues that we hope to squash in our action week. Although monetary donations are obviously important, the largest impact we can have on issues of poverty, inequality, environmental injustice, etc. is through changing our ways of thinking about the marginalized, changing the way our government prioritizes its funds and the way we decide to spend our time.

We are trying to shift the paradigm that led to these inequalities, in the first place. Awareness is the first step. If this task force were primarily a fundraising group, which we are not, then perhaps it would have been more helpful to the children of Africa to donate the money from our sponsor company directly to the bed net fundraiser. But then our already informed task force would be the only people learning anything. Through our T-shirt campaign we have the potential to create hundreds more dedicated students to the MDGs and, in the future, the number of bed-net donations will far exceed anything a few individuals could do.

This T-shirt will serve as a constant reminder of our commitment to think and act toward these goals each day we wear it. For these reasons, we feel that the benefits of our campaign far outweigh the costs.

Ashley Mayworm
 sophomore
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 April 19

Value of a life

This past Monday, people across the country were glued to their television screens, witnessing the chaos that ensued as the result of the violence carried out on the Virginia Tech campus. Deservedly, this event received a great deal of publicity — it was on the front page of *The Observer* and also had multi-page layouts and analysis in the *Chicago Tribune* and *New York Times*. What didn't receive due media attention were the 37 Iraqi civilians who died the same day of the very same unwarranted and selfish violence, as well as others in Darfur, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and other war-torn regions who perish daily.

These stories were overshadowed by the story which undoubtedly hit much closer to home for many on the Notre Dame campus. But we must remember that regardless of the locality of violence, it is still violence. The Virginia Tech students who died are no more or no less human than the countless people who die every day.

This is neither a pro- nor anti-war debate. This is a life debate. The murders at Virginia Tech are indeed a tragedy, but please be aware that in many countries violence of this nature is part of their bleak, everyday reality. The frequency of this sort of violence should not discount its impact on our conscience. We must be thankful that we don't suffer from the fear of bombs and bloodshed on a daily basis but also be more mindful about the tragedies and suffering that are experienced by those stretched across the world.

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Please recycle **The Observer**.

THEATRE PREVIEW

Love takes center stage in 'La Locandiera'

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

As one of the few foreign language productions on campus, "La Locandiera" ("The Innkeeper") is an excellent addition to Notre Dame's theatre season. A strong and excited cast and crew have brought what could have been a very unapproachable play — both in setting and language — to a point where it can be appreciated by a wider audience.

The Notre Dame Italian Theatre Company, which is presenting the production, is composed of students taking the one credit Italian Theatre Workshop course taught by professor Laura Colangelo. The students are immersed in Italian, as they speak the language at every stage of production. Participants serve as actors, set and costume designers, publicists, sound and light technicians, and multiple other roles. As it is an academic course, students were required to do some writing as well, including character analyses displayed at the play.

The company makes an effort to fully surround the audience with the experience of an Italian theatre setting in several ways.

First, the posters advertising the play come in both Italian and English versions. The score from an opera based on "La Locandiera," composed by Antonio Salieri, will be played throughout the intermissions. Lastly, all of the ushers will speak Italian.

"La Locandiera," chosen to commemorate the 300th anniversary of its author, Carlo Goldoni, tells the tale of Mirandolina, an innkeeper whose beauty and charm have left her with a prominent set of suitors. Foremost are the Marchese, a penniless noble, and the Conte, his newly moneyed rival. But while Mirandolina keeps these men guessing, she still has to remember that her hand is already promised to the waiter Fabrizio. Amid these plot twists enters Cavaliere, a man who despises all women. Mirandolina decides to make him fall in love with her, beginning this humorous tale of love, money and manipulation.

The interaction between the audience and the actors is echoed in the set of "La Locandiera." The play is performed in the DPAC's Black Box Theatre, and the sets are placed around the space so that they nearly surround the audience, creating a very intimate effect. This closeness also makes the foreign language more accessible.

One obstacle a Notre Dame audience



ERIC SALES/The Observer

A funny blend of love affairs and intrigue, "La Locandiera" is the latest performance of professor Laura Colangelo's Italian Theatre Workshop course.

must surmount to experience "La Locandiera" is the Italian language. Students of Italian should take advantage of hearing the language spoken, but the rest should not be afraid. The plot is easy to follow (especially with the detailed synopsis provided in the program), and many of the jokes and emotions are universally understood. Thankfully, there are few places where the action is too difficult to grasp.

"La Locandiera" should not be missed by any of Notre Dame's Italian community,

and would be a wonderful new experience for those less familiar with the language. The themes it approaches and entertainment it provides can be universally enjoyed.

"La Locandiera" will show Saturday and Sunday at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Philbin Theatre at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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DVD REVIEW

'Half Nelson' highlights power of relationships

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Senior Staff Writer

When Ryan Gosling climbs into character and takes his place by the chalkboard in "Half Nelson," he commands complete attention.

Although he was nominated for an Academy Award, Gosling is not the first actor to play this role. But the familiarity he brings to Dan Dunne, a charismatic but flawed inner-city teacher, makes all the difference.

Not because you've seen this character in some other movie, but because Gosling makes you feel like you've met the man before. Exuding the warmth and comfort of a formative school-teacher, he entices you to lean forward

and listen more closely to his words.

This tactile connection between actor and audience drives "Half Nelson," a wonderfully understated and frequently touching film. Dunne leads two very different lives.

By day, he's a dedicated and caring middle-school teacher and basketball coach.

But at night, he wanders through parties and streets, limp and lifeless, searching for his next crack cocaine fix. As the movie progresses, night and day begin to blur precariously. After one particularly long day, Dunne ducks into a locker room to get high, thinking he's alone.

Fortunately, Trey (Shareeka Epps), a mature but reserved girl from Dunne's class, walks in on him sitting dazed in one of the bathroom stalls, legs pulled up to avoid being detected.

This scene is chilling in its effectiveness. Played almost entirely without dialogue, the emotion tugs at us through looks stained with pain, shock and shame.

Like many of the best moments in the film, it boils the action down to one profound relationship. Soon, an unlikely friendship develops between teacher and student that extends beyond the classroom, and with far greater consequences.

At its heart, "Half Nelson" works as a simple, somewhat predictable story told well. Regardless, the film thrives on its approach to the material, where much is left unsaid and there are no easy answers for Dunne's pitiable condition. All of this is elevated by the remarkable chemistry between Gosling and Epps.

With its recent release on a single-disc DVD, "Half Nelson" is finally avail-



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Ryan Gosling, right, stars with Shareeka Epps in 2006's "Half Nelson." The film examines the powerful bond between a drug-addled teacher and his student.

able to the wide audience it deserved but never got during its limited art-house theatrical run. With crisp video and audio quality, the film's striking cinematography and nuanced soundtrack are on fine display.

For special features, the disc includes deleted scenes, outtakes and a music video. The main attraction, however, is a meticulous commentary from Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, the talented writer-director team behind the picture.

Consistently entertaining, they discuss how a sub-million dollar independent film gets financed and made and the various technical and acting choices used to bring the material to life. Only a "Half Nelson" trailer is

lacking here.

Gosling's rare empathic ability to capture us within minutes of his arrival ensures that Dunne's troubles become our own — the mark of any fine drama. "Half Nelson" is one of those all-too-rare films that test your patience for much of the running time, before finally rewarding you for your indulgence.

It subtly builds to a final, entirely silent confrontation between mentor and pupil. The sad little smile Gosling gives to Epps is heartbreaking in its sincerity, a quiet moment of truth that is as raw and moving a segment of cinema as the medium can muster.

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disturbia plays house
shia labeouf stars in thriller remake



TOM HANCULAK/Observer Graphic

By ERIN MCGINN
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There are a couple things in this world that are just not smart to do. It's not smart to yell "fire" in a movie theatre, for example. It's also not smart to remake classic films — especially Hitchcock movies.

Even though the new film "Disturbia" isn't an official remake of the Jimmy Stewart/Grace Kelly classic, "Rear Window," it's hard not to make comparisons between the two. This strongly works to the disadvantage of "Disturbia." While it's not a bad film on its own, it pales in comparison to its cinematic predecessor.

The film stars Shia LaBeouf as Kale (or the Jimmy Stewart role), the troubled youth who is confined to his house. Where Stewart's character was injured and wheelchair-bound, the modern technological counterpart is an ankle bracelet that Kale received after punching his teacher at school.

Bored at home, Kale starts surveying the neighborhood with his best friend Ronnie (Aaron Yoo) and a pair of binoculars. Added to their group is Ashley (Sarah Roemer), the hot blonde in the

bikini who recently moved in next door and met the pair after she noticed Kale spying on her.

Ashley isn't the only one Kale watches, however. Another neighbor, for example, has an affair with his housekeeper. And the younger kids who've been teasing the confined Kale apparently watch a lot of porn. Most importantly, though, is the neighbor behind Kale's house — Mr. Turner (David Morse), a strange guy who seems to have unhealthy relationships with women that might be prostitutes. To make matters worse, he drives a car that looks suspiciously like one that the cops suspect may belong to a high-profile serial killer.

Disturbia



Director: D.J. Caruso
Writer: Carl Ellsworth and Christopher B. Landon
Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Aaron Yoo, Sarah Roemer, David Morse and Carrie-Anne Moss

But director D.J. Caruso stumbles where Hitchcock succeed best — the suspense of wondering if Kale is really onto something, or if his cabin fever is getting the best of him. What Caruso does get right, however — and

where the film manages to distance itself from "Rear Window" — is in the ways the kids relate and interact in a modern world where iPods and laptop are ubiquitous, and where much of their daily lives is reducible to digital blips. Cell phones, the Internet and even a garage door opener all play pivotal roles in the detective story, often adding a nice layer



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David Morse, left, and Carrie-Anne Moss star in "Disturbia." The film is indebted to cinema tradition, drawing its roots from Hitchcock's "Rear Window."

of suspense to the film.

While LaBeouf and Roemer can't compare to the classic elegance of Jimmy Stewart and Grace Kelly, they do have their own endearing teenage qualities. LaBeouf in particular possesses the same kind of dorky charm that John Cusack did in his youth. All of the teenagers come across as real characters, which is always good to see (and hard to find) in teen flicks. David Morse delivers an exceedingly creepy performance as the potential bad guy. He exudes an evil air that dominates the film as the tone pro-

gresses from a teen comedy into a genuinely frightening thriller.

Admittedly, "Disturbia" starts out a bit slow, but once the detective story takes off, it's an enjoyable popcorn-thriller with a surprisingly good cast and a much better story than expected. Yes, it's hard to ignore the film's obvious cinematic roots, but in the end, the repackaging is good enough that it almost stands on its own.

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Shia LaBeouf feature facts:

Wears size 11 shoes

Performed alongside hip-hop MC G-Money at the Viper Room on January 2005.

Named after his grandfather who is also a comedian.

Enjoys making independent short films with his friends

Celebrates both Christmas and Hanukkah.



By ANALISE LIPARI
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You may know him as that kid from "Holes," Keanu Reeves' sidekick in the epic "Constantine," or most likely as Louis Stevens, the perennial prankster from the Disney Channel's now-defunct series "Even Stevens." But Shia LaBeouf, with this summer's massive "Transformers" live-action blockbuster and current box-office champ "Disturbia," is fast becoming both a household name and a critical darling.

A Hollywood kid by birth, the mop-topped Shia (pronounced SHY-ah) was born in Los Angeles and grew up with the drive to perform. The little LaBeouf often toured around his childhood neighborhood with a self-designed comedy act, and eventually decided to hunt for an agent and go professional. At age seven, he phoned in an appointment with an agency and, after performing his routine, got himself some representation. Not bad for a kid whose contemporaries were barely starting first grade.

LaBeouf continued his rise to fame with his most high-profile role, that of Louis Stevens, the youngest kid of the Stevens clan on the eponymous Disney sitcom. The show — which ran until LaBeouf's first major movie, "Holes," came out in 2003 — was hugely popular with Disney's tween fanbase and critics alike, and LaBeouf even won a daytime Emmy for the role. Louis, with best friends Twitty and Tawny, took his Sacramento middle school and its hapless principal, Mr. Wexler, by storm with his crazy schemes and ridiculous, slapstick-style comedy. LaBeouf's sweet, affable and completely goofy performance endeared him to the tail end of Generation Y and their older siblings, and the accessibility of exposure on the Disney Channel has helped him as



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Shia LaBeouf, right, stars with Sarah Roemer in "Disturbia." LaBeouf, formerly the star of Disney's "Even Stevens," has become one of Hollywood's brightest new stars.

he expands his acting range into more complex roles.

LaBeouf's first big film role, the protagonist in "Holes," was an easy bridge between television and cinema for the young actor. Stanley Yelnats, the slightly goofy mop-top who finds himself at the center of a crime circle rooted in Wild West legends and a century-long treasure hunt, was a character not too different from the fun-loving Louis that fans had grown to love, but with a twinge of heart and a touch of the serious. The success of "Holes," based on the best-selling novel by children's author Louis Sachar, proved that LaBeouf was ready for the big time.

Other films of note in LaBeouf's rise to fame include "A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints," a coming-of-age drama starring Robert Downey Jr., "The Battle of Shaker Heights," the second in Matt Damon and Ben Affleck's "Project Greenlight" series, and "Bobby," the 2006 critically acclaimed ensemble piece about the Robert F. Kennedy assassination.

Currently, LaBeouf's latest film, "Disturbia," is turning heads and ticket turnstiles. "Disturbia," a horror/thriller type flick that draws its roots from classics of the genre, most notably Hitchcock's "Rear Window," was recently the top draw at the box office, making over \$20 million dollars. LaBeouf's lead role, in a project that's about as far from "Even Stevens" as you can get, shows how much this versatile young actor is capable of.

LaBeouf is also versatile off of the silver screen. For example, LaBeouf, with best friend and fellow actor Lorenzo Eduardo, has begun his own hip-hop group and record label, Element, as well as a production company.

With this diverse career path and a bright future ahead, former Disney tot Shia LaBeouf looks as though he's on his way to becoming one of his generation's most multitasking actors.

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MLB

A-Rod hits walkoff HR in ninth-inning rally

Cora triples home go-ahead run as Boston tops Toronto; Peavy hits two-run triple in Padres' win over Diamondbacks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez kind of chuckled, and declared the best thing about his game-winning homer Thursday was trying to hit Yankees coach Larry Bowa in the head as he rounded third.

Yes, Rodriguez is one happy superstar right now, and the Yankees are winning because of it.

Rodriguez hit a three-run homer that capped a comeback from a four-run deficit with two outs in the ninth inning, giving the New York Yankees an 8-6 victory over the Cleveland Indians that completed a three-game sweep.

By homering for the third straight game, Rodriguez increased his major league-leading totals to 10 homers and 26 RBIs. His latest drive came after he went hitless in his first four at-bats and committed a throwing error that allowed the Indians' final run to score.

"It's just fun," Rodriguez said. "It's going out and not trying to do too much, and help the team

win."

A-Rod connected on a belt-high pitch from Joe Borowski (0-1) and sent the ball soaring to center. Rodriguez knew immediately it was gone, flipping his bat toward the Yankees' dugout and raising both hands in triumph.

He slapped the hands of Bowa after rounding third, then slammed his helmet to the ground.

"It's what Alex is capable of," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He's got such incredible ability and now he's letting it speak for itself."

Sean Henn (1-0) pitched one inning, following Chase Wright and Kei Igawa to become the third Yankees rookie in three games to get his first major league win. That hadn't happened since Norm Branch, Charlie Stanceu and Steve Peek did it from May 20-22, 1941, according to Elias Sports Bureau.

The Yankees (8-6), two games over .500 for the first time this season, headed to Boston for their first trip to Fenway Park

since they won five straight there in one series in August. Andy Pettitte opposes Boston right-hander Curt Schilling in the opener of the weekend series Friday night.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 3

Alex Cora saved the Boston Red Sox with his glove, then won the game with his bat.

Cora was upended on a double play, then tripled home the go-ahead run in the ninth inning as the Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays Thursday and headed home to Boston with a victory going into their first series of the year against the New York Yankees.

Cora, playing at shortstop, was toppled by Lyle Overbay as he made the relay throw on a 1-6-3 double play that got Mike Timlin (1-0) out of an eighth-inning jam.

Vernon Wells led off with a double and advanced on Frank Thomas' groundout. Overbay was walked intentionally to bring up Aaron Hill, who grounded back to the mound. Timlin's throw was high and wide, but Cora caught the ball and got the relay throw off before Overbay sent him flying.

"It was a tackle," Cora said. "I don't mind people going hard, but when you see the replay, he's going in with his hands up, he can't reach the bag. I don't mind when they go hard, but not with their hands up."

Cora didn't accuse Overbay of dirty play but said he doesn't enjoy being taken out.

"That's something I really don't like in the game," Cora said. "That part really bothers me sometimes."

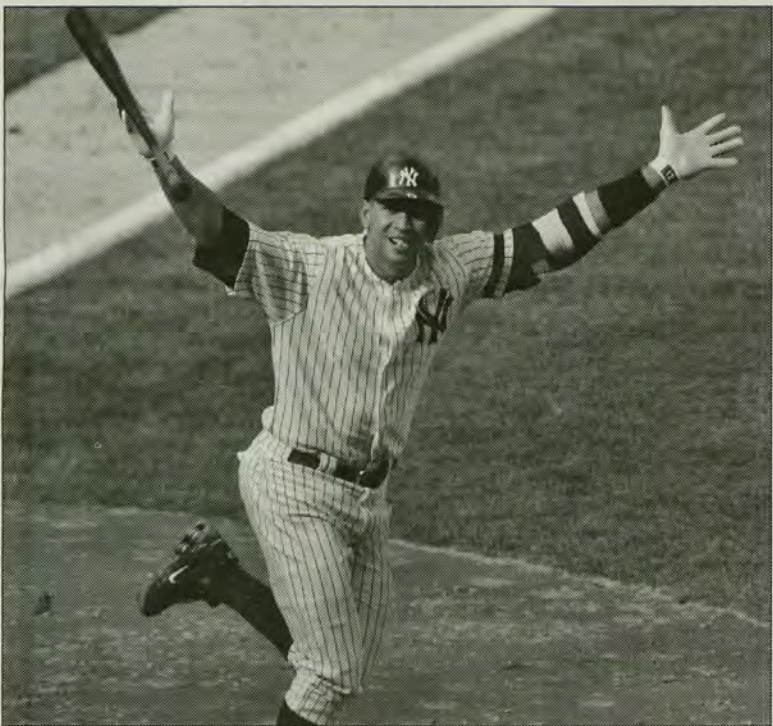
Timlin said Cora did well to keep the throw from sailing into the outfield.

"He wasn't as close to the bag as I thought he was," Timlin said. "When I let it go I kind of short-armed the ball a little bit. He picked me up."

Coco Crisp had reached on a bunt single against Roy Halladay leading off the top of the eighth, and Manny Ramirez tied it 3-3 with his first homer



Blue Jays ace Roy Halladay pitches against the Red Sox during Toronto's 5-3 loss to Boston Thursday at the Rogers Centre.



Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez celebrates a walk-off home run during New York's 8-6 win over Cleveland Thursday.

of the season, a two-out drive off Shaun Marcum (1-1).

"We've all seen Manny take one swing and then get in a groove for a long time," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "That would be tremendous."

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Boston	9-5	.643	7-3	-
New York	8-6	.571	6-4	1.0
Baltimore	8-7	.533	7-3	1.5
Toronto	8-7	.533	5-5	1.5
Tampa Bay	6-9	.400	4-6	3.5

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Cleveland	6-6	.500	4-6	2.0
Chicago	6-7	.462	5-5	2.5
Kansas City	4-11	.267	5-5	5.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	8-7	.533	6-4	-
Seattle	5-5	.500	5-5	.5
Texas	6-8	.429	5-5	1.5
Los Angeles	6-9	.400	2-8	2.0

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	10-4	.714	7-3	-
New York	9-4	.692	6-4	.5
Florida	6-8	.429	4-6	4.0
Washington	5-11	.313	4-6	6.0
Philadelphia	4-10	.286	3-7	6.0

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Milwaukee	9-6	.600	7-3	-
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Men's Tennis Fila/ITA Rankings

team	points
1 Georgia	97
2 Virginia	89
3 Ohio State	87
4 Baylor	82
5 North Carolina	79
6 NOTRE DAME	78
7 Mississippi	72
8 USC	70
9 Illinois	68
10 UCLA	67
11 Wake Forest	63
12 LSU	62
13 Texas	61
14 Oklahoma State	58
15 Alabama	57
16 Duke	55
17 Florida	54
18 Michigan	53
19 Pepperdine	53
20 Clemson	50

NHL



Former president and general manager of the Blue Jackets Doug MacLean explains the cancellation of the 2004-05 NHL season during a press conference in winter of 2005. MacLean was fired Thursday.

Blue Jackets jettison GM Doug MacLean

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Blue Jackets fired president and general manager Doug MacLean, whose teams did not come within 19 points of the playoffs in the franchise's six seasons.

Team spokesman Todd Sharrock confirmed the firing on Thursday morning after several media reports said MacLean had been let go Wednesday night.

Principal owner John H. McConnell, minority owners and team officials met Wednesday and agreed to dismiss MacLean, the architect of a team that

had gone 172-258-62 since joining the league in 2000 and 33-42-7 this past season.

Led by coach Ken Hitchcock, and with players such as Rick Nash and Sergei Fedorov, the Blue Jackets finished 23 points out of the final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Their record this season is 24th among the league's 30 teams.

Sharrock said team officials would hold a news conference later Thursday.

Jody Shelley, with the team from its first year, said he was stunned by the dismissal despite the lack of success by the team.

"As a player, I'm really

surprised," he said. "You hear the rumors but you just figure it comes with not meeting expectations. Then when the other shoe drops, you're still shocked."

MacLean did not return messages seeking comment left on his cell phone.

He had two years remaining on a contract that paid him around \$1 million per season with incentives.

"I'm unbelievably disappointed about where we are but I think we've got an unbelievable foundation in place," MacLean said after the season. "I'm telling you, I look around the league and how many

teams would I trade ours for? Not many."

MacLean was McConnell's first hire when Columbus secured the franchise. He supervised all the drafts and trades, some that were overwhelming successes and others that were abysmal failures.

MacLean even dumped the team's first head coach, Dave King, and took over behind the bench. But the Blue Jackets did not respond under MacLean, going just 9-21-4-3 at the start of the 2003-2004 season before he stepped aside and elevated assistant coach Gerard Gallant.

IN BRIEF

Pitching ace to miss starts due to strain in elbow

SEATTLE — Seattle Mariners ace Felix Hernandez, the pitching star of the young season, will likely miss two to three starts with a flexor-pronator strain inside his right, pitching elbow and forearm.

Mariners medical director Dr. Ed Khalfayan said Thursday that the 21-year-old will not throw at all for five days, and then will play only catch initially.

"I think 10 to 20 days is a reasonable estimate," Khalfayan said when asked when Hernandez might again pitch in a game.

"That's as good a news as you can get from an elbow injury," the doctor said.

He added that had Hernandez continued to pitch with the strain he could have stressed elbow so severely he would have required ligament replacement surgery and been lost for the season.

Joe Frazier drops lawsuit against daughter

PHILADELPHIA — Former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier told his lawyer on Thursday to drop a lawsuit against his daughter after she pledged to help him locate his missing business records.

The files at the center of the legal dispute never left "Smokin' Joe's" North Philadelphia gym, a lawyer for Jacquelyn Frazier-Lyde said Thursday.

"I talked to my father today and he asked me how I was doing and I told him that I loved him," Frazier-Lyde said at a press conference that focused on her campaign for city judge.

Frazier's lawyer said he reluctantly agreed to drop the suit at his client's request, although he vowed to refile it if Frazier-Lyde does not comply.

"This is about a father's love for his daughter," lawyer Michael P. Kelly said.

Oden to declare for NBA draft, skip sophomore year

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State freshman Greg Oden will make himself available for the NBA draft Friday, a family friend said Thursday night.

"There will be a release in the morning from Ohio State. Greg Oden will be hiring an agent," said Al Powell, who has been a party to meetings between Oden and two other Buckeyes freshmen stars considering the draft.

As for the two others, Powell was less specific.

"Mike Conley Jr. and Daequan Cook will not be hiring an agent at this time," said Powell, a paid assistant coach at Dayton's Dunbar High School who helped coach all three players when they played AAU ball.

If Conley and Cook don't hire agents, they'll retain the option of returning to school next fall.

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MLB

A-Rod hits walkoff HR in ninth-inning rally

Cora triples home go-ahead run as Boston tops Toronto; Peavy hits two-run triple in Padres' win over Diamondbacks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez kind of chuckled, and declared the best thing about his game-winning homer Thursday was trying to hit Yankees coach Larry Bowa in the head as he rounded third.

Yes, Rodriguez is one happy superstar right now, and the Yankees are winning because of it.

Rodriguez hit a three-run homer that capped a comeback from a four-run deficit with two outs in the ninth inning, giving the New York Yankees an 8-6 victory over the Cleveland Indians that completed a three-game sweep.

By homering for the third straight game, Rodriguez increased his major league-leading totals to 10 homers and 26 RBIs. His latest drive came after he went hitless in his first four at-bats and committed a throwing error that allowed the Indians' final run to score.

"It's just fun," Rodriguez said. "It's going out and not trying to do too much, and help the team

win."

A-Rod connected on a belt-high pitch from Joe Borowski (0-1) and sent the ball soaring to center. Rodriguez knew immediately it was gone, flipping his bat toward the Yankees' dugout and raising both hands in triumph.

He slapped the hands of Bowa after rounding third, then slammed his helmet to the ground.

"It's what Alex is capable of," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He's got such incredible ability and now he's letting it speak for itself."

Sean Henn (1-0) pitched one inning, following Chase Wright and Kei Igawa to become the third Yankees rookie in three games to get his first major league win. That hadn't happened since Norm Branch, Charlie Stanceu and Steve Peek did it from May 20-22, 1941, according to Elias Sports Bureau.

The Yankees (8-6), two games over .500 for the first time this season, headed to Boston for their first trip to Fenway Park

since they won five straight there in one series in August. Andy Pettitte opposes Boston right-hander Curt Schilling in the opener of the weekend series Friday night.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 3

Alex Cora saved the Boston Red Sox with his glove, then won the game with his bat.

Cora was upended on a double play, then tripled home the go-ahead run in the ninth inning as the Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays Thursday and headed home to Boston with a victory going into their first series of the year against the New York Yankees.

Cora, playing at shortstop, was toppled by Lyle Overbay as he made the relay throw on a 1-6-3 double play that got Mike Timlin (1-0) out of an eighth-inning jam.

Vernon Wells led off with a double and advanced on Frank Thomas' groundout. Overbay was walked intentionally to bring up Aaron Hill, who grounded back to the mound. Timlin's throw was high and wide, but Cora caught the ball and got the relay throw off before Overbay sent him flying.

"It was a tackle," Cora said. "I don't mind people going hard, but when you see the replay, he's going in with his hands up, he can't reach the bag. I don't mind when they go hard, but not with their hands up."

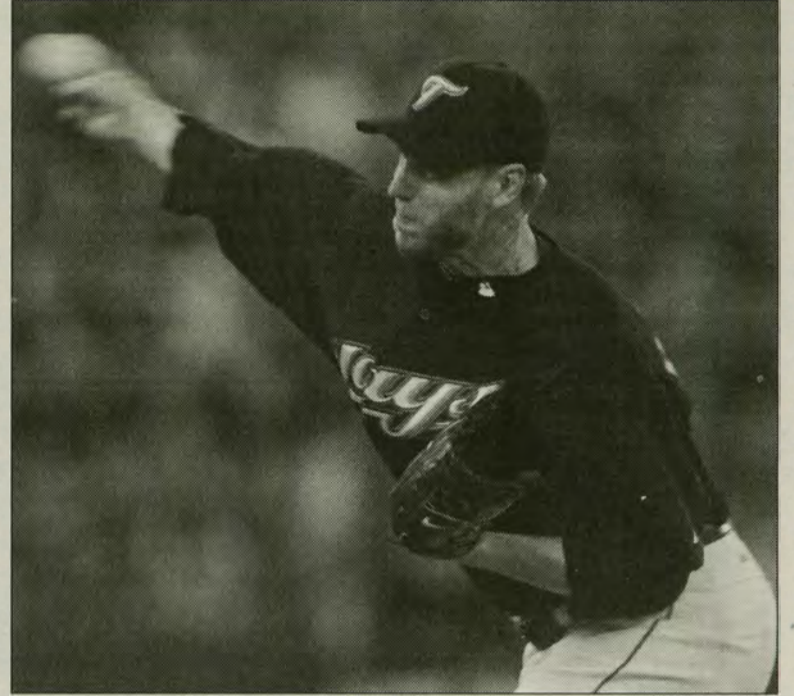
Cora didn't accuse Overbay of dirty play but said he doesn't enjoy being taken out.

"That's something I really don't like in the game," Cora said. "That part really bothers me sometimes."

Timlin said Cora did well to keep the throw from sailing into the outfield.

"He wasn't as close to the bag as I thought he was," Timlin said. "When I let it go I kind of short-armed the ball a little bit. He picked me up."

Coco Crisp had reached on a bunt single against Roy Halladay leading off the top of the eighth, and Manny Ramirez tied it 3-3 with his first homer



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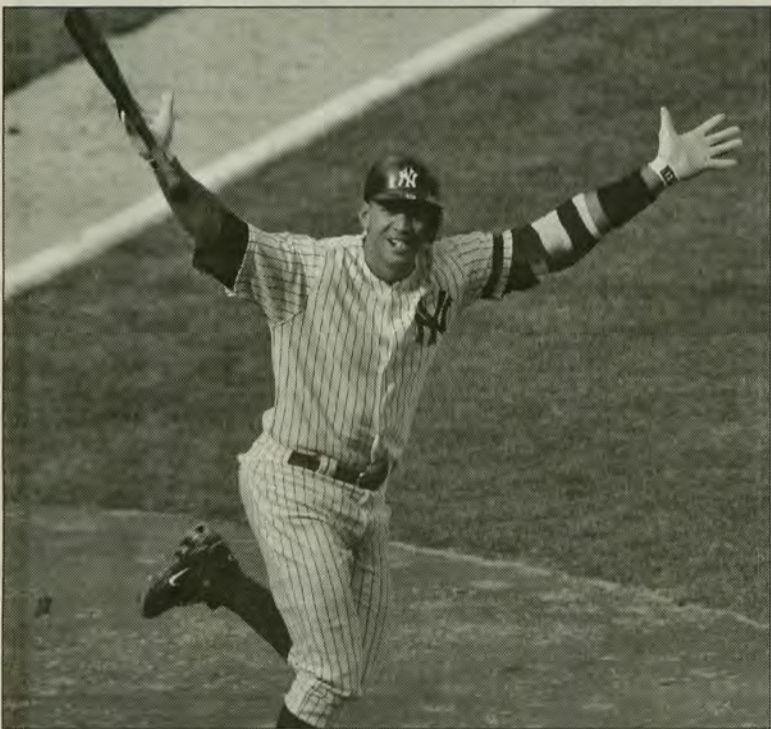
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SMC GOLF

O'Brien leads Belles to conference tournament

By KATE ARNOLD
News Writer

The weather has finally decided to cooperate with the Belles.

After yet another delay, members of the Saint Mary's squad will travel this weekend to Marshall, Mich., to compete in the two-day, 36-hole first round of the MIAA NCAA qualifying tournament. The first round was originally scheduled to start April 12, but was postponed due to poor weather conditions.

Last October, captain Katie O'Brien fired an 85, leading the team to a fourth-place finish in the fall MIAA NCAA Championships. After three 18-hole jamborees and an 18-hole tournament, the Belles finished with a total team score of 373, falling behind Olivet, Tri-State University and Albion. Each of those squads will compete again this weekend. Although Saint Mary's has not beat Olivet yet this year, the team is anxious to prove themselves today.

Saint Mary's has not played competitively since March 25, when it placed 19th in the Northern Kentucky Open. Belles coach Mark Hamilton said the three-week layoff will not have a positive effect on the team, but he is confident that the Belles will place well.

"This will be the easiest course we have played all spring," Hamilton said. "The tournament will be won on the greens."

The team has been working especially hard to eliminate wasted strokes on and near the putting surface.

The third and final qualifying round will be held April 24 at Tri-State University's Zollnar golf course. The winning team after the three rounds will advance to the NCAA Championships, taking place May 8-11 at El Campeon Golf Course at the Mission Inn Resort & Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ND finish season with RU

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will attempt to give its seniors a final home victory as they finish the regular season Saturday against No. 18 Rutgers.

For the Irish, currently in a three-way tie for first in the Big East with Georgetown and Syracuse, the game will determine the team's final standing in the conference, as well as seeding for the inaugural Big East tournament.

With a Notre Dame win and Syracuse loss against Loyola, the Irish would win the regular season Big East title and capture the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament. If all three teams win Saturday, the tiebreaker will be determined by each team's goal differential in Big East play. A loss against the Scarlet Knights would likely drop Notre Dame to the No. 4 seed.

Despite the importance of the Syracuse and Georgetown games this the weekend, Irish coach Tracy Coyne said her

team will be focused only on a victory over Rutgers.

"It's a must-win game for us, and before we start thinking about anyone else or tiebreakers, we need to just win our game," Coyne said.

Rutgers enters the match with an 11-3 record, having lost only to ranked teams Georgetown, Syracuse and Princeton. Despite their impressive record, the Scarlet Knights will be looking for their first big win of the season against the Irish.

Defensively, Notre Dame will focus on Rutgers All-American Katie Batiuk. The senior leads the Big East in points with 39 goals and 23 assists. Kate Shomo, Nina Frankowski and Michelle Poole also lead the Scarlet Knights offense, each tallying more than 24 goals on the year.

The Irish will look to send their seniors out with a victory in the final home game of their careers. Coyne said seniors Meaghan Fitzpatrick, Lena Zentgraf, Kaki Orr, Meghan Murphy and Kristin Hopson have been integral to Notre Dame's success.

"The seniors have done an

amazing job, and have been outstanding leaders," Coyne said. "At the same time, though, they're still looking to do some things to establish themselves and leave a legacy."

Zentgraf, Orr and Murphy have made huge contributions offensively to a balanced scoring attack. Orr and Zentgraf have been excellent in draw control for the Irish, and Murphy has 18 goals and 16 assists on the year.

Hopson and Fitzpatrick have led the team defensively all season, often matching up with opponents' toughest players. The duo has helped the Irish become one of the best defensive squads in the Big East.

The senior class will look to build on its legacy in the coming weeks, with one of the team's main goals being a championship in the first-ever Big East tournament. In addition, with an NCAA Tournament berth, the senior class would make its third tournament appearance — the most ever by a Notre Dame class.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish compete in Big East tourney

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

After two straight weekends of battling harsh conditions, the Irish will get a break as they expect good weather for the Big East championships at the Cardinal Club in Louisville, Ky.

But while the elements won't be a problem for the Irish, the conference opponents will provide a different kind of challenge.

The Irish have faced a Big East opponent only once in tournament play this spring, last weekend when Louisville was in the field for the Kepler Intercollegiate in Columbus, Ohio. Louisville won the tournament, finishing 37 strokes ahead of the 11th-place Irish.

But Irish coach Jim Kubinski said last weekend was not entirely indicative of where the two teams stand.

"They've had a great season, but the conditions [last weekend] were the worst I've ever played in, coached in, or watched on TV," he said. "[Last week's scores aren't] indicative of anything. We had a tough start, and the more we tried to catch up, the more ground we lost. I never even looked at the leaderboard."

The Irish have won the conference title each of the past three years. In 2006, they did so in dramatic fashion. The second-seeded Irish erased a 12-stroke deficit in the final round to force a playoff with

top-seeded Louisville. Current sophomore Josh Sandman's birdie on the first hole of the sudden death playoff secured a victory for the Irish.

Three of the four golfers who posted sub-par scores on that final day have graduated, so the Irish need contributions from some newer faces. Kubinski said two of last year's stars, Sandman and senior co-captain and All-America candidate Cole Isban, will lead the team in Louisville.

"If Cole and Josh play up to their capability, we should have a great chance to win come Tuesday," he said.

With Greg Rodgers, Doug Fortner, and Adam Gifford rounding out the lineup for the Irish, Kubinski said Notre Dame will have a solid five-man team for the first time this season.

And, even though the Irish enter the tournament as three-time defending champions, they won't be feeling any pressure.

"This year, the pressure is squarely on Louisville," Kubinski said. "They've been in the top 20 all year, and they're playing at home. We're ready to play, and we feel loose and free, and we're ready to just have fun."

The tournament runs from Sunday through Tuesday, and the Irish hope to again upset top-seeded Louisville as the tournament's second seed.

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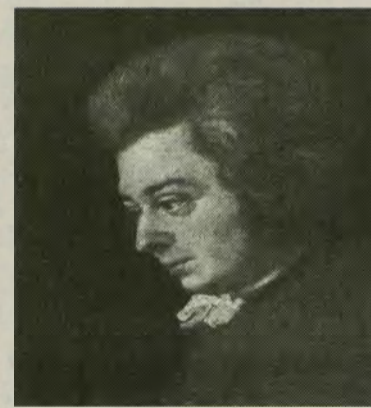
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SMC SOFTBALL

Davison helps Belles sweep Goshen

By BECKY SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (14-8) was in total command of Thursday's doubleheader against Goshen College, hammering the Leafs 8-0 and 9-0. Both games ended in five innings due to the slaughter rule.

Belles sophomore pitcher Calli Davison (3.57 ERA) pitched a two-hit shutout in the first game against the Leafs. Sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro led the Belles' offense, going four-for-six in the two games, hitting a double and three singles. Fusaro also stole

a base in the first game, marking the first time in her career that she has swiped a bag. Senior third baseman Laura Heline hit two singles and a home run in the routs.

In the second game of the sweep, sophomore pitcher Kristin Amram (1.22 ERA) pitched a one-hitter in the Belles' 9-0 blanking of the Leafs. Davison, playing center field, hit her first home run of the season.

Junior captain McKenna Corrigan believes the sweep of Goshen will help the team in its next conference game Saturday.

"The games gave us some confidence behind our backs

again," she said. "We were able to hit our base runners in."

With several rescheduled games adding to an already-heavy slate of games, the Belles may feel pressure and fatigue. But their victory over Goshen shows the team is still fired up and focused for the rest of the season.

"It's nice to be able to go game-to-game and learn from each game," Fusaro said. "We can keep moving forward."

The Belles will face MIAA opponent Olivet Saturday at 1 p.m. at Gainey Field.

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CAUGHT RED-HANDED



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Irish shortstop Brett Lilley tags out Boilermaker catcher Jeff Mojzik in a steal attempt during Notre Dame's 1-0, 10-inning win over Purdue Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

SMC TENNIS

Doubles crucial in close victory

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The Belles used strong doubles play to narrowly defeat Bethel College 5-4 in a non-conference match Thursday, bettering their overall record to 10-11.

"We had a good match — we basically came together and played to the best of our ability," senior captain Kelly McDavitt said. "This match will help us to prepare for our final conference match."

The Belles dominated doubles play against the Pilots, winning two of three matches. The duo of Camille Gebert and McDavitt upended Pilots sophomore Bree Oles and junior Missy Vermillion in the No. 1 spot 8-4.

In the second doubles match of the day, the freshman Belles duo of Liana Rohr and Erin Kaplan narrowly defeated Pilots players Abbie Hostetler and Erin Katterheinrich.

The Belles fell in their final doubles match of the day. The sister duo of senior Tara O'Brien and freshman Caitlin O'Brien fell to sophomores Jade Walus and Sherra Milender 8-5.

The victory against Bethel College was important for the Belles as they head into their final home conference match, which will take place this Saturday.

"Playing away from home

was rough, but I think we worked through all [of] our problems," Kaplan said. "We overcame our obstacles and pulled out the win. It was nice because some of the girls that normally don't get to play got a chance to show their skills. Overall it was a great experience [and] good way to end three matches in a row."

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Kelly McDavitt
Belles captain

"Playing away from home was rough, but I think we worked through all [of] our problems."

Erin Kaplan
Belles freshman

In the day's single play, McDavitt defeated Oles 6-1, 6-1. In the second singles match of the day, standout freshman Gebert dominated, beating Vermillion 6-2, 6-2.

The Belles had a change of luck in the No. 3 singles spot, when freshman Lisa Rubino lost in a tiebreaker 11-9 to Walus. She won the first set 6-1 and lost the second set 2-6. Tara O'Brien also fell narrowly in a tiebreaker at No. 4 singles after beating Hostetler 6-1 in the first set and then falling 6-7 in the second set.

In the No. 5 singles match, Belles junior Cassie Quaglia fell to Milender 6-2, 6-1. In the No. 6 singles spot, Belles senior Grace Gordon defeated Pilots freshman Julia Horn 6-1, 7-5.

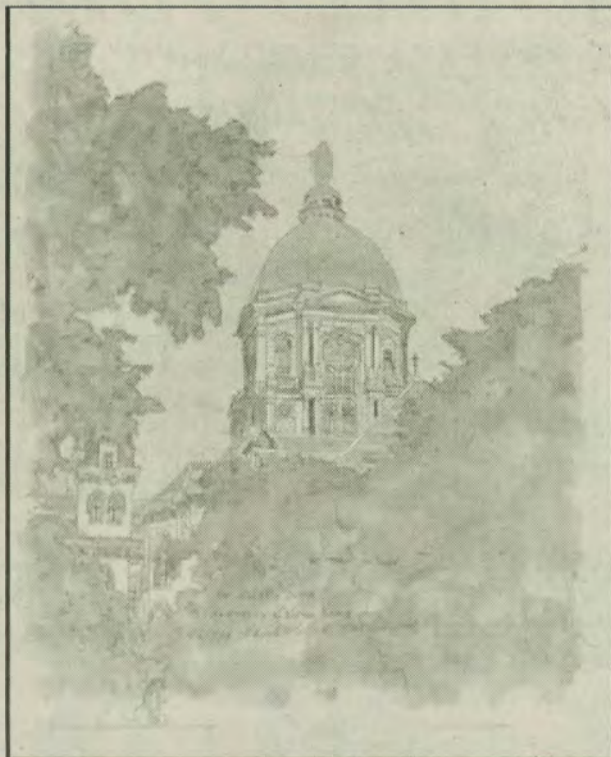
The Belles next and final home conference match is Saturday against Albion, which boasts a 4-1 MIAA record and a 10-5 overall record. The match will begin at 1 p.m. at Eck Tennis Pavillion.

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ND SOFTBALL

Bargar shuts out Valpo as Irish roll



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Irish senior catcher/outfielder Gessica Hufnagle heads for third base during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Syracuse Apr. 1.

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Coming off her no-hit performance Wednesday, sophomore Brittney Bargar pitched another gem against Valparaiso Thursday at Ivy Field. In her 17th complete game of the season, the sophomore allowed seven hits and two walks on seven strikeouts in the 5-0 win.

In her home starts, Bargar has been unstoppable, racking up a 9-0 record with a 0.22 ERA. The Irish improved to 24-14 on the season with the win.

Notre Dame's bats heated up early and often, taking all five of their runs in the first inning. Senior Stephanie Brown continued her impressive play with a leadoff single, later advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt.

Junior Katie Laing then smacked a double down the left field line, scoring Brown from second. This two-bagger gave Laing a season-best four-game hitting streak. Freshman Christine Lux responded with another double, scoring Laing. Lux would later advance to third on a balk.

Sophomore Linda Kohan then singled to bring Lux in for an RBI. Kohan then scored all the way from first on sophomore Beth Northway's double. Bargar helped out her own cause when she singled to bring in Northway, scoring

the fifth and final run of the inning.

The Irish would later tack on some hits leading to base runners, and nearly scored another until a player was tagged out in a rundown.

That was more than enough for Bargar, who improved to 16-7 on the season, extending her scoreless inning streak to 20.

Bargar and senior pitcher Kenya Fuemmeler will need to continue their impressive pitching this weekend with doubleheaders on both Saturday and Sunday.

To start off the weekend, Louisville will travel to Ivy Field for a pair of conference games beginning at noon Saturday. The Cardinals are currently behind the Irish in the Big East standings at third place with a 7-1 conference record and a 25-18 mark overall. After the Cardinals, the Irish stay at home for another doubleheader Sunday at noon against South Florida.

The Bulls are in a tie for fourth in the conference at 5-3 and are 33-19 overall.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Squad set for Big East tournament

By JAY WADE
Sports Writer

All the hard work this season has paid off.

No. 6 Notre Dame was rewarded for its 21-3 record this season when it was named the No. 1 seed in the Big East tournament, which begins today at South Florida in Tampa, Fla.

Since the Big East has only eight men's tennis teams and does not have a format where all league teams play each other, seeding for the tournament is based on overall record and ranking.

The Irish, who joined the Big East 11 years ago, has a successful past in the Big East tournament. This year marks the third year in a row — and ninth time overall — that the Irish have been the top seed. On top of that, the Irish have reached the finals of the tournament every year since joining the league, winning five it times, most recently in 2005.

In 2006, second-seeded Louisville upset Notre Dame in the finals. The Irish do not expect a similar fate this year, however, with one of their highest rankings and best records in school history.

The Irish will face eighth-seeded and unranked Villanova in the first round. Going into the match, the Irish are not only riding a four-match winning streak and also have a 33 game win streak against unranked opponents. They are also 95-3 all-time against teams in the Big East. The team's philosophy all year, however, has been to take it one match at a time, and they are not ready to



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Irish senior Ryan Keckley hits a backhand in Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over Illinois Apr. 1 at the Courtney Tennis Center.

overlook Villanova.

The Wildcats are coming off two successive wins — by 5-2 and 7-0 margins — against Quinnipiac and Sacred Heart, respectively. Louisville is now 5-9.

"They have six pretty good players who are all pretty well balanced but I feel good about our chances," said head coach Bobby Bayliss.

The winner of this weekend's competition gets an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. More important for the Irish, winning the tournament is paramount in getting the team

tested and ready for the NCAAs.

"Our goals are bigger than [the Big East Tournament]," Bayliss said. "The idea is to really condition ourselves to do well in the NCAA Tournament and this is the first step in our postseason goals."

The first serve will be at 9 a.m. today. The winner of the first game will face either fourth-seeded DePaul or fifth-seeded St. John's in the second round.

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TRACK

Irish look to record additional qualifiers

By **BILL BRINK**
Sports Writer

Heading into this weekend's meets, Notre Dame has earned 16 bids to the NCAA Mid-east Regional meet. The Irish, however, are far from finished.

This weekend, some will runners will head to Eugene, Ore., for the Oregon Invitational, some will travel to Ypsilanti, Mich., to compete in the Central Collegiate Championship and others will go to West Lafayette, Ind. for the Dave Rankin Invitational. Each meet could see additional Irish athletes achieve qualifying times.

Junior sprinter Dominique Manning missed qualifying in the 100-meter hurdles by 0.01 seconds last weekend at the Azusa Pacific Invitational. Junior Crysta Swayzer and freshman Joanna Shultz should also qualify in the 400 meters, according to sprints coach John Millar.

"Joanna's a tenth [of a second] off, Crysta's two tenths off," he said. "Over the last couple weeks they've consistently come down in their times, so I would think that by the conference meet hopefully they'll have achieved those standards."

Junior Austin Wechter and senior Jordan Powell both lack regional qualifications. Millar said Powell is about half a second away from the standard and has a good chance to achieve it.

Millar was optimistic about the abilities of his sprinters.

"All five of those I'd venture to say are legitimate athletes with potential to do it, and ones that we sort of expect to see come through by the end of the season," he said.

The field athletes have been hampered with injuries of late. Senior Cassie Gullickson has the ability to qualify but suffers from plantar fasciitis in her foot and may not compete. Sophomore Lauren Bascardi has a chance to qualify in

the high jump, but she is recovering from surgery on both legs.

"She's getting her strength back," jumps coach Scott Windsor said. "She's made some pretty good strides this season."

Senior thrower Garet Koxlien can qualify in both the discus and the hammer throw, but suffered a torn groin muscle last weekend at the Mount SAC Relays.

"He's right there," throwing coach B.J. Linnenbrink said. "He's had a couple injuries that have set us back a little bit. But once we get recovered he'll be fine."

Despite the injury problems plaguing some of the field athletes, several others are in good position to qualify. Linnenbrink expects sophomore Anna Weber and junior Mike Schubert to qualify by the time the regional meet rolls around. He also said the way his throwers are practicing is a sign of positive things to come.

"Right now it's just a matter of doing what we do in practice and having that carry over into competition,"

he said. "In practice every day, we're throwing well. We just have to get it to come together now during competition."

Sophomore pole vaulter Mary Saxer and senior jumper Chris Jacques round out the field of potential qualifiers

for the Irish. Saxer cleared the necessary height last weekend, but the event was moved indoors because of bad weather. Any competition moved indoors cannot count towards a qualifying spot.

Jacques' recent performances bode well for him.

"He came real close in this past weekend out at Azusa in the high jump," Windsor said of Jacques, who competes in both the long jump and the high jump. "He was looking real good at 2.10 [meters]. He came real close to clearing it. And in the long jump he did pretty well."

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B.J. Linnenbrink
Irish throwing coach

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Lucius Polk said. "I think we're focused on winning. If your goal is winning all your home games and winning a national championship, winning all your home games comes along with that."

Winning is something the Irish have been doing a lot of lately. After stumbling to an 0-3 start, Notre Dame has responded with five consecutive victories, including convincing defeats of Air Force and Denver last weekend, which ran the team's consecutive home winning streak to 13 games. Over their last five contests, the Irish have outscored their opponents by a staggering 67-21 margin.

"We've really changed our attitude since the beginning of the season," Polk said. "After

starting the season 3-3, we knew we needed to change things around if we wanted to make anything out of the season. A couple of position changes and a little bit of an attitude change, and we were able to get the ball rolling."

The recent surge has Notre Dame sitting atop the Greater Western Lacrosse League standings at 3-0. The Irish are a half-game better than Ohio State, currently 2-0 in GWLL play. The two teams will face off April 28 in Columbus in a game that will likely determine who gets the league's automatic post-season birth.

For now, however, Notre Dame is concerned solely with Lehigh. Although the Mountain Hawks carry a pedestrian 4-8 overall record and 2-4 mark in Patriot League play, they have shown the ability to compete with elite teams this season. The results of their five games against ranked opponents this season include one-goal losses

to No. 8 Army and No. 20 Stony Brook in addition to an 8-6 win over No. 17 Drexel.

"They have a lot of seniors on their team, and since this is their last game — they didn't qualify for their conference tournament — they're going to be pretty hungry," senior Brian Hubschmann said. "They have a lot of motivation despite their losing record."

On defense, the Irish will have to account for senior attack Stephen Marino, who leads the Mountain Hawks in both points (33) and assists (18). On the offensive end, Notre Dame will look to exploit a Lehigh defense that has allowed 57 first-half goals this season.

The Irish have the balanced offensive attack to do so. Notre Dame has four players that have netted 18 or more goals on the season. Sophomore attack Ryan Hoff leads the way with 28 goals on the year, and his 2.55 goals per game average is 13th in the nation.

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"We've really changed our attitude since the beginning of the season."

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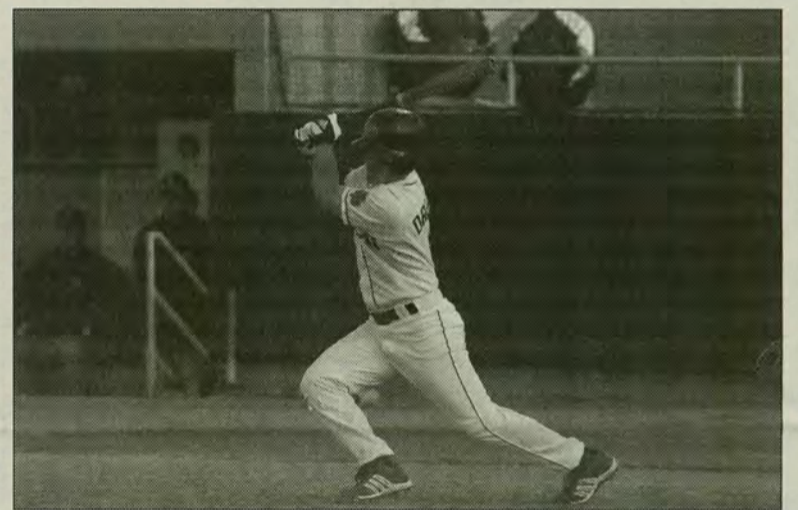
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over Purdue 1-0 Wednesday, with both winning runs coming in the last Irish at bat.

The Irish rotation for the weekend is set, with sophomore ace David Phelps getting the start Friday. Last week, in a 10-0 victory over Georgetown, Phelps threw seven scoreless innings to lower his ERA to 1.34 on the season. He also struck out eight while passing out just two walks.

Lefthander Wade Korpi will take the hill for the Irish Saturday. In the win against Purdue, Korpi warmed in the bullpen as sophomore Sam Elam ran up his pitch count in the late innings. But Korpi never entered the game as Elam held the Boilermakers scoreless over nine innings. Korpi takes a 3.99 ERA into the matchup with West Virginia.

"I would have never guessed that Sam Elam would give us



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish outfielder Danny Dressman follows through on a swing during Notre Dame's 8-7 victory over Toledo Tuesday.

nine innings like he did," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Junior righty Tony Langford came in to pitch the 10th against Purdue before the Irish scored the deciding run in their half of the inning.

On Sunday, freshman righty Eric Maust gets the ball for the Irish. Schrage said Maust, also a punter on the football team, was originally scheduled to

start Saturday. But Schrage altered the rotation so that Maust could play in the Blue-Gold Game.

The Irish, who are 10-4 at home, are hitting .320 with men on base this season but have struggled badly in losses with runners on.

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field. Whatever happens, Frank said Crist's commitment is further evidence of Weis' ability to bring top prospects to Notre Dame. For example, Crist's teammate, linebacker Anthony

McDonald, also committed to the Irish this spring.

"Notre Dame is hitting with the big boys right now and they're winning some," Frank said. "Before [Weis] got here, a lot of times they weren't even in the race to get these big target, four and five star players. Now, Notre Dame's in the race and they're actually winning some of these."

"You want to get to a point

where you win about half of them," he continued. "You're never going to win them all but if you can win about half you're going to be a darn good football. Right now we're probably winning 30 to 40 percent. They've been doing an excellent, excellent job."

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Rourke came up with a pair of steals leading to fast break points.

Frank Kendrick senior R.J Kornhaas displayed excellent court vision finding his teammates and classmates Alex Pelkey and Billy Kane.

On one play in the second half, Kane drove through the paint, went to a behind-the-back crossover and converted the layup. The next trip down the court, Kane pulled up for a transition jumper and swished it home.

Using height advantage, Frank Kendrick controlled the offensive glass, winning second chance opportunities. The team was also able to penetrate and dish the ball to its big men in the post for points.

Frank Kendrick sometimes got sloppy with the ball possession, but displayed good team chemistry and strong low post play, helping it thwart a late rally from the team of mostly freshmen.

Kornhaas spoke briefly about the team's strategy heading into the game.

"We wanted to go out and see our opponents first, and then decide on how to match up against them," he said. "We saw that we had a height advantage so we tried to get the ball inside the post."

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Dropping Trout's size advantage proved crucial Thursday, helping it dominate inside en route to a victory over There's A 30% Chance We're Already Playing.

The big man for Dropping Trout, Dave Post, displayed full confidence in Cory McElrath, the team's captain, referring to him as the "fearless leader."

McElrath did not disappoint. He led all scorers with eight points, and his high-energy style of play kept Dropping Trout in con-

trol the whole way, especially as the second half wore on and fatigue began to set in for both teams.

Aggressive play was evident throughout the contest, with several fouls called and loose balls leapt on by multiple players. Post's inside presence led to several blocks and rebounds, and he also contributed four points.

"We definitely brought the trout," McElrath said.

30% Chance's Warren Scott led his team with five points, with all of his baskets coming on off-balance jumpers and acrobatic drives. In the end though, it was not enough to stop the physically dominant

Dropping Trout. The victors are now within two wins of reaching their goal: making it to the final 32 teams.

The Air Force 21, The President and His Thugs 2

In a fast-paced contest, The Air Force disposed of The President and His Thugs quickly and painlessly Wednesday night.

The outcome was never in doubt, but The President and His Thugs, a group of graduate students led by captain Konrad Kulacki, put forth a valiant effort. They seemed confident before the start of the game, but The Air Force, a freshman squad led by captain and floor leader Rich Ybarra, proved to be too much for the opposition to handle.

A high-octane offense and several steals by Joe DeMott led to plenty of fast-break opportunities for The Air Force, and those opportunities were not wasted. Scoring was distributed among all five team members, and everyone also contributed suffocating defense, dominant rebounding and jaw dropping passing.

"We were flying high today," said defensive specialist Nelson Way, who set the tone early with his relentless pressure. "Today is a sad day for America. The President has been assassinated."

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"We saw that we had a height advantage so we tried to get the ball inside to the post."

R.J. Kornhaas
Frank Kendrick player

"Today is a sad day for America. The President has been assassinated."

Nelson Way
The Air Force player

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish head to championships

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will travel to Louisville Sunday for the Big East championships at the Oxmoor Country Club. The three-day tournament will end Tuesday.

The Irish enter a field of seven, joining Georgetown, Rutgers, USF, Cincinnati, St. John's and Louisville.

The course is a par-72, 6,067-yard course that will bring out the best from each Big East team vying for the top spot.

Coach Susan Holt said the team hadn't done anything different to prepare for the tournament.

"We have been going about everything as business as usual, practicing hard every day," she said.

She made no distinction as to where the team's focus has been.

"Our main goal is to do our best and win it all," she said. Starting the championships

for the Irish is senior co-captain — and the most consistent Irish golfer this season — Noriko Nakazaki, who is coming off her season-best second-place finish at the Indiana Invitational. Nakazaki has led the team in shooting in all but one event this season.

Taking the second spot is freshman Annie Brophy, who has been a solid contributor throughout the season. The freshman has become a solid golfer from the second position, earning the Irish valuable points to aid the team's overall standing.

Teeing off third spot of the lineup will be fellow freshman Kristin Wetzel, whose best performance came at the end of the UNLV Invitational last March, shooting an even-par 72. Following her will be classmate Julie Kim. Both Wetzel and Kim have proven to be a solid core of young talent at the middle of the lineup for Notre Dame.

The fifth and final position will go to sophomore Lisa Maunu, who has rounded up

the lineup with solid performances, most notably her even-par 72 at the UNLV Invitational.

Maunu said Notre Dame is optimistic heading into the conference championship.

"We are excited to play well, everyone has been practicing hard and I think we have been waiting all year to break through and this is going to be the tournament," she said.

The Irish have learned from past failures and improved their overall play, Maunu said.

"We all can hit the ball, putt the ball, but it is the breakdown of our mental game," she said. "We however, learned our mistakes last tournament [Indiana Invitational] and will not let that happen again."

One thing that Holt has stressed to her team in practice is confidence.

"She knows we can do it and we just all have to come together and play our best golf," Maunu said.

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MLB

Phillies, Astros eke out victories

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jamie Moyer and Aaron Rowand helped the Philadelphia Phillies give manager Charlie Manuel a victory.

Moyer took a two-hit shutout into the ninth inning, and Rowand hit his first homer of 2007, leading the slumping Phillies past the Washington Nationals 4-2 Thursday.

Tossing in the 60s and 70s mph — and, only occasionally, in the low 80s — Moyer (2-1) allowed a single in the second, another in the third, and nothing more until Ryan Zimmerman's double leading off the ninth. Dmitri Young followed with an RBI double, and that was it for Moyer.

Tom Gordon came on and made things interesting, hitting his first batter, then allowing a single that loaded the bases with no outs.

Pinch-hitter Robert Fick's sacrifice fly made it 4-2, but Gordon secured his third save by getting Brian Schneider to ground out and striking out Chris Snelling.

Philadelphia, which entered a league-worst 3-10, won despite playing without reigning NL

MVP Ryan Howard, who hurt his left leg during Wednesday night's 13-inning loss to Washington.

The Phillies also won despite more problems with runners in scoring position, going 3-for-16 in such situations Thursday and 4-for-27 in the series.

Oh, right, and then there's this: Manuel is under intense scrutiny because of the team's slow start and his heated exchange with a radio talk-show host Tuesday night.

General manager Pat Gillick offered a tepid defense of his manager before Thursday's game, saying: "We've got basically the same guys we had at the end of the season ... so I don't see that much decline. ... He can't go up there and hit for them."

During the third inning, four Phillies fans tried to tell Gillick their opinion about Manuel, unfurling a banner in the upper deck that read: "Hey Pat, Phire Charlie! Save Our Team!"

Astros 8, Reds 6

Same inning. Same rally. Same disbelief for the Reds.

Luke Scott hit a bases-loaded double to highlight another eighth-inning rally, and the

Houston Astros completed a two-game sweep of the Cincinnati Reds with a bookend victory on Thursday night.

"It's hard to believe you could have back-to-back nights where you give up five runs in the eighth inning," Reds manager Jerry Narron said.

The Astros believed it the entire time.

They scored five runs in the eighth inning for a 7-2 victory on Wednesday night, with Jason Lane's three-run homer leading the way.

That was still fresh in their minds when they headed into the eighth trailing 6-2 this time around.

"In any situation, whenever you come back like that, it's positive energy," Scott said. Manager Phil Garner could sense it, too.

"There was a feeling like we were in the ballgame," Garner said.

Lance Berkman started the comeback sequel with a run-scoring single — his 100th career RBI against the Reds — and the Astros loaded the bases against closer David Weathers (0-2), who was summoned early with the game slipping away.

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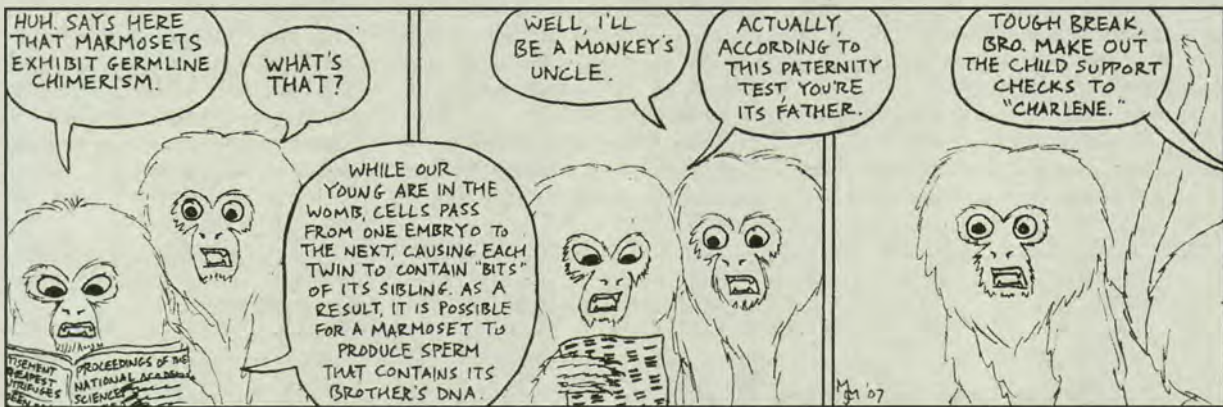
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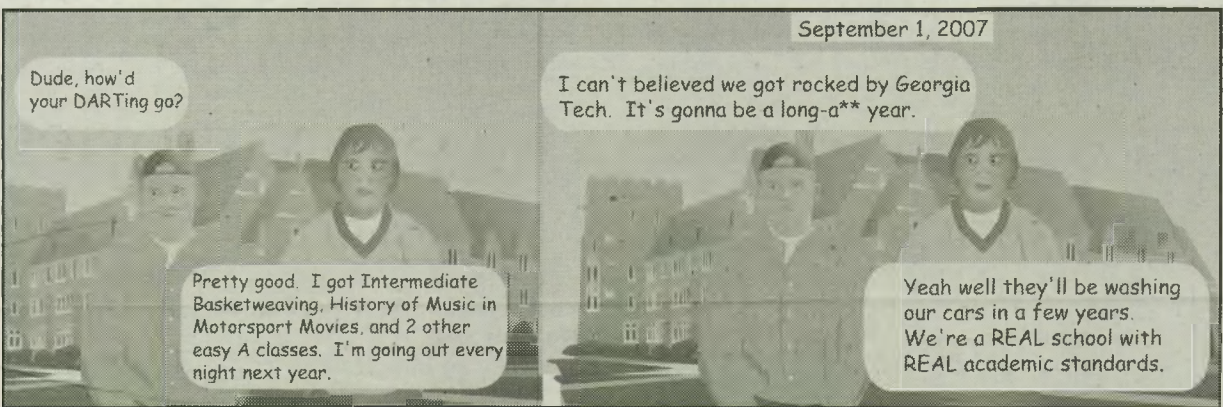
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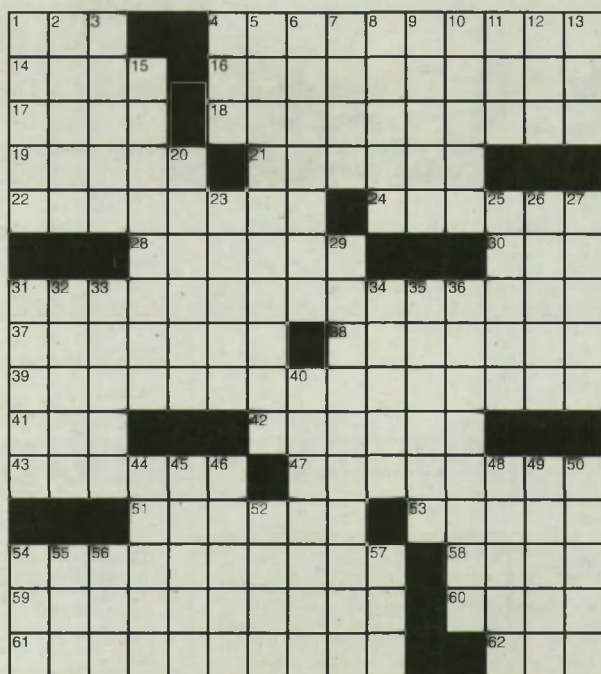
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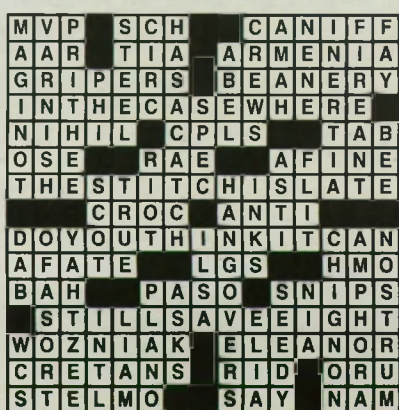
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 - 18 Like some fears
 - 19 Hint
 - 21 City at the confluence of the Lehigh and Delaware rivers
 - 22 Team member
 - 24 Without a break
 - 28 Christmas at St. Peter's
 - 30 First lady before Eleanor
 - 31 2000 best seller on social epidemics
 - 37 Climax at Daytona
 - 38 Title boy in a nursery rhyme
 - 39 Ability to let a pitch go by
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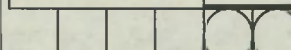
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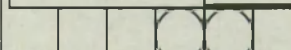
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Hayden Christensen, 26; Kate Hudson, 28; Ashley Judd, 39; Tim Curry, 61

Happy Birthday: Be honest about your likes and dislikes. You can't continue to do things because everyone else wants you to. If you follow through with your own plan, you will achieve your goals. Listen to what your body and your intuition are telling you and respond. Change is upon you but don't fret; it's way overdue. Your numbers are 10, 14, 26, 29, 34, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look for any excuse to take a trip, sign up for a course or attend a conference. You will be able to put whatever information you acquire to good use immediately. Romance will lead to something very good. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get involved in group activities. Volunteering your services will lead to an interesting opportunity. Don't get emotional over issues that arise concerning an older relative or friend. Do what you can but don't meddle. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't leave anything to the last minute. Expect the unexpected and don't be surprised if someone leaves you in a vulnerable position. Luckily, you will be thinking fast and able to take action without skipping a beat. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you need to finish something, do so before someone brings it to your attention. The people you have to deal with may overreact, causing you stress. Keep your emotions intact and avoid using the poor-me approach. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put yourself in a position that will allow you to learn and pick up valuable information for the future. By offering your time or skills now, you will meet someone you impress who can and will suggest you for an interesting project. Socialize and network. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't count on the people you are closest to. Be careful what you say and of whom you make requests. Emotional instability will prevail if you don't address issues promptly. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Plan something nice for yourself and the one you love or want to get to know better. You can make progress if you let your charm, generosity and innovative actions show how wonderful you can be. Partnerships look promising. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take advantage of a financial opportunity. You should be able to invest, buy and sell or even get a new moneymaking project off the ground. Grants, loans and getting financial support look positive. Your talents are worth more than you realize. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can expect to overreact and cause some emotional turmoil when dealing with friends, relatives and your lover. Partnerships will be questioned and your inability to see matters clearly can cost you dearly today. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at what you have, what you have built and where you see yourself heading. This is a good time to consider your next professional and personal move. Tie up loose ends and take care of paperwork. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put a hold on everything and make some romantic plans. If you are single, get out and find love. If you are in a relationship, take it to the next level. Commitment and plans should be discussed. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your priorities in order. Not everyone will agree with your to-do list but you can't let that keep you from moving forward. It will be the simple route that will get you to your destination. 4 stars

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FOOTBALL

Weis secures verbal commitment from Crist

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis has been busy this spring choosing between four candidates for starting quarterback. But in 2008, he may have to throw another name into the mix — Dayne Crist.

The Sherman Oaks, Calif. native — one of the top 100 prospects in the country, accord-

ing to scout.com — turned down reported offers from Michigan and USC to become Notre Dame's eighth verbal commitment for the Class of 2012, the Los Angeles Times reported Thursday. Crist officially announced his decision to play for the Irish at a press conference late Thursday night, Los Angeles time.

Playing seven games in his junior season at Notre Dame High School, Crist threw for 1,200

yards and 17 touchdowns while throwing three interceptions. His 6-foot-5, 221-pound frame is comparable to that of former Irish quarterback Brady Quinn. But Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for iriseyes.com, says Crist has a leg up on Quinn in terms of his size.

"[Crist] is a lot bigger than [Quinn] coming in. He's a very big kid, strong. But the nice thing about this kid is that he moves

really well," Frank said. "His ability to evade the rush and throw on the run is very comparable to [Quinn's], though he's probably a little bit bigger."

In addition to his throwing ability, Crist can move out of the pocket with ease. He has a 4.6-second 40-yard dash time and rushed for 500 yards during his junior season.

"He's a really good athlete for a guy his size, and a heck of an arm," Frank said. "I think there's

probably some mechanical things that they'll probably need to tweak a little bit — footwork and maybe some throwing motion things — but you don't get kids this big that move that well very often."

The quarterback race could be wide open next year as well, especially if one of the four candidates this year does not set himself apart from the rest of the

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXVI

Narrowing the field

Frank Kendrick, Air Force, Dropping Trout cruise to wins

By CHRIS DOYEN and
LORENZO REYES
Sports Writers

Frank Kendrick Basketball Camp 21, Team 173 9

It was a tale of two halves at Bookstore Court No. 4 as Frank Kendrick Basketball Camp pulled out a win Thursday by using its transition game wisely.

Kendrick entered the game prepared to score as many points as it pleased in the short first half. In those 15 minutes, Team 179 was only able to muster three points to Frank Kendrick's 11.

However, once the second half rolled along, Team 179 was able to slow the tempo down. Freshman Brendan O'



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Sophomore Ryan Cleary dribbles past a defender in a Bookstore Basketball showdown at the Bookstore courts Sunday.

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BASEBALL

Team gets ready for Big East foe

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After winning its first conference series of the season last weekend and taking its two midweek games in dramatic fashion, Notre Dame heads into a weekend series against West Virginia having won five of its last six contests.

West Virginia comes into the showdown with a 5-6 Big East record to go along with its 21-11 overall mark. The Irish are 4-7 in conference play — 18-17 overall — and figure to battle the Mountaineers for a spot in the Big East tournament May 22-26 in Brooklyn, N.Y.

After taking two of three from Georgetown last weekend, the Irish defeated Toledo 8-7 Tuesday and triumphed

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Seniors focused on championship

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After setting the program record for consecutive home victories with last weekend's win over Air Force, the No. 11 Irish will return to the friendly confines of Moose-Krause Stadium Saturday at 11 a.m. to take on Lehigh.

For Notre Dame's nine seniors, it will be the final regular-season game in which they compete on the home field that has treated them so well throughout their careers.

But extending their winning streak — not playing in their last home game — is at the forefront of those seniors' minds.

"I haven't really thought about [playing my final home game] that much," senior

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish senior midfielder Ryan Cunn holds off a Denver defender during Notre Dame's 14-6 victory over the Pioneers Sunday.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Top-seeded Irish to take on UConn

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

No. 1 seed and two-time defending champion Notre Dame will take on Connecticut in the quarter-finals of the Big East tournament today.

The Irish earned a bye in the first round due to their consistent play throughout the season, which gave them a 23-2 dual match record.

Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback expects junior Brook Buck to take part in the doubles matches, but said she will sit out No. 6 singles.

"I don't know who'll play No. 6 singles, but the doubles will be full strength," Louderback said.

Today marks the first time Buck and her doubles partner, sopho-

more Kelcy Tefft, will be competing together since March 16. Together, they have a 21-5 record from the No. 2 slot.

Louderback said his team, which is 11-2 against top-25 opponents this season, is not looking past today's match.

"[Connecticut] just competes and their doubles teams... looked pretty good," Louderback said. "I think it'll be a good match for us, especially the first match out. I think we're definitely the more talented team but they look like a bunch of kids who compete very well."

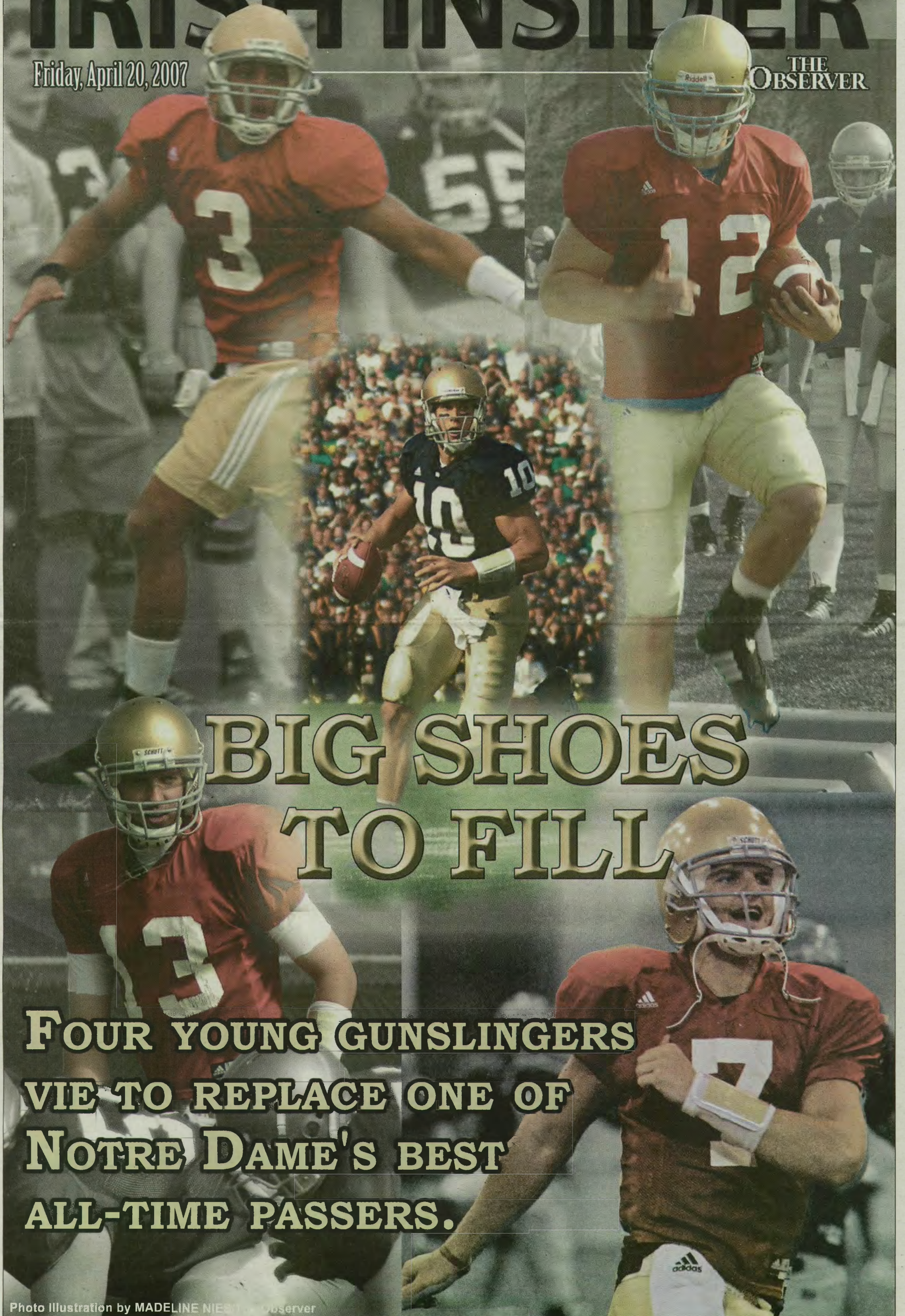
The Irish battle Connecticut at 9 a.m. today, and should they win, they will face the winner of Marquette and Rutgers Saturday.

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BIG SHOES TO FILL

**FOUR YOUNG GUNSLINGERS
VIE TO REPLACE ONE OF
NOTRE DAME'S BEST
ALL-TIME PASSERS.**

Who's ready to party like it's 2005?

Young, disrespected Irish squad ready to prove critics wrong, just like two years ago

Don't expect a lot from Notre Dame.

Four inexperienced signal-callers battling for the starting quarterback job.

three tailbacks of varying age fighting for the top running back spot, a new defensive scheme and a revamping of the wide receiver corps means only on thing is sure for the Irish:



Ken Fowler
Sports Writer

They're going to be having a heck of a lot of fun.

The look was in Travis Thomas' eyes Monday after practice. He was excited about the competition he's been getting at tailback from highly-regarded freshman Armando Allen and highly-regarded-freshman-turned-promising-sophomore James Aldridge.

Thomas talked about the team being loose, excited and energized for the sea-

son. It reminded him a little of the transition time between Ty Willingham and Charlie Weis. Expectations were low, changes were vast and the team had fire in its eyes.

Thomas knows those characteristics fit the 2007 squad just as well as they did for the team two seasons ago.

And today, as both Thomas and David Grimes put it, everyone's "hungry."

Hungry to be the one who makes the plays that put a wry smile on the face of a distant fan expecting nothing more than effort from the Irish in 2007.

Hungry to prove that the coaching staff made the right decision on the depth chart by taking full advantage of every opportunity.

Hungry to attack when it seems like they should be the prey.

That hunger can go a long way.

"I can see it in spring ball already. The competition's healthy. Everyone's

having fun regardless of where they're at on the depth chart, high or low," Thomas said. "Every day we hit it hard. [Offensive coordinator Michael] Haywood's pushing us real hard, and it's a good thing.

"We look forward to going out there every day and getting better."

While the team as a whole has dropped in the esteem of most outside observers after losing so many seniors, Grimes feels like a rising star. This spring he has ascended to the No. 1 wide receiver position.

And even now he longs for his pressure-free existence as the No. 3.

"Last year ... it was the best time of my life," Grimes said

It was the best time of his life because he wasn't the target of all the focus and could concentrate on simply performing well without grandiose expectations. Grimes' 2006 just might

be Notre Dame's 2007.

From Thomas' perspective as a fifth-year on a squad thought to be rebuilding, the expectations are internal instead of external.

"We obviously feel like we have something to prove. That's why we came back. We just want to go out there, have fun, play ball, play hard, raise expectations and raise the bar," Thomas said of the fifth-years. "I don't think there's anything left for us to see. I mean, we've been through coaching changes; we've been through the ups, the downs.

"Now it's just putting everything together and making it a smooth transition with the new guys coming in."

Sound familiar? It should. Welcome to 2005, Part II: Low expectations, a loose team and a whole lot of fun.

Just don't expect the same results from the sequel. If you do, you'll ruin the ride.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Spring Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	192	JR
2	Darrin Walls	DB	6-0	180	SR
3	Demetrius Jones	RB	6-4	210	SO
4	Gary Gray	DB	5-11	5-11	FR
5	Armando Allen	RB	5-10	190	FR
6	Ray Herring	DB	5-10	190	JR
7	Jimmy Clausen	QB	6-5	207	FR
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	184	SO
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	210	JR
11	David Grimes	WR	6-0	174	JR
12	Zach Frazer	QB	6-4	226	SO
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	212	JR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	189	SR
16	Justin Gillett	QB	5-11	180	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	196	SR
19	George West	WR	5-8	188	SO
20	Terrill Lambert	DB	5-11	191	SR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	181	SO
22	Ambrose Wooden	DB	5-11	190	SR
23	W. David Williams	DB	5-10	173	SR
24	Leonard Gordon	DB	5-11	190	SO
24	Brandon Erickson	WR	6-0	185	SO
25	Munir Prince	RB	5-10	184	SO
26	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	218	SR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	202	JR
27	John Lyons	RB	6-1	205	SR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-0	200	JR
29	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	196	SO
29	Jake Richardville	WR	6-0	180	SO
31	Sergio Brown	DB	6-1	196	SO
32	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	252	SO
33	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	SO
34	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	213	SO
36	Dex Cure	RB	6-0	220	SO
37	Junior Jabbie	RB	5-11	190	SR
38	Wade Iams	DB	5-9	183	SR
39	Ryan Burkhardt	K	5-11	196	SO
39	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	230	SO
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	225	SR
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	244	JR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	240	JR
42	David Costanzo	WR	5-9	165	JR
43	Eric Maust	P	6-1	177	SO
43	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	170	JR
44	Asaph Schwapp	RB	6-0	255	JR
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	185	JR
46	Michael Planalp	TE	6-4	248	JR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	231	JR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-0	244	SO
51	Dan Wenger	OL	6-4	282	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	235	SR
53	Morrice Richardson	LB	6-2	235	SO
54	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-3	233	SR
55	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	300	SO
57	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	257	SR
59	Chris Stewart	OL	6-5	340	SO
61	J.J. Jensen	LS	6-3	242	SR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-3	300	SO
67	T. Bemenderfer	OL	6-5	285	JR
69	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	266	SR
70	Bartley Webb	OL	6-7	290	SO
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	291	JR
73	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	295	SO
74	Sam Young	OL	6-7	315	SO
75	Chris Frome	DL	6-5	268	SR
76	Bob Morton	OL	6-4	292	SR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	299	SO
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	290	SR
80	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	204	SO
81	Darrin Bragg	WR	6-1	192	SR
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-3	201	SO
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	263	SO
86	Mike Talerico	TE	6-5	250	SR
88	Konrad Reuland	TE	6-6	255	SO
89	John Carlson	TE	6-6	259	SR
90	John Ryan	DL	6-5	244	SO
92	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	287	JR
93	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	285	SO
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	255	SR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-2	272	JR
97	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	240	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	295	SR

Other Weekend Events at Notre Dame

FRIDAY, APRIL 20th

- Baseball vs. West Virginia - Frank Eck Stadium, 6:05 p.m. (Tickets Required)

SATURDAY, APRIL 21st

- Fan Fest opens in Joyce South Parking Lot - 10 a.m.
- Stadium Gates open at 11:00 a.m.
- Football Alumni Flag Football Game - 11:30 a.m. (Blue-Gold Game ticket is required to attend)
- Men's Lacross vs. Lehigh - Moose Krause Stadium, 12 p.m.
- Softball vs. Louisville - Ivy Field, 12 p.m./2 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd

- Softball vs. South Florida - Ivy Field, 12:00 p.m./2:00 p.m.
- Baseball vs. West Virginia - Frank Eck Stadium, 1:05 p.m. (Ticket required - Show your Blue-Gold ticket and get in free)

BLUE AND GOLD ROSTERS

◆ Players' names in alphabetical order at each position

◆ Players who will be on both teams are in green

OFFENSE

COACH Ara Parseghian

WIDE RECEIVER: 11 Grimes, 82 Parris

TAILBACK: 5 Allen, 26 Thomas

FULLBACK: 36 Cure, 32 Schmidt

QUARTERBACK: 7 Clausen, 3 Jones

RIGHT GUARD: 73 Carufel, 77 Turkovich

RIGHT TACKLE: 71 Webb, 74 Young

TIGHT END: 89 Carlson, 46 Planalp

WIDE RECEIVER: 24 Erickson, 19 West

LEFT TACKLE: 72 Duncan, 63 Tisak

LEFT GUARD: 67 Bemenderfer, 55 Olsen

NOSE TACKLE: 96 Kuntz, 59 Stewart

CENTER: 78 Sullivan, 51 Wenger

LEFT END: 57 Stephenson

INSIDE LINEBACKER: 41 Smith, 49 Smith

INSIDE LINEBACKER: 40 Crum, 35 Smith

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER: 90 Ryan

RIGHT END: 98 Laws

STRONG SAFETY: 27 Bruton, 24 Gordon

FREE SAFETY: 9 Zbikowski, 45 Leonis

CORNERBACK: 15 Ferrine, 22 Wooden

CORNERBACK: 4 Gray, 20 Lambert

DEFENSE

WIDE RECEIVER: 21 Gallup, 80 Jackson

CORNERBACK: 8 McNeil, 25 Prince

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER: 54 Vernaglia

FREE SAFETY: 31 Brown, 28 McCarthy

INSIDE LINEBACKER: 52 Brockington, 36 Lough

STRONG SAFETY: 29 Gaines, 6 Herring

RIGHT TACKLE: 71 Webb, 74 Young

TIGHT END: 88 Reuland, 84 Yeatman

LEFT END: 97 Wade

INSIDE LINEBACKER: 48 Quinn

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Crum Jr. leads revamped linebacking corps

Last year's team leader in tackles helps ease adjustment to 3-4

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Whether the Irish play a 3-4 or the 4-3, it doesn't matter to rising senior Maurice Crum Jr. — as long as he gets to play football.

"I could care less what system we're running," Crum said. "I really don't care. I just like lining up and going."

Crum played both middle and outside linebacker during his time under former defensive coordinator Rick Minter's 4-3 scheme. Last year, playing middle linebacker, Crum led the team with 100 tackles.

Now, under the 3-4 personnel system of new defensive coordinator Corwin Brown, Crum will occupy one of the inside linebacker spots. He said his experience playing the different linebacker positions will ease the transition to the new defensive system next year.

"For the most part I think it's just a comfort level with myself knowing that I can do this, and I can do that," Crum said. "So, I think being able to switch and do multiple things has helped build my confidence."

But Crum will be asked to do more than just put up solid numbers again this season. He will now lead the linebackers as they try to adjust to the new defensive scheme and develop a new identity.

"I think this year I'm definitely not afraid to say 'Let's go,' or when we're lagging to pull everybody in the group and say, 'We gotta pick it up as

a unit,'" Crum said. "I think I've started to step into my role."

This new role means leading a linebacking corps that has to adjust to playing new positions. It means making sure everybody is on the same page in the huddle, and it means motivating his teammates to go that extra mile in workouts and practice — especially when things are not going so well.

"He's a student of the game. He knows everything you're doing. He helps with the calls," rising sophomore linebacker John Ryan said. "Obviously he's making all the calls, but you know he'll yell out reminders to me. You know little pick-me-ups when you don't make a great play, 'Don't worry, you'll get the next one.' I mean he's just a real good leader."

Ryan could see time this season flanking Crum as an outside line-

backer. Ryan, rising senior Dwight Stephenson and rising sophomore Morrice Richardson are examples of "tweeners" — which means the coaching staff thinks they are too slow to play linebacker in a 4-3 set, but not big enough to occupy a spot on the front line.

As a result, Weis and Brown are moving to a 3-4 personnel system that places these "tweeners" in a linebacking position, but starts them closer to the opponents' offensive line than they would otherwise be in a 4-3. This way, they can maximize their combination of strength and speed outside the offensive line.

"You know, this gives you a lot more flexibility because now, both those guys, both the guys on the outside are capable of being either a defensive end or a linebacker on every play," Weis said March 21. "And this way the defense and the



Observer File Photo

After leading the Irish in tackles last season, rising senior Maurice Crum Jr. returns to anchor Notre Dame's linebackers in defensive coordinator Corwin Brown's new personnel defensive

offense really never knows which one is which: Is this guy a linebacker in this play? Or is he a defensive end on this play? By natural view of that, it causes confusion."

Throughout the spring, Crum likes what he sees at that position.

"Everyone adds their own special thing to that particular position," he said. "So, I mean, it's tough to point out one particular guy because everyone's been doing a great job since day one."

Brown said his defense has shown improvement since the beginning of spring. But overall, there is still work that needs to be done. Crum feels that with time, the defense will adjust to the new defense.

"I think for us it's just a matter of us playing and spending more time together," Crum said. "It's just little things. We still gotta gel and get the personalities together. I mean it's a new system for us, so I think once everyone's comfortable in the system, the sky's the limit."

The team's acclimation with the 3-4 personnel set will extend from the summer up until the first snap September 1 against Georgia Tech. But one constant this spring has been the implementation of a new demeanor in the way the defense plays each day — and Crum has played a big part developing this attitude.

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Irish linebacker

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Irish linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. fights off blockers in Notre Dame's 38-14 win over Navy Oct. 28. Crum is learning his third new position in three years this spring under the new 3-4 defensive system.

Maurice Crum Jr.

Tackles

2005.....57
2006.....100

Tackles For Loss

2005.....3.5
2006.....10.0

Sacks

2005.....0
2006.....4

Interceptions

2005.....0
2006.....1

Fumbles Forced

2005.....1
2006.....1

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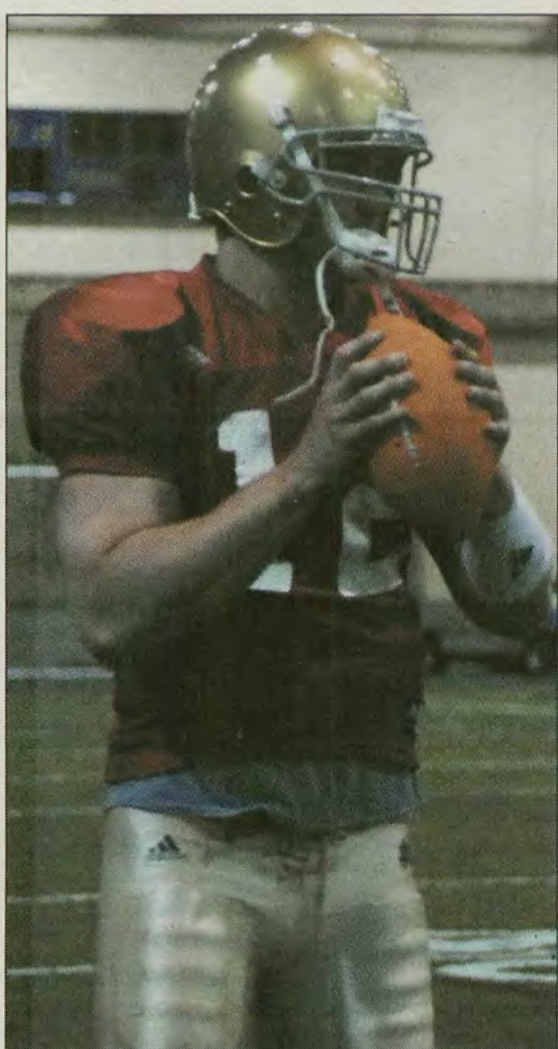
Notre Dame's young quarterbacks have one spring to show they have the right stuff to repl

3 Demetrius Jones

rising sophomore



- Hometown: Chicago, Ill.
- Height/Weight: 6-4 / 210 lbs
- High School Stats: 4300 yards passing, 46 touchdowns in two years as starter



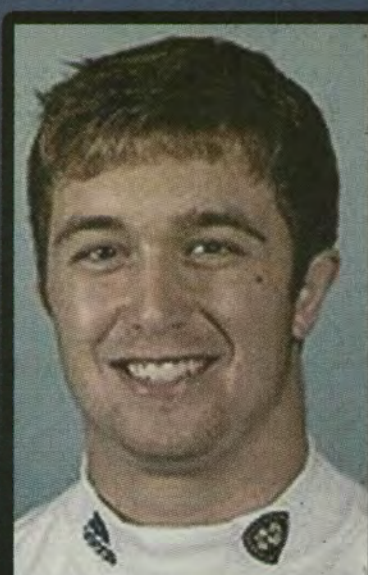
Zach Frazer, left, throws during an April 16 practice at the Loftus Sports Center. Demetrius Jones, right, runs drills during a March 26 practice on Cartier Field.



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

12 Zach Frazer

rising sophomore



- Hometown: Mechanicsburg, Penn.
- Height/Weight: 6-4 / 226 lbs
- High School Stats: 5513 yards passing, 36 touchdowns in two years as starter

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Brady has left the building. A year ago at this time, Brady Quinn was the center of attention. After each spring practice, the face of Notre Dame football who carried the team on his right arm, would enter the press room at the Guglielmino Athletic Center and immediately be surrounded by a gaggle reporters, sometimes three and four deep on every side. People wanted every last sound-bite from the Heisman candidate, Notre Dame's most recent Golden Boy.

But today things are different. Quinn, holder of dozens of school records, is going through a different media circus, this time his pre-draft, talk-show circuit rounds. He even sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at Wrigley Field Monday.

Back in South Bend, things have changed even more. Four quarterbacks — rising junior Evan Sharpley, rising sophomores Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer, and early-entry freshman Jimmy Clausen — have splintered the media horde that used to follow Quinn wherever he went. In fact, when they walk into the press room after practice, some reporters hang back awkwardly, unsure of which quarterback is which.

There are no school records among the four. As a group, they amassed only seven collegiate passing yards, all of them by Sharpley. Most Irish fans — and even many of their fellow students — know them only by their jersey numbers and perhaps the number of stars next to their names on various recruiting websites.

Irish coach Charlie Weis has said that he will narrow the race from four to two based on spring practice — a decision he will announce at the end of May. Until then, however, each of the four divergent personalities is convinced that he will be Notre Dame's next "cult hero," as Weis used to call Quinn.

So who are these masked men?

The Hollywood Superstar

Clausen is the most recognizable face among the four competitors.

The 6-foot-5, 207-pounder out of Westlake Village, Calif., was the top-rated quarterback nationally in last year's recruiting class. He committed to the Irish the morning of last year's Blue-Gold Game at the College Football Hall of Fame in downtown South Bend.

The announcement ceremony, which included Clausen pulling up in a Hummer limousine, was witnessed by most of the media assembled for the scrimmage later that day.

But the excitement around Clausen wasn't just because of his elaborate ceremony. The younger brother of former Tennessee quarterbacks Casey and Rick Clausen, Jimmy started all four years at Oaks Christian High School, going 42-0. He threw for more than 10,000 yards

and 146 touchdowns in that span.

All the success strained his arm once he arrived at Notre Dame in January as an early enrollee. Weis told Clausen to rest his arm in preparation for spring practice and the freshman was ready to go when camp opened March 21.

The coach also tried to make the Clausen's life easier by sequestering him from publicity all spring. Weis has a policy of restricting media access to freshman, and in that sense Clausen was no exception.

The Life of the Party

Jones sees being a quarterback as more than just an on-field role — he also says the quarterback should be an off-field resource for his teammates.

"As a quarterback it's important to find out what's going on with everybody," he said. "Everybody has social problems and family problems. I try to be a people person."

Whether it's celebrating a

sunny day with his bright red "summer shoes" or hinting about the "G-Code" that he and his friends in his native Chicago use, Jones loves to goof around. He says his sense of humor and outgoing personality helps him be a leader on the team.

"The same guys you slap on the back of the head before class are the guys blocking for you," he said. "The same people you tease are the ones catching passes for you."

But it hasn't been all fun and games for Jones this spring. In addition to the nerve-racking competition for starting quarterback, he also has to worry about his grandmother, Gloria Pierce who was diagnosed with stomach cancer.

Jones said his faith has helped him get through the tough times.

"I'm a pretty Biblical person and I believe everything happens for a reason," he said.

Pierce recently moved from her home in Selma, Ala., to Indianapolis to seek better care which means he can visit her more often. He's planning on seeing her soon after the Blue-Gold Game.

But Jones said her health problems won't affect him on the field — Pierce wouldn't allow it.

"She says not to worry about her, because this is one of my dreams," he said. "She would be mad if worrying about her made me do worse on the field."

Jones is perhaps the most versatile of the four quarterbacks, leading to some speculation outside of the team that he might switch positions if he doesn't earn the starting job.

Jones rejects these ideas — but he's also confident that that question will never need to be asked.

"I didn't come here to be a backup and I didn't come here to be anyone's sidekick," he said.

The Cannon-Armed Prototype

If the quarterback race was based solely on who looks like the most like Quinn when in uniform, Frazer would win hands down.

At 6-foot-4, 226 pounds, he is the largest of the four competing quarterbacks, and comes closest to Quinn, who was 6-foot-4, 232

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John Carlson
Irish tight end

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ce one of the school's all-time greats and take over college football's most scrutinized position

pounds.
"Being able to see the field is my strength, along with my arm," he said.

Frazer's teammates agree on his arm strength

"Zach has a strong arm," rising junior wide receiver David Grimes said. "I think he can probably throw the ball 70 or 80 yards."

After red-shirting last fall, Frazer said he couldn't wait for spring practice and the competition with the other quarterbacks to begin.

"I was counting down the days from 100 days before spring," he said.

Frazer said the experience he gained this past season on the sidelines watching Quinn prepared him well for the competition this spring.

"I was little nervous on the first day of practice, but after that I felt very confident moving in there and moving the ball," he said.

That confidence extends to more than just the playbook. Frazer said playing in front of tens of thousands of people for the first time Saturday won't rattle him at all.

"You have to go out and have a good time," he said. "You can't hype it too much or you'll get nervous."

And Frazer has no reason to be nervous, because, according to him, he's already the best option at quarterback.

"In my eyes, I'm number one," he said.

The Elder Statesman

Sharpley is the only one of the four quarterbacks who was enrolled at Notre Dame during the 2005 football season.

He is also the only one that has appeared in a regulation college game — and the only one that has completed a pass.

And the 6-foot-4, 212 pound rising junior out of Marshall, Mich., says that gives him an advantage.

"I was able to sit back and kind of be a sponge and learn from Coach Weis and Brady — whoever was there. ... It was good for me," he said. "You learn a lot of nuances, a lot of little things that are helpful in picking up the playbook."

Of course, with that experience comes the responsibility of being a leader to younger players — even those that Sharpley is competing with for playing time.

"It's difficult in that respect because we're all going after the same position, and you'd like to help as much as you can, but you also have to realize it's someone you're competing against," he said. "We have a great relation off the field as well as on, and it's just kind of, I guess almost a mutual fondness for each other where we're out there trying to help each other compete."

In between spring workouts, quarterback meetings and going to class, Sharpley is also a first baseman the Irish baseball team. He has appeared in 11 games this year, driving in two runs on his lone hit.

Weis said he's grateful that Sharpley has decided to make football his top priority.

"Evan's been here for all the football practices," he said. "He's putting a heavy emphasis on foot-

ball."

Sharpley said he would like to emulate the two-sport career of former Notre Dame wide receiver/pitcher Jeff Samardzija, but that being a position player in baseball makes his task more difficult than Samardzija's, who only had to pitch in one game per week.

"His situation was a lot different than mine, him being a pitcher and then obviously already establishing himself in both sports so he had a little leeway there with time constraints where he could do a little bit more," Sharpley said.

So while his baseball career might be on hold right now, Sharpley said it is for the best.

"In my situation right now, I need to be here at football trying to establish myself," he said.

What's next?

Notre Dame has had mixed success replacing highly successful quarterbacks in the past.

After Joe Montana graduated in 1979, the Irish used several quarterbacks, all with limited success, and finished just 7-4.

On the other hand, in 1969, Terry Hanratty, who led Notre Dame to the 1966 national championship, gave way seamlessly to Joe Theismann, who would set one of the few school records Quinn never broke with his 526 passing yards against USC in 1970.

In 1997, then-coach Bob Davie attempted to ease the transition between then-senior Ron Powlus (now the Irish quarterbacks coach) and then-junior Jarious Jackson by having Jackson play

at various times during games. Davie took heat when the offense sputtered, but Jackson stepped smoothly into the starter role the next year.

Weis never gave that method a thought. With Quinn playing well and expectations through the roof, there was little opportunity to get meaningful snaps for a back-up.

Instead, Weis used this spring to judge which quarterback will fill Quinn's enormous shoes.

For other players on the roster, the transition from one experienced leader under center to four young players still learning the playbook has not been easy, but veterans like fifth-year senior tight end John Carlson say they are making the best of the situation.

"There are four guys that we are developing chemistry with," he said. "They all got a lot better this spring."

Weis will narrow down his choice to two in about a month, and next fall he'll reveal which of the four has earned the right to start against Georgia Tech in the first game of the season.

It's a long time to wait for the four competitors, but as Jones pointed out, it means that Weis took as much as possible into consideration.

"Patience is a virtue, and we've been waiting this long," he said. "It won't kill us to wait a little longer."

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7 Jimmy Clausen

early entry freshman



- Hometown: Westlake Village, Calif.
- Height/Weight: 6-5 / 207 lbs
- High School Stats: 10,764 yards passing, 146 touchdowns in four years as starter



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Jimmy Clausen, left, and Evan Sharpley, right, throw during a spring practice March 30 at the Loftus Sports Center. Clausen and Sharpley are two of four quarterbacks competing for the starting job.

13 Evan Sharpley

rising junior



- Hometown: Marshall, Mich.
- Height/Weight: 6-2 / 212 lbs
- ND Career Stats: 8 appearances, 1-2, 7 yds
- High School Stats: 3229 yards passing, 42 touchdowns in two years as starter

Cut from the same cloth

New defensive coordinator Corwin Brown learned the ins and outs of football from the same teachers as Weis

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

This offseason, Irish coach Charlie Weis realized something needed to be done.

Last season, Notre Dame's defense ranked 65th out of 119 Division 1 schools, surrendered 5.48 yards per play and allowed the toughest teams it played — Michigan, USC and LSU — to score more than 40 points each.

Weis did not renew former defensive coordinator Rick Minter's contract in January and began a search for a new defensive coordinator. He turned to some of the greatest football minds in the game today for advice to fill the vacancy.

"I called up [Cowboys] Coach [Bill] Parcells. I called up [Patriots] Coach [Bill] Belichick. I called up [Browns] Coach [Romeo] Crennel and called up [Virginia] Coach [Al] Groh. And they came up with one name," Weis said in a Jan. 19 press conference.

"They said you should hire Corwin Brown."

The player

Brown was born in Chicago, the son of two public school teachers, and at an early age he became an athlete, playing football and running track at Julian High School. Brown had an impressive football career at Julian, earning all-state honors as a defensive back.

Because of this success, Michigan coach Bo Schembechler offered Brown a scholarship to play safety with the Wolverines. Brown spent four years (1989-1992) in Ann Arbor on teams that never finished the season ranked below No. 7 in the final polls, accumulating a 38-7-3 record during Brown's time there with three Rose Bowl appearances.

In his senior year with the Wolverines, he was named a tri-captain and came in second on the team with 82 tackles. Brown won first-team All-Big Ten honors in 1992.

Brown's impressive college career caught the eye of the New England Patriots' staff, led by Bill

Parcells. The Patriots took the Wolverines strong safety in the fourth round of the 1993 NFL Draft with the 110th overall pick. Brown continued to learn under one of the top coaching staffs in the NFL, including position coaches Al Groh, Romeo Crennel and Charlie Weis. Eventually, Bill Belichick joined the staff in 1996 as the defensive backs coach. This coaching staff led the Patriots to the Super Bowl and gave Brown a premium education in coaching.

"Nobody's born knowing this stuff. And if you're fortunate enough to be around good guys, which I have been, you just try to take something from them," Brown said. "You try to see what they do, what worked, and you try to apply that for yourself."

Brown followed Parcells to the New York Jets in 1997 before finishing his career with two seasons in Detroit. In 1998, Brown earned his only Pro Bowl selection as the special teams alternate for the AFC.

Brown was a special teams standout during his NFL career, registering at least 10 special teams tackles per season from 1994-2000. In total, he finished with 177 tackles in 120 games played, including 20 starts.

With his playing days behind him in 2001, Brown knew he wanted to stay in football and found a way to keep involved — coaching.

The coach

"I knew Corwin wanted to be a coach six months after I met him his rookie year in 1993," Bill Parcells said of Brown in a statement released by Notre Dame.

Brown finally got his wish in 2001 when Groh asked him to coach Virginia's special teams. In three years in Charlottesville, he learned the intricacies of college coaching, including the recruiting process and how to blend upperclassmen and incoming freshmen to get the most effective unit possible.

Brown began his work with a veteran special teams lineup, including All-ACC punter Mike Abrams. Although Abrams and



Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown, above, played for Bill Parcells as a cornerback in 1996 and was the secondary coach at the Jets last season. Brown will implement a 3-4 defense at Notre Dame.

placekicker David Green left early, Brown continued working with young players to keep the Cavalier kicking game strong in 2002-3.

Brown's special teams saw a lot of success during his last two years at Virginia. In 2002, the punt coverage unit allowed less than 10 yards per return for the first time in five years, while the kickoff coverage team ranked second in the ACC. This success spilled over into the 2003 campaign when the Cavaliers averaged 9.3 yards per return on punts and 24.8 yards per return on kickoffs.

The next big jump in Brown's career came in 2004 when then-New York Jets head coach Herm Edwards offered him a job as the assistant special teams and assistant defensive backs coach. Edwards later promoted him to defensive backs coach before the 2004 training camp — a position he held for the next three years.

Brown helped improve the Jets secondary drastically in his first season. The defensive backs nabbed 14 of the Jets' 19 interceptions — a 40 percent increase from 2003. Brown also molded rookie Erik Coleman — a fifth-round choice in the 2004 draft — to an NFL starter. Coleman finished the season third on the team with 88 tackles and also recorded four picks and two sacks while starting all 16 games.

Brown's secondary continued to improve the next two years. In 2005, the Jets allowed only 172.2 passing yards per game, second-best in the NFL. Last season, the New York's defensive backs accounted for 14 of the team's 16 picks while allowing only 21 plays of 25 yards or more.

But after six successful seasons as a position coach, Brown was ready to move on and accepted Weis' offer in January to become the newest defensive coordinator at Notre Dame.

As Brown re-entered college coaching this year, he remained focused on the task at hand — winning.

"I really haven't even had time to think about [the transition]," Brown said. "Because you come in and its recruiting, then we're trying to get the system implemented, then you start spring ball and you're still recruiting. So it's really not about me anyway, it never has been."

The change has not only impact-

ed Brown as he must adapt to a new school, but the defensive players who have to learn how their new coach operates.

"[Brown's coaching style] is more of a passive-aggressive. He just wants us to relax and play," cornerback Ambrose Wooden said. "He's been there before — he knows what it's like to be out there. And that's what we try to focus on — being more patient and just being physical at the line of scrimmage."

Fifth-year senior safety Tom Zbikowski said Brown and the defensive players have meshed well together this spring.

"I think the players accepted him and he accepted us as players," he said. "If you're not running the ball, if you're not playing hard, you're gonna get taken out no matter who you are, and that's what I think why we respect him as players."

But as they learn what their coach expects of them, the players have also had to learn a completely new system this season — Brown's 3-4 defense.

The 3-4

One of the most important facets of the 2007 spring practices has been how Notre Dame's defensive players will adjust to Corwin Brown's 3-4 personnel scheme.

Brown said in his introductory press conference Jan. 19 that he has experience working with and coaching both a 3-4 and a 4-3 defense and would look at the personnel to determine which system he would implement. Early in the spring, Brown chose to revamp the Irish defense.

The most obvious change in the defense comes with the front seven. Rising fifth-year senior Trevor Laws, who started the last two seasons at defensive tackle in the 4-3 defense, made one of the most high-profile moves, switching to play on the end. Although the rest of the line is not set — and may not be set until August practices — one of the main competitors to play alongside Laws at nose tackle is sophomore Chris Stewart. Stewart entered Notre Dame as an offensive lineman, but made the switch to defense because he could best serve the team there. Stewart said Brown has been incredibly helpful with the transition.

"It basically is his defense, and he's familiar with it," Stewart said.

"He knows a lot about how to play the position. Really a lot of technique things I need to work on."

Stewart missed time earlier this spring with an ankle injury, but remains confident going into the Blue-Gold game as part of a continuing process of his move to defense.

"Things like this take time. We'll just see how it develops," Stewart said. "I'm steadily making progress despite the setback. I think it will turn into a good move."

The other major change is at the linebacker position. Although Notre Dame returns two backers this year — Maurice Crum, Jr. and Joe Brockington — they will have to learn how to operate with only three men in front of them.

The one part of the defense that has the least adjustment to make is the secondary. Zbikowski understands that as the rest of the defense changes, his job remains constant.

"Sometimes [the linebacker will] be wider, as opposed to [defensive ends] Vic [Abiamiri] or [Chris] Frome last year, who were down in the three. It's just a different view for that," he said. "But as a defensive back, you're going to be playing the same coverage no matter what."

Although schematically the secondary will not change much, Brown is focused on giving up fewer "explosives" — big plays caused by offensive skill players getting behind the defense — more than ever before. "I think Coach Brown and the coaches have a different mindset. They're just making it that certain things are unacceptable. And that's definitely stuck in my mind," Wooden said. "I could name on 100 fingers how many explosives we've given up since I've been here. And I've definitely been a part of them. That was never preached on like it is now."

After watching his defense in the 3-4 all spring, Brown still knows there is work to be done.

"I am not satisfied right now and when I say I, I mean we as a staff," he said. "We're not satisfied — we've got work to do collectively. But there has been some progress."

And with the experience and instruction he has, he would know.

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Defensive Stats

Rushing Defense

#1	Michigan	43.40
#61	ND	136.80

Passing Defense

#1	Virginia Tech	128.23
#61	ND	203.38

Total Defense

#1	Virginia Tech	219.46
#61	ND	340.23

Turnover Margin

#1	Minnesota	1.38
#34	ND	0.38

Early-entry freshmen adjust to new lifestyles, pressures

By KEN FOWLER
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They're the newest of the new, Notre Dame's most valuable unknown commodity, starting college halfway through their senior year of high school and sprinting into the heat of competition.

Notre Dame's second trio of early-entree freshmen — quarterback Jimmy Clausen, running back Armando Allen and cornerback Gary Gray — all came to the Irish in January with high expectations.

Clausen was the consensus high school player of the year, finishing his career at Oaks Christian in California 42-0. Allen, a product of Hiialeah-Miami Lakes in Florida, is supposed to be the speed threat out of the backfield that Notre Dame has long sought. And Irish coach Charlie Weis said Gray, from Richland Northeast in Columbia, S.C., could become a shut-down cover corner in his collegiate career.

For the first two, Saturday's scrimmage should be a benchmark of their progress as the continue to compete for major playing time — and starting roles each — while Gray remains sidelined with a broken arm.

The success of the first few batches of "gray-shirts" — the colloquial term for early-entrants — may affect Weis' ability to continue the practice and attract top prospects for open slots.

A year ago, running back James Aldridge, wide receiver George West and lineman Chris Stewart became the school's first-ever early-entree trio. But the expectations then were different.

Aldridge was coming off a serious knee injury that slowed his

progress and kept him out of six of the first seven games of 2006. He amassed 142 rushing yards on the season, but never came close to being the featured back behind former Irish tailback Darius Walker.

West played in every game, but saw most of his action on special teams. He touched the ball only three times on offense — though his lone rush on an end-around saw the fleet-footed freshman break the plane on an 11-yard scamper.

And Stewart, who entered as a tremendous offensive guard prospect, did not play a single down last season. The 6-foot-5, 340-pound lineman from Spring, Texas, will have completed the equivalent of nearly two academic years of classes by the time he first lines up for his first snap — and he'll likely be on the defensive side of the neutral zone as a nose tackle when he does.

But this year's group is different.

Every college football fan knew Clausen was going to compete immediately for Notre Dame's starting quarterback job — the most closely watched and highly scrutinized position in the sport.

And yet, despite a sore arm — revealed to the press by Allen in an interview with a Miami newspaper — all signs are positive for Clausen.

Of course, there are struggles. "It's tough coming in and being a freshman," Sharpley said of Clausen. "I think we've all kind of been there for each other, and it's a learning process. Especially being young, being away from home, it's tough. I think we're kind of all there for each other."

And the problems Clausen has faced were not limited to the

young freshman. Fifth-year senior Travis Thomas said he tormented all four candidates for the starting gig — Clausen, rising junior Evan Sharpley and sophomores Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer — about their cadences at the line of scrimmage.

In the quarterback race, Clausen came in with the disadvantage of no experience in the system. But the race itself has given him the distinct advantage of knowing he could be on the field as soon as Notre Dame and Georgia Tech kick off at 3:42 p.m. on Sept. 1.

And Clausen could be handing off to Allen on that day. Though Thomas, with four years of experience and a proven ability to create plays, is the favorite for the starting job, the senior said the competition between he, Aldridge and Allen has been anything but easy.

"I can say he's not running like a freshman; he's running like he belongs here and like he's been here before," Thomas said of Allen, who is listed as 5-foot-10 and 190 pounds. "He's tough for his size. I don't know what size he is — maybe 5-9, 5-10, the most — and he runs real hard. Good vision, great speed, good hands. ... He's progressing real well."

While Allen progresses on the field, the final member of the trio, Gray, has to take his strides forward on the sidelines.

"The thing that an injured player, any injured player, has to do is they've got to be a good classroom student," Irish defensive backs coach Bill Lewis said. "Any time a player's injured, I try to impress upon him how important his classroom meetings are."

Lewis said his hope is that Gray latches on to a veteran, who can

be a "positive role model."

"In the case of Gary, what Gary needs to do is he needs to hang on somebody, he needs to hang his hat on somebody.

"[But] that doesn't automatically happen"

Even more than that, though, Lewis said an injured young player like Gray must go through "mental repetitions" — thinking through what the person in his

position must do on each play, studying both the defensive calls and the offensive formations.

Gray's test of how he has progressed will come in August when the Irish start fall camp. But for Clausen and Allen, Saturday marks their time to show what they can do.

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Offensive Stats

Rushing Offense

#1 Navy 327.00

#72 ND 125.69

Passing Offense

#1 Hawaii 441.3

#13 ND 264.1

Total Offense

#1 Hawaii 559.21

#23 ND 389.77

Scoring Offense

#1 Hawaii 46.86

#16 ND 31.00

The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

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LIKELY 2007 STARTERS

OFFENSE

RUNNING BACK

TRAVIS THOMAS
5TH-YEAR SENIOR

Thomas will most likely have most of the carries last season. The fifth-year switched sides to play linebacker last season, but returns to the backfield for 2007. Sophomore James Aldridge likely will share carries.



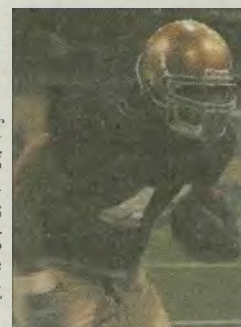
QUARTERBACK

In one of the most hyped spring position battles of the spring, four players competed this spring for the quarterback position: freshman Jimmy Clausen, rising sophomore Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer and rising junior Evan Sharpley. Sharpley has the only game experience, taking late game snaps as Brady Quinn's backup last season. Weis said that does not give him a large advantage and that each quarterback has an equal chance of winning the starting job.

FULLBACK

ASAPH SCHWAPP
JUNIOR

Schwapp missed most of last season after suffering a knee injury against Penn State, but was effective his freshman year opening holes in the middle. He looks to continue to do that in 2007.



WIDE RECEIVER No. 1

DAVID GRIMES
JUNIOR

Grimes is the only Irish receiver with any significant experience, as the third receiver behind Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight. The junior caught 26 passes for 336 yards and two TDs in 2006.



TIGHT END

JOHN CARLSON
5TH-YEAR SENIOR

Carlson put up historic numbers last season last season. Weis used Carlson off the line and in the slot effectively. The fifth-year gives the Irish consistency on an offense that loses its top two wide outs.



WIDE RECEIVER No. 2

Although Irish coach Charlie Weis has run rising sophomore George West with the first team offense most of this spring, he has given no indication that West definitely will be the No. 2 wide out. Rising junior D.J. Hord returns this season after an injury sidelined him for all of 2006. Incoming freshmen Duval Kumara and Golden Tate could also complicate the depth chart at wide receiver once they arrive in August for fall practices.

LEFT TACKLE

PAUL DUNCAN
JUNIOR



Duncan has no starting experience, offensive line coach John Latina is confident he can effectively replace Ryan Harris.

CENTER

JOHN SULLIVAN
5TH-YEAR SENIOR



Sullivan anchored the Irish line last season, starting all 13 games. The fifth-year senior returns as most experienced lineman.

GUARDS

Notre Dame replaces both guards this season after the graduation of Bob Morton and Dan Santucci. The spring leaders to take over as the guards are rising sophomores Dan Wenger, Dan Carufel and Eric Olsen and rising junior Mike Turkovich. None of the potential starters have significant game experience to give them any advantage. These four have not been trying out for one specific starting spot, but rather, Weis said, the best two guards will be the starters. Although Wenger and Turkovitch worked out with the first team offense early in the spring, there was no indication that they would be the starters next fall.

RIGHT TACKLE

SAM YOUNG
SOPHOMORE



Young started all 13 games as right tackle last season as a true freshman, and Weis feels that the best option is to keep him there in 2007.

NOSE TACKLE

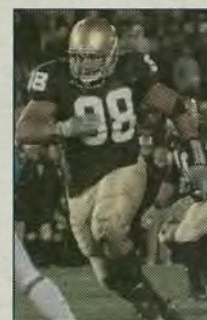


One of the most important positions to fill in the new 3-4 defense is the nose tackle. Rising sophomore Chris Stewart is the favorite to anchor the defensive line if he can make the transition smoothly from the offensive line. Line coach Jappy Oliver also said rising junior Pat Kuntz has played well at the nose tackle this spring.

DEFENSIVE ENDS

Fifth-year senior Trevor Laws, right, is the only definite on the line. Laws played as a tackle in Rick Minter's 4-3 defense, but will move to end in Corwin Brown's 3-4. The move should open up more chances for Laws to make plays. No clear leader emerged early in the spring to take over the

defensive end slot opposite Laws. although Justin Brown and Pat Kuntz have some backup experience at the end from last season. Paddy Mullen is also in the running for the second defensive line spot. Brown and Oliver have made no indication of which player will be the starter going into the 2007 season.



INSIDE LB

MAURICE CRUM, JR.
SENIOR



Crum led the Irish with 100 tackles last season in addition to on pick. He looks to be even more effective in Corwin Brown's 3-4 defense.

INSIDE LB

JOE BROCKINGTON
5TH-YEAR SENIOR



Brockington took a fifth-year to join Crum in the middle of Notre Dame's new 3-4 look. He had 59 tackles in a breakout year last season.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER



The biggest question mark on defense remains which two players will be the outside linebackers. Four players are in the running for the two spots — John Ryan, Anthony Vernaglia, Dwight Stephenson, Jr. and Morrice Richardson. Ryan, left, and Vernaglia, right, are the favorites going into the spring game because they have practiced with the first team defense for most of the spring.

CORNERBACK

TERRAIL LAMBERT
SENIOR



Lambert was inconsistent for the Irish last season. He capped off the Michigan State win with two late picks but had only one more last year.

STRONG SAFETY

TOM ZBIKOWSKI
5TH-YEAR SENIOR



The explosive Zbikowski returns to the Irish for a final year of eligibility after a shoulder injury slowed the speedster in 2006.

FREE SAFETY

With the departure of senior Chinedum Ndukwe, the free safety position is free for less-experienced players to step up. The two leaders during the spring are juniors David Bruton and Ray Herring. Bruton played mainly on special teams last year, while Herring filled in for Zbikowski when he was injured part of last season. Freshman Harrison Smith could complicate things in August.

CORNERBACK

AMBROSE WOODEN
5TH-YEAR SENIOR



Wooden lost his starting job last year after an injury, but has since regained it. Darrin Walls, Raeshon McNeil and Gary Gray could unseat him.

DEFENSE