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ND drinking habits under scrutiny

South Bend Common Council member cites alcohol abuse as a reason for new ordinance

By KAITLYNN RIELY Assistant News Editor

The "red zone," the term for the mental and physical state of someone with a blood alcohol content at or above 0.25, is not uncharted territory for some Notre Dame students — a point that a South Bend Common Council member has made while pushing for the passage of a new ordinance to curtail student parties.

At a meeting of the South Bend Community Relations Committee to discuss the proposed ordinance, Council member Al "Buddy" Kirsits discussed a printout of a Powerpoint presentation showing statistics on drinking and hospital visits. The presentation listed general statistics about college drinking from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and data about medical services provided to intoxicated patients at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

But determining the actual number of Notre Dame students who are taken to the

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NDFCU's scammer identified

Chicago man arrested, could see prison time

By MARCELA BERRIOS Associate News Editor

Police in Fullerton, Calif., released the name of the man arrested Tuesday in connection to the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (NDFCU) e-mail scam and said he could face years in prison if convicted of online fraud.

Francisc A. Wonerth, 32, was arrested Tuesday at 1 a.m. after a Fullerton police officer ran a check on Wonerth's Illinois license plate and discovered the vehicle he was driving had been reported stolen in Chicago in August 2006, officials said.

Sgt. Linda King of the **Fullerton Police Department** said Thursday that officers at the scene were inspecting the vehicle when they discovered 18 American Express gift cards with a magnetic strip recoded with the debit card information stolen online. On Aug. 31, many members of the credit union received a wave of e-mails that redirected them to a mock-up of the NDFCU Web site and prompted them to enter sensitive account information and passwords. NDFCU President Leo Ditchcreek said Tuesday more than 60 customers had given out their personal information to the Web site, but only five accounts had reported suspicious transactions during Labor Day weekend.

College plans for conference

Science, religion to be

Grants enable research abroad

By JENN METZ Assistant News Editor

Africa moved to the forefront of Notre Dame's attention last year during the Notre Dame Forum and again when University President Father John Jenkins visited Uganda in January. This summer, senior Jenna Rogers got to see the country for herself with the help of research grants. Rogers, a political science and politics, philosophy and economics (PPE) major, received funding from both the Kellogg Institute and Undergraduate the Research Opportunity Program (UROP) to spend seven weeks in Uganda. She conducted research for her senior thesis in the Notre Dame Millennium **Development Initiative vil-** lage, Nindye, where she
held interviews. Her thesis
advisor and director of the
Notre Dame Millennium
Development Initiative,
Father Bob Dowd, was also
in Uganda at the time.have taken advantage of
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funded by grants from insti-
tutions like the Kellogg
Holly Rivers, program man-
ager for the Kellogg

Rogers also received

opportunities to do research funded by grants from institutions like the Kellogg Institute and UROP, said Holly Rivers, program manager for the Kellogg Institute for International Studies. Students can receive up to \$4,000 in the nine research grants the Institute offers to for summer juniors research abroad, Rivers said, with special emphasis placed in developing countries. "For a frugal student, this should cover the costs of transportation, living, etc.," she said. These grants are very competitive, Rivers said. She said the Kellogg Institute has partnered with the Kroc Institute for

topic of 2009 meeting

By MANDI STIRONE News Writer

The John Templeton Foundation recently awarded Saint Mary's a grant of \$95,905 for its Center for Spirituality, which will use the money for a new project to discuss the interface between science and religion.

Sister Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality, and Ed Ackerly, director for Business and Foundation Relations, worked together with other administrators to write the proposal for the grant.

"We had to write a very, very detailed proposal," Dolphin said.

Several meetings last fall gathered ideas from interested faculty members to include in the proposal, she said. The money will fund "The Quest Project: Women Exploring the Science/Religion Interface."

"The professors have a high sense of ownership in it," she said.

The Quest Project has two major goals — to learn more about the "important questions facing us" and "to organize a conference at which the findings are to be presented," Dolphin said.

Plans are still tentative since the grant was awarded to the Center less than three weeks ago, she said. She does know, however, that there will be book discussion groups, students working with profesUROP funding for a onemonth trip to Kampala, the capital of Uganda, in the summer of 2006, where she conducted the initial j

research for her thesis. Her thesis would not have been possible, Rogers said, without the grant-funded trips to Africa.

"I conducted 92 interviews this summer, which were the basis of my thesis," she said.

"Just applying for the grants was really helpful it helped to synthesize my thoughts about my project." Many Notre Dame undergraduates, like Rogers,

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North Dining Hall turns the music on

By KATIE PERALTA News Writer

While South Dining Hall has long had music playing in the serving area, North Dining Hall just started playing music quietly on the north side of the dining room as well as in the serving area where students fill their trays.

North Dining Hall Operations Manager Dan Patterson said the dining hall has had a sound system for years, but he just recently decided to turn the radio back on to see how students like the music.

"A little music adds to the ambiance of the dining room," Patterson said. "Sort of like in a restaurant, where music is also common."

Patterson began the trial run by turning on WAOR 95.3, a local hard rock station.

"I had some complaints that it was too much early in the morning," Patterson said.

So he later switched to Sunny 101.5, a local station that plays a variety of more relaxed songs, from oldies to pop to country.

The music is only audible in the north side of the dining hall, Patterson said, and is turned off completely in Dining Room A, a room isolated from the bustle of the main dining room.

Patterson hoped to eventu-

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Senior Nick Ransom, left, and junior John Bray, center, eat at South Dining Hall, where music plays over speakers in the serving area.

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INSIDE COLUMN Minor league madness

Have you ever been to a minor league baseball game?

It probably lasted two and a half to three hours. Now think back. Did you ever see those people in khakis with radios stuck in

their ears? Well, those people are the front office staff.

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Samantha Leonard

Editor

Sports Wire The typical workday for a front office staff member, in pro-

fessional baseball, is 14 to 16 hours. Now imagine having 10 games in a row. It can get pretty ridiculous.

I have spent the past two summers in this crazy environment and am not sure how I survived.

It seems simple to prepare for a minor league baseball game, especially if you are not playing in it, but that is not the case at all.

There are usually only 10 to 15 people running the behind-the-scenes operation, along with four to six interns.

Everyone in the office knows how to sell a ticket, and then there are tasks you only find in minor league baseball, such as washing a giant bird costume. There is constant media presence, with phone calls from radio stations, press releases for the next promotion and commercials shot in the stadium.

Along with the regular 4,000 fans, there are the group picnics and birthdays, where somehow 500 people are fed in just half an hour by a staff of five or six.

Almost every game is sponsored by a local business or organization, and that sponsorship usually entails some sort of promotion or giveaway. Ever get a ball cap or bobble head while walking into the stadium, thanks to such and such company?

Getting 2,000 bobble heads out to 2.000 anxious adults and children is a task in itself. Throughout the day, the staff is making sure everything is correct for that sponsor, with the giveaways ready to go out and the announcements written to welcome the fans. During the game, the staff walks quickly down the concourse, watching everything imaginable. There are the foul balls that seem to always aim for the 80-year-old woman or four-year-old boy who has stopped paying attention three innings ago. There's also the number one headache for any staff member: the terrible dreaded rain cloud. No one hates rain like the front office staff of a minor league organization. Unlike the big leagues, the staff is also the grounds crew. The thought of being on hour 13 and pulling an enormous piece of tarp across a soaking wet field in a storm is by far the last thing any staffers want to do, but it is part of the job and they do it, usually smiling and making fun of each other all along the way. My point in writing this is to show that sure, those nine guys out on the field work hard and put on a hell of a show. But that show would not be possible without the hard work of those staff members running by with an icepack for the grandma in Section 104.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST JOB ON CAMPUS?



Ben Winter

freshman Alumni

"My dream job is to be the card swiper at The Rock."



Jessica Rodriguez

senior Cavanaugh

"The card swiper for checking out basketballs."



Cinthya Mabee

sophomore Cavanaugh

"Being a barista at Starbucks ... especially during finals week."



Alfredo Morales

sophomore

Zahm

"Welcome to

Edy's, would

you like an

Ultimate

Shake?"

Cari Pick

freshman Welsh Family

"South Dining" Hall, because the managers are the best."



IN BRIEF

Fitness Class sign ups will take place today in The Rolfs Athletic Center beginning at 7:30 a.m. Be sure to bring your ND id & cash/check. Schedule is subject to change. Class space is limited.

There will be a welcome back picnic for all students today from 4 to 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by **Multicultural Student Programs** and Services. The picnic will be held at the Fieldhouse Mall. The rain location will be the LaFortune Ballroom. Food is free.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play the College of Charleston in the Shamrock Invitational tonight at 7 at the **Joyce Center.**

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Samantha Leonard at sleona01@saintmarys.edu

CORRECTIONS

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we make a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

Erin Conway and Colleen Nolan watch as Christie Golubski receives a flyer from Katie Swiss at Tuesday's Student Activities Fair in the Joyce Center.

OFFBEAT

Woman accused of giving 9-year-old gin

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -Police said a 9-year-old girl told them her grandmother poured her two drinks from a gin bottle while she was watching TV.

Bloomington Police Commander Jim Ryan said the girl remembers vomiting, hitting her head and blacking out about 1 p.m. Aug. 31. Ryan said the girl's mother was working a 12-hour shift at the time and was out of the house.

He said police suspect the grandmother gave the child the alcohol in hopes that she would pass out so the

adult could go out for the night instead of babysitting.

65-year-old gets carded in supermarket

FARMINGTON, Maine — A 65-year-old woman went into who a Farmington supermarket to buy wine was turned away because she didn't have an ID with her. But Barbara Skapa of Mount Vernon says that won't happen again.

"I'll be bringing my driver's license with me from now on,"Skapa said. She normally carries her license. But with her leg in a cast, Skapa was

being driven by a friend when she went into the Hannaford Bros. market last week in and picked up several items, including a few bottles of wine.

The cashier told her it was policy to check for identification, said Skapa, who believes "no one would mistake me for 30 or even 40." Skapa asked if her friend could buy the wine for her, but that was disallowed too because it's considered "thirdparty" purchasing. Skapa asked to see the manager.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Rhode Island tonight at 7:30 at Alumni Field.

The Show will take place tonight at 8 in the Joyce Center. OK Go and Lupe Fiasco will headline the concert. Tickets are on sale in the LaFortune Box Office for \$10.

There will be a Biathalon (one half mile swim and two mile run) on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Contact Bill Reagan for more information. Registration needed. Open to students only.

The film "Panther Panchali" will be shown Saturday at 3 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students.

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The Show welcomes bands

OK Go, rapper Lupe Fiasco will play to audience in Joyce Center

By DAN JACOBS News Writer

The Joyce Center will buzz with a different kind of energy tonight than during the usual Friday evening pep rallies when it hosts The Show, featuring band OK Go and rapper Lupe Fiasco.

Each year, The Show committee selects performers, then organizes and produces the concert. What makes

tonight's concert special, said The Show chairman Steve Tortorello, is that it brings the cutting edge to Notre Dame. "In two

years, you're going to say, 'I saw OK Go before they blew up. I saw Lupe Fiasco before he blew up,'" Tortorello said.

The Show has a reputation for bringing in soon-to-bebig acts, such as The Black Eyed Peas in 2003 and Akon in 2005, allowing students to experience artists before their popularity peaks.

Chicago-based foursome OK Go released its first selftitled album in 2002. The group first found fame when the music video for the single, "There it Goes Again"

— a low budget, self-choreographed dance performance on eight treadmills became a popular Internet video.

OK Go began its touring career alongside pop band They Might Be Giants, which headlined the first Show in 2001 after signing with Capitol Records.

Rap artist Lupe Fiasco, also a native of Chicago, headlines The Show this year as well. Fiasco quickly moved to the top of the rap charts with

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his "In two years, you're record, "Food and Liquor,' going to say, 'I saw OK which Go before they blew up. released I saw Lupe Fiasco through Atlantic before he blew up." Records 2006 **Steve Tortorello** received three Grammy nominations. The Show

> Fiasco's next album, titled "The Cool," is due in stores

chairman

Nov. 20. Philadelphia-based disk jockey Diplo will also join this year's act. Diplo, who will spin before The Show and in between the two acts, is well known for integrating diverse material and styles as well as producing mix tapes and mash-ups.

Students are already making preparations for the concert.

"It's one of the biggest first events of the year," freshman Sissy Peters said. "I've heard a lot of people

are going, and I think it should be a great show.'

Upperclassmen have high expectations as well. For senior Lauren Gulley, the Third Eye Blind show in 2006 as the one to beat.

A major foundation of The Show is its responsibility, as a student-run organization, to be for the students. The Show is a completely independent production. Each step — from booking performers, to marketing, to managing the final production — is done by students.

Along with serving the students, keeping ticket costs low is also a priority. To help offset the cost of the performers, The Show committee solicits donations from various departments and student clubs, which pay for the majority of production costs.

Tickets for The Show are \$10, and are available at the LaFortune Box Office until 5 p.m. today for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students. Tickets will also be available at the door before the show.

Doors open tonight at 7, and the first act starts at 8. A student ID is required for entry.

More information about The Show 2007, including videos of the performers, information on past concerts and ways to get involved can be found at http://theshow.nd.edu

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Letterman to return to Ball State for ceremony

Associated Press

MUNCIE, Ind. – Ball State University is planning to welcome back its most famous graduate with academic fanfare and a touch of humor.

Thousands of people are expected to crowd onto the campus Friday for the dedication of the \$21 million David Letterman Communication Media and

Building.

The daylong program will include speeches on such weighty topics as digitalization in the media and lighter fare such as "The Top 10**Reasons** Why the Letterman **Building Will** L e a d Multimedia Higher Education." Т h e

Letterman Building, which has been in use since fall semester classes started a few weeks ago, is much snazzier than the facilities Letterman used as a student in the 1960s when he was a disc jockey for WBST-FM.

"I think David Letterman will be proud of the building because we have spent thousands of hours creating the nation's premier communications facility for our students," said Roger Lavery, the dean of Ball State's College of Communication, Information and Media.

The host of "The Late Show with David Letterman" on CBS grew up in Indianapolis, moving on after college to work as a television weatherman and doing standup comedy. He moved to California and made many appearances on the "Tonight Show" during Johnny Carson's reign before

getting his

own latenight show. "I think David Letterman T h e will be proud of the 75,000 building because we have square-foot building spent includes thousands of hours studio and creating the nation's office space and premier is open to communications facility students for our students." 24 hours a day. It features a \$1 **Roger Lavery** million dean production **College of Communication**, complex with five Information and Media surround-

> sound editing suites and two surroundsound recording studios.

Lavery said the new production facilities have the same equipment found at major recording studios and film sound studios in New York or Hollywood.

"This new building will enhance the university's efforts in recruiting highly talented students and faculty," he said.

Some of them, no doubt, will harbor dreams of following in Letterman's footsteps.



WHEN: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007 TIME: 4:00-6:00 PM WHERE: FIELDHOUSE MALL (STONEHEDGE) (RAIN SITE: LAFORTUNE BALLROOM)

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hospital each year is difficult because records of people admitted by school affiliation are not kept, hospital spokesmen said.

But anecdotal evidence from rectors, University health

services and the hospitals shows that Notre Dame students are taken to the hospital for alcohol-related illness fairly regularly. Siegfried rector Father John Conley said he has had students in his hall and students

from other

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to see a lot and wonder about Notre Dame. But really, working over here, we have a lot of great kids. I don't want to give the impression that all the students drink so much, but it is a problem that we see, and a lot of illnesses and actions that happen, happen because of this."

> Patricia Brubaker assistant director **Clinical Services**

Siegfried occasionally sent to the hospital due to alcohol use since he first became rector in 1997.

"I would say, no, it's not an every-weekend occurrence, and no, it's not a very rare occurrence," he said. "It's in the middle.

Although he doesn't keep data about ambulance trips, he said the hospital visits tended to be around football season.

Kirsits, in addition to serving on the Common Council, is also a battalion chief at Fire Station No. 2 at 110 East Marion in South Bend.

Over the course of his public safety career, Kirsits said at the Aug. 20 meeting, he has heard paramedics and hospital workers complain about the large numbers of Notre Dame students who are taken to the hospital for alcoholinduced illness.

tant director of Clinical Services at University Health Services, worked as an emergency room nurse at St. Joseph's hospital for 27 years, where she said she saw high numbers of Notre Dame students admitted for alcohol intoxication. Now at Notre Dame, Brubaker said she doesn't see any of the severe

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Patricia Brubaker, the assis-

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University Health Services

wise inadvisable behavior that would not have happened if the student had not been drinking.

"A lot of the stuff we see, the root cause is the alcohol consumption, but you can't say you never fall without alcohol," she said. "But many of things we see are related to alcohol consumption."

Brubaker said her estimate of 10 a weekend cannot be corroborated with actual data, since the symptom is logged as an injury, not as a drinking accident.

"Working in the ER, I used to see a lot and wonder about Notre Dame," she said. "But really, working over here, we have a lot of great kids. I don't want to give the impression that all the students drink so much, but it is a problem that we see, and a lot of illnesses and actions that happen, happen because

of this.'

At St. Joseph's, Brubaker said she saw how a night of drinking could lead to sexual assault, a head injury, a week in the Intensive Care Unit or missing graduation.

"It's just one night of revelry that has changed their lives," she said.

When Kirsits was explaining the motivation behind the ordinance, he cited the dangers of a college drinking culture as a reason why the ordinance should be passed.

The ordinance Kirsits cosponsored with fellow Council member Timothy Rouse would require residents of boarding houses — places where more than two unrelated persons live — to apply for a permit to have gatherings at which more than 25 people would have access to alcohol. The next public hearing for the ordinance is scheduled for Sept. 17.

In the Powerpoint presentation he discussed, Kirsits cited numbers from St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, listing the number of emergency room visits coded as alcohol abuse diagnoses. St. Joseph public relations communicator Mike Stack verified the numbers as accurate.

In 2005, during the months of August to November, 119 people were admitted to St. Joseph with alcohol abuse diagnoses on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Of the 119, 32 people were under the legal drinking age of 21.

In 2006, 151 people were admitted to the hospital on the weekends during the months of August through November. Of these, 44 people were underage.

The hospital does not keep records of the number of Notre Dame students admitted to the hospital, Stack said, so these numbers include both Notre Dame students and the rest of the area population. But, he said, on football weekends during the fall it is primarily Notre Dame students who are brought to

As for geographic location,

students have been "spread

out over the last couple of

the hospital with sickness caused by alcohol consumption.

Ruth Linster, the media liaison for Memorial Hospital in South Bend, said Memorial, like St. Joseph, does not keep data specifically for Notre Dame students. Linster mentioned another difficulty in

"The way doctors code

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Ruth Linster

media contact

Memorial Hospital

getting a completely accurate picture of the number of Notre Dame students who are taken to the hospital as a result of overconsumption of alcohol.

"The way doctors code things make a big differ-ence," she "If said. someone comes in for a broken arm, it will be coded for a broken

> arm. If somebody has had a beer or two [and then broke their arm], they are not going to be coded as acute alcohol concentration."

> Memorial's figures for people who come in with acute alcohol concentration, Linster said, are surprisingly low. But she said the reason for that could be that St. Joseph's Hospital is closer to the Notre Dame campus and off-campus student housing.

> From August through November of 2005, Linster said, 11 people were admitted to the hospital and coded for acute alcohol concentration. Those people were probably not all students, Linster said, as there was only one 18year-old and the other 10 ranged in age from their 20s

needs to be taken to the hospital or whether they just need a glass of water can be difficult, Brubaker said, since

different levels of alcohol. A person's health also depends on what food he ate earlier in the day, how long he has been drinking and

different bodies can tolerate

what kind of alcohol he been has drinking, Brubaker said.

A person should be taken to the hospital, she said, if he can't walk, complete sentences or doesn't wake after up provocation.

Sister Susan Bruno has been the rector of Pasquerilla West for 15 This years. year, she

said, a student was taken to the hospital in record time a freshman on the first night of freshman orientation.

But normally, she said, the number of people taken to the hospital depends on what is going on in the hall or on campus. If several dorms are having dances on the same night, the number of students taken to the hospital probably increases, she said.

Bruno said her hall has not had too many students taken to the hospital. In less severe situations, she said, it can be handled within the dorm, and hall staff will sit with the resident through the night.

"The reason we send them to the hospital is that we are concerned about their health," Bruno said. "Because we are not doctors, we do need a professional to handle the case."

to 40s.

"What it does support," Linster said, "is that you don't have to be a Notre Dame student at a party to get into trouble with alcohol.⁴

Knowing when a person

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UROP

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International Peace Studies to fund more students.

Recently, the Kellogg Institute added grant opportunities for freshmen and sophomores in the form of eight "Experiencing the World Fellowships." These grants can be research or internship-based for students looking to experience Asia, Africa and Latin America.

"There are not very many universities out there that offer these fully funded opportunities," Rivers said.

For both Kellogg Institute programs, students need to come up with a budget. **Research grant applicants** must submit a five-page proposal.

"Students are expected to be working with a faculty member who can help guide in terms of methodology and research," Rivers said. "The ultimate goal is to use the research for the senior thesis." The fellowship does not come with the same expectations, she said.

"Students get their feet wet and get to experience another country," Rivers said.

After students complete the fellowships, Rivers said she hopes they will return for more

programs

are tradi-

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from the

College of

Arts and

Letters,

especially

political

science, history, anthropology

and sociology majors. In

recent years, however, more

students from science and

business fields have been

applying for grants. Rivers

attributed this rise in interest

to the growing importance of

intense research. Students who apply for these funded opportunities."

> Holly Rivers program manager **Kellogg Institute for** International Studies

"Choice of location is very much relate to the student's interests," she said. "Africa is very important for Notre

but in general they span the continents." "There are not very many The internuniversities out there ship program that offer these fully at the Kellogg

microfinance.

years," Rivers said.

Institute will add more sites in summer 2008. "Research can help students win

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they do in the Rivers future," said. "Research has made a huge difference."

The research funded by the Kellogg Institute grants, Rivers said, is very much academic. Students must present a solid project, usable methodology, achievable goals and the skills needed to carry out those goals.

"The purpose of the project should be more then just a summer project," she said. "It's worthwhile to take advantage of these opportunities to help define interests."

Ruth Abbey, the acting director for the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, said the UROP grant offers are based on the merit of the proposal. There is no fixed number or acceptance rate, she said.

"Students can spend the summer in the Notre Dame library or travel abroad or do some combination of both," Abbey said. "During term, [students] go to conferences to present research, visit archives and seek funding to participants in surveys. ... The funding follows good ideas."

In order to obtaining UROP funding, Abbey said the applicant must have "a clear idea of his or her research goals." This also requires a proposal and knowledge of the topic.

Like Rivers, Abbey also emphasized the need for "a good match between methods of inquiry and research goals.'

Katie Hauswirth, a senior political science major, applied for a grant from the Kellogg Institute while studying abroad last semester in Dublin. She traveled to Spain for a week to conduct and interview in Madrid and do library research in Bilbao, an experience she called essential toward the completion of her thesis.

Jordy Brooks, a senior political science and gender studies major, studied in Nairobi, Kenya for five weeks last summer working for the **Coalition on Violence Against** Women with the Gender Studies' Boehnen grant.

"It gave me the opportunity to work with amazing people and get to know the Kenyan culture," she said. Brooks is now writing her thesis from her experience.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Syrian, Israeli tensions increase anew

DAMASCUS — The Syrian government charged Thursday that Israeli aircraft dropped "munitions" inside Syria overnight and said its air defenses opened fire in a new escalation of tensions between the decadesold foes.

It was unclear what happened. Syria stopped short of accusing Israel of purposely bombing its territory, and an Israeli spokesman said he could not comment on military operations.

Analysts speculated such a foray could have been probing Syria's defenses or monitoring long-range missile bases. The reported path also would have taken the jets near Iran, whose growing power and anti-Israel government worries leaders of the Jewish state.

The incident came after a summer of building tensions that have fed worries of a military conflict erupting between Syria and Israel. Syria accused Israel last month of seeking a pretext for war, and the Israelis are keeping a close watch on Syrian troop movements.

14 killed in fights with al-Sadr's militia

BAGHDAD — U.S. and Iraqi troops backed by attack aircraft clashed with suspected Shiite militiamen before dawn Thursday in Baghdad, bombing houses and battling more than a dozen snipers on rooftops. Residents and police said at least 14 people were killed.

The fighting occurred in a Mahdi Army stronghold of anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who had ordered his militia not to carry out any more attacks for up to six months. The U.S. military stressed the raid targeted breakaway factions that remain violent partly as a way of bullying minority Sunnis out of Baghdad.

NATIONAL NEWS

Teen suicide rate up, especially in girls

ATLANTA - The suicide rate among preteen and young teen girls spiked 76 percent, a disturbing sign that federal health officials say they can't fully explain.

EGYPT Bin Laden to release video on Sept. 11

Al-Qaida normally celebrates 9/11 anniversary with publicity campaign, not with new attacks

Associated Press

CAIRO — Osama bin Laden will release a new video in the coming days ahead of the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks in what would be the first new images of the terror mastermind in nearly three years, al-Qaida's media arm announced Thursday.

Analysts noted that al-Qaida tends to mark the Sept. 11 anniversary with a slew of messages, and the Department of Homeland Security said it had no credible information warning of an imminent threat to the United States.

Still, bin Laden's appearance would be significant. The al-Qaida leader has not appeared in new video footage since October 2004, and he has not put out a new audiotape in more than a year, his longest period without a message.

One difference in his appearance was immediately obvious. The announcement had a still photo from the coming video, showing bin Laden addressing the camera, his beard fully black. In his past videos, bin Laden's beard was almost entirely gray with dark streaks.

Bin Laden's beard appears to have been dyed, a popular practice among Arab leaders, said Rita Katz, director of the SITE Institute, a Washington-based group that monitors terror messages. "I think it works for their [al-Qaida's] benefit that he looks young, he looks healthy," Katz said. The announcement and photo appeared in a banner advertisement on an Islamic militant Web site where al-Qaida's media arm, Al-Sahab, frequently posts messages. "Soon, God willing, a videotape from the lion sheik Osama bin Laden, God preserve him," the advertisement read, signed by Al-Sahab. Such announcements are usually put out one to



A Palestinian militant displays a picture of al-Qaida leader Osama Bin Laden on Feb. 3, 2006. Bin Laden is expected to release his first video since 2004 within the next 3 days.

posted on the Web. IntelCenter, which monitors Islamic Web sites and analyzes terror threats, said the video was expected within the next 72 hours, before the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 suicide hijacker attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

three days before the video is Alexandria, Va. "Historically in new footage, it would be the anniversary of 9-11 has the first images of him since

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For all young people between ages 10 to 24, the suicide rate rose 8 percent from 2003 to 2004 — the biggest single-year bump in 15 years — in what one official called "a dramatic and huge increase."

The report, based on the latest numbers available, was released Thursday by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** and suggests a troubling reversal in recent trends. Suicide rates had fallen by 28.5 percent since 1990 among young people.

The biggest increase — about 76 percent was in the suicide rate for 10- to 14-year-old girls. There were 94 suicides in that age group in 2004, compared to 56 in 2003. The rate is still low — fewer than one per 100,000 population.

Bush, Chinese President Hu meet

SYDNEY — President Bush and Chinese President Hu Jintao tackled contentious issues on Thursday, from climate change and Iran and North Korea to recalls of tainted Chinese food and individual freedoms in China.

"He's an easy man to talk to. I'm very comfortable in my discussions with President Hu," Bush said after a face-to-face meeting that lasted about 90 minutes on the sidelines of an Asia-Pacific economic summit.

LOCAL NEWS

State fines recycling company for fire

ELKHART, Ind. — A state agency has issued a nearly \$10,000 fine against a lumber recycling company over a fire in June that killed a worker.

The Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigation sent a safety order to VIM Recycling on Wednesday listing 10 safety concerns.

The most serious of those dealt with dust and electrical equipment, as the dust generated inside the plant can become explosive in a confined space, said Jeff Carter, deputy commissioner for IOSHA.

VIM intends to appeal the fines, company spokesman Tom Holt said.

The anniversary has always been a major media event for al-Qaida - a chance for it to drum up support among extremists, tout itself as the leading militant group and show off its continued survival.

"They've always gone out of their way to commemorate it," said Ben Venzke, chief executive officer of IntelCenter, which is based in never been drawn to attacks. It's drawn to video releases."

But the fact that bin Laden is delivering the message is significant, he said. Whether the message will indicate a potential attack will depend on what bin Laden says.

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke said he could not confirm the existence of a tape, "and there is no credible information at this time warning of an imminent threat to the homeland." But he said increased activity overseas and recent arrests of militants in Germany reinforce the department's assessment that the country is currently in a period of increased risk.

If bin Laden does appear

an Oct. 29, 2004 videotape, just before the U.S. presidential elections. In that appearance three years ago, he said America could avoid another 9-11 style attack if it stopped threatening Muslims.

The new video would also end the longest period bin Laden has gone without releasing a message. His last audiotape was on July 1, 2006, in which he welcomed new leader of al-Qaida in Iraq succeeding the slain Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Bin Laden went silent for a similar long stretch before from Dec. 28, 2004 to Jan. 19, 2006. That absence sparked widespread speculation he was ill, wounded or possibly dead.

Study: U.S. should reduce forces in Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. forces in Iraq should be reduced significantly, according to a new study on Iraq's security forces that inflamed debate in Congress on how quickly that can happen without hurling the country into chaos.

The report, authored by a 20member panel comprised mostly of retired senior military and police officers, said the massive deployment of U.S. forces and sprawl of U.S.-run facilities in and around Baghdad has given Iraqis the impression that Americans are an occupying, permanent force.

Accordingly, the panel said the Iragis should assume more control

of its security and U.S. forces should step back, emboldening Democrats who want troop withdrawals to start this fall.

"Significant reductions, consolidations and realignments would appear to be possible and prudent," wrote the group, led by retired Gen. James Jones, a former Marine Corps commandant.

The recommendation echoed previous independent assessments on the war, including the high-profile Iraq Study Group that said the combat mission could be transferred to the Iraqis by early 2008. But the burning question, left mostly unanswered by the panel, was precisely when Iraqi security units could take control and U.S.

troops could leave.

The study concluded only that the Iragis could not assume control of the country without U.S. help in the next 12 to 18 months.

"We need to start transitioning to an Iraqi lead," no matter the timeframe, said retired Army Gen. George Joulwan, a panel member and former NATO commander in Europe.

"I think the signs are there to do that, and we have to reduce that dependency," he added in testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The study sparked ongoing debate among committee members on whether to pass legislation ordering troops home.

The conference, which stu-

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The transactions added up te over \$2,000, Ditchcreek said.

He said the Fullerton Police Department contacted him Wednesday to tell him about Wonerth's arrest in connection to the scam.

Wonerth was charged Tuesday with auto theft, possession of stolen property and fraudulent use of an access card, King said. She could not say if Wonerth had a prior police record or how many years of jail time he could face if he were convicted.

"The investigation is still underway, " King said. "We can't know how long he

could be in jail until we identify all the victims and all the accounts he got from the scam. But if a court convicts him of these charges, he will definitely be spending a few years in prison.

She said Wonerth was the only name tied to the fraud Thursday.

"We're still trying to determine out when and where the scam was set up," King said. "We don't know if this happened in Indiana and he made the cards and drove out [to California] or how this happened or if he was working with someone else.'

Ditchcreek said Tuesday the credit union's technology staff had traced the origin of the emails and the Web site to a service provider in the Netherlands.

King said Wonerth had not been charged with the fraud Thursday because investigators were still looking into his role in setting up the Web site and sending the e-mails.

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Sgt. Linda King **Fullerton Police Department**

information because there were "one or more unsuccessful

attempts to log in to your Online Banking Account ... from a foreign IP address."

Students, people outside the Notre Dame community, NDFCU members and nonmembers received the e-mails, Ditchcreek said.

On Thursday, authorities were still investigating the origin of the e-mail list used in the scam, King said.

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sors on research projects, guest lectures, a Web site and a conference that will take place in April 2009.

The Web site for the Quest Project has not launched yet, but Dolphin said it should be up in early October. There will be a link on the Saint Mary's Web site as well as on the Center for Spirituality Web site, she said. said.

"It will be easy to find once it gets up and running," she said.

The project will involve professors and students at Saint Mary's as well as other universities and colleges.

"I have close to 40 [Saint Mary's] professors with whom I have been brain-

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Sophomore

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that many students do not notice it at all. Sophomore Meghan Shaughnessy said she does not mind the music.

"Well, I don't really have anything against it, but I think the music kind of gets lost in the noise," Shaughnessy said. "I guess I just don't really notice it that much."

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ITALY

Crowds gather to pay respects to tenor Pavarotti

Opera singer, known as 'the King of the High C's,' died at 71 in hometown after yearlong bout with pancreatic cancer

Associated Press

MODENA — Admirers massed by the hundreds in Modena's main piazza Thursday night to pay their final respects to Luciano Pavarotti, the tenor cherished by many as "the last, great voice" of Italian opera.

The crowd applauded as pallbearers carried the white casket into the cathdral, where a funeral Saturday will draw dignitaries from opera, politics and culture. The tenor died early Thursday in his hometown at age 71 after a yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer.

While Pavarotti moved the world with a wonderous voice, his legacy went beyond the opera house. The tenor collaborated with classical singers and pop icons alike to bring opera to the masses, rescuing the art from highbrow obscurity in the process.

In many ways, Pavarotti fulfilled the public's imagination of what an opera star should be. He often wore a colorful scarf and a hat, be it a fedora or a beret, and while he didn't always have a beard, it was hard to imagine him without it. His

heft — as well as a restaurant on his respects.

his property in Modena underlined his gourmet appetite.

But above all, his crystal clear voice, prized for its diction, made him the most celebrated tenor since Caruso. "Pavarotti was the last great Italian voice able to move the world," said Bruno Cagli, president of the Santa Cecilia National Academy in Rome.

On the Piazza Grande, hundreds of people gathered for the first evening of public viewing. Police on horseback stood at attention as mourners shuffled up the steps into the cathedral to view Pavarotti, dressed in his trademark white tie and tails, a white handkerchief and white rosary clutched in his hands.

His wife, Nicoletta Mantovani, stood off to the side of the casket, chatting calmly with wellwishers.

The atmosphere wasn't sad or tearful but warm, as Modena residents celebrated their native son, many bringing their children to see what they said was an unforgettable moment for the city and world.

Simone Sarrau, 32, waited in line until nearly midnight to pay

"He's a symbol. He's a symbol of Modena, a symbol of Italy, he's international," Sarrau said. "I think this demonstration of

affection is justified, and it's not just Modena its in the whole world. He's a one-of-a-kind. There's only him, and there will always only be him."

Mayor Giorgia Pighi said the singer had been a beacon for the city.

"Thanks to Luciano Pavarotti, the name of Modena has gone around the world as the name of a city much bigger than it actually is," Pighi told Associated Press Television News before the casket arrived.

The viewing was scheduled to end at midnight and then resume Friday at 6 a.m. and last, but for a few hours of closure overnight, until shortly before the funeral.

Authorities planned for a massive outpouring of grief: Giant television screens were to be set up near the cathedral where Italian Premier Romano Prodi, among others, would pay their final respects.

From the world of music, tenor Andrea Bocelli planned to sing

the hymn "Panis angelicus" at the service, the ANSA news agency reported.

Within hours of Pavarotti's death, Modena authorities had posted information on the city Web site detailing the extraordinary public transport services that would be put in place to help get mourners from parking lots to the city center for Saturday's service.

Amid an outpouring of tributes, the Vienna State Opera raised a black flag in mourning and the Guards band at **Buckingham Palace played** Pavarotti's signature aria "Nessun Dorma" at the Changing of the Guard ceremony.

In his heyday, Pavarotti was known as "the King of the High C's" for his ease at hitting the top notes. The Venezuelan soprano Ines Salazar recalled hearing him warm up backstage and thinking it was a recording. Even when critics complained he had lost his voice, audiences didn't mind.

While opera lovers treasure recordings with soprano Joan Sutherland, Pavarotti slipped into the CD collections of the hipper set mixing notes with Elton John, the Spice Girls, Cheryl Crow and Liza Minnelli, among others.

He was the best-selling classical artist, with more than 100 million records sold since the 1960s, and he had the first classical album to reach No. 1 on the pop charts.

U2 frontman Bono said Pavarotti was "a great volcano of a man who sang fire but spilled over with a love of life in all its complexity."

"No one could inhabit those acrobatic melodies and words like him. He lived the songs, his opera was a great mash of joy and sadness; surreal and earthy at the same time," Bono said in a statement. "Even when the voice was dimmed in power, his interpretative skills left him a giant among a few tall men."

Some of the greatest opera stars were in his debt - from the young talent whom he fostered to Spanish tenor Jose Carreras, who said Pavarotti had supported him in moments of difficulty, including his battle with leukemia. Some would argue opera owed itself to "Big Luciano.



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IN BRIEF

Retail sales up despite credit woes

NEW YORK — Consumers undeterred by escalating credit problems and a weakening housing market went on a back-to-school buying spree last month, helping many retailers rebound from July's disappointing sales. But analysts are still worried that economic concerns might curtail shopping in the critical months ahead. As the nation's retailers reported betterthan-expected sales results Thursday, winners crossed all sections of the industry and included Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Target Corp., Pacific Sunwear of California and Saks Inc. Among the handful of disappointments was Kohl's Corp. "When you look at August, there was a lot of doom and gloom," said Chris Donnelly, partner in the retail practice at the consulting firm Accenture, referring to news headlines chronicling growing numbers of mortgage defaults and financial market turmoil. "But consumers were out there spending. ... Back-to-school sales were good."

Apple slashes \$200 off iPhone prices

Discounts made to spike holiday sales anger current iPhone owners; company's stock falls on day

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Inc.'s price cut of its iPhone and the new lineup of iPod players are expected to ring in healthy holiday sales, but Wall Street investors accustomed to Apple's meaty profit margins appear a bit disappointed.

Apple stock dropped \$1.43, or 1.1 percent, to \$135.25, in Thursday morning trading, but it was still up 2 percent over four weeks ago. On Wednesday, after the price cut was announced, shares had fallen 5 percent.

Meanwhile, gadget enthusiasts who snapped up the ballyhooed iPhone before Wednesday are coping with a bitter aftertaste now that it is \$200 cheaper within 10 weeks of its introduction.

The price cut, from \$599 to \$399 for the 8-gigabyte iPhone, immediately set off a debate on online tech forums between early adopters, who said paying a premium price came with the territory, and those who said they felt burned. The price reduction was too much too soon, some complained.

In a discussion on The Unofficial Apple Weblog site, the views were split evenly.

Many customers took the iPhone price cut in stride, however. Ryan Roth, who bought one for \$599 on Friday after months of research, chalked up his purchase to "the worst timing ever." "I realize this is not their problem: I agreed to the original price — it's my fault," said Roth, 32, of New York, who has been thinking about get-

ting a cell phone for four

vears but held out until the



Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs talks about the pricing of the Apple iPhone in San Francisco, Wednesday. He offered \$100 credits Thursday to customers who paid \$599 for the product.

get a refund of the price dif- Motorola Razr, for instance, in the United States by the end debuted at \$499 but can now of September. ference.

Worker productivity, wages increase

WASHINGTON — Worker productivity rebounded, growing at the fastest pace in nearly two years, while wage pressures eased sharply in the spring — developments that should reduce inflation worries.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, jumped to an annual growth rate of 2.6 percent in the April-June quarter, even better than the 1.8 percent increase that was originally reported.

Wage pressures, as measured by unit labor costs, slowed to an annual growth rate of 1.4 percent, slower than the initial estimate that labor costs were rising at a 2.1 percent rate.

Rising wages are good for workers, but if those gains are not accompanied by increased productivity, they can trigger unwanted inflation. If productivity is growing, it allows businesses to pay their workers more out of the increased output rather than by raising prices.

The increase in productivity and the reduction in labor costs were better than had been expected, raising hopes that the Federal Reserve will have the leeway to cut interest rates at its next meeting on Sept. 18.

last week. But some relief is in sight. According to Apple's return policy, anyone who purchased an iPhone within the past 14 days and has the receipt can get a full refund if they haven't opened the product. If they have opened it, they still can

The steep price cut less than three months after the iPhone's launch on June 29 and the discontinuation of the 4-gigabyte iPhone, which sold for \$499 — were surprising from Apple, which usually keeps prices steady while adding new features. It normally discounts products only when they age.

Analysts said quick discounts are typical for the cell phone industry, however. The world's best-selling cell phone, be bought for less than \$100.

"This is about Apple learning how to become a cell phone retailer," said Jeff Kagan, an independent telecommunications industry analyst based in Atlanta. "All of a sudden it's in the cell phone business, and everyone is trying to figure out how to measure it, and we don't know yet."

Apple Chief Executive Steve Jobs said the company is on pace to sell 1 million iPhones

The newest iPod media players, also announced Wednesday, include a model called iPod Touch that incorporates the iPhone's touchscreen and adds the ability to wirelessly download songs directly from the new iTunes Wi-Fi Store. Also new are a version of the best-selling iPod, the Nano, that plays video and a larger capacity, 160-gigabyte version of the video iPod, newly dubbed the iPod Classic.

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30-year mortgage rates up on week

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After falling for two weeks, rates on 30-year mortgages edged up slightly this week.

Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported Thursday that 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 6.46 percent this week, compared with 6.45 percent last week.

The rate last week was the lowest since 30-year mortgages averaged 6.42 percent the week of May 31.

Analysts attributed the basically unchanged reading to the fact that economic data over the past week came in close to market expectations.

Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac, said the weakness in housing is continuing to depress price increases.

A Freddie Mac report found that house prices increased by 0.1 percent from April through June. That was

the slowest three-month change since the fourth guarter of 1994.

Rates on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular choice for refinancing, averaged 6.15 percent this week, compared with 6.12 percent last week. Rates on five-year adjustablerate mortgages fell to 6.32 percent, compared with 6.35 percent last week.

Rates on one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, which had risen steeply last week, dropping to 5.74 percent from 5.84 percent.

Many economists believe the Federal Reserve soon will decide to cut a key interest rate in an effort to insulate the economy from recent turmoil in the housing and financial markets.

The mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirtyyear mortgages and 15-year mortgages each carried a nationwide average fee of 0.5 point. Five-year ARMs and one-year ARMs both carried an average fee of 0.6 point.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages were at 6.47 percent, 15-year mortgages were at 6.16 percent, fiveyear ARMS averaged 6.14 percent and one-year ARMs were at 5.63 percent.

After a five-year boom, sales of both new and existing homes fell sharply last year. The slump has gotten worse this year as lenders have tightened standards amid soaring foreclosures and late payments. Those problems began in the market for subprime loans, which are offered to borrowers with weak credit histories, but have spread to other loan categories.

The Mortgage Bankers Association reported Thursday that homeowners got hit with a record number of foreclosure notices in the spring as the crisis in subprime lending intensified.

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Attorney argues science to prove Spector innocent

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An attorney for Phil Spector on Thursday outlined scientific evidence she said clears the record producer of murder, and accused prosecutors of resorting to theatrics in their efforts to mark "the first celebrity notch in the government's gun belt."

Linda Kenney-Baden, the member of Spector's defense team who is a specialist in forensic evidence, in her closing argument accused prosecutors of using "cute jokes" as distractions. Kenney-Baden said they offered only "accusations and demonizations rather than showing you what evidence they have that proves their case beyond a reasonable doubt."

"Stories don't trump science and they can't prove Phil Spector killed Lana Clarkson," Kenney-Baden said.

Spector, 67, is accused of second-degree murder. Clarkson, a 40-year-old actress working as a nightclub hostess, died of a gunshot fired inside her mouth early Feb. 3, 2003, in the foyer of Spector's mansion. She had gone home with him after meeting him at the nightclub.

"What the government wants you to believe is that Phil Spector is a bad man and therefore he shot her," she said. "They want you to hate him and supplant the facts of this case with that hatred. They want you to use emotion to convict Phil Spector rather than rely on the scientific evidence that clearly exonerates him."

Kenney-Baden depicted both Clarkson and Spector as flawed people in a lengthy closing argument that was to continue Friday. After a prosecution rebuttal, the jury will get the case, possibly late Friday or Monday. Kenney-Baden's argument came down to assertions that Spector was too far away to have fired the gun and that Clarkson killed herself. The defense contends Clarkson was depressed about her acting career struggles, financial problems and other personal problems and that she made a spontaneous decision to kill herself at Spector's home. She said prosecutor Alan Jackson tried to explain away the facts with a series of improbable speculations in his closing argument Wednesday. "Some of them, you heard yesterday, include: The gun fell into her mouth. She was talking and he put the gun in her mouth. She screamed and he put the gun in her mouth. It even got to the point [where] a big gust of wind or an earthquake could have made the gun go off. It must have been San Andreas' fault," she said sarcastically. Showing them a photo of the knee-length white coat Spector wore the night of the shooting, Kenney-Baden asserted that the condition of the garment was proof he didn't kill Clarkson but "unfortunately for him the name Phil Spector becoming the first celebrity notch in the government's gun belt was more important than this crucial finding of innocence."

California celebrity cases which resulted in acquittals: O.J. Simpson, Robert Blake and Michael Jackson.

She said the jacket was "pristine" to the naked eye and only a few miniscule blood spatters were found when it was examined under a microscope. Had he shot Clarkson, she said, he would have been covered in blood and tissue.

Kenney-Baden also sought to rebut perhaps the prosecution's strongest point — Spector's words as related by a Brazilian immigrant chauffeur who said he saw him come out of his house with a gun in his hand. Adriano De Souza quoted Spector as saying: "I think I killed somebody."

Kenney-Baden said De Souza's problems with English — his second language — the noise of a fountain in Spector's courtyard, a car radio playing and music coming from the house, made the quote suspect.

"Mr. De Souza had the classic problem of a lot of witnesses," she said. "He was simply mistaken."

Jackson presented a long summation Wednesday that was heavy on drama with video clips of women who accused Spector of past threatening acts with guns. It concluded with a video accompanied by music showing the glamorous Clarkson dancing, smiling and singing. It was meant to show that the actress, the star of the 1985 cult film "Barbarian Queen," was not despondent, had plans for her future and would not have shot herself as the defense claims.

But Thursday's session began with the judge telling jurors there were misstatements in Jackson's closing argument.

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"Argument is very emotional" and sometimes statements are made that should not be, the judge said.

Fidler told jurors Jackson crossed the line by characterizing the defense case as having murdered or assassinated Clarkson's character. Fidler said he approved all evidence admitted about Clarkson's background because it was relevant.

The judge also said the jury could not consider a suggestion that the defense and a witness "got together concerning testimony."

"There's no showing whatsoever that defense counsel asked a witness to testify untruthfully in any way," he said.

Outside the jury's presence, he denied a defense motion for a mistrial due to the suggestion by Jackson that Clarkson had been "murdered twice."

Kenney-Baden responded to Jackson's claim of a "checkbook defense" which used Spector's money to hire highprofile forensic experts.

"For all their talk about a checkbook defense, it is the government who has a combined budget of billions of dollars," she said. "They had every forensic tool available to them as to who fired the gun that night — every forensic tool, every scientist, a crime lab, thousands of investigators."

Spector chose Kenney-Baden to give the closing argument despite her absence for several weeks of testimony due to illness.



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Co-ed stabs roommate to death

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Upset that her roommate had accused her of theft, a University of Arizona freshman bought a knife, returned to their dorm room and stabbed the woman as she slept, according to court papers filed Thursday.

But before 18-year-old Galareka Harrison killed Mia Henderson, she forged a note in which the victim purportedly admitted falsely accusing her roommate and "mentioned ending her own life," university police Officer Mario Leon wrote in a sworn statement.

Harrison entered the room. left the note on her roommate's desk and then stabbed her "numerous times," according to the probable cause statement filed in Pima County Justice Court.

Harrison is jailed in lieu of \$50,000 bail on a first-degree murder charge in Wednesday's stabbing. A judge entered a not guilty plea on her behalf.

Police would not say what Harrison had been accused of stealing and would not release the police report her roommate filed Aug. 28.

But Lee Ann Dejolie, a Northern Arizona University student who described herself as a close friend of Henderson's, said Henderson had complained this week that her roommate had been going through her purse and taking things.

"So Mia was really ticked off," Dejolie said.

Both girls were residents of communities on the Navajo Reservation Indian

Henderson from Tuba City and Harrison from Chinle, about 100 miles east of Tuba City near New Mexico.

After Harrison's initial court appearance Thursday, her mother, Janice Harrison, said her daughter has no history of violence. Noting the teen was injured and briefly hospitalized, she said her daughter must have been defending herself.

"She never did anything wrong," she said, teary-eyed and speaking softly and hesitantly. "She's a real nice person. She's never been away from home."

Galareka Harrison had not discussed her roommate or spoken of any problems school, at Janice Harrison said. Janice Harrison said her daughter wants to become a

pharmacist, participated in high school track, and is heavily involved in rodeo and devoted to her three quarterhorses.

Henderson, 18, had attended a summer science program at the university, held a prestigious tribal scholarship and planned to major in biology.

About 200 people, including members of Henderson's former softball team at Tuba City High School on the Navajo reservation, went to the school's athletic field Wednesday night to remember her.

"It's just tragic because the people in Tuba City know her really well, and Mia was a good kid," said Hope MacDonald-Lonetree, Navajo council delegate who represents Tuba City and grew up with the young woman's mother. "She was known as a high-achiever; she was very congenial. She was not known to be in any kind of conflict or anything like that. She was just a good kid."

When Henderson filed the police report, she told police that she would not stay in her dormitory room until either

Harrison or she moved. was Police Chief Anthony Daykin *"It's just tragic because"* said. Daykin the people in Tuba City said the roomknow her really well, mate had also and Mia was a good been named as possible a suspect in a theft report **Hope MacDonald-Lonetree** filed by another

kid."

Navajo council delegate

student in the dorm. The next day, Henderson

declined an offer of different housing, Daykin said. The chief said Wednesday that he did not know when Henderson had returned to the dorm room or what had triggered their fight.

But students called police shortly before 6 a.m. after hearing screams, and officers found both young women injured. Both were taken to a hospital, where Henderson was pronounced dead. Harrison was not seriously hurt.

Harrison has turned down all media interview requests, a jail spokesman said.

U.S. truckers protest Mexican pilot program

Associated Press

LAREDO, Texas — Dozens of truckers rallied at Mexican border crossings in California and Texas Thursday to protest a pilot program to allow up to 100 Mexican trucking companies to haul their cargo anywhere in the United States.

Carrying signs reading "NAFTA Kills" and "Unsafe Mexican Trucks," a few dozen protesters circled in the heat for two hours at Laredo's port of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border.

"What do we want? Safe highways. When do we want them? Now!" they chanted.

The U.S. Transportation Department issued the first permit Thursday to Transportes Olympic, based in a suburb of Monterrey, Mexico. It won the permit after Mexico granted authority to Stagecoach Cartage & Distribution Inc. of El Paso, Texas, to travel anywhere in Mexico.

Both companies can cross the border immediately but may not do so for several days while they determine new routes, said John Hill, who runs the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which regulates truck safety.

"What we're hearing from the carriers is they could be ready to go as soon as days from now," Hill told reporters on a conference call from Washington.

The U.S. plans to give as many as 25 Mexican firms permission by the end of September and add another 25 companies each month until hitting 100 by the end of this year under the oneyear program, Hill said.

Mexico has also committed to

allow as many as 100 U.S. firms anywhere in Mexico by the end of this year, he said, and 14 are poised to receive permission.

So far, 38 Mexican trucking firms have been prescreened to go anywhere in the U.S., Hill said.

The Teamsters union, Sierra Club and watchdog group Public Citizen had sued to stop the program, arguing there wouldn't be enough oversight of drivers, but a federal appeals court ruled the Bush administration could move ahead.

Government lawyers said the program is a necessary part of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the trucks would meet U.S. regulations.

Near San Diego's Otay Mesa border crossing, dozens of truckers led by the Teamsters mixed with anti-illegal-immigration activists. Business was uninterrupted, said Lt. Hector Paredes of the California Highway Patrol, which inspects about 3,000 trucks a day at the crossing.

"We're already inspecting Mexican trucks and will continue to inspect them the same way," Paredes said. "These trucks already haul product from Tijuana to San Diego. Now they will be able to go beyond San Diego."

Critics such as Teamsters organizer Hugo Flores doubt that Mexican drivers will be held to the same rules, such as the length of work shifts and drug testing.

"There are no means to regulate these guys. Bush has opened up highways to unsafe trucks," Flores said at the Laredo protest. "I don't want them sharing the roads with my family."

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Audit reveals glitch in FBI terrorist watch lists

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI failed to put as many as 20 suspected terrorists on watch lists tailored to alert border agents and immigration officials because of a technology glitch, a Justice Department audit concluded Thursday.

It was not immediately clear whether any of the suspects entered the United States as a result of the security lapse.

Responding, the director of the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center acknowledged the gap, but said it soon will be fixed.

The audit by Justice **Department Inspector General** Glenn A. Fine gave the FBI mixed reviews for its efforts over the last two years to clean up its terror watch list database. The database contains more than 700,000 records about suspected terrorists and was created after the 9/11 Commission called for a single agency to consolidate and manage 12 government watch lists that existed before the 2001 terror attacks.

Since Fine's last audit, in 2005, the FBI has worked to fix several problems, including trying to make sure the watch list is accurate and creating an office to deal with complaints from people wrongly identified as terrorists or suspects.

Still, problems persist, the

audit found. It faulted two technology systems that feed into and from the master watch list that are not identical — as they should be — because they contain differing records. As a result, alerts weren't raised about some suspected terrorists, the audit found.

"Specifically, we identified 20 watch list records on suspected or known terrorists that were not made available to the front line screening agents such as border patrol officers, visa application reviewers, or local police officers for use during watch list screening encounters — such as during border crossings, visa processing, or routine traffic stops," the report concluded.

Parts of the audit were not released publicly, making it impossible to know whether any of the people on the watch list entered the country.

Terrorist Screening Center director Leonard Boyle said the technology glitch resulted in data not being included on alert lists tailor-made for some agencies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection, an arm of the Homeland Security Department. But he said the entire watch list is available to officials --- including most police and other law enforcement agencies — that rely on National Crime Information Center data to do background checks.

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NDFCU scam prompts security questions

What could have been a large-scale fraud ended up being relatively minor — a suspect was arrested within days, and the attack on Notre Dame Federal Credit Union appears to have caused only minimal damage.

Still, the scam should give the University, NDFCU and its members pause.

NDFCU should better clarify the warning messages it posts on the Web site, spelling out precisely what it cannot — and will not — ask of members. That information also should be housed permanently on a prominent portion of the Web site as reference for members in the event of future scams.

NDFCU also needs to have at least some

workers on duty during holiday weekends. The scam began Friday, but few answers were available to affected members until Tuesday because of the extended weekend. A bank relies on the trust of its members, and displaying quick response to fraud is essential to maintaining that trust.

The University also has questions to answer. First, is there

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something wrong with the address recognition software for Webmail? It was essentially impossible for users to determine that the fraudulent e-mails did not originate from alert@ndfcu.org, as they claimed.

Second, what is the future of Notre Dame's online directory? It appears that the e-mails students received were sent to their

> preferred addresses as listed on the directory. And some students who do not have NDFCU accounts received the e-mail, asking for NDFCU account information. These signs point to the scammer's use of the directory in his plan. Whether that requires the University to alter its policies in regard to the directory — specifically, requiring a Notre Dame, Saint

Mary's or Holy Cross login before viewing contact information — is a discussion the Office of Information Technologies should initiate with students immediately.

Coming to a thought-out decision on the topic, with clearly delineated reasons, and keeping the process open would go a long way in convincing students they are protected as best as possible.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"As I grow older, I regret to say that a detestable habit of thinking seems to be getting å hold of me.'

> H. Rider Haggard **English novelist**

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Bringin' back the high five

Recently, a certain techno/hip-hop beat master deluxe god of pop boldly stated, "I'm bringin' sexy back. (WHAT!?)" Not to downplay the roof-raising hotness of this jam, but was there ever a point in

time when sexiness was uncool? Were teens ever ridiculed at school for calling a scorchin' hot babe sexy? Was ogling the lingerie mannequins at Victoria's Secret ever on the same level as entering a Magic: The Gathering tournament at Games By lames? Of course pot



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James? Of course not. Smooth as silk Being sexy has always been cool.

Unfortunately, not everything has the staying power of sexy; some things have to be "brought back." There is one thing in particular that needs to be Timberlaked if we want to make the 2007-08 school year the sexiest ever ... the high five.

After a few long years in the spotlight, the fist pound has run its course. We all have some fond pounding memories, maybe after a big game, a sweet joke, or perhaps even a discrete pound when you saw something cool. People like the pound. You have the exploding pound, people locking their pounds, or a few other pound variations. But where do you go from there? The high five has infinite variations. We have the high five, the low five, the back and forth five, the uphigh/down-low combo five, the high five that is caught on the flip side, the super low b-ball intro five, the behind-the-back five, the over-the-shoulder five, the between-the-legs five, the Ninja Turtles group high five, the air five, the "skin it" five and the jump high five ... just to name a few. If the situation calls for it, you can even unleash a massive body five, more commonly known as the chest bump. This type of versatility is just not available with the pound. The high five is a superior hand motion celebration, and it's time to bring it back.

The success of the high five revival depends upon strict adherence to a simple cardinal rule. A high level of confidence must be established. Nothing is more demoralizing to a potential high fiver than the infamous pull away. Such an act could be a career ending experience to an up-and-coming high fiver, leading them to return to the way of the pound. Pulling back a high five after it has been offered is completely forbidden.

On a lighter note, high fives are contagious. The only thing even remotely comparable to the high five fever is the feeling you get on Thursday nights at Michiana's number one bar-slash-dance club. Often times, a single high five with a single partner can leave a person feeling unsatisfied and wanting more, like only getting two tortillas on Fajita Friday. Since one high five is not nearly enough, usually a raucous high five "session" will ensue. These sessions consists of any willing participants in an area offering up high fives and everyone else slapping any open hand. Imagine that peace thing at Mass, where you don't just go for the hot chick sitting near you but instead everyone in the area. Then replace handshakes with nasty hand slaps, multiply it by 10, and you have a good idea of what a high five session is all about. During a successful high five session, no hand goes unslapped and even stolen offers are not removed until the intended recipient gives you some skin. After a great high five bonanza, everyone can go back

seamlessly to enjoying the situation that ignited such a celebration of hands. It is possible to have a pound session with knuckles flying all over the room, but anyone who has seen one happen can attest that it looks more like a fight than a celebration.

Even though sexy is here to stay, the high five needs to be reintroduced, and in a big way. So next time you get your cup filled even though you don't know anyone at the party, throw up a five. When you get two crepes in that long line give the Dining Hall workers some skin. Most importantly, if you see a solitary five offered up, slap that hand and offer two more, expand the finger fiesta into an all out high five party because ... we're bringing it back.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truth behind the ordinance

⁷Previous discussion of the so-called South Bend party ordinance has largely missed the point. Instead of addressing the important issues which are at hand, the participants in this discussion have resorted to name-calling and using this issue to decry a perceived lack



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of Notre Dame student activism. Here is where that stops.

The fact is this: The ordinance egregiously violates constitutional free assembly rights (see: the First Amendment) and directly targets a relatively disenfranchised part of the population — that is, non-resident students.

It is for these reasons that I am opposed to the ordinance, and any other legislation that violates my rights as a citizen of the United States.

> Chris Higgins junior St. Edward's Hall Sept. 6

Thanks to fans

Thanks to all the Irish fans who so warmly greeted us Tech followers last Saturday. Time and time again we were wished good luck and welcomed to the campus. Your fans showed far more genuine "southern hospitality" than we are accustomed to seeing at rival schools here in our region.

We were lucky on this particular Saturday, but we wish your team the best for all your remaining games.

> Ben Dyer Atlanta, Ga. Sept. 5



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QUIRKY AND ENERGETIC, OK GO LEAPS INTO THE LISTENER'S MEMORY

By JAMES COSTA Assistant Scene Editor

While millions have taken delight in the eclectic music videos of OK Go as the band members dance around the backyard and across treadmills, few have taken the next step toward exploring the rest of their music. This is a shame.

Over the last few years, it has become harder and harder for energetic and poppy bands to gain widespread recognition and acclaim because of a glut of similar acts vying for mainstream appeal and fame. While it's tough to say that OK Go has been marginalized any more than any other similar band think The Thrills and Phantom Planet — it's still a small injustice to the millions who might've heard them and loved them if only pop radio was a little kinder when constructing song rotations. Pretty simply, OK Go is as best as you're going to get if pop rock is what you want. They are everything that a pop rock band could be — shaggy-haired guys singing shaggy-haired and enduringly upbeat tunes that are fun the first and fiftieth time you listen to them. OK Go's first studio offering, the self-titled "OK Go," was not intended to be the band's first album. Apparently, the band pulled a Green Day and recorded an entire album just to decide to scrap it and record a brand new one. The new set of songs

we've received is a stellar offering from the Chicago band with plenty of range to the tone and feel of the tracks. They've found a way to be smart but not overly self-important, fun without sounding stupid and shallow. Indeed, it seems that the boys have made sure they've learned from the best, with the most obvious element of the album being its heavy draw on the band's musical influences — groups such as Weezer, Cheap Trick and the Beach Boys.

Sure, maybe it sounds a little bit too over-produced and radio ready, but aren't there are enough artsy and introspective bands to satisfy even the most needy pseudo-intellectual and discerning listener? OK Go gives us a little less in the deep meaning arena and a lot more in the raucous sound and energy department that'll actually get us humming along to the beat.

"Oh No," their second studio album, was recorded in Malmo, Sweden with the help of Tore Johansson, who produced the similar sounding record of Franz Ferdinand. After a listen it is clear that "Oh No" does not suffer from the sophomore slump. It has a natural feel, stripped a bit of the first record's polish, but still packing in the hooks. The record is balanced. It features the typical number of total party songs with chorus words anchored on a few shouts of "hey," but it also adds more subtle tunes that really show their strength after a few listens, when you start looking for what's on the record beyond the quick-appealing pop rock standards. Also — and this is a good thing it's tough to find a favorite song on the record. Each one is exciting and fun, and you'll likely find that each listen brings a new favorite song to play on repeat. Right now it's "No Sign of Life," with its desperate message masked by crashing guitars and a lyrical performance that jumps between nearscream and subdued reflection. The Show is tonight. OK Go will be there. You should go. At worst it'll be an evening of infectious music that'll be entertaining to witness live. At best it might get you dancing to a band you didn't know existed a few weeks ago.





OK Go and Oh No OK Go Released by: Capitol Records Recommended Tracks: Invincible, No Sign of Life, You're So Damn Hot, There's a Fire



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REFRESHING LUPE FIASCO PROVIDES INTROSPECTION TO RAP GENRE

By CORBIN HICKS Staff Writer

You might think that Lupe Fiasco's road to stardom has followed the tried and true method perfected by other big name rap stars. Start a label independently and perfect your rhymes. Create your own mixtapes, freestyling over other artists' instrumentals, and use this to create an industry-wide buzz. Once that buzz is big enough, capitalize on this fame and quickly get a record deal and put out an album on a major label.

Someone forgot to tell him that dropping a nearclassic album, getting a Jay-Z feature on your debut, and skateboarding do not describe the typical rapper.

Fiasco represents a picture of hip-hop that was not possible 10 years ago. He is a video game aficionado, Japanime fan and just about every other stereotype of suburban middle school white kids. The only thing he doesn't do is play lacrosse or soccer. Fiasco is a black rapper from the tough streets of the West Side of Chicago, where these activities typically remain on the other side of the racial barrier. But Lupe's lyrical ability transcends that of most new artists and allows him to gain credibility from those who would discount him based on his hobbies. His flow, word choice and delivery capture your attention in a way that is less monotonous than an Immortal Technique, but better for you spiritually than the latest offering from the Ying Yang Twins.

In fact, Lupe's rookie effort — "Food & Liquor" was produced by Shawn Carter, a name that marked a vote of confidence in a new rap artist. His 16-track opus begins with a three-minute spoken-word style intro about the city of Chicago. This leads into "Real," a reflection on making music of which he doesn't have to be ashamed. Real has many different definitions in today's music industry, with the influx of hardcore rap and monotonous 808-beat singles, but Lupe captures the essence of doing lyrically conscious music without having it sound like a lecture. The next track "Just Might Be OK" is another standout, with the self-proclaimed "Cornel Westside" lyrically tearing to shreds a track filled with luscious live instrumentation.

The album seamlessly moves from one song to the next. This is a feat, as the original version of the album was leaked onto the Internet, and Lupe was forced to redo the entire album. He is not a one-hit wonder artist, as he was able to turn up his focus in crunch time and bang out classic tracks such as "Hurt Me Soul." In this song, he talks about the demons that he faces on a daily basis and the dualism between what happens to someone and how he responds to it. The honesty and openness that he reveals throughout the album has to be admired as appreciation not only for rap but also for someone who is able to internalize his surroundings and talk about them in a manner which is both appealing and enjoyable. Tracks like "Sunshine," "American Terrorist," "The Instrumental" and "Daydreamin" reveal the thought process of your average person. While this may not sound as appealing as "Partying Like A Rock Star," it offers a refreshing alternative at a time when one is desperately needed. Despite his rap persona. Lupe delivers an album that walks the thin line between songs crafted to play in your car speaker system at full volume while also being lyrical enough to present to your literature teacher. This duality is the key to Lupe's longevity in the music industry.

Food and Liquor Lupe Fiasco Released by: Atlantic Records Recommended Tracks: Just Might Be OK. Kick, Push, Hurt Me Soul, The Instrumental



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MLB

Two singles in ninth lead Tigers over White Sox

Ankiel homers twice in rain-shortened Cardinals win; Dodgers defeat Cubs with Ethier's ninth-inning homer

Associated Press

DETROIT — One inning from another costly loss, the Detroit Tigers rallied against Bobby Jenks.

Sean Casey and Placido Polanco hit run-scoring singles off the White Sox closer in the ninth inning, leading the Tigers over Chicago 3-2 Thursday in Gary Sheffield's return from the disabled list.

"Obviously, this is huge," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "I'm not saying we can't lose another game, but it is too late in the season to make up many of them."

Detroit, which closed within three games of the wild cardleading New York Yankees, trailed 2-1 entering the ninth. Sheffield, who hadn't played since Aug. 21 because of an injured shoulder, went 0-for-3 with two strikeouts and a walk.

"I felt good, but my timing is still off," Sheffield said. "I haven't seen a curveball in a month."

Pinch-hitter Timo Perez reached on an infield single off Jenks leading off the ninth and advanced when the throw from second baseman Danny Richar went into Chicago's dugout for an error. Mike Rabelo sacrificed and Casey, another pinch hitter,

dribbled a single through the drawn-in infield to score pinchrunner Cameron Maybin.

"I've known Timo a long time, and he's been in some big situations, so I know he's not going to make a mistake on the bunt attempt," Leyland said. "Once he got to third, then you go strictly on speed. Timo's fast, but it's apples and oranges to compare anyone to that kid."

Brandon Inge grounded to the catcher, Jenks hit Curtis Granderson with a pitch and Polanco looped a single to left, triggering a celebration at the plate as pinch-runner Omar Infante came across.

"I made some good pitches out there — maybe they were too good," Jenks said. "It's one of those frustrating days when you know you are making good enough pitches to get the outs, and they keep getting hits."

The Tigers have a three-game series with another wild-card contender, Seattle, this weekend. "We're still in this thing."

"We're still in this thing," Casey said.

Cardinals 16, Pirates 4

ST. LOUIS — Rick Ankiel isn't just hitting, he's turning into a force.

The pitcher-turned-outfielder homered twice and had a career-high seven RBIs, leading

Cardinals center fielder Rick Ankiel dives for a fly ball during St. Louis' 16-4 win over the Pirates Thursday. The ball, hit by Pittsburgh third baseman Matt Kata, fell in for a double.

the St. Louis Cardinals over the Pittsburgh Pirates Thursday in a game shortened to eight innings because of rain.

Ankiel hit a tiebreaking, threerun homer in the second inning for a 5-2 lead against Bryan Bullington (0-1), who made his major league debut five years after he was the No. 1 overall pick in the amateur draft. Ankiel made it 11-3 with a two-run drive in the fifth against John Grabow and added a two-run double in the sixth off Dave Davidson, also making his big league debut.

Brought up Aug. 9 in his first major league appearance since he pitched for the Cardinals in 2004, Ankiel is batting .358 with nine homers and 29 RBIs in 23 games. He also homered twice Cardinals had 22 hits, their highest total since April 27, 2003, at Florida.

Mike Maroth, back from a bout of elbow tendinitis, allowed two runs, six hits and two walks in 1 2-3 innings, throwing 54 pitches in his first appearance since Aug. 4. On Wednesday, Mark Mulder pitched for the first time in over a year and gave up six runs over four innings in an 8-2 loss.

Dodgers 7, Cubs 4

CHICAGO — Wrigley Field was rocking in anticipation of a Cubs' victory. Then Andre Ethier tuned out the noise, turned off the crowd and sent the Los Angeles Dodgers to a stunning victory.

Ethier connected on a threerun, pinch-homer in the ninth off closer Ryan Dempster, and the Los Angeles Dodgers used a four-run rally to beat the Cubs. "Take, for instance, the bleachers out there. Everyone out there is having a good time enjoying the party, and then all of a sudden something like that happens," Ethier said. "The stadium is still filled, but it's like everybody left. It really changes the complexion, the way the game is going and the way it had been up to that point. It takes life not only out of the

crowd, but also their team."

Alfonso Soriano hit two homers for the Cubs, including a three-run drive in the seventh that put Chicago ahead 4-2. But it wasn't enough to avoid a deflating defeat that dropped the Cubs into a first-place tie with idle Milwaukee in the NL Central. The Dodgers took three of four in the series and closed within 3 1/2 games of NL Westleading Arizona.

Matt Kemp's homer off reliever Bobby Howry closed the gap to 4-3 in the eighth, and the Dodgers took the lead in the ninth against Dempster (2-5), who blew a save for the third time in 28 chances.

"These are big games. That was a tough loss," said Dempster, who was booed when



Tigers second baseman Placido Polanco drives in the gamewinning run in Detroit's 3-2 win over the White Sox Thursday. against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Aug. 11.

He made his second start in center field, hauling in Steven Pearce's drive at the wall in the third. He barely missed a diving catch on pinch-hitter Matt Kata's slicing drive that fell for a double in the fourth, getting a round of applause for the effort.

St. Louis (69-68) moved within one game of NL Central co-leaders Chicago and Milwaukee, scoring its most runs since Aug. 29, 2001, against San Diego The he was removed from the game. "We battled back and got the lead, they hit a couple of balls in the right spot and then I gave up the homer. As tough as it comes, right there."

Dempster, who had converted 13 straight save chances, was tagged for four runs and five hits in two-thirds of an inning.

"I didn't put guys away, and that's what you are supposed to do in that situation. For whatever reason, I left some pitches up and they hit them," he said.

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NCAA Women's Soccer **NSCAA/adidas Poll**

	team	record	previous
1	Portland	1-0-0	4
2	NOTRE DAME	1-0-1	2
3	Texas A&M	2-0-0	5
4	Texas	2-0-0	9
5	Stanford	2-0-0	10
6	North Carolina	0-1-0	1
7	UCLA	0-1-0	3
8	Florida State	0-1-0	6
9	Santa Clara	1-0-0	8 28 2
10	BC	1-0-0	11
11	Virginia	2-0-0	17
12	Rutgers	2-0-0	12
13	Tennessee	2-0-0	25
14	Florida	1-1-0	13
15	Penn State	1-1-0	7
16	Cal	2-0-0	18
17	UConn	1-1-0	16
18	Colorado	1-0-1	14.5 ³ 14.5 ³
19	USC	2-0-0	24
20	Clemson	1-0-0	19
21	Oklahoma State	2-0-0	23
22	South Carolina	1-0-0	NR
23	West Virginia	1-1-0	21
24	Wake Forest	1-1-0	22
25	Villanova	2-0-0	NR

NCAA Men's Soccer NSCAA/adidas Poll

	team	record	ots.	previous
1	Wake Forest	2-0-0	25	3
2	Duke	2-0-0	24	4
3	Virginia	2-0-0	23	5
4	Indiana	2-0-0	22	7
5	Santa Clara	1-0-1	21	6
6	Maryland	1-0-0	20 📟	9
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9 10	Northwestern	2-0-0	17	10
10 11	UCLA	0-2-0	16	14
12	Saint Louis	0-0-1	15	2
13	UCSB	0-1-1	14	22
14	UCONN	2-0-0	13	1
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10	Washington Fairfield	1-0-1	10	18
18	Akron	2-0-0	9	RV
10.	Clemson	2-0-0	8	NR
		1-1-0	7	12
20	West Virginia	1-1-0	6	13
21	Harvard	1-0-0	5	24
22	Ohio State	1-0-1	4	RV
23	Towson	1-0-1	3	20
24	New Mexico	1-1-0	2	15
25	Creighton	1-0-1	1	NR1

NCAA FOOTBALL



Appalachian State coach Jerry Moore is carried off the field after the Mountaineers upset No. 5 Michigan 34-32 Saturday. Former Division I-AA schools can now be voted into the Associated Press top-25 poll.

AP poll adds Appalachian State rule

Associated Press

the greatest upsets in col- school like us to be one of lege football history, Appalachian State is still shaking things up. The Associated Press said Thursday that lowerdivision schools — that means you, Mountaineers - are now eligible for its 71-year-old poll. "It's great they opened the door," Appalachian State coach Jerry Moore said from his office in Boone, N.C. "Certainly we're not going to be the No. 1 team in the country. We know that. We're not even going to be in the top 10. But if you have a win

over a nice football team, I like that it's not out of the After pulling off one of realm of possibility for a the top 20 or 25 teams in the country." Several AP voters expressed interest in putting Appalachian State on their ballots after a shocking 34-32 upset at then-No. 5 Michigan last weekend. But the poll guidelines, which mirrored the coaches' rankings conducted by USA Today, limited eligibility to teams competing in the former NCAA Division I-A, now known as the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Championship Subdivision, known before this season as Division I-AA.

The AP decided to make the change because

Brimmer, said he wanted to put Appalachian State at No. 25 after their win over the Wolverines, largely as a symbolic gesture. He might still do it next week, assuming the Mountaineers beat Division II Lenoir-Rhyne. "If I have any openings in my poll, they would certainly be strongly considered," said Van Brimmer, who works for the Georgia-based Morris News Service. In a previous job, he covered longtime Division I-AA powerhouse Georgia Southern, which, like Appalachian State, is a member of the Southern Conference.

MIAA Women's Volleyball

	team	league	overall
1	Adrian	1-0	4-1
2	Calvin	1-0	4-1
3	Hope	1-0	4-1
4	Tri-State	1-0	2-3
5	Albion	0-0	1-3
6	Alma	0-1	2-3
7	Kalamazoo	0-1	1-4 see 2
8	Olivet	0-1	1-4
9	SAINT MARY'S	0-1	1-3

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Navy at Rutgers 7 p.m., ESPN

NASCAR

Busch Series at Richmond 8 p.m., ESPN2

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Minnesota at White Sox 7 p.m., Comcast SportsNet

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Dodgers at Giants 10 p.m., ESPN

The Mountaineers compete in the Football

schools that show they can compete with big-time teams on the field should have a chance to be recognized with them in the top 25, Sports Editor Terry Taylor said.

"Why not? The poll was always intended to measure teams that compete against each other, regardless of division, based solely on on-field performance," she said. "It was that way long before Division I was divided into I-A and I-AA in 1978." One poll voter, Adam Van

IN BRIEF

Rugby World Cup coverage suspended

PARIS — A day before the opening of the showcase tournament, the world's three leading news agencies suspended coverage Thursday of the Rugby World Cup in a dispute with the sport's governing body over media restrictions.

The Associated Press said its journalists would not attend any World Cup events until the dispute over media credentials is resolved with the International Rugby Board. **Reuters and Agence-France Presse** also said they were suspending coverage.

"It is more than two days since the news media organizations put forward a possible peace plan, but the IRB has yet to formally respond or to set up a meeting," the media coalition said in a statement late Thursday. "We do not believe it is the best interest of the game of rugby for the IRB to drags its feet any longer."

Big Ten Network and Dish Network reach agreement

CHICAGO — The Big Ten Network reached an agreement on Thursday with satellite TV provider Dish Network, expanding the reach of the new channel.

The number of households with the network nationwide will initially increase from about 17 million to 28.5 million. In the eight states with Big Ten schools, the number will increase from 3.5 to 6.2 million.

Dish customers who subscribe to the America's Top 100 package or higher will have access to the channel through early 2008. After that, customers in the eight Big Ten states will get the channel on the America's Top 100 Plus service, which includes regional sports networks. It has yet to be determined how the channel will be made available to customers outside the eight states after that time.

Tom Brady misses practice

FOXBOROUGH - New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady missed a portion of practice Thursday because of his chronic right shoulder injury.

Brady was on the field during the time the media was allowed to view practice, but the team later reported that had he "limited participation." Patriots coach Bill Belichick was not available for comment.

For several seasons the two-time Super Bowl MVP has been a regular on the weekly injury report with the shoulder problem, which is believed to date to the 2002 season.

Nevertheless, Brady has started 108 straight games, the thirdlongest active streak among quarterbacks, trailing only Brett Favre (257) and Peyton Manning (156).

Brady turned 30 last month. At the start of training camp, he said he planned to rest his arm more.

U.S. OPEN Williams not satisfied, wants 10-plus majors

Venus currently has six and may win her seventh soon, but has to get past Justine Henin in the semifinal

Associated Press

NEW YORK --- Venus Williams wants more.

More matches, more victories, more Grand Slam titles.

"Yeah, I definitely would love double-digits" in major championships, said Williams, who won No. 6 at Wimbledon in July and hopes to get No. 7 at the U.S. Open this weekend. "Definitely had a few years there where some Slams were lost between injuries and a lot of other stuff happening."

Consider this: Friday's showdown with No. 1 Justine Henin will be Williams' first semifinal at Flushing Meadows since

2002. Now look at things from the Belgian's perspective: She had to deal with Serena Williams

in the quarterfinals and must try to become only the second woman to beat both sisters during a single Grand Slam tournament. The only time it happened was at the 2001 Australian Open, where Martina Hingis eliminated Serena in the quarterfinals and Venus in the semifinals only to lose to Jennifer Capriati in the final.

"It will be a good challenge for me to play both sisters in the same tournament," 2003 Open champion Henin said, mastering the art of understatement.

In the men's semifinals Saturday, No. 1 Roger Federer will play No. 4 Nikolay Davydenko, while No. 3 Novak Djokovic will meet No. 15 David Ferrer.

Three-time defending champion Federer took the day off Thursday, skipping practice and resting after beating 2003 Open winner Andy Roddick in a match that began Wednesday night and ended after midnight.

Djokovic defeated No. 17 Carlos Moya 6-4, 7-6 (7), 6-1 Thursday night to reach a third consecu-Grand tive "It will be a good Slam semifinal. challenge for

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Justine Henin

tennis player

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right now."

Earlier, Ferrer — who upset Rafael Nadal in fourth the round - beat No. 20 Juan Ignacio Chela 6-2, 6-3, 7-5. Late Thursday afternoon,

Venus Williams put in a practice session, pausing for a moment to get her right shoulder massaged by her boyfriend, pro golfer Hank Kuehne.

It has been quite some time since she was at the height of her powers in New York, swatting big serves and groundstrokes and using all of her 6-foot-1 frame to get to everything back along the baseline and cover all angles up at the net.

She fared no worse than reaching the semifinals at the U.S. Open every year from 1997 to 2002, winning the 2000-01 titles and finishing as runner-up twice. Her game can be as intimidating as anyone's in women's tennis when she's healthy — and Williams sure looks in fine form at present. "Venus is moving extremely After edging No. 3 Jelena well," her father and coach, Richard, said earlier in the tournament. "From what I ter than anyone



Venus Williams celebrates her win over Jelena Jankovic Wednesday at the U.S. Open in New York. Williams must face top-seed Justine Henin today in the semifinal.

Taking all tournaments into account, the Williams sisters have lost to the same player at an event a total of five times in their decade on tour. On 11 occasions, a woman made it past one Williams, then lost to the other.

Jankovic in a third-set tiebreaker Wednesday night, Venus Williams made a point can see, Venus is moving bet-

of saying she watched Henin beat Serena and that she wants to play well Friday to uphold the family's honor.

Henin has to be aware, as well, that she is 1-7 against the older Williams, with her only victory coming

in their very first match, on clay at Berlin way back in 2001.

There is, let's not forget, another semifinal Friday, with No. 4 Svetlana Kuznetsova No. 6 Anna facing Chakvetadze in an all-Russian matchup. Kuznetsova won the 2004 U.S. Open and also reached the 2006 French Open final, while Chakvetadze never before made it beyond the quarterfinals at a major.

Neither will be given much of a chance in the final, regardless of whether the opponent is Williams or Henin.

'Venus and Justine will be a great match," Jankovic said, 'and I think one of them will win the whole tournament."

who's playing right now." "From what I can Williams arrived in New moving better York late last month essentially said who's playing she was merely happy to be here. missed **Richard Williams** 2006 U.S. Open father and coach because of an injured right

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wrist, part of a lengthy layoff that put her at No. 46 in the rankings at year's end.

She was at No. 31 entering Wimbledon, and became that major's lowest-ranked women's champion ever.

She was at No. 14 entering the U.S. Open, and her run so far already assures Williams of getting back into the top 10 next week for the first time since April 2006.

A victory over Henin would push Williams to No. 7.

In her mind, of course, she's No. 1.

"I always think that I'll be on top. I never think that I'm not the one," Williams said. "I believe always I'm the one and when I'm not the one, it really bothers me."



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U.S. OPEN Djokovic wins in straight sets to make semis



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NEW YORK — As hilarious after his U.S. Open quarterfinal victory as he was good during it, Novak Djokovic treated an appreciative audience to his spot-on impersonations of Maria Sharapova and Rafael Nadal.

It was a scene most likely never before seen at a Grand Slam tennis tournament — or any sporting event of any significance, for that matter. First, Djokovic did Sharapova, hopping behind the baseline the way she does, bouncing the ball the way she does, pretending to tuck strands of hair behind his ears, and capping it off by doing a perfect rendering of the two-time major champion's serve.

Next, Djokovic did his take on Nadal, sprinting the way he does, even yanking at the back of his shorts the way the threetime French Open champ does.

The act, prompted by USA Network's postmatch reporter, was the most entertaining portion of Thursday's activity in Arthur Ashe Stadium — and showed, without a shadow of a doubt, that Djokovic is poised to become tennis' next star. He already is a hit on YouTube, where his imitations of fellow pros are posted.

The No. 3-seeded Djokovic's game is quite impressive, too, as he showed by reaching a third consecutive Grand Slam semifinal by beating No. 17 Carlos Moya 6-4, 7-6 (7), 6-1.

"It's funny. He does it very well. That's a gift," Moya said, referring to Djokovic's renditions. "If he doesn't succeed in tennis, he has a career in that."

Even Djokovic's pre-serve routine requires attention. When he faced a set point in the tiebreaker, for example, he kept dribbling the ball, 28 times in all. Bounce. Bounce.

Before his second serve, Djokovic cut his total to 13 bounces, hit a 113 mph offering, and won the point.

"This is just a matter of concentration. I'm trying to really focus and not irritate anybody. Sorry if I'm a bit annoying,' Djokovic said. "The thing is, I want to stay longer on this court, so that's why I'm bouncing more and more."

Unlike at the French Open, where he lost to No. 2 Nadal, and at Wimbledon, where he stopped because of an injury while losing to Nadal, Djokovic will finally face a different foe.

In Saturday's semifinals, he'll meet No. 15 David Ferrer who just happens to be the man who ran Nadal ragged in the **Open's fourth round. Ferrer** reached his first major semifinal by beating No. 20 Juan Ignacio Chela 6-2, 6-3, 7-5 Thursday.

Top-ranked Roger Federer is in his record 14th Grand Slam semifinal in a row and plays No. 4 Nikolay Davydenko on Saturday. Federer is 9-0 against Davydenko, and hasn't fared too poorly against the semifinalists on the other side of the draw — he's 7-0 against Ferrer, 4-1 against Djokovic.

Djokovic's one victory over Federer came in their most recent meeting, in the final of a hard-court tournament in Montreal last month. It was at that event that Djokovic became the first man since 1994 to defeat men ranked Nos. 1-3 at the same tournament.

That counted as Djokovic's breakthrough moment. It also gave him four titles in 2007, and his 57 match wins through Thursday rank second only to Nadal.

Federer took Thursday off,

is 2004 U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova against No. 6 Anna Chakvetadze.

There was an all around more subdued vibe in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Thursday, a sort of hangover effect following up on Wednesday's electric atmosphere for the Federer-**Roddick and Venus Williams-**Jelena Jankovic matches.

It didn't help that Djokovic and Moya were hardly at their best, combining for only 16 winners and 30 unforced errors in the first set.

Djokovic, though, was just better enough throughout. In the tiebreaker, he erased Moya's set point, and then converted his second, bouncing the ball 23 times before hitting a 123 mph serve that set up a forehand winner.

Djokovic then broke to start the third set, and that was pretty much that against Moya, a former No. 1 who won the 1998 French Open.

Against Chela, Ferrer kept up his surprising run — and it turns out he hasn't been eating as well as he's been playing. It was a far shorter and less taxing match than in the previous round, when Ferrer was on court until nearly 2 a.m. while stunning Nadal.

After that rousing victory, the biggest of his career, Ferrer had a hard time finding something for dinner. So he wound up eating a fast-food burger.

"Yeah, really, at 4:15, my coach and me walk into the McDonald's," Ferrer said.

He leads the ATP in most major returning categories, and he was up to his usual tricks against Chela, compiling 16 break points. That count already was up to 12 by the time Chela earned his first break chance on Ferrer's serve. Chela converted it to take a 2-0 lead in the second set — then promptly got broken right back when he sailed a forehand wide.



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Eventually, he tossed the ball overhead — and hit a fault.

skipping practice and resting, a day after improving to 14-1 against 2003 U.S. Open champion Andy Roddick by beating him in straight sets.

Venus Williams, though, was out on the practice courts in the late afternoon, preparing for her semifinal Friday against No. 1 Justine Henin. After eliminating Serena Williams in her previous match, Henin will try to become only the second woman to beat both sisters at the same Grand Slam tournament.

The other women's semifinal

"That," Chela acknowledged, "was my only real chance."

Before seeing off Nadal, Ferrer escaped a match point against 2002 Wimbledon runner-up David Nalbandian in the third round.

"The last three matches is my best tennis," Ferrer said. "For me, it's unbelievable."



Novak Djokovic stretches to return a volley during his straight-set win over Carlos Moya. Djokovic defeated Moya 6-4, 7-6 (7), 6-1 and will face No. 15 David Ferrer in the semifinals.

MLB

Varitek's single lifts Red Sox over Orioles

Boston trails three times in game; Buchholz comes on in relief after Wakefield struggles through short outing

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The no-hit rookie kept the Baltimore Orioles scoreless in his encore performance, and a trio of veterans helped Boston rally three times before prevailing.

Pinch-hitter Jason Varitek singled in the go-ahead run in the ninth inning, and the Red Sox got home runs from David Ortiz and Coco Crisp in a 7-6 victory Thursday night.

Crisp had three hits and scored three runs, including the tiebreaker in the ninth, as the Red Sox extended their AL East lead to 6 1/2 games over the idle New York Yankees. Boston, which trailed 1-0, 4-2 and 6-5, has been in first place for 142 days — its longest streak since 1986.

Boston rookie Clay Buchholz, who pitched a nohitter Saturday against Baltimore in his last appearance, got off to a shaky start. Entering in the sixth with the score tied at 6, he walked Brian Roberts and gave up a single to Tike Redman before walking Nick Markakis to load the bases with no outs.

But Miguel Tejada hit into a 5-2-3 double play and Kevin Millar struck out, and Buchholz (3-0) followed with two perfect innings.

"They hit a lot of good balls but I had some big plays behind me," Buchholz said. "I mixed up my pitches well and made the pitches I needed to get out of situations."

Boston manager Terry Francona said, "He did a great job getting out of the iam."

McDowell had 27 in 1993.

run of 22 straight scoreless innings with a run in the first. Redman singled, stole second and scored on a single by Tejada.

Boston took advantage of two straight mental errors by Orioles rookie starter Garrett Olson to go up

2-1 in the third. After an RBI Trembley single by Julio Lugo tied it instances, he could have gone

and put runners on first and to third, he could have gone drive to left. One batter later, Baltimore ended Wakefield's second, Olson fielded a cometo second. Unfortunately, both Olson left with tightness in his backer and of those plays

> "I mixed up my pitches well and made the pitches I needed to get out of situations."

> > **Clay Buchholz Red Sox pitcher**

Ortiz followed with a tapper to the mound, and with Royce Clayton halfway down the line, Olson threw to first, allowing Clayton to

inexplicably

threw to first.

score. "It looked like he panicked," said. "Both

were a big part of the game. In the bottom half, Millar hit a two-run homer on an 0-2 pitch, Aubrev Huff doubled and Melvin Mora hit an RBI single for a 4-2 lead. The Red Sox went ahead 5-4 in the fourth.

Olson issued two walks before Crisp ended a 54-game homerless drought with a three-run

"You find ways to win games."

Red Sox catcher

Jason Varitek

Wakefield in bottom the half, using an **RBI** double by Markakis and run-scoring single by Tejada to go up **6-5**.

left forearm.

Baltimore

chased

Ortiz tied it in the fifth with a drive to right

off Rocky Cherry. It was his 27th homer of the season, the 200th with Boston.



The Orioles wore throwback uniforms that paid tribute to the 1932 Baltimore Black Sox of the Negro Leagues, but the new clothes couldn't prevent them from meeting a familiar fate. With their 10th straight loss at home, they matched an Orioles record set in 1954 the club's first season in Baltimore — according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Baltimore got a home run from Millar and three hits from Redman, but lost for the 14th time in 16 games.

"The opportunity we had, the bases loaded and nobody out and didn't score, that would have been to our benefit if we could have broke the game open there," Orioles manager Dave Trembley said. "We certainly had the opportunity to do that and it didn't happen."

With the score 6-all, Crisp led off the ninth with an infield hit off Danys Baez (0-6). He stole second and came home when Varitek lined a single to left.

"You find ways to win games," said Varitek, who is 3-for-6 as a pinch hitter this season.

Jonathan Papelbon struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 34th save.

Red Sox starter Tim Wakefield allowed six runs and nine hits in 3 2-3 innings, matching his shortest outing of the season. It was the first time in 27 starts this season the knuckleballer did not receive a decision; his streak of 26 games was longest in the majors since Jack

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SMC SOCCER

Hope awaits unbeaten Belles

Saint Mary's takes 3-0 record on the road to avenge last season's loss



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Sophomore midfielder Katy Durkin, right, challenges an Albion defender for the ball on Sept. 6, 2006. The Belles are 3-0-0 to start the season and face Hope on Saturday.

By CHRIS DOYEN Sports Writer

Saint Mary's visits Hope Saturday in an attempt to win its fourth consecutive match to start the season.

The Belles are 3-0-0 after posting victories against Case Western, Saint Lawrence, and Manchester. Hope stands at 1-2-0 after losing its first two games to Denison and Saint Joseph and then defeating Rochester.

In the teams' lone meeting last year, Hope won 1-0, and the Belles will be looking to avenge that loss after a 1-0 victory of their own in their opener against home Manchester Wednesday. Hope plays in the MIAA, but Saturday's game will not factor into the conference standings. Still, Belles coach Carvn MacKenzie expects the atmosphere to be similar to that of a late-season league match.

field with any of our conference opponents, it's going to have a conference feel to it," MacKenzie said. "It will be a good introduction for our first-year players to get to know what it feels like before we get into our real conference schedule in a couple of weeks."

Hope returns 14 letter winners from a team that finished second in the MIAA, including seniors Ellie Tresslar and Sarah Cochrane — two players MacKenzie knows can be dangerous.

"Tresslar and Cochrane both have reputations for being able to put the ball in the back of the net, so we need to contain them as much as possible," MacKenzie said. "But they have 10 freshmen too, so we'll be able to find out just how dangerous they actually are."

"Any time we step on to the sees no reason to panic.

"We just need to bring our A-game and play with a lot of intensity," MacKenzie said. "We need to be mindful that they can find a lot of ways to score, but we are just going to match up with them and play our game."

The defensive corps consisting of junior Whitney Fron, senior Justine Higgins, and sophomores Bridget Ronayne and Jessica Slean will look to continue the dominance it has displayed so far. In the Belles' first three games, they have allowed only one goal. Five different players have scored the Belles' first six goals of the season. This is the first of two games against conference opponents that do not count toward the MIAA standings for Saint Mary's. Next week, the Belles face Calvin, the 2006 MIAA champions.

NCAA FOOTBALL Colorado assault case sent back to trial court

Associated Press

DENVER — An appeals court on Thursday revived a lawsuit by two women who claim they were gang-raped at an off-campus party attended by University of Colorado football recruits, ruling there is evidence the alleged assaults were caused by the school's failure to adequately supervise players.

The ruling by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which sends the case back to the trial court,

said there is evidence the university had an official policy of showing high school recruits \mathbf{a} 'good time" and that it showed a 'deliberate indifference" to any known sexual harassment.

"We could not be happier," said Baine Kerr, an attorney for one of the plaintiffs.

"There is absolutely nothing [in the ruling] that the university can take comfort in," Kerr said. "It's a great endorsement of the facts as we have seen them and the legal principals that we have argued."

In a written statement, CU said: "The university does not have a policy that would place any of its female students at risk of assault; in fact, it has stringent policies prohibiting sexual harassment and sexual assault."

football recruiting practices that led to broad reforms and a shake-up of the university's top leaders.

The women's lawsuit alleges the university violated federal law by fostering an environment that allowed sexual assaults to occur. A U.S. district judge dismissed it in 2005, saying the women failed to show evidence of deliberate indifference.

Kerr's client, Lisa Simpson, a student at the time of the alleged assault, has agreed to be publicly identified. The other plaintiff

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appeals court ruling. "I think it was the emotion of happiness that was driving it, at finally getting what she had her sights on," Kerr said. "She's never lost faith. We

haven't either." Janine D'Anniballe, executive director of the Boulder rape crisis center MESA, called the ruling "huge."

"The university used all its resources to silence, stifle, and shut down the entire process," she said. "The fact that the lawsuit is revived shows that maybe there is some hope for justice and in some sense things have changed." The recruiting scandal prompted a grand jury investigation, which resulted in a single indictment against a former football recruiting aide for soliciting a prostitute and misuse of a school cell phone. He pleaded guilty in the case and received probation.

While the Belles will be paying close attention to those playmakers, MacKenzie

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CU said it has become a leader in policies and practices to prevent sexual assault and harassment.

The women said they were raped at an off-campus party for football players and recruits in 2001. No one was criminally charged with sexual assault, but the lawsuit sparked a scandal over CU's

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Duquesne forward arrested

Charges come two days after school suspension for drugs

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Duquesne University forward Stuard Baldonado, suspended from school Wednesday after being charged with drug violations, was arrested near the campus again hours later that day on a misdemeanor drug charge.

Baldonado, one of five Dukes players shot on campus a year ago this month, was initially arrested Friday and charged with criminal conspiracy involving the manufacture, delivery or possession of a controlled substance. He was indefinitely suspended from the university and the basketball team on Wednesday after school officials reviewed the

situation.

A few hours later on Wednesday night, Pittsburgh police said they spotted Baldonado smoking by himself on a street corner near the Duquesne campus. After being questioned, the 22-year-old Baldonado was told he would be mailed a summons charging him with misdemeanor possession of marijuana, officer David Honick said Thursday.

Baldonado told one of the officers, who also was involved in his arrest last week, that he was "stressed out," according to Honick, who did not take part in the arrest.

Further complicating Baldonado's situation, The Associated Press learned Thursday through court records that Baldonado was charged in May with aggravated battery and false imprisonment in a domestic violence case in Miami-Dade County, Fla., where he once played for and attended Miami Dade College. Baldonado has a girl friend and a child there.

The 6-foot-7 Baldonado, considered one of the nation's top junior college recruits last year, never told anyone at Duquesne of those charges. The school learned of them only last week after being called by a prosecutor in Miami.

Because of the multiple arrests, it seems unlikely Baldonado will play basketball for or attend Duquesne again regardless of the outcome of his court cases — or his lawsuit against the university that resulted from last year's oncampus shootings that left him with left arm and back injuries.

Even if Baldonado is cleared, Duquesne's student code of conduct is so strict that a student can be permanently expelled for certain behavior even with the absence of a criminal conviction. -----

SMC VOLLEYBALL Hope hands Belles second MIAA loss

By SAMANTHA LEONARD Sports Writer

Saint Mary's played its second conference match of the week and suffered its second defeat — Thursday at the hands of the Flying Dutch 3-1 (30-14, 30-20, 30-17).

The Belles fell to 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the MIAA Conference.

The tough Hope defense was dominant over the Belles. Junior defensive specialist Meghan Winer led the team with 13 digs. Not far behind was sophomore setter Andrea Helminiak, who contributed 11 digs along with 35 assists.

"We will be working on really coming together as a team and playing for each other," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "In these first few matches of the year, we have had individuals working through trying to find their fit while we are still defining roles; we have had individuals that had some setbacks and are working hard to make up ground."

The Flying Dutch also doubled the Belles in kills, 48 to 23, with 12 from junior outside hitter Nora Slenk.

Sophomore outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski led the Belles in defense and offense with eight kills and 11 digs.

The Belles travel to Hiram, Ohio today for the Hiram College Tournament.

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Saint Mary's heads to first tourney

By CHRIS DOYEN Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will open conference play with the first MIAA Jamboree at Milham Park in Kalamazoo, Mich., Saturday.

The Belles will be squaring off against all eight conference opponents, including Olivet College, the 2006 MIAA champions.

In their opening event last weekend at the Ferris State Invitational, the Belles posted a two-round score of 697, which put them in a tie for 13th in the 18-team field. Olivet finished 11th with a score of 683.

Since this is the start of the conference schedule, the intensity level will be high for all participating

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teams, Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. Because each team gets a cumulative five-round score, Hamilton is stressing the need to finish well in these conference meets.

"Every round counts, and it is important to be consistent," he said.

While there will be four more rounds of conference play after Saturday, it will be important for the Belles not to dig themselves into a hole.

"If we just play to our potential, we should be fine," Hamilton said.

One obstacle the Belles will have to overcome is their lack of familiarity with the course. Host Kalamazoo played in a three-team match at its home course on Wednesday, finishing third - behind Olivet and Saint Francis — while posting a score of 399. None of the current Saint Mary's golfers have ever played the course. But even though two squads from the conference are coming off of a recent outing at Milham Park, Hamilton doesn't expect that to factor heavily in the results.

"It's a slight disadvantage," Hamilton said. "But it's a pretty simple course, and we shouldn't have any trouble figuring it out."

Freshman Emily Gore will look to follow up her teambest performance from last weekend. Gore fired a 168 from last weekend to earn 45th overall.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Runners look to build on last week's victory

By KATE ARNOLD Sports Writer

After last week's victory finish at the Tri-State invitational, Saint Mary's is anxious to prove itself again tonight at Aquinas College the Invitational in Grand Rapids, Mich. The team has spent many hours practicing in preparation to face the stiff competition. "This week we got back on the track, got speed back into the legs," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. "We've also been working on pacing." Bauters has especially high hopes for freshman Sam Wieczorek, whose time of 21:58 was tops at the Tri-State Invitational. "I expect her to be up front, scoring for us," Bauters said. "She'll be at the front of the pack."

flat course, and Bauters predicts the times will reflect the change in incline.

"Times should be dramatically better for everyone," she said.

Among the team's toughest competition tonight will be Aquinas, Olivet, St. Xavier, Holy Cross and Indiana Tech. Although several teams at the meet have many more runners than Saint Mary's, the team remains confident.

Tragedy links Hokies, Tigers

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE — When opponents arrive at LSU, their buses run through a purple and gold gauntlet of seething fans hurling a wide range of insults, a prelude to the earsplitting hostility the visitors face inside 92,000-seat Tiger Stadium.

This week, however, there's a sense in Baton Rouge that a more dignified welcome will be required when No. 9 Virginia Tech comes to town Saturday night.

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they can play in helping communities rebound from tragedy, and it brings to their games a component that goes way beyond school pride.

"There are similarities between the two teams," Miles said, recalling how LSU's 2005 season took on another dimension after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. "It is a tremendous opportunity to rally for a cause. There isn't any question that it is a motivating factor. They will represent their state just like we felt obligated, and enjoyed doing, to represent ours in 2005.

Ali Highsmith is among the LSU starters who played for the Tigers two seasons ago.

A number of people displaced by Katrina — a storm that struck Aug. 29, 2005, and was blamed for more than 1,600 deaths and tens of thousands of wrecked homes and business — were being housed at LSU when that season began.

The Aquinas College Invitational is notorious for its "A couple teams are outside our division, but I think we'll do well," Bauters said. "It will be good competition; it will push us."

In preparation for this meet, Bauters has slightly changed the team's strategy, in an attempt to get the runners at a faster pace.

"We'll be running in packs, so we'll see how that turns out," she said.

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TUMBLIN' DOWN



Irish quarterback Demetrius Jones is tackled during Notre Dame's 33-3 loss to Georgia Tech on Sept. 1 A nearly 10-foot tall quilt, knitted by a student group that included several LSU players, arrived at the Tigers' practice facility on Wednesday, where head coach Les Miles signed it.

The iconic maroon and orange "VT" of Virginia Tech was stitched into the center, accompanied by the names of the 32 victims of the shootings on campus last spring and surrounded by typical Louisiana symbols such as a Tabasco pepper sauce label.

Various members of the LSU community are signing the quilt, which will be presented to Virginia Tech alumni before the game.

On Thursday, the LSU athletic department published a letter, signed by Miles and team captains Matt Flynn, Glenn Dorsey and Craig Steltz, urging fans to be respectful to this weekend's guests.

"As students, fans and alumni from Virginia Tech come to the LSU campus for the Hokies' first road football game of the 2007 season, we know Tiger fans will welcome them with open arms and sympathetic hearts," the letter said. "The people of Louisiana are known for their heartfelt compassion and gracious hospitality, and on this occasion we hope everyone will pay particular respect to the Virginia Tech players and their fans."

It's certainly not the usual buildup to a Saturday night in Death Valley, featuring two of the nation's top teams.

But second-ranked LSU and Virginia Tech will have more than their top 10 rankings in common when they take the field. Both know well the role





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kids an idea of how to compete, line up, and race a little bit,' Connelly said. "Somebody always comes out of that meet who becomes a big contributor down the line and will end up being a big player for us throughout the season."

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to lead the team. In last weekend's win over Florida International University, Fesl registered a team-high 20 kills, while Stasiuk earned 14 kills and eight digs.

Brown expects this weekend's play to improve her team for conference play.

"We look at each match individually and as an opportunity to learn a lot more about the team's dynamic. We use each match to continue to get better and better," Brown said. "I'm really pleased with not necessarily the number of wins and losses [the team has], but the level we're playing at as a team."

Notre Dame faces Alabama Saturday at 7 p.m. and Ohio Sunday at 2:30.

The Irish went 1-1 at last wekend's Tiger Invitational to improve their record to 1-3 for the season, and will try to imrpve their record this weekend.

"It's important to have a good against NCAA record Tournament teams," Brown said. "We certainly want to win the Big East to earn an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament."

During last season's Shamrock Invitational, the Irish went 2-2. They defeated both Valparaiso and Idaho and fell to No. 20 Missouri and No. 19 Santa Clara.

NFL Colts down Saints 41-10 in opener

Manning throws for 288 yards and three touchdowns, while Addai runs for 118 yards



Indianapolis receivers Marvin Harrison, left, and Reggie Wayne, right, catch touchdown passes during the Colts 41-10 victory over New Orleans Thursday.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — It took the Indianapolis Colts one half to shake off their post-Super Bowl hangover.

Then Peyton Manning and friends came alive to beat New Orleans 41-10 Thursday night in the NFL's opener,

running away in the final 30 minutes with a

Harrison for 42 yards to set up a 2-yard TD run by Addai. Then the Super Bowl MVP came right back to throw a 28-yard TD to Wayne.

"NFL games are 60 minutes long. We were a little out of synch in the first half," coach Tony Dungy said. "They played us defensively a little different than

we thought. We knew we "NFL games are 60 had to run the minutes long. We ball a little more." Another major player — for both sides — was New Orleans cornerback Jason David,

focus back on football after an offseason dominated by player discipline problems and long suspensions, most notably involving Michael Vick and Adam "Pacman" Jones. Commissioner Roger Goodell, who was at the game, said beforehand, "I think we're ready now to get the focus back on football."

It took a little while before Manning got the Colts' offense focused.

Manning was just 8-of-17

27-of-40 for 183 yards and two interceptions.

The only score by the New Orleans offense was a 34-yard field goal by Olindo Mare in the second quarter after a nine-play, 36-yard drive. From the middle of that quarter until the middle of the fourth, the Saints ran just one play in Indianapolis territory and that was for a 2-yard loss.

Indy linebacker Freddy Keiaho, replacing departed

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championship caliber performance.

Playing against his hometown team, Manning had three TD passes, two to Reggie Wayne

and another to Marvin Harrison. Joseph Addai ran for 118 yards on 23 carries and a super-quick defense with four new starters shut down Drew Brees, Reggie Bush and the explosive New Orleans offense.

The game was tied 10-10 after a sloppy first half.

But Manning, who finished 18-of-30 for 288 yards, led two quick TD drives in the first 8:49 of the second half as the Colts put up 24 points in 20 minutes after intermission. On the first drive, Manning hit

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> **Tony Dungy Colts coach**

> > in their Super Bowl win over Chicago, then left as a free agent. He was victimized by Harrison on a 27-yard TD pass in the first half and again by Wayne on both his scores, the second a 45yarder in the fourth quarter.

> > But David also produced the Saints' only TD, stripping Wayne after a second-quarter completion, picking up the ball and returning it 55 yards for the score.

> > Wayne finished with seven catches for 115 yards.

for 101 yards in the first half, 66 of those yards on two completions: the 27-yard TD to Harrison, plus 39 on a throw to Dallas Clark that set up Adam Vinatieri's 33-yard field goal that tied the game at 10. But the Saints, who reached the NFC title game last season who started before losing to Chicago, for the Colts never could get their potent offense going.

They had just 112 total yards in the first half, and Bush and Deuce McAllister each had just 21 yards rushing before intermission made-over against a Indianapolis defense. That unit included undrafted rookie Ed Johnson at defensive tackle in place of Anthony McFarland, out for the season with a knee injury.

Both finished with just 38 yards, Bush on 12 carries and The game finally put the McAllister on 10. Brees was free agent Cato June, was outstanding.

In the second quarter, he drove through a blocker, carrying him into Bush and dropping the runner for a 5-yard loss. In the third quarter, he picked off a pass that led to a 33-yard field goal by Vinatieri that made it 27-10 in the first minute of the final quarter.

The Colts took a 7-0 lead on the Manning-to-Harrison TD in the first quarter. David's play tied the game, and Mare's field goal put the Saints up 10-7. That lasted until the late drive keyed by the Manning-Clark hookup.

Then the Colts took over completely in the second half.

The Manning-Wayne 45yarder made it 34-10 five minutes into the fourth quarter and Matt Giordano's 83vard interception return closed the scoring.

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contain.

"We've got to be aware of her speed," Waldrum said. "We can't give her the kind of time on the ball that she'd like to have."

Waldrum said there are two ways to contain fast players like O'Hara: Keep the ball away from her entirely, or play the defense deep in their own zone to prevent O'Hara from getting behind them.

"You've got to do one of the two things," he said. "If you get caught halfway in between either of those you're going to be in trouble."

Waldrum said the Irish faced a similar threat against Florida in junior midfielder Ameera Abdullah. Irish sophomore defensive midfielder Amanda Clark had the task of watching Abdullah.

"Amanda did a great job of keeping her out of the game," Waldrum said. "I think AC can handle [O'Hara] as well."

The Irish used all three goalkeepers in their first two

games, but Waldrum said he settled on senior Lauren Karas as the starter. Karas played the entire game against Florida.

"They got down and had a lot of crosses and service into the box that she had to deal with, and quite a few corner kicks that she had to deal with that weren't really shots but balls in the air, with people around her that she had to deal with," Waldrum said.

Although she made only one save, Waldrum said the way she handled the wet conditions and difficult situations elevated her above the others.

"It was a ball driven to the opposite post that she had to dive to get," Waldrum said of the lone save. "Usually in the wet surface like that the goalkeepers mishandle it or bobble it and the rebounds come out, and she held it clean. There were players all around that were just ready to tap it in."

Waldrum said sophomore keeper Kelsey Lysander would make the trip as well in a backup role.

Junior Carrie Dew, still recovering from an ACL injury suffered last season, came off the bench in Notre Dame's first game against Michigan, but started against Florida.

"She's getting better and better," Waldrum said. "I think she'll be ready to go this weekend."

The freshmen got their first taste of live action last weekend and are adjusting nicely, Waldrum said. One freshman, midfielder Lauren Fowlkes, started both games and said the college game differs stylistically from high school.

"I think that it's a lot more of a physical game than coming from high school," Fowlkes said. "A lot more is demanded of you in the college game, but it's good because the speed of play is a lot better."

To be successful this weekend, Fowlkes said, the team needs to become more consistent.

"We'll put together a good 20 or 30 minutes and then drop back for like 15 or 20 minutes," she said. "We need to put the whole game together on offense and on defense."

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Irish midfielder Lauren Fowlkes, right, and midfielder Brittany Bock attempt a header in Notre Dame's 0-0 tie with Michigan Aug. 31.

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coach — an Irish soccer jersey in the mail after the two had a conversation about their families.

"That was just the kind of guy Bert was," Clark said. "I'm sure he'll be looking down on us and will us to play well this weekend."

Rhode Island brings a 1-1 record to South Bend after

beating Providence 2-0 earlier in the week. The Rams lost their season opener to Harvard on Sept. 1. They return 10 starters from a team that fell in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Rhode Island coach John O'Connor knows the Irish well after coming to Notre Dame to work at summer camps with Clark and several members of the coaching staff. O'Connor was an assistant under Clark for five years at Dartmouth, and the pair won two Ivy League titles during their time. "I think I know the way his team will play," Clark said. "But the downside is he knows what I will do too."

After facing Rhode Island, the Irish will take on Northern Illinois Sunday. Northern Illinois coach Steve Simmons has also spent some time at the Notre Dame clinics.

The Huskies (1-0-1) started their season by tying Bucknell, then downed Colgate 2-1 in overtime. Senior forward Marcus McCarty was selected for the MAC all-conference team and all tournament team in 2006 and will be à threat for Northern Illinois this year.

"These will be some good

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player to post a high number." The lineup for the Cougar Classic will feature sophomore Kristin Wetzel from the No. 1 spot. Wetzel was a key contributor last season, participating in all 10 events during her rookie campaign. She became one of the most consistent golfers with her 78.22 scoring average.

The second and third spots of the lineup will belong to a pair of freshmen - Katie Conway from Wading River, N.Y., and So-Hyun Park from Seoul, South Korea. The rookies will face the pressure of their first collegiate performance this weekend. Shooting fourth will be junior Lisa Maunu. Maunu was an important factor for the Irish last season with a 78.04 scoring average — good for fourth on the team. One of her most memorable performances was her 10th place finish in the conference championships, which earned

her All-Big East honors.

Finishing off the group will be sophomore Annie Brophy, who looks to build on a strong freshman season in which she recorded the second-best scoring average on the team and sixth-best in program history with a 77.04. Her third-place finish at the Big East championship solidified her spot as a talented young golfer in the program.

Holt stressed the importance of practice, specifically on the short game.

"Since it's the first tournament of the season, we just wanted to get out there and play as much golf as we could," Holt said. "We've been working a lot on our short game of 100 yards and shorter — specifically our wedge shots, bunker play and putting. ... "With the depth and the talent we have, as long as we get everybody on the same page — which I know we can do — we can achieve all our goals. But our strength is definitely each other."



Irish midfielder Michael Thomas tries to steal the ball during Notre Dame's 2-0 loss to South Florida on Sept. 8, 2006.

games," Clark said. "Both teams are just below the toptier level, which means they are hungry."

The Irish will get a chance to scout the Huskies Friday night when Northern Illinois takes on No. 7 Indiana to open the tournament at 5 p.m. This is the second weekend in a row that Notre Dame and the Hoosiers are competing in the same tournament, but the instate rivals will not go head-tohead until late October.

In the meantime, the Irish will try to bounce back from a rollercoaster weekend, which included taking down No. 1 UCLA before losing 3-0 to No. 6 Maryland.

"It will either be a stumbling block or a stepping stone," he said. "I think we will use it as a stepping stone."

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Sagittarius: For advice on how to get a blonde, call (845) 729-0367 and ask for Jimothy. (2 stars)

Capricorn: You will be surrounded by monkey bungs at various points throughout the day. (1 star)

Aquarius: If you knew the real name of Tails from "Sonic the Hedgehog," seriously consider making a run at becoming the President of the United States. The country needs people like you. By the way, Tails' real *name is* ______. (5 stars)

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Taking the hard way

Irish to battle pair of top-five opponents

By BILL BRINK Sports Writer

Fresh off a 3-0 win over Florida on Sunday, No. 2 Notre Dame will travel to California to play No. 3 Santa Clara and No. 5 Stanford in the SCU Adidas Classic this weekend.

Santa Clara is 1-0-0 after beating San Jose State 3-2 last Friday. Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum described Santa Clara's style of play as similar to that of the Irish, who handed the Broncos one of their five losses a season ago.

"We know it will be a soccer game because that's the way they are," Waldrum said. "It won't be a physical bloodbath kind of a thing. There will be two teams trying to play some good soccer."

Stanford is 2-0-0 with wins over Boston University and Connecticut. Waldrum noted that sophomore forward Kelley O'Hara will be tough to

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Irish midfielder Rebecca Mendoza attacks the ball while Michigan midfielder Kristin Thomas chases in Notre Dame's 0-0 tie with the Wolverines on Aug. 31.

ND VOLLEYBALL Slumping squad tries to regroup

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By ELLYN MICHALAK Sports Writer

Notre Dame will compete against three teams during this weekend's Shamrock Invitational beginning with the College of Charleston tonight at 7 in the Joyce Center.

After facing the Cougars, the Irish will take on Alabama and Ohio. Last season, the Irish defeated Alabama 3-1, but they fell to No. 13 Ohio.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said that while Ohio will pose the toughest challenge to the Irish, the other teams in the tournament pose a considerable threat.

"These are the kinds of teams that are typically NCAA Tournament teams," Brown said. "This is the level of competition we need to be playing right now in order to prepare ourselves for the conference season."

This weekend, the Irish will look to senior outside hitter

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Runners try to erase memory of last season

By JAY WADE Sports Writer

Last season brought mixed results for Notre Dame: The men's team finished 19th at the 2006 NCAA Championships, while the women failed to make the NCAA meet and placed third in the Big East, a disappointing outcome from a perennially powerful team.

Both, however, have high expectations for the new season, which begins today at 5 p.m. at the Crusader Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind.

The men, who return nine seniors and nine juniors, plan to continue on the path set last year. The women will look to get back into form as they return all top nine runners from last season, including seven seniors.

"I think our goal is to be a lot better than we were a year ago because last year, to be honest, was a little bit of a down year," women's coach Tim Connelly said. "We got used to fighting to be winning the Big East. ... I think the theme for this year is raising our expectations.

"We have our top nine kids back from a year ago, so that's a pretty good starting point, and we have some freshmen coming in that I think can be contributors ... so I think our group is pretty excited about the potential we've got and they have high expectations of themselves." The invitational, which is run more like an exhibition, will help show coaches which freshmen and returning runners are ready to compete.

"[The] meet will be for giving some of our less experienced kids an idea of how to compete, line up, and race a little bit,"

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF First fall tourney awaits young team

By LORENZO REYES Sports Writer

After a solid 2006-07 campaign, Notre Dame is looking to improve in several areas to make a run toward victories this fall.

The Irish ended last season with a second-place finish in the Big East championship after a tense playoff with Louisville and failed to qualify for the NCAA Regionals.

Notre Dame's first tournament of the season, the Cougar Classic, will begin Sunday and end Tuesday. Hosted by the University of South Carolina in Charleston, the young Irish squad will try to prove its worth. One of the team's senior leaders, Noriko Nakazaki, graduated after last season and left a void in the team's leadership.

Coach Susan Holt said she hopes her team's depth can make up for Nakazaki's loss.

"We have a lot of good players out there," she said. "The important thing is for everyone to fulfill their talent level that they are capable of. We have some solid depth in our top five this year so we don't need to rely on one player to post a high number."

The lineup for the Cougar

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Irish ready for Berticelli Memorial

By DAN MURPHY Associate Sports Editor

MEN'S SOCCER

No. 9 Notre Dame opens up its home schedule tonight against Rhode Island at 7:30 in the sixth annual Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament.

The tournament began in 2002 in memory of the former Irish coach who died two years earlier of a heart attack at the age of 48. Berticelli, widely respected in soccer circles, coached Notre Dame for 10 seasons.

Current head coach Bobby Clark, who worked clinics with Berticelli, recalled a time when Berticelli sent Clark's son Jamie — now assistant

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Irish senior forward Joseph Lapira battles for possession in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over DePaul on Sept. 10, 2006.



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Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen makes his first college start Saturday in one of the nation's toughest environments.

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decision ran on the front pages of the Web sites for ESPN and Sports Illustrated and in most news-	Powlus, after throwing four touchdowns in his Notre Dame debut, was projected to win two Heisman Trophies by the	BRUINS	(1-0)	W, 45-17, Stanford	vs BYU
papers that cover college foot- ball. Most Irish fans felt a titter of excitement when they read the news and felt that the sea- son could be saved.	time he left college. Powlus never quite panned out to be a dominant quarterback, but he did leave as the Notre Dame record holder in most passing		(1-0)	W, 38-28, Wake	vs NC State
But don't get too excited just yet. Clausen still has a lot of work to do, regardless of how	categories. But fans may not be as for- giving if Clausen doesn't lead Notre Dame to glory — start-	S	(1-0)	W, 38-10, Idaho	Idle
great a practice player he is or how much upside analysts think he has. Clausen looked impressive in his limited time last Saturday against Georgia	ing on Saturday. With his sen- ior season in high school fol- lowed closely by Irish fans nationwide — including nationally-televised games —		(1-0)	W, 30-19, Temple	at Rutgers
Tech — completing 4-of-6 passes for 34 yards — but in a mop-up situation. Clausen entered the game when any forward progress	Clausen was already seen as the next great Irish quarter- back before he ever donned the golden helmet. So the real question is, how		(1-0)	W, 34-3, SC State	at Utah
would have been an improve- ment over the first three quar- ters of play. But Clausen will be in for a rude awakening	will he respond to pressure? Weis said that Clausen got the starting job because he was impressed with the fresh-		(0-1)	L, 45-14, UConn ⁻	atVirginia
when he heads to State College this weekend. For starters, he will have to trade in the re-born Sea of Green for a Whiteout in Happy	man's ability to manage the team and the fact that his arm is "full-go." "I think he gives us the best chance of winning," Weis said.		(0-1)	L, 45-17, UCLA	vs San Jose State

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Valley — more than 100,000 strong, all wanting vengeance for last year.

Instead of facing a secondstring defense that still found gaping holes in Notre Dame's offensive line, he will go against the newest class at Linebacker U — a defense that recovered five fumbles and

And Clausen will likely win a lot of games in the blue and gold — just not yet.

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer Irish freshman Jimmy Clausen looks downfield during a Sept. 4 practice at Cartier Field.

Into the Lions' den

Freshman Jimmy Clausen continues journey from top recruit to starting quarterback

By CHRIS KHOREY Sports Editor

Last fall, Jimmy Clausen was the biggest name in high school football. His games would sometimes draw more tan 10,000 people.

When Clausen makes his first collegiate start Saturday, it will be in front of 10 times that many.

A year ago, Clausen was beginning his senior year of high school. Now he's wading through his second semester of classes at Notre Dame, with classmates and teammates who hope he can be the answer for a team that lost a lot of confidence after opening the 2007 season with a crushing 33-3 home defeat at the hands of Georgia Tech.

Clausen not only has to pick up the pieces, but he must do so in front of a predicted 110,000 Penn State fans bent on revenge after last year's 41-17 drubbing by the Irish and behind an offensive line that allowed nine sacks last week.

But, according to Bill Redell — Clausen's high school coach at Oaks Christian in Westlake Village, Calif. — if any freshman can handle it, it's Clausen.

"What really helps is that his brothers [Casey and Rick] played at Tennessee, and he's been in a stadium like that," Redell said. "He knows what it's like."

Clausen's current coach, Charlie Weis, is confident as well.

"I think he's ready to run the offense," he said. "I think he was always ready mentally." school football player," he said. But just as his recruitment intensified, it came to an abrupt end. Clausen committed to Charlie Weis and Notre Dame on April 22, 2006 — the day of the Blue-Gold Game in South Bend.

Clausen almost stole the spotlight from Brady Quinn and the scrimmaging Irish, pulling up to the College Football Hall of Fame in a stretch Hummer limousine and announcing in front of a crowd in excess of 200.

Although the commitment decision was made relatively early, Redell said he is confident it was the right one.

"I think he chose the right school because of Charlie Weis and the great tradition and academics," he said.

Clausen's senior year lived up to the lofty expectations set by his announcement and recruiting hype. Oaks Christian went undefeated, and several of its games were broadcast nationally on ESPN. Then, at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, a high school all-star game played in December, Clausen was presented with the Hall Trophy, given annually to the nation's top high school football player.

Just a few weeks later, Clausen moved into St. Edward's Hall at Notre Dame along with fellow freshman football players Armando Allen and Gary Gray. All three had decided to graduate from high school a semester early in order to jump into college classes and be able to participate in spring practice.

The injury mystery

Clausen arrived in South

away, Clausen decided to have surgery to remove bone spurs.

In the meantime, Weis announced publicly that Sharpley, Jones and Clausen would compete in fall camp for the chance to start against Georgia Tech.

But when training camp opened Aug. 6, Clausen's arm wasn't fully healed. He could throw, but the distance and number of passes he threw were severely limited. Even though he was expected to be healthy in time for the opener, he could not get enough practice time to challenge for the starting job.

Weis ran misdirection with the media and Yellow Jackets coach Chan Gailey, saying on the first day of practice that "when we're teeing off on Sept. 1, would Jimmy Clausen be capable of being our starting quarterback and slinging it 30 or 40 times? The answer would be yes."

Weis revealed Tuesday what was really going on.

"After the spring, he had that spur taken off and then he rehabbed his way to, just as we had felt, that he was going to be ready to throw full speed by Sept. 1," Weis said. "But he wasn't ready to do everything on a daily basis until Sept. 1. So we kind of got in that gray area where we really couldn't consider him as the starter for the opening game."

Meanwhile, Weis decided to start Jones against Georgia Tech, adding some spread option plays to take advantage of Jones' speed and emulate the West Virginia offense, which ran over, around and through the Yellow Jackets in a 38-35 win in last year's



Freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws during practice Tuesday at Cartier Field.

and get rid of the ball quickly," the high school coach said.

Weis said the offensive line will be working hard this week to stop blitzers in their tracks.

"I have a feeling we're going to have a couple of very physical practices," he said.

Irish sophomore wide receiver Robby Parris said the wide receivers can also help make Clausen's job less difficult.

"A lot of what happens with the quarterback is what we do," he said. "If we run our route well, it's easier." their teams to major bowl games after taking the reigns of the Irish in their freshman seasons. Kiel's squad went 9-2-1, made the Sugar Bowl, and was undefeated in his first seven games under center.

LoVecchio won his first seven games under center, taking Notre Dame to its first ever BCS bowl appearance in the Fiesta Bowl.

Clausen has been compared to current Irish quarterbacks coach Ron Powlus. Powlus came to Notre Dame with almost as much hype as Clausen, then started for four years from 1994-97 after a preseason collarbone injury scuttled his freshman season in 1993. And while Irish fans are probably hoping that Clausen can turn the 2007 squad around like Kiel and LoVecchio turned their teams around, there is historical precedent that the future might be brighter if the Irish struggle this season. After tremendous starts to their careers, Kiel and LoVecchio struggled the rest of the way. Kiel was shunted on and off the bench by thencoach Gerry Faust and eventually lost his starting job in his senior year to then-freshman Beuerlein. LoVecchio was benched for Carlyle Holiday after starting the 2001 season 0-3. He eventually transferred to Indiana. By contrast, the 1951 squad averaged just 13 points per game with Guglielmi at the helm, Powlus's first team struggled to a 6-5-1 record, and Quinn's freshman year featured a 5-7 record and humiliating blowout losses to USC, Florida State and Syracuse. All three went on to set school records and lead successful Irish squads. Redell says Clausen is ready to succeed right now. "If there is a true freshman that can start at Notre Dame or any other major school, it's Jimmy Clausen," he said.

A superstar recruit

Clausen, a four-year starter at Oaks Christian, went 42-0 under center while throwing for over 10,000 yards and 146 touchdowns.

By his junior season, scouts hailed him as as the top quarterback recruit and one of the best high school players in the country.

Clausen's reputation as a top-level recruit also got Penn State coach Joe Paterno's attention.

"We knew a lot about him as a high school player, and he was an outstanding high Bend with a sore elbow and refrained from throwing through his first few months on campus. But when spring camp opened, he jumped right in, competing with then-rising junior Evan Sharpley and then-rising sophomores Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer for the starting quarterback job.

Weis revealed Tuesday that by the end of the spring, he had Clausen pegged as the No. 1 quarterback.

But the freshman's sore elbow had other ideas.

When the pain wouldn't go



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen drops back to pass during a practice Tuesday at Cartier Field.

l Gator Bowl.

A opening day disaster

During the Georgia Tech game, the spread option experiment blew up in Weis' face. Jones rushed for 28 yards, completed one pass for three yards, fumbled twice and produced no points in a quarter and a half running the show.

Sharpley replaced him and went 10-of-13 passing for 92 yards, but was also sacked seven times and produced just three points of his own.

Clausen played late, completing four of the six passes he threw — experience Weis said will be key-on Saturday.

"I would be more concerned if his first reps were in front of 107,000 in Happy Valley, but I think we got that out of the way in the fourth quarter last week," the coach said.

And now the freshman, finally healthy, steps under center for a team that has problems that go deeper than quarterback play.

The Irish offensive line gave up nine sacks on fewer than 40 called passes against the Yellow Jackets. It often look confused and flat-footed as the speedy Georgia Tech linebackers flew right past it.

Seeing that success, Penn State defensive coordinator Tom Bradley will probably call a similar blitz package.

But Redell says Clausen showed in high school that he can negate pressure by making decisive throws.

"One of his great strengths is his ability to read the coverage Clausen, who has only spoken to the media once since arriving at Notre Dame due to Weis' restrictions on access to freshmen, will continue to be sequestered until Weis sees fit to let him talk to reporters.

The legacy to live up to

Clausen starting the second game of the season marks the earliest a freshman has started under center for Notre Dame.

Previously, the earliest a freshman had started was in game four, which has happened four times — Blair Kiel in a win over Miami in 1981, Steve Beuerlein in a win over Colorado in 1983, Paul Failla in a win over Purdue in 1991, and, most recently, Brady Quinn in a loss to Purdue in 2003.

Irish freshman quarterbacks are 6-1 in their first starts, with Quinn owning the only loss. Several of them also have excellent track records following that first game.

Quinn was a four-year starter who owns more than 30 school records. His shadow will be the longest over Clausen, who has to replace the Cleveland Browns rookie who has already achieved legendary status in South Bend.

Ralph Guglielmi started for the first time as a freshman in 1951, then led the Irish to top five finishes in 1952, 1953 and 1954, while completing passes in 34 straight games and finishing fourth in the 1954 Heisman Trophy balloting.

Kiel and Matt LoVecchio, who took over in the fifth game of the 2000 season, led

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Notre Dame **Fighting Irish**

Record: 0-1 AP: NR **Coaches: NR**



Charlie Weis Third season at **Notre Dame** career record: 19-7 at Notre Dame: 19-7

Charlie Weis head coach

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish







Ken Fowler Sports Writer

What everyone saw last week was as bad as it gets. After the game, Anthony Vernaglia said there's nowhere to go but up. He's right. Notre Dame turns its offense around, produces two touchdowns and a field goal thanks to an efficient, though not spectacular, effort by Jimmy Clausen. Despite a solid game by the freshman, Penn State's talent overcomes a shaky Irish squad.

FINAL SCORE: Penn State 27 Notre Dame 17



Chris Khorey Sports Editor

This week won't be nearly as bad as last week. Jimmy Clausen will be effective, and the offensive line will be improved — at least to the point where fans can tell there are five of them on the field. The defense will be solid, like in the first half against Georgia Tech. In the end, however, the Irish are still too young and will be too inconsistent to win in a hostile environment like Happy Valley.

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Tashard Choice ran over, around and through the Irish defense last week for 196 yards. He was even successful when he lined up at quarterback and Notre Dame knew he was going to run. The Irish defensive line is small and not deep.	Notre Dame's second- ary was one of the few bright spots against Georgia Tech. Jackets quarterback Taylor Bennett rarely had open receivers to throw to and managed just 121 yards through the air. The Irish pass rush has room for improvement.	Geoff Price is one of the best punters in the nation and Tom Zbikowski is always dangerous as a punt returner. Freshman Armando Allen has blazing speed and will return kick- offs again. Brandon Walker and Nate Whitaker both looked good placekicking last week.	The Irish got absolutely obliterated last week. How they respond will determine how the rest of their season goes. They have to rally around Clausen and be competitive in this one or it could be a bad year of historical proportions.	NOTRE DAME	37Joe SuneyKB $6-1$ 209 FR38Dan LawlorFB $6-2$ 244 JR39Nick PincheckRB $6-0$ 206 SR40Dan ConnorLB $6-3$ 233 SR41Jeremy BooneP $5-9$ 183SO42Jason GanterDB $6-0$ 211 SR43Josh HullLB $6-2$ 229 SO44Larry FederoffFB $5-11$ 236 SO45Sean LeeLB $6-2$ 232 JR46Tyrell SalesLB $6-2$ 237 JR47Josh GainesDL $6-1$ 264 JR48Maurice EvansDL $6-2$ 2269 SO49Ryan BreenP $6-2$ 224 FR50Mike LucianOL $6-2$ 284 JR51Shaine ThompsonLB $6-0$ 201 FR52Dontey BrownLB $6-2$ 226 JR53Chris ColasantiLB $6-2$ 224 FR54Jed HillDT $6-2$ 269 JR55Tom McEowenDT $6-6$ 260 FR56Eric LatimoreDE $6-6$ 260 FR
The Nittany Lions used running back by commit- tee in their blowout win last week. Five running backs combined for 230 yards on the ground. Evan Royster had the most yards, but Austin Scott should get the most car- ries against Notre Dame.	Morelli completed 60 percent of his passes last week, although it did come against Florida International. He has a rocket arm and speedy receivers to throw to, but he has thrown costly intercep- tions in the past.	Kevin Kelly, who made one of two field goals last week, is back from 2006. Punter Jeremy Boone is new, and averaged 47.5 yards per punt against FIU. Williams, King and A.J. Wallace are speedy and dangerous return men.	Penn State smells blood in the water. They were embarrassed last year in South Bend and they want revenge against an Irish squad that is reeling. The Lions also have a rau- cous white-out home crowd behind them.	PENN STATE	56 Austin Hinton OL 6-2 288 JR 57 A.Q. Shipley OL 6-1 293 JR 59 Aaron Maybin DE 6-4 238 FR 60 Patrick Weber OL 6-1 272 SR 61 Stefen Wisniewski OL 6-3 283 FR 62 Ross Muir OL 6-3 287 JR 63 Joe Toriello OL 6-4 300 JR 64 Rich Ohrnberger OL 6-4 300 JR 65 J.B. Walton OL 6-3 278 FR 66 Josh Marks OL 6-4 308 FR 67 Quinn Barham OL 6-3 292 FR 68 Doug Klopacz OL 6-5 281 FR 71 Devon Still DL 6-5 275 FR 73 Dennis Ladnolt OL
Unlike some areas of the Irish squad, the rush defense might actually be as bad as it looked last week. Penn State doesn't have any backs as good as Choice, but it won't matter if they push Notre Dame off the ball all day.	Notre Dame's pass defense, looken much better last week, although that might have heen becase se Georgia Tech bardy needed to pass. It the brigh con pressure Moreli, mey could force him into game-changing mis- takes. But that's a big if.	With speedy returners for work kicks and purts, he Irish rave the possibility of a bluc nd with return over time Rent State kicks II Natre Dame's affense struggles areas in the game.	The Irish know they have to prove them- selves in this one, but otherwise Penn State has all the intangibles. They're confident and playing at home against a team that killed them last year — but is struggling in 2007.	ANALYSIS	78 John Shaw OL 6-4 303 SR 79 Ako Poti OL 6-3 302 JR 80 Andrew Szcerba TE 6-6 251 FR 81 Brennan Coakley TE 6-4 249 SO 82 Mickey Shuler TE 6-4 241 SO 83 Brett Bracket WR 6-6 241 FR 84 Ben Woodward WR 5-9 176 FR 85 Ollie Ogbu DL 6-1 293 FR 87 Chris Rogers DL 6-2 261 JR 87 Greg Miskinis TE 6-5 256 JR 88 Jon Ditto TE 6-3 227 FR 89 Jordan Lyons TE 6-5 249 JR 90 Phillip Taylor DL 6-4 337 SO 91 Jared Odrick DL 6-5 291 SO 93 Chris Baker DL 6-5

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Chris Hine Sports Editor The Irish keep this one close thanks to an improved defense. They manage to score a few touchdowns, but in the fourth quarter, Penn State's experience on defense overwhelms the shaky Irish offense. Clausen has a good game, but not great. The offensive line is able to open holes for the running game.

FINAL SCORE: Penn State 21 Notre Dame 14



Jay Fitzpatrick Associate Sports Editor

No one really knows what character Notre Dame's offense will take this year, especially after a home blowout and a quarterback change after one week. Even though Jimmy Clausen is already the third quarterback to start a half this season, he is the only one expected to be great right away. Notre Dame will look better offensively, but it's going to take more than a week to get the offensive magic from last season back. FINAL SCORE: Penn State 27 Notre Dame 10

Irish experts

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Crunching the numbers

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Offensive line steps up intensity in practice

By CHRIS HINE Sports Editor

Notre Dame's offensive line had the entire summer camp to prepare for Georgia Tech's blitzing defense but gave up 19 tackles for loss and nine sacks. So, with only one week to prepare for No. 14 Penn State, what does the Irish line have to do better this week?

"We've got to be more physical," sophomore guard Dan Wenger said. "We have to show up this time. We can't back down."

In order to be more physical, the line has stepped up the intensity this week by simulating a game environment during practice.

"[We've been] playing harder, coming off faster, finishing plays, finishing until the whistle blows, chasing the ball, everything," right tackle Sam Young said. "[We've practiced] everything that goes into a game, what you see in a game, not necessarily all the time in practice. You have to play practice like it's a game and that's what makes it more physical."

Against Georgia Tech, Notre Dame started with the spread option with sophomore Demetrius Jones under center. This week, the Irish will return to a traditional offense under Weis with freshman Jimmy Clausen at quarterback. But regardless of what offense the team runs, the line's preparation stays the same.

"It's really not different," Young said. "We've been running passes all along, you know we've been running the same stuff all camp so basically the biggest thing is we really have to fine tune and perfect all the things that we didn't do well last week. And it's not necessarily who's behind us because whoever's behind us is capable of leading us to a victory. It's about us up front, and we have to take our responsibility on our shoulders."

Clausen will be making his first start Saturday against one of the most reputable defensive programs in the country. But if you ask Young, there is only one thing the Irish have to do to help Clausen ease into the game.

"Protect him. Block better, execute better," Young said. "It's pretty simple."

In order to protect Clausen, the Irish will have to do a better job picking up the blitz. Notre Dame had trouble contending with Georgia Tech's disguised blitz packages last week. This week should be no exception against the Nittany Lions, who return two highly-touted linebackers in Sean Lee and Dan Connor. Fifth-year center John Sullivan said the Irish should be ready if Penn State tries to emulate Georgia Tech.

"That's up to the Penn State coaches," Sullivan said. "I know we'll be prepared for that. You know, if they feel that they have to change what they do just because it was successful for someone else, you know, I think that's a good sign for us."

In order to protect against the rush, the Irish have worked this week to improve their communication. Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said last week that his team had to do a better job communi-



CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Irish center John Sullivan and Notre Dame's offensive line prepares for the snap during the first half of Notre Dame's 33-3 loss to Georgia Tech at Notre Dame Stadium Saturday.

cating with each other — which could prove to be a tough task in front of an estimated 107,000 fans at Beaver Stadium.

"But we practice for things like that and noise can be a factor," Sullivan said. "I don't expect it will be because I think we are prepared to handle that. Mainly we're the only ones that can affect the offensive line. There's nothing that 100,000 screaming fans in the stands can do to change the way we play." For Young, the best way to deal with the noise is to channel it into a positive.

"Me personally, I like noise, I like the environment, and I think our offense really has to learn to feed off it," Young said. "We have to really work this week — execution, knowing what the guy next to you is going to be doing because 110,000 people you're not going to hear that well so you have to be ready for that."

The Irish will face a Penn State

defense that returns multiple starters from a squad that allowed just over 14 points per game and finished seventh in the nation in rush defense.

"It's going to be a harsh environment," Sullivan said. "If we are focused and focused in on the things we need to do individually and go out and execute, it should be no problem going out there."

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Morelli improves, ready for Notre Dame

By KEN FOWLER Sports Writer

The scene a year ago was a portent of things to come: Penn State's offense sputtering in a loss to a top-25 team.

With just over 12 minutes left in regulation in the first meeting between Notre Dame and Penn State since the 1992 "Snow Bowl," former Irish tailback Darius Walker scored on a 15-yard pass, and Notre Dame took a 41-3 lead over the Nittany Lions. The Penn State offense, though it would score

twice in the waning minutes, never gave its defense a chance.

Penn State would recover from the loss and beat all the teams it was supposed to. But it would lose three more times, going 0for-4 against its

biggest challenges of the year.

First it was Notre Dame. Then Ohio State. Then Michigan. And, finally, Wisconsin.

In the four losses, there was one consistent problem, though in different variations, for Penn State: quarterback Anthony Morelli.

The Nittany Lion defense was at worst respectable all season — the lone exception was the Notre Dame loss. Penn State surrendered 28 points to Ohio State, 17 to Michigan and 13 to Wisconsin. the Nittany Lions each time: six points against the Buckeyes, 10 against the Wolverines and only three against Wisconsin.

It was the offense that failed

Morelli, now a senior, was efficient — 21-for-33 for 189 yards and one touchdown against Notre Dame, but he threw one interception and had a fumble returned for a score by Irish safety Tom Zbikowski. A season later, and with 107,000 fans expected to "white out" Beaver Stadium, Penn State coach Joe Paterno said he envisions a much different Anthony Morelli facing

the Irish.

So do the fans, who began camping outside the stadium entrances on T u e s d a y. University rules prohibit students from gathering outside the stadium

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tion for Notre Dame.

And there are high expectations. The No. 14 Nittany Lions Florida picked apart International last Saturday in a 59-0 win at home. Even though the Golden Panthers finished 0-12 last season and have been the dregs of the Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A), Penn State looked sharp for an opener. Morelli was emblematic of that. He completed 23-of-38 passes for a career-high 295 yards and three touchdowns.

"Morelli is a much better



quarterback than he was a year ago at this time going into his second game — and we're playing home," Paterno said during his weekly teleconference. "That was a tough job for him going out there last year, to take a football team that was still shaky about a lot of things.

"I think we're a better football team than we were a year ago. I think Morelli is better, I think the wide-outs, the people who you would hope would make some plays, are further along. So I think we're in a little better shape."

But the process has been a gradual one, with bumps along the way. Specifically, bumps against three Big Ten teams, all of whom were top-10 qualiAgainst Ohio State, Morelli threw three interceptions in 25 attempts and managed only 106 yards. He finished 19-of-35 for 165 yards with no touchdowns and an interception against Wisconsin.

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The Michigan loss, however, was a different story. Morelli was 11-for-18 with 133 yards halfway through the third quarter when he suffered a concussion and was taken out of the game with the Nittany Lions trailing 10-3.

But that was a different year. The Nittany Lions lost running back Tony Hunt to the NFL Draft, but they've added experience at wide receiver including juniors Deon Butler and Jordan Norwood — and a slew of running backs who are competing for playing time.

And even though Notre Dame in 2007 isn't Notre Dame in 2006, Saturday's game is a chance for Morelli to make a statement against a big-name team.

"I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be a big game for us," Morelli said after the win over Florida International. "We have to take care of the football. We have to take care of the little things and the big things will take care of themselves. We have to get in the film room, practice and work hard. We have a big game ahead of us so we definitely have to prepare."

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