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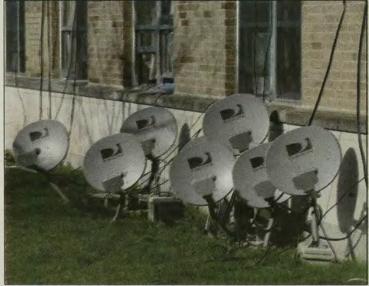
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Bars, satellites prohibited in dorms

DuLac changes anger, confuse University students who take issue with new restrictions



Television satellite dishes that cluttered campus last spring are no longer allowed under new rules outlined in duLac.

By EILEEN DUFFY Assistant News Editor

Imagine Norm from "Cheers" sitting in a beanbag. Could Tom Cruise spin bottles "Cocktail"style behind a futon? Would seniors still gather at The Oyster ... Coffee Table?

Some students think so.

The 2006 edition of duLac: A Guide to Student Life reintroduces a rule — absent since 2000-01 — prohibiting from dorm rooms "any structure which has by its appearance the function of serving alcohol." However, you can't judge an item of furniture by its cover, junior Matt Barcus said.

"[A bar] is something that's in essence a table," said Barcus, who lives in Dillon. "Just by

looking at it you can't assume it's being used for drinking.

"I don't see how it encourages drinking in the room any more than someone who just has a party in their room with a

But bars do just that, according to Keenan rector Father Mark Thesing. He described bar structures, along with alcoholic signs, as "items that glorify drinking, especially abusive drinking." And Father Dan Parrish, rector of Zahm Hall, said he believes bar structures interfere with the goals of the University.

"Notre Dame is a Christian community and our job is 'creating citizens for heaven,' Parrish said, quoting the

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Radio club finishes in 4th place

By MEGHAN WONS News Writer

Though many University students are not in tune with ND1U, the amateur radio club of Notre Dame, a fourth place finish in a national competition might soon help the group reach a larger audience.

ND1U nabbed fourth place of 72 schools in the 20th annual School Club Roundup competition sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Amateur Radio and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) in February.

Not bad for a club that two short years ago didn't exist.

ND1U president Andrew Carter received the good news in the summer, and the results were published in the September edition of "QST," the official journal of the ARRL.

With a total of five radio operators participating in the contest, ND1U made contact with 42 states, six Canadian provinces, eight countries and 34 schools. The club finished behind Arizona State University, University of California Los Angeles and Louisiana State University.

Carter was excited by the club's performance and said he is pleased with the progress ND1U has made since he joined during his freshman year at Notre Dame. When Carter first applied, he said Notre Dame's once active amateur radio club was dormant.

"I knew that if I went to Notre Dame, I wanted to start up the

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Hilton Garden Inn to debut at Saint Mary's

Hotel expected to open to public next autumn

By KELLY MEEHAN Saint Mary's Editor

The scenery surrounding Saint Mary's campus will soon be altered as plans for the construction of a Hilton Garden Inn immediately northeast of campus are already underway.

The 100 to 125 room hotel and 400 to 500 person conference center - expected to open by the start of the 2007 football season — are not under the jurisdiction of the College, but rather the

Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, which owns the land surrounding the campus.

Sister Joy O'Grady, president of the Congregation, said she first discussed the construction plans with the Congregation on Jan. 16, 2006.

informed Congregation would be "entering into an agreement with the Holladay Corporation and Saint Mary's College to lease land bordered by the current Inn at Saint Mary's, Madeleva Drive, Brother Andre Drive and the Indiana Toll Road to construct a 100-unit Hilton Garden Inn Hotel and a 350-

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Some College students fear the new hotel will not be as separated from campus as the Inn at Saint Mary's.

Latinist defends language in talk | University welcomes



Father Reginald Foster stresses the importance of the Latin language to an audience of more than 200 people Thursday.

By KIM ABEEL News Writer

Latin is very much alive, said Father Reginald Foster in a Thursday discussion at Notre Dame that emphasized the importance of continuing to preserve the language.

"Latin is not dead and it never will be," he said. "If it does die, it is no one's fault but our own.

Foster's passion is spreading the joy of Latin, and he will teach Latin to just about anyone who wants to learn it. The Rome-based priest prefers to be called "Reggie" and is known to students and scholars around the world as one of the most dynamic and most gifted Latinists of his time.

Throughout his talk, which

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six new hall rectors

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL News Writer

While leading the center of the Notre Dame community seems a daunting task to many people, six new rectors are embracing the opportunity this fall.

Denise McOsker of Lyons, Sister Denise Lyon of Badin, Linda Cirillo of Lewis, Mark DeMott of Keough, Breyan Tornifolio of Pasquerilla East and Father Ralph Haag of St. Edward's Hall join the 21 returning rectors this academic year.

Sister Jean Lenz, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, is enthusiastic about the new rectors. Fifty-five hopefuls applied for the six

available positions.

"We were just so fortunate to have the folks we have," Lenz said. "Notre Dame attracts, right? As a group, the new rectors just seem so happy to be here.'

An applicant must have a master's degree in his or her respective field and experience working with young people. He or she must also agree to stay three years if hired. While only two are clergy members, all are from places where the pastoral dimension is very important, Lenz

McOsker comes to Lyons after eight years of teaching

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INSIDE COLUMN

Off-campus growing pains

In the few days since freshman orientation, it seems as if all of Notre Dame has been full of advice for our newest students.

This week, as freshmen attend their first col-**Steve Kerins**

lege classes and begin to socialize with people they barely know, our com-

News Writer

munity stands ready to help them adjust to life away from family and friends. That

is one of Notre Dame's greatest strengths. As it turns out, though, life is full of adjustments — and it isn't just

freshmen who occasionally feel the weight of change

Two weeks ago I moved into my first apartment, and since then I've had the chance to rediscover that intense feeling of newness. I've also learned a great deal about independence.

I've learned that it is possible to dangerously undercook a variety of foods - from salmon steaks to chicken chunks — in the microwave. I don't know whether it's possible to undercook these foods in the oven or on the stove, because I only know how to use a microwave.

I've learned to keep the screen door shut in the evening, after swatting at obscenely large insects with a sofa cushion the size of a kiddie pool earned me a small crowd of onlookers in the parking lot.

And I've learned that the fumes of the sinister blue liquid I use to clean my toilet will always make me want to take a brief nap on the bathroom floor as soon as I open the cap, and that a wadded-up

bathmat makes a poor pillow. Somehow, though, despite these small-time tribulations, I've also discovered a new strength in myself. As I swing my keychain around my finger on the walk to the mailbox, I breathe deeply and enjoy that surge of confidence that comes with the experience of living on one's own.

Yes, I may only live a quarter mile from campus. And it's true, I may not be able to iron my own shirts. And of course, I had to ask my friend how to use body wash because I've only ever used bar soap, and I don't understand the directions on the bottle. But all of that wisdom will come in time.

For now, I'm happy that, just like when I was a freshman, I'm blazing a trail through a brave new world of self management. And just like our freshmen today, I suddenly feel like such a grown up.

But that doesn't mean I wouldn't appreciate some free advice.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE PERFORM AT THE SHOW?



Matthew Baca sophomore Fisher

"Guns n' Roses

and The

Darkness."



Ryan Cleary sophomore Stanford

"Charlie Weis."



Nicole Koors sophomore Pangborn



"Snow Patrol."



John Dalhoff sophomore Alumni

People."





Jay Branham sophomore Alumni

"Raffi."



Christine Morris sophomore

Off-campus

"Spice Girls."

IN BRIEF

Tonight at 8 p.m., The Show 2006 presents artists Third Eye Blind and Common in concert in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The performance is limited to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with valid student IDs. Tickets are \$10.

Multicultural Student Programs and Services will hold their annual Welcome Back Picnic today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Fieldhouse Mall. The event will include free food, music and perfomances by FASO Voices, Hawaii Club and First Class Ladies Steppers.

The Snite Museum of Art will showcase Mexican migration to the U.S. through a multimedia exhibit that includes Chicano and Mexican visual arts beginning Sunday, Sept. 3 in the museum's O'Shaughnessy Galleries, Mestrovic Studio Gallery and the entrance atri-

The sixth annual Saturday Scholar Series will feature six lectures and a performance by leading faculty members on each home football game weekend this fall. The first lecture, "More Than a Movie? Assessing "The Da Vinci Code" will be held on Sept. 9 in DeBartolo 101.

The sixth annual Higgins Center Labor History Film Series will begin Monday, Sept. 11 with the presentation of "Meeting Face to Face: The Iraq-U.S. Labor Solidarity Tour" at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Career Center assistant director Rose Kopec, left, and sophomore Notre Dame student Aisa Rocha meet at the Arts and Letters Fall Kick-Off at Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Thursday.

OFFBEAT

Cows moo with accents, farmers believe

LONDON — Cows have regional accents, a group of British farmers claims, and phonetics experts say the idea is not as far-fetched as it sounds.

Lloyd Green, from southwest England, was one of a group of farmers who first noticed the phenomenon.

I spend a lot of time with my Friesians and they defi-'moo' with a Somerset drawl," he said, referring to the breed of dairy cow he owns.

"I've spoken to the other farmers in the West Country group and they

have noticed a similar development in their own herds.

"I think it works the same as with dogs — the closer a farmer's bond is with his animals, the easier it is for them to pick up his accent."

300 pound nude fountain bather defies police

BERLIN — A homeless woman refuses to stop bathing naked in Munich's public fountains despite being repeatedly fined for breaking public nudity laws.

Bild newspaper reported Thursday the 44-year-old woman named "Bille," who weighs more than 300

pounds, can be seen almost every day with her bottles of soap and shampoo bathing in one of the Bayarian capital's 183 public fountains.

'She's already been charged on 21 occasions for such things as causing public disturbance as well as breaking and entering," a Munich police spokesman said.

A social worker told Bild that Bille keeps rejecting a room in a homeless center.

"We can't force her," he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Priest joins SMC Campus Ministry

College welcomes Father John Pearson to work full-time in sacramental ministries

By MANDI STIRONE News Writer

After having only two-part time priests at Saint Mary's last year, Father John Pearson joined the College this fall as a full-time priest on the Campus Ministry team.

"I love to preach, I love Mass, [and] I love to be able to help people learn to worship better," he said. "It's something I've loved to do my whole priesthood."

Judith Fean said she is pleased with the selection. Pearson was chosen after an interview process to be a full-time campus minister responsible for sacramental ministries, she said

During his high school years, Pearson served Mass for sisters of the Church of Loretto, which granted him an early connection to the College. Pearson said he was attracted to the smaller size of the school, which he hopes will allow him to meet many people.

"It's an exciting opportunity for me," said Pearson, who will be involved in a number of activities including Sunday and daily masses, reconciliation and liturgy preparation. "I am very much excited to be part of the Saint Mary's family."

Originally from Chicago, Pearson came to South Bend when he was 14 years old to enter high school at Holy Cross Seminary at Notre Dame. Though he previously wanted to be a professional baseball player for his favorite team, the Chicago Cubs, Pearson ultimately settled on the priesthood and was ordained in September of 1973

After high school, Pearson served as a novice in Minnesota for a year. He then attended college and graduate school at Notre Dame, where he completed an undergraduate degree in psychology and a master's degree in theology.

Pearson later worked at Notre Dame's Law School and lived in Sorin Hall. He also served as chaplain for graduate students, led an occasional dorm Mass at the University and became director of the White Center.

Pearson applied for the fulltime position at Saint Mary's after 15 years serving the Law School.

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Physics professor awarded medal

Von Neumann society rewards author, editor

Special to The Observer

Albert-Lászlo Barabási, Hofman Professor of Physics at the University of Notre Dame, has been named the recipient of a major computing award from a leading Hungarian information technology society and is the co-editor of a new book on networks.

Barabási is a pioneer in the field of networking as a unified scientific theory and the author of "Linked: The New Science of Networks." His early research led to significant findings on how networks are structured and how they operate. Of late, he has begun examining how people behave in networks.

Barabási is the 2006 recipient of the John von Neumann Medal, which is presented by the Hungarian-based John von Neumann Computer Society for outstanding achievements in computer-related science and technology. The award has been presented since 1976 to a maximum of three individuals who have gained distinction in the dissemination of computer culture. Previous recipients of the award include Microsoft

founder Bill Gates, former IBM chairman Louis Gerstner and Intel Corporation board chair Andrew Grove.

The von Neumann Society is dedicated to preserving the values that should be included in today's knowledge-based society, setting new directions that meet the requirements of the age and actively forming the information sciences world of the future.

John von Neumann was an eminent mathematician whose work at Princeton University's Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) led to the building of the IAS binary stored-program computer in 1952.

Radcliff: Liberal policies beneficial

Scholar studies life satisfaction in society

Special to The Observer

People who live in countries with more expansive welfare programs are more satisfied with their lives than those who do not, according to University of Notre Dame political scientist Benjamin Radcliff, who studies how political, economic and social factors affect quality of life.

The same pattern, he says, applies to geographical differences within the United States: people are happier in states with the most liberal public policies.

"Critically, 'big government' promotes happiness, not merely for those toward the bottom or middle of the income distribution, but for everyone – rich and poor," Radcliff says.

Scholars have developed the intellectual infrastructure necessary to measure life satisfaction in large, representative samples and thus to test hypotheses about the real world conditions that promote greater levels of wellbeing. Therefore, Radcliff explained, happiness can be studied with the same precision as the study of public opinion or voting behavior.

"We know that liberal policies are more conducive to a satisfy-

ing life with the same certainty – and using the same research methods – that allow us to know what causes people to vote," Radcliff said.

"The same pattern that emerges cross-nationally is also seen across the US: Americans who live in states with higher welfare spending, more liberal state governments, more regulation of business, and a greater recent history of control by the Democratic party are more satisfied with their lives, regardless of income, age or marital status," Radcliff.

The reasons liberalism promotes happiness are complex, according to Radcliff.

New Course offered Fall 2006

Need another class? Want to change your lit class?

Class changes may be made until August 30.

LLEA 33314 01 Cruel Stories of Youth: Children and Teens in Japanese Film TR 2:00-3:15

Thursday, 7:00-9:00 – Films shown. Prof. Deborah Shamoon

From the wide-eyed children of anime to the crazy street fashions of Harajuku, images of kids and teens in Japanese popular culture are now distributed and consumed around the world. How then are those young audiences depicted and addressed within Japanese popular culture? What aspects of childhood or teen identity are repeated across generations? In order to answer these questions, we will look at Japanese films, including animation, from across the 20th century, that represent children and teens from a variety of perspectives, from the celebration of innocence to the threat of juvenile delinquency. In addition to analyzing representations of children and teens, students will also gain familiarity with Japanese film history and genres, and develop the critical vocabulary of film analysis.

Films will include *I Was Born But*, *Crazed Fruit*, *A Cruel Story of Youth*, *Battle Royale*, *All About Lily Chou Chou*, *Nobody Knows*, *Grave of the Fireflies*, and *Akira*. All films will be subtitled. There will also be secondary readings in cultural studies and film studies, relating to the films we watch in class. Assignments will include an oral presentation, several short writing assignments, a film viewing journal, and a longer paper.

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seat conference center."

"Collaboration with the leadership of the College and their buy-in to the project was and is a priority for the leadership team and me," O'Grady said in her January 2006 address.

Mooney said she and the Congregation have communicated for more than a year, but "there were many details to be

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Beth Alexander

sophomore

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This summer,
"enough of
those matters
were resolved
that it became
clearer that the
project would
move forward,"
said Mooney,
who formally
announced the
plans to faculty,
staff and
administrators

at the College forum on Aug. 16.

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"I have tried to cooperate with the Congregation in this endeavor while also protecting the College's interests," she said in her address. "The Congregation, of course, owns the land and may do with it what they like."

The Congregation made the decision to lease the land to the Holladay Corporation as one of its "financial and growth decisions that will support the Sisters in continuing their ministries around the world," O'Grady said.

"Through their ministries in healthcare, education, social work, justice and spirituality, the Sisters of the Holy Cross strive to be in solidarity with people of many cultures and nations, witnessing to the mission of Jesus in our global reality," she said.

O'Grady said the decision to build the hotel was made after the Congregation was approached by Holladay Corporation.

"After much discussion, research and analysis of the feasibility of the project in light of benefits to the congregation and the academic and civic communities of South Bend and the surrounding areas, the congregation decided to enter into an agreement," she said.

The decision to locate the hotel in the northeast corner of campus was made through dialogue between the College, the Sisters of the Holy Cross and the Holladay Corporation, O'Grady said.

To accommodate parking for large functions at the hotel, Mooney "resisted locating the parking south of Brother Andre Drive, wanting to preserve the green space in front of the College." She instead negotiated a land swap with O'Grady.

The College has opted to deed one acre of land west of Angela Drive to the Congregation and in exchange will receive the land east of Madeleva Drive in front of the Welcome Center and Madeleva Hall.

The Congregation's newly acquired land will allow additional parking to the north and east of the hotel and will soften the sharp bend in Madeleva Drive.

Mooney called the College's newly acquired land a "good exchange."

"It gives the College a larger buffer in front of our buildings, and the land we are getting — which is the same acreage as that we are giving away — is quite likely higher in value than the land the College is deeding to the Congregation," she said in her Aug. 16 address. "In addition, the College is getting an option to purchase the rest of the plot of land to within ten feet of the railroad land."

While freshman Allison Bandeen said she hoped the Congregation might have instead used the land for

something that would better benefit Saint Mary's students "maybe additional housing' Mooney said the new construction would not hinder plans for the building of a second Opus Hall, should the College "decide at some point to move forward with that plan."

"Sister Joy O'Grady has been very collaborative in letting me know what the congregation is planning and, when I have had strong objections, she has acceded," Mooney said in her College forum address.

College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said while some questions were raised in regards to the hotel's proximity to campus, the College and the Congregation have "worked well together" to "preserve the integrity of the land."

Those questions are becoming more vocalized, however, as the first stages of construction are visible to students. Many trees have been cut down on campus near the construction site to accommodate for the new utility poles. Mooney said O'Grady reassured her that all trees would be replaced

But senior Erin Bergman was concerned to see the trees removed and, like other students, worried the Hilton will not have the same "separation from campus" that the Inn at Saint Mary's does.

Senior Allison Frane said the architecture of the hotel might "distract from the beauty of our campus."

"Even with the Inn at Saint Mary's there I feel safe, however with another hotel near campus I am not sure if I will feel safe walking freely around campus," she said. "There could be random people around at all hours of the day."

"The hotel might take away from the campus," freshman Amy Nitchman said. "It doesn't seem like something that is typically associated with [Saint Mary's]."

While students echoed concerns regarding the location of the Hilton, sophomore Beth Alexander said the hotel would serve a "good purpose for orientation and football weekends."

"It will make things different around here and change our campus, but I guess the good and bad aspects will depend on the type of guests that stay there," she said.

Freshman Brittany Ceglarek, however, was not pleased with the Congregation's decision given the current hotel choices present in the area.

"There are already enough hotels on 9-33, and this one seems to be too close to campus," she said.

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Rectors

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high school in Fort Pierce, Fla. She also taught at Indian River Community College, and prior to that, coordinated laboratory research projects in hospitals.

"I only visited [campus] for the first time in 1997," she said. "I had come for a wedding and walked around like a child on her first visit to Disney World. Since then I've always wanted to come back."

Lyon joins Badin after two years at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Spiritual Renewal Center, preceded by 30 years of teaching experience. She holds graduate degrees in pastoral care and counseling as well as spirituality and monastic studies. With roots in Pennsylvania, Lyons said she is most excit-

ed for the first home game against rival Penn State.

Cirillo, the new rector at Lewis Hall, served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force as a logistics manager and inspector. During that time she served around the United States and throughout the

Far East and Europe. Cirillo holds graduate degrees in spiritual and pastoral care and human resource development. She is also a certified Catholic chaplain.

Keough's DeMott, a double Domer, finished undergraduate work in 2002 and will complete his master of divinity degree in May 2007. He



PAMELA LOCK/The Observe

Father Ralph Haag of St. Edward's Hall is one of six new rectors at Notre Dame this fall. More than 50 people applied for the positions.

also interned for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Department of Education in Washington,

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Denise McOsker

Lyons Hall rector

be living on campus — and air conditioning and an elevator work wonders," said DeMott, who prior served as both a resident assistant and assistant rector at Carroll Hall.

DeMott said he is looking forward to

"get more involved in students lives" and devote more time to the ministry in the hall.

Torifolio joins Pasquerilla East with a master's in higher education from Geneva College. She has six years of experience working with residence life and served as coordinator of Institutional Research at Wheeling Jesuit University.

Before becoming rector of St. Edwards Hall, Haag served as the associate pastor of St. Gregory the Great Parish in Phoenix, Ariz. He worked with youth groups, directed religious education and created programs for adult faith education while at St. Gregory. Haag earned his master of divinity degree from Notre Dame in 2003 and was ordained a Holy Cross priest in 2004.

Even under the stress of a very hectic Frosh-O weekend and first week of classes, the University's newest rectors are now eager to embrace the unique Notre Dame cul-

"I knew for sure that I was back in a university setting when [I was] awakened at 1 a.m. by the Fisher men serenading our ladies," McOsker said. "Ah, tradition!"

Lyon said she looks forward to "coming to know and love the ND traditions."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Western powers may rebuke Iran

VIENNA, Austria — Germany said Thursday that Iran's response to a package of incentives to halt its nuclear program was unsatisfactory because of its refusal to freeze uranium enrichment, and diplomats suggested Tehran now faces a greater risk of U.N. sanctions.

Two senior diplomats who were briefed on the Iranian response told The Associated Press that world powers would likely reject it.

The U.N. Security Council has set a deadline of next Thursday for Iran to freeze enrichment — a possible pathway to nuclear arms — and the six nations offering to talk to Iran say such a step must precede the start of any discussions.

But the diplomats said the 25-page document does not directly suggest an enrichment moratorium even after negotiations start.

New planet definiton boots Pluto

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — Pluto, beloved by some as a cosmic underdog but scorned by astronomers who considered it too dinky and distant, was unceremoniously stripped of its status as a planet Thursday.

The International Astronomical Union, dramatically reversing course just a week after floating the idea of reaffirming Pluto's planethood and adding three new planets to Earth's neighborhood, downgraded the ninth rock from the sun in historic new galactic guidelines.

The shift will have the world's teachers scrambling to alter lesson plans just as schools open for the fall term.

"It will all take some explanation, but it is really just a reclassification and I can't see that it will cause any problems," said Neil Crumpton, who teaches science at a high school north of London.

NATIONAL NEWS

Explosion rocks Louisiana plant

DOYLINE, La. — More than 10 explosions rocked a bomb recycling plant in northwestern Louisiana on Thursday, forcing the evacuation of an entire town and more than 400 prisoners from a nearby jail, authorities said.

No injuries or deaths were reported.

A fire at the Explo Systems Inc. site at the Louisiana Army National Guard's Camp Minden triggered a major explosion involving two military bombs about 8:30 a.m., state police said. In the ensuing hours, more than 10 explosions — some intense, some minor — went off inside the plant as the fire continued to burn and thick smoke billowed from the plant, authorities said.

Iran still has time to avoid sanctions

WASHINGTON — The United States is awaiting a formal U.N. deadline before seeking any new measures to coerce or punish Iran over its disputed nuclear program, the State Department says.

"We're looking at the Aug. 31 date and I think once we get there, we'll begin to take action," State Department spokesman Gonzalo Gallegos said Thursday.

The U.N. Security Council is set to take up the Iran case on Aug. 31, and could soon consider a new resolution to impose economic or other sanctions on Tehran. The U.S. has long favored sanctions.

LOCAL NEWS

Judge reprimands cell phone users

CROWN POINT, Ind. — A judge detained and questioned a row of spectators when a cell phone rang for a third time in her courtroom, later ordering two people to serve community service for contempt of court

When no one admitted having the ringing phones Wednesday, Lake County Criminal Court Judge Diane Boswell told all five people in the row to sit in chairs reserved for jail inmates. They stayed there for more than an hour until the morning court call ended.

JERUSALEM

Israel deters Iran with purchase

Country's leaders buy two submarines capable of carrying nuclear warheads

Associated Press

With the purchase of two more German-made Dolphin submarines capable of carrying nuclear warheads, military experts say Israel is sending a clear message to Iran that it can strike back if attacked by nuclear weapons.

The purchases come at a time when Iran is refusing to bow to growing Western demands to halt its nuclear program, and after Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has called for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

The new submarines, built at a cost of \$1.3 billion with Germany footing one-third of the bill, have diesel-electric propulsion systems that allow them to remain submerged for longer periods of time than the three nuclear arms-capable submarines already in Israel's fleet, the Jerusalem Post reported.

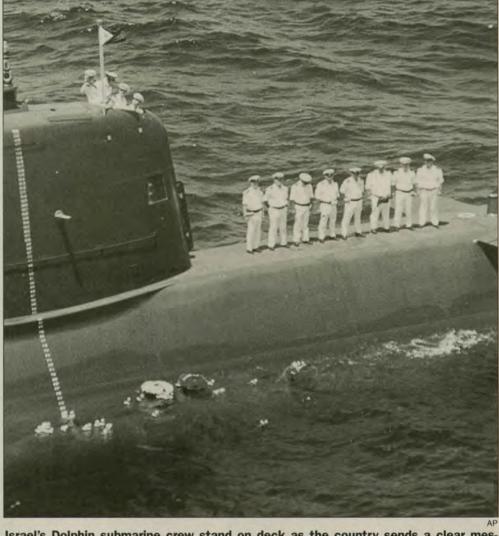
The latest submarines not only would be able to carry out a first strike should Israel choose to do so, but they also would provide Israel with crucial second-strike capabilities, said Paul Beaver, a London-based independent defense analyst.

Israel is already believed to have that ability in the form of the Jericho-1 and Jericho-2 nuclear-capable ballistic missiles, which are buried so far underground they would survive a nuclear strike, he said.

"The Iranians would be very foolish if they attacked Israel," Beaver said.

German officials have said the contract for the new submarines was signed July 6, and the Jerusalem Post reported this week the subs will be operational shortly.

Israel, operating on a policy of nuclear ambiguity, has never confirmed or denied whether it has



Israel's Dolphin submarine crew stand on deck as the country sends a clear message to Iran that it is capable of retaliating if attacked with nuclear weapons.

nuclear weapons. It is believed, however, to have the world's sixth-largest stockpile of atomic arms, including hundreds of warheads.

Iran so far has resisted calls by the U.N. Security Council to halt uranium enrichment, which can produce, among other things, the material for atomic bombs. The council set an Aug. 31 deadline that is accompanied by the threat of sanctions.

The dispute over Tehran's nuclear program revolves around Iran's insistence it wants to master the technology simply to generate electricity. Critics say Iran wants to make nuclear weapons.

The Dolphin submarine could be one of the best deterrents, Beaver said. The technology on the subs makes them undetectable and gives them defensive capabilities in the case of attack, he said.

"They are very well-built, very well-prepared, lots of interesting equipment, one of the best conventional submarines available," Beaver said. "We are talking about a third string of deterrence capabilities."

Michael Karpin, an expert on Israel's atomic weapons capabilities who published a book on the issue in the United States, said nuclear-armed submarines provide better

second-strike capabilities than missiles launched from airplanes.

"Planes are vulnerable, unlike nuclear (armed) submarines that can operate for an almost unlimited amount of time without being struck," Karpin said. "Second-strike capabilities are a crucial element in any nuclear conflict."

In Germany, members of two opposition parties criticized the deal. Winfried Nachtwei, national security spokesman for the Greens, said the decision was wrong because Germany had obtained no guarantee the submarines would not be used to carry nuclear weapons.

Karr's flight lands in Colorado

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — After a flight on a state police plane, Mark Karr arrived Thursday in the city where 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey was slain to face charges in a homicide case prosecutors acknowledged is still in its "very early stages"

The three-hour flight from Los Angeles landed shortly after 5 p.m. at the Jefferson County airport, a few miles from the upscale Boulder home where JonBenet's father discovered her body on the day after Christmas 1996. Karr, in handcuffs both as he entered and exited the plane, was put

into a black sport utility vehicle and driven in a convoy to the Boulder jail, with news helicopters trailing overhead.

The plane ride offered none of the prawns, wine and champagne that accompanied Karr's Thailand-to-California flight, but the former schoolteacher was allowed to wear dark slacks and a red shirt instead of a prison jumpsuit.

Questions about Karr's involvement in the case have arisen since he told reporters following his arrest in Thailand last week how he was with the 6-year-old beauty queen at the time of her 1996 death but that it was an accident.

Karr's first court appearance in Boulder will be scheduled as soon as practical, according to the district attorney's office. During an initial hearing, judges advise defendants of their rights to remain silent, to have an attorney and to post bail unless it's denied. A preliminary hearing must be scheduled within 30 days after formal charges are filed.

Boulder County prosecutors have refused to detail any evidence they might have, but in a court filing this week said investigators didn't learn of Karr's name until Aug. 11, five days before his arrest in Thailand.





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IN BRIEF

Fannie Mae avoids criminal charges

WASHINGTON — The end of a criminal investigation — with no charges leveled — into alleged accounting fraud at mortgage finance giant Fannie Mae doesn't necessarily mean its executives are free and clear.

The Securities and Exchange Commission still could bring civil action against individuals, with the burden of proof less stringent than in criminal prosecutions.

Fannie Mae avoided criminal prosecution over its alleged multibillion-dollar accounting fraud, the latest twist in a saga of intrigue involving a politically potent company.

The decision, announced Thursday by the government-sponsored company, marks one more break in the succession of high-profile financial prosecutions in recent years.

Federal prosecutors in Washington confirmed they had shut down their investigation of Fannie Mae's faulty accounting after two years. But the SEC could still act, and the federal agency that regulates the company and its smaller sibling, Freddie Mac, is considering possible administrative action against former Fannie Mae executives.

Nippon Steel denies Mittal venture

TOKYO — Steel giants Mittal Steel Co. and Nippon Steel Corp. denied a report Thursday that they are in talks to build a new automotive steel sheet plant at their U.S. joint venture.

Japan's top steelmaker Nippon Steel said in a news release that while it was considering boosting capacity in North America, it was not currently in talks with Mittal, the world's largest steelmaker.

Mittal, which is in the process of taking over Luxembourg-based Arcelor SA, joined in the

"We do not have a project going on," said Dave Allen, a spokesman for Mittal Steel USA at its headquarters in Chicago.

The Nihon Keizai business newspaper said in its morning edition that the two companies will spend a combined 30 billion yen (US\$258 million) to build the plant on the premises of L/N Kote, a joint venture located in New Carlisle,

A spokesman at the Nippon Steel said that while the company believes that automotive steel sheet output falls short of demand in North America, nothing had yet been decided.

Wall Street manages small gain

Stable interest rates and proof of a moderated economy influence investors

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Wall Street managed a razor-thin gain Thursday as investors sifted through data that pointed to stable interest rates but also suggested the economy has moderated more than

The market was down for much of the day after reports of sluggish home sales and durable goods orders, but stocks then turned higher at mid-afternoon. Investors have been struggling to rebound after losses this week on concerns the Federal Reserve's campaign of rate hikes has hurt the economy and that a soft landing might be harder to

The data bolstered views the Fed will remain on the sidelines for the time being. However, slowing economic indicators also mean consumer spending is softening - a key factor that drives the economy and corporate

"Looking beyond just the numbers the trend is obviously toward slowing housing demand," said Elisabeth Denison, a U.S. economist with the securities firm Dresdner Kleinwort. "The Fed has been banking on this to help cap inflation as we go through the year, but it also calls into question that maybe things have gone

The Commerce Department reported sales of new homes fell 4.3 percent in July, the biggest drop since February. The report came one day the National Association of Realtors reported sales of previously owned homes had a bigger than expected decline, prompting a market selloff. Meanwhile, the depart-

ment said orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods fell 2.4 percent in July as demand for aircraft and automobiles weakened. And the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing claims for unemployment benefits



New York Stock Exchange floor traders look on as stocks elevated mid-afternoon Thursday amidst evidence suggesting a more stable economy.

to 313,000.

The Dow Jones industrial average picked up 6.56, or 0.06 percent, to 11,304.46.

Broader stock indicators were narrowly higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 3.07, or 0.24 percent, to 1,296.06, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 2.45, or 0.11 percent, to 2,137.11.

Bonds were flat, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note at 4.80 percent, down from 4.81 percent Wednesday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices

Oil prices rose, with light sweet crude for October delivery up 60 cents at

York Mercantile Exchange. Crude has been affected this week by continued uncertainty in the Middle East, and government data Wednesday that showed rising supplies of gasoline as refiners increased out-

One portfolio manager said the stock market's earlier drop had more to do with light trading and a hair-trigger reaction by investors looking for direc-

"The summer is a seasonally weak time for the market, and we're getting into the tail end of that," said Art Nunes, portfolio manager of the IMS Strategic Allocation Fund in Bellevue, Wash. "The last week slipped by 1,000 \$72.36 a barrel on the New markets are weaker today, Pottery Barn chain.

but it's more a case of the summer doldrums than any major factor. As we approach the fall, people will come back to work and the volume will pick up." Retailers, depressed over

concerns that consumer spending has dropped, led markets lower throughout the session. Chico's FAS Inc. plunged \$6.13, or 25 percent, to \$17.95 after the women's apparel chain lowered its outlook for the third and fourth quarters.

Williams-Sonoma Inc. dropped \$2.71, or 8.3 percent, to \$29.89 after the housewares retailer slashed its outlook for the rest of the year due to disappointing sales at its

Apple recalls 1.8 million batteries

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Ten days after Dell's record-setting notebook battery recall, Apple Computer Inc. told its customers Thursday to return 1.8 million batteries that could cause their Mac laptops to overheat and catch fire.

Both recalls involve lithium-ion batteries made by a Sony Corp. subsidiary in Japan, where the manufacturing process introduced metal particles into battery cells. Makers of battery cells strive to minimize or eliminate the presence of such particles, which can cause computers to short circuit, or, in extreme situations, catch fire.

In its recall announcement, Apple said it has received nine reports of lithium-ion battery packs overheating, including two cases in which users suffered minor burns and some involving minor property damage. The Apple recall only applies to older notebooks — not the just-released MacBooks and MacBook Pros.

On Aug. 14, Dell Inc. recalled 4.1 million faulty laptop batteries — the largest involving electronics in the history of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Sony Energy Devices Corp. said the Dell and Apple batteries were configured in slightly different ways. In a statement, Sony said the problems arise "on rare occasions" when microscopic metal particles hit other parts of the battery cell and lead to a short circuit.

Sony said the recalls will cost it between \$172 million and \$278 million. Apple spokesman Steve Dowling said its recall was not expected to materially affect the company's results. Dell has said the recall would not affect earnings.

Apple shares closed Thursday at \$67.81, up 50 cents. Dell shares closed at \$21.78, up 14 cents.

Spokespeople at other large computer makers, including Hewlett-Packard Co., Gateway Inc. and Lenovo Group, the Chinese computer maker that bought IBM's PC business, said Thursday they did not expect to have problems with their

DuLac

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founder of the Holy Cross Brothers, Father Moreau. don't think bars really add a lot to that mission.

The 25 remaining rectors and the Office of Residence Life and Housing agreed with

Parrish and when Thesing they met last spring, ultimately deciding to include the former rule.

Kathleen Brannock, assistant director of Residence Life and Housing, said changes in the "Housing" section of duLac stem

from "trends in resident halls.'

"It wasn't an issue [during its five-year absence from the book]," Brannock said. "Then it was brought up through various rectors last spring and it was decided that we would put it back in ... as further instruction for students."

There were no cases involving bar structures in dormitories last year, Brannock said.

Perhaps the inclusion of the rule will clear up some ambiguity, though. While Alumni rector Father George Rozum said bars had not been allowed since the 1970's — no exceptions - Parrish had a more complex understanding of the matter.

"Technically they weren't allowed," he said, "but because there was no duLac policy in place we didn't enforce it.

Many students remain ambiguous despite the reinstated policy. While rector Father John Conley sent Siegfried residents an e-mail in mid-August, other rectors relied on their hall staff members - who received information on the change during their training — to pass on the information.

"I did not specifically notify Keenan residents of this change to duLac," Thesing

Dillon rector Father Paul Doyle did not notify residents early — so when Barcus got to school, he wasn't aware. Nor was his quadmate, another junior who prefers to remain anonymous, who spent 16 hours and \$200 constructing a bar with his grandfather this

The juniors, who turn 21 shortly, have been told to dismantle the bar.

"We just really wish they'd let us known beforehand that there were going to be changes," Barcus said.

The quadmate called the sit-

uation "a big mess."
Juniors Mike Reilly of Fisher and Mike Hazelback of Keough and sophomore Sarah Ponto of Welsh Family Hall were all in the dark as well.

'This is the first I've heard of this," Hazelback said. Ponto bluntly asked, "I'm sorry, what is this about?"

Their obliviousness underscores Thesing's view that "the change is really not notewor-

Students, faculty and staff agreed on the other main change to duLac: the prohibition of individual satellites.

Not only did the satellites "do terrible damage to the dorms," according to Parrish, but Reilly said "they looked kind of crummy on campus." Farley rector Sister Carrine Etheridge, who witnessed lightning strike a tree in front of Farley this summer, worried about electrical hazards.

With the exception of a few Zahm men who still miss their NFL Sunday Ticket channel, Parrish said, the installation of cable does provide students the opportunity to watch what

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Father Mark Thesing

Keenan rector

they want especially if they choose upgrade to the premium cable package.

Should bars or satellites appear in a dorm, hall staffs work as the first level of the enforcement of duLac, Brannock said.

They then make reports of violations to ResLife.

'I don't think it's too hard,' Parrish said. "If we see a bar, we take it out. I don't anticipate there being any prob-

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Radio

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club again," he said.

After contacting a core group of interested professors and students, Carter went to the Office of Student Activities to apply for official club status and seek funding for the club.

By his sophomore year, Notre Dame's Amateur Radio Club was in full force.

The club held meetings every month last year and brought in speakers with different interests and areas of expertise in amateur radio operating. The club also held a licensing event last April. Carter said about ten people showed up to take the test that would allow them to operate the radio equipment.

The club currently operates out of Cushing Hall's engineering learning center and has approximately ten members comprised of faculty, undergraduate and graduate students. There are a large number of electrical engineers in the club, Carter said, but everyone is welcome.

Carter said there are different

levels of licensure. The technician's license, mainly focused on understanding radio-operating safety, is the most basic license and the extra license is the highest. One test requires an understanding of Morse code and the ability to "translate" the dotdash system at a speed of at least five words per minute.

In the age of cellular phones and instant messenger, why do some people still choose to communicate with amateur radios?

"You can be really technical or social in amateur radio - most are both," Carter said. "It's the ultimate social hobby. If you ignore the radio and everything else, it's purely about talking to people."

Amateur radio was one of the best ways to pass information along in the days before telephones were standard household items, he said.

"Today amateur radios are an important means of communication in situations such as disaster relief when phone lines and Internet connections are down," Carter said.

According to the organization's Web site, the AARL has a longstanding relationship with several prominent national organizations such as the American Red Cross, the National Weather Service and the Civil Air Patrol.

Carter hopes his club will continue to grow through new

"All of the important things [about amateur radio] I've learned from other people that's how the hobby moves along," he said.

The School Club Roundup was held to encourage contacts "with and among school radio clubs," according to an article in the January 2006 edition of "QST." The contest was judged using a point system. When contacting another school's club, for example, participants received a higher number of points than when they made contact with individual amateur radio operators. Participants could not operate more than six hours a day and could only count 24 hours of operation to be scored over a one-week period.

Elementary, middle and high schools — as well as universities were scored in separate cate-

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ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES FRENCH & FRANCOPHONE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME Fall 2006 Courses

ROFR 20201 INTERMEDIATE FRENCH I VARIOUS TIMES, MWF

A third-semester college language course. Includes review and expansion of basic grammatical structures. Extensive practice in speaking and writing. Readings and discussions of a variety of literary and nonliterary texts of appropriate difficulty.

ROFR 40220-01 LIFE, LOVE, AND LITERATURE IN RENAISSANCE LYON

1:30-2:45 MW J. Della Neva

The chief goal is to become familiar with the cultural climate of Renaissance Lyon. This is essentially a literature course with a significant cultural studies component. Specifically, this course will focus on authors who lived in Lyon during its glory days, corresponding to roughly the first half of the sixteenth century; accordingly, much of the course will be devoted to the three poets who comprise the "Lyonnais school": Maurice Sceve, Pernette Du Guillet, and Louise Labé. However, we will read excerpts from many authors associated with this city at various times in the Renaissance, including Lemaire de Belges, Rabelais, Marot, and Jeanne Flore, among others. Moreover, many cultural topics will be addressed, through the presentation of articles on subjects such as music, art, printing, the role of women, economics (the fairs and banking), medicine, education, religion, and the like. Requirements include a brief paper on a literary topic, an oral explication of a poem, the oral presentation of an article on a cultural topic, a very brief first-hand written description of any Renaissance book printed in Lyon found in the rare book room of the library, and a longer research paper on a cultural topic (with a summary to be presented orally to the class) in lieu of a final exam. IMPORTANT: If a sufficient number of students are interested, we may try to arrange a trip to Lyon during Fall break! Please contact the professor by email ASAP if this prospect interests you. Costs will depend largely on the size of the group interested.

FICTION AND HISTORY, FROM PERRAULT TO TOCQUEVILLE 3:30-6:15 T J. Douthwaite

The course aims to prepare students for independent, advanced research in literary history, with particular emphasis on close reading and textual analysis. Particular attention will be given to connections between literary texts and historiographical writing. Course involves development of advanced written, oral, and reading skills in French. Although the student will gain familiarity with contemporary theoretical debates in literature and historiography, written work will primarily focus on literary analysis in historical context



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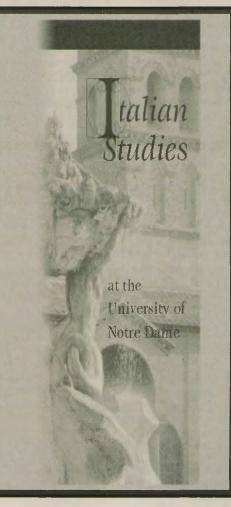
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ROMANCE LANGUAGES & LITERATURES FALL 2006 ITALIAN STUDIES

ROIT 42115 DANTE I LAC DISCUSSION GROUP T. Cachey, E. Gandolfi

Students of the Italian language are eligible to sign up for an additional single credit discussion section as part of the Languages across the Curriculum (LxC) initiative in the College of Arts and Letters. Choosing this option means that students will read Dante and meet once a week with E. Gandolfi, a graduate student in Medieval Studies, who will guide discussion of the text in Italian and grade some brief assignments. The LxC discussion section in Italian associated with this course will be graded on a pass/fail basis and credited to the student's transcript...

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Latin

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drew more than 200 students, faculty and alumni from across the nation, Foster compared the perseverance of Latin to that of classical music.

"Latin is no deader than Bach's canons or Handel's concertos — and they're not dead," he said. "And it's our fault if we lose either of these things — not the fault of the early Latin writers or of Handel."

While Foster agreed that including nine years with Paul

"Latin is not just

Cicero or the

Mass."

M. Cathleen Kaveny

professor

Latin is demanding and cannot be learned in a weekend or even a week, he said more needs to — and can — be done in secular and religiously affiliated schools to

teach people Latin and to promote the language's significance.

Foster and his colleagues are convinced Latin will not die because "simply too much of Western civilization is based upon it," referring to present-day cultures, history and languages.

M. Cathleen Kaveny, Notre Dame law and theology professor and a colleague of Foster's, said there is a "tremendous untapped interest" in Latin at the University.

"I think it's important that Latin is not looked at as the study of a dead language, especially for us as Catholics who claim to still be communicating with some of these people who were writing in only Latin," Kaveny said.

Kaveny said she thinks people are interested in studying Latin, and much can be done to encourage students to continue exploring the language, such as sponsorship programs for students who would like to study more in-depth or onsite.

"Latin is not just Cicero or the Mass," she said. "It touches every aspect of daily culture — humor, low culture, Augustine, Benedict XVI and Plautus. It's something that we need to continue to pursue."

Foster lives in Rome and works at the Department of Latin Letters of the Secretariat of State at the Vatican. He has been there for 37 years, including pine years with Paul

VI and the entirety of John Paul II's papacy. He now works with Pope Benedict XVI.

At his Carmelite monastery on the Janiculum Hill, Foster wakes every morning at 3:40 a.m. — just in time to turn on the radio and catch the

nighttime news in his hometown of Milwaukee.

After Morning Prayer and Mass in Latin, Foster prepares for the day's work, which for him is anything but a minor undertaking. He works with documents and translations and carries out Vatican correspondence in the mornings, and then after lunch makes his way across the city to the Pontifical Gregorian University where he has been teaching Latin for more than 30 years.

Even at the age of 67, Foster

The Department of Classics, the Medieval Institute, the Department of Theology and the Law School sponsored Foster's discussion.

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AUSTRIA

Kidnapped girl found 8 years later

Captor kills self after victim flees cellar

Associated Press

STRASSHOF — Natascha Kampusch vanished on her way to school on March 2, 1998, when she was 10. Police said Thursday they were "quite sure" she is the young woman who turned up this week claiming she had been a captive, confined much of the time in a small cellar.

The man who allegedly held the woman killed himself Wednesday a few hours after she sought help at a home near the quiet, small-town street where she says she was held.

While expressing confidence in the women's identity, investigators said they were still waiting for DNA verification of the identity claim by the young woman, who turned up in a garden near the man's house.

But the missing girl's parents met with the woman and said they also were sure she is the daughter who disappeared on her way to school in nearby Vienna eight years ago. Police said she had a surgery scar like Natascha and reported finding the missing girl's passport in the house

Police, who confirmed the identity of the alleged kidnapper as Wolfgang Priklopil, a 44-year-old communications technician, said he killed himself by throwing himself in front of a commuter train in Vienna.

They cordoned off the street where Priklopil lived in Strasshof, less than 10 miles northeast of Vienna, and released photos of the hiding place in his house where the young woman purportedly was

One photograph appeared to show a small, cluttered room and narrow concrete stairs leading down to it from an entrance so small it would have to be crawled through. Another photo showed a metal hatch that sealed the windowless, underground room.

Federal police spokesman Armin Halm said there was a bed and a toilet in the cramped space. Images on TV showed a small television in the room, which also had a sink and was littered with piles of books. Police said the woman was occasionally allowed to watch videos.

A female police officer, Sabine Freudenberger, said the young woman told of spending her days with her captor and even doing gardening. She described the woman as "quite chatty."

Freudenberger, one of the first officers to have contact with the woman Wednesday, told Austrian television the man apparently threatened her, saying that was probably the reason she didn't try to flee sooner.

Police said the young woman had been examined by a doctor and did not have signs of

injuries, but added that her condition was still being studied.

Freudenberger said she believed the young woman had been sexually abused but didn't realize it. "It won't become clear to her ... She did everything voluntarily, she said," Freudenberger said.

In most cases, The Associated Press does not identify victims or alleged victims of sexual assault. In this case, however, the name of the missing girl has been widely reported because of the circumstances of her abduction.

Kampusch's mother, Brigitta Sirny, said on Austrian TV she was very proud of her daughter.

"She said 'mama mausi' to me," Sirny said, recalling the emotional moment she met with the young woman and embraced. Mausi — literally "little mouse" — is a pet name some Austrians use in addressing their loved ones.

Kampusch's father, Ludwig Koch, his eyes glistening and voice wavering, said he never thought he'd live to see his daughter again.

"Honestly, I didn't think that I'd still experience this," Koch said on Austrian television.

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cates wrongdoing" by his administration, and that the

Four members of the state

Personnel Board, appointed

by Fletcher, must resign so

that affected state employees

can have a fair hearing, and Fletcher will have to select

replacements from lists sup-

required the attorney gener-

al to acknowledge that any actions taken by the Fletcher

administration regarding the

hiring system lacked malice.

Fletcher said he did not

"admit to doing any wrong-

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Stumbo responded: "That's

probably a little more spin

than it is fact. What he did or

what he didn't do, only he

said my conscience is clear."

In addition, the agreement

plied by Stumbo.

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actions were inappropriate.

Judge drops case of hiring discrimination

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A judge on Thursday dismissed accusations that Gov. Ernie Fletcher violated state hiring laws, allowing him to get out from a long-running legal jam without personal punishment.

The judge signed an agreement dropping misdemeanor charges and ending a case that alleged Fletcher, a first-term Republican, broke the law by basing personnel decisions on political considerations.

The order, signed by Special Judge David E. Melcher, dismissed the charges with prejudice, meaning they can't be brought again.

"It's over, and I think the people all across the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be very pleased that this sad ordeal is over," Fletcher said

A grand jury has investigated for a year hiring decisions by the Fletcher administration. The administration had been accused of illegally giving protected state jobs to political supporters.

Several witnesses alleged the administration had discriminated against them because of their political leanings. They claimed to have been passed over for promotions, transferred, demoted or fired.

Fletcher was indicted in May on charges of criminal conspiracy, official misconduct and political discrimina-

By settling the matter, Fletcher can seek re-election without the shadow of criminal charges. Attorney General Greg Stumbo, who prosecuted the case and has been considered a potential Democratic candidate, could run without breaking his promise not to challenge Fletcher for governor while the case was pending.

Melcher ruled this month that Fletcher could not be tried while in office. The judge had asked prosecutors and defense attorneys to try to reach a settlement.

"We recognized that the governor probably would never stand trial in this case," Stumbo said Thursday after two days of negotiations. "Our objective was to see that the law was complied with, to see that the truth was brought forward."

The grand jury returned 29 indictments during its investigation, but Fletcher last year pardoned anyone who was charged or could be charged, excluding himself.

Doug Doerting, the former state employee who triggered the investigation by turning over evidence to the attorney general's office, said that his goal all along was to restore integrity to the state civil service and that he was pleased with the outcome.

"I agree with the attorney general," Doerting said. "I don't believe the case would ever go to trial."

Fletcher acknowledged as

Cult leader sentenced to die

Ohio Supreme Court rules against convicted murderer of five in 1989

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A religious cult leader convicted of killing a family of five in 1989, which he referred to as "pruning the vineyard," will be executed on Oct. 10, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

Jeffrey Lundgren, 56, was convicted of shooting to death a man, his wife and his three daughters who had moved from Missouri in 1987 to follow Lundgren's teachings.

low Lundgren's teachings.
Lundgren formed a religious cult after he was dismissed in 1987 as a lay minister of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He had attracted a following, and several people moved with him to a rented farm house about 30 miles east of Cleveland, where they called him "Dad" and contributed

money for group expenses.

The victims were Dennis Avery, 49; his wife, Cheryl, 46; and daughters Trina, 15, Rebecca, 13, and Karen, 7.

Rebecca, 13, and Karen, 7.
On April 17, 1989, the Avery family was invited to dinner, then led to a barn. There they were bound and placed into the pit, where Lundgren shot each one. The pit was filled with dirt.

Kirtland police found Dennis Avery's body Jan. 3, 1990, leading to Lundgren's arrest days later in California. A jury convicted him of five counts of aggravated murder and five counts of kidnapping.

In an unsworn statement at his 1990 trial, Lundgren told the jury that he and his cult were preparing for the second coming of Jesus Christ, which they believed would occur at the Reorganized Church's temple in Kirtland. He said the spiritually unclean had to

be dealt with.

Lundgren said a combination of messages from the Bible told him to kill the Averys. Cult members had testified that although the Averys were members of the sect, Lundgren considered them less enthusiastic.

Lundgren, his wife and son were among 13 cult members arrested in the case. Most lived at the Kirtland farm, and some pleaded guilty to reduced charges.

Alice Lundgren was sentenced to five terms of life in prison for conspiracy, complicity and kidnapping. Damon Lundgren was sentenced to life in prison for murder and kidnapping in four of the slayings.

Jeffery Lundgren has exhausted all his appeals, said Bob Beasley, spokesman for Attorney General Jim Petro

ROMANCE LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

QUECHUA THE LANGUAGE OF THE INCA FALL 2006

LLRO 10101 BEGINNING QUECHUA I

MWF 9:35-10:25, T 9:30-10:45 G. MALDONADO

The principle aims of this beginning-level Quechua Language course are to encourage the development of competency and proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and to generate cultural understanding through a communicative approach to second language acquistion. Songs, role-playing and other related activities will also be incorporated. This course is taught in Spanish.

LLRO 27201 INTERMEDIATE QUECHUA

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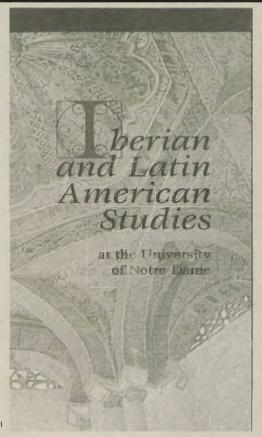
The defining feature of medieval Spain is the Reconquest, the fluctuating repossession of lands conquered by Muslim invaders in 711 that lasted from seven to more than seven hundred years. This course will survey the masterworks of the Spanish Middle Ages within the ideological, social, cultural, and political context of reconquest Spain and will include the kharjas, Poema de mio Cid, romancero, Los milagros de nuestra Señora by Gonzalo de Berceo, Conde Lucanor by Don Juan Manuel, Libro de buen amor by Juan Ruiz. Arcipteste de Talavera by Alfonso Martinez de Toledo, Cárcel de amor by Diego de San Pedro, Celestina by Fernando de Rojas, and miscellaneous selections, Primary texts in Spanish will be supplemented with critical, scholarly, cultural, and theoretical readings in Spanish and English. The course will be taught in English; coursework will comprise oral presentations, midterm and final exams, and a paper.

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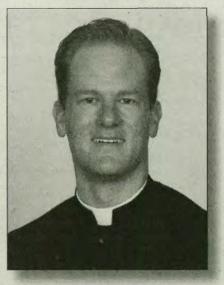


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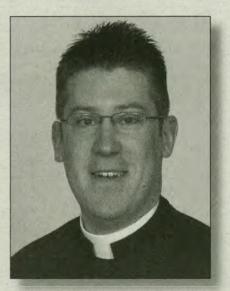
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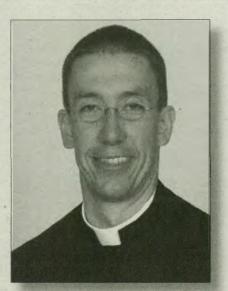
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No room for new inn

Saint Mary's women are fiercely proud of their school.

So proud that they will immediately defend the institution — ranked No. 1 by U.S. News & World Report among 107 Midwest Comprehensive Colleges — against any perceived outside threat to the College's way of life.

In this case, that outside threat hits a little too close to home — literally. The 100 to 125-unit Hilton Garden Inn Hotel planned to be built just northeast of campus has stirred debate among Saint Mary's students. Observer

And rightfully so.

Only 1,500 women attend Saint Mary's. Any construction right off campus will significantly impact such a small, close-knit community. Especially when the end result of

that construction will be a hotel open to a very large and unknown — community.

The idea of a hotel in close proximity to Saint Mary's campus is not unprecedented. After all, the Inn at Saint Mary's takes in thousands of guests each football season. But given its nearness to the popular on-campus Opus apartments, another hotel is one too many.

Keeping students safe is an issue that will be difficult

for the College to closely monitor if the 100-plus rooms overflow with guests.

In addition to the safety concerns the hotel will raise, there's also the physical campus to consider. The beauty of Saint Mary's is striking. The idea of a Hilton planted in that idyllic setting is off-putting.

College President Carol Ann Mooney defends the right of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross to man-

age the land. But there are ways for the Congregation to advance its mission while keeping students in mind.

The College is grounded in 162 years of tradition, tradition that stems from its founders, the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

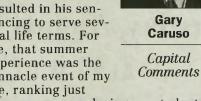
Those sisters envisioned a serene campus to allow women from all over the world to grow intellectually and spiritually, but a piece of this dream is lost with the construction of a chain hotel on campus borders.

Anyone who has attended the College - or simply set foot on campus - knows the beauty associated with Saint Mary's far exceeds the benefits of a Hilton Garden Inn

Extending my fifteen minutes of fame

With the advent of each new school year comes the worn-out, age-old question, "What did you do this summer?" As a columnist, that question dogs me each fall as I prepare for my

initial writing. One autumn, I reviewed my four-month summer federal jury service in which we convicted a man of 73 counts that included murder and resulted in his sentencing to serve several life terms. For me, that summer experience was the pinnacle event of my life, ranking just



above a summer during my student days at Notre Dame when I volunteered to work in a New York City congressional campaign. That is, until this summer.

This summer was born last April on the Monday after publishing my final Observer column. A whirlwind of media interest descended upon me after a feature article along with my etched likeness appeared on the front page of The Wall Street Journal. The banner blared, "Softball on the Mall Was Bipartisan Fun Till Politics

The Journal's exposure triggered my appearance on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart as well as additional coverage by ESPN Magazine, Washington Post Radio, Current TV, Fox News, ABC News, Roll Call Newspaper and other print, broadcast and Internet outlets. Yet, the popular notion that in life we all attain 15 minutes of fame is a prevarication. Sometimes notoriety — even as seemingly silly as mine — refuses to fade from our 24-hour news cycle if the story rings an element of truth to the average citizen.

At times, and particularly this time for my situation, notoriety endures if conditions evolve into another chapter of the anecdote. That transition of gears is almost like an involuntary shifting from undergraduate senior to master's candidate without ever planning on postgraduate work. It is another of life's twists that each of us must learn to face. For me, the story became an exposé on how the elite House Republican congressional staff, beginning with the speaker and majority leader's offices, who through their positions controlled the business and political aspects of the federal government needed to also control "play time" or would take the ball and go home.

It began in late 2005 when e-mail exchanges over our handicapping of only the first round of our year-end softball tournament seeding process exposed the true character of many of these elite Republican staff. More casual teams were paired against other casual teams in the first round before facing the serious teams. One unhappy serious player called it "Softball Welfare — aiding the weak by punishing the strong." Another barked, "The commissioner has a long-standing policy of punishing success and rewarding failure. He's a Democrat. Waddya expect?

"It's competition, you know. We are not here to encourage people, we are here to pick the best team," wrote another. One note said that top teams "are being screwed by your Softball Welfare Bracketology.

"It's pretty well known that most of the competitive teams and most of the fun teams are Republican," says the captain of another Republican team. "Maybe we are just more talented

That sentiment explained why a staff member from House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R, Ill.) spearheaded a secession last March of mostly Republican sponsored softball teams from the 37-year-old Congressional Softball League of which I am the commissioner. "What's the regular season for?" asks the now commissioner of the new league. "It's very irritating to teams like ours who are

Ironically, once the new league formed, it handicapped its entire season with power rankings. But rather than simply playing games and promoting the new league, the upstart leaders called our casual league 'communist" in ESPN The Magazine and walked out on the taping of The Daily Show after sending text messages that coverage would be negative for the GOP. They chose to selectively speak with Fox News, but refused other inquiries.

The lesson learned is that those whose profession depends upon competition need to learn how to relax in a casual league that does not operate on any uniform set of rules. For those who want more serious play, create and promote a competitive league rather than demonize those who make the informal games fun for every team, including such casual teams as those who do not allow anyone to strike out.

Life is an interesting venture, and ironic at every turn. For elected members of congress who covet their likenesses above the fold on the front page of the Wall Street Journal, but for whom it has eluded them, my image stands alone on an April day. That may be a reason why the clock has ticked longer than 15 minutes for me. It may also be a reason for voters this fall to abandon Republicans not so much over policy as for the character flaws exposed by the "softball wars.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nothing is so good for an ignorant man as silence; and if he was sensible of this he would not be ignorant."

> Saadi **Persian poet**

VIEWPOINT

The War on Errorism

Listening to NPR the other week, I heard a short clip of an interview with a man whose home had just been bombed in Lebanon. It summed up my feelings on not only Israel's latest foray into the war on terror but also the

strategies and operations of the United States. In a thick accent he said something to the effect of "I did not like Hezbollah

Will McAuliffe

Strategery Analyst

before. But now I have no home, so I will get a gun and fight Israel with Hezbollah." This man, to me, is the spokesperson for all those who have new-found hatred for the United States and the West since we began waging our war on terror in

September of 2001.

The real question is not whether he speaks for those who have recently answered the call of terrorist groups such as Al Qaeda or Hezbollah. The real question is: are we listening? Are we listening to this man and the many others whose voices don't make it onto the radio or any other media outlet, indicating that they have nothing left and have been backed into a corner by our overbearing foreign policy? I think that the attitude of truthiness that has pervaded the Bush administration since long before "Mission Accomplished" tells us that they are not

This lack of attention to the populations of the Middle East will certainly prove to be one of the most costly strategic mistakes in U.S. military and political history. This region is where the majority terrorists are recruited, trained and harbored. This fact makes it a strategy of ignorance to attempt to bomb terrorist networks into submission by attacking a general population, the most recent strategy undertaken by our buddy Israel. It also makes a travesty of our efforts in Iraq.

The standard of living in Iraq has plummeted since the commencement of our occupation in 2003. Electricity, plumbing and other elements of the infrastructure have not been restored and civil war now looms. However, at this time of defining crisis, calls to pull out or "redeploy" from Iraq grow louder each day. It makes me wonder, what did we think was going to happen? Oh, that's right. We were going to be greeted as liberators. The thing that puzzles me is this — what did the administration think that such a greeting would produce? Did they think that people cheering in the streets and waving American flags would bring clean water back to decimated neighborhoods? Did they think that the introduction of freedom and democracy would somehow turn all the lights back on in Baghdad? The lack of forward thinking and planning shocks and frightens me. I sincerely hope

that this administration will get out of office before it starts any other messes with no plan for success.

The administration's execution of the post "Mission Accomplished" Iraq also shows a severe lack of understanding as to how terrorism works and where it comes from. Terrorism starts with an idea, a belief that something is so horribly wrong that it must be destroyed, eliminated, and that this thing is so terrible that the loss of innocent life is warranted in its elimination. People do not just wake up with such deep-seated hatred. This hatred is planted, fostered and channeled through a narrow perspective of world affairs, distortion of the truth and, often, outright lies. Clearly then, we see that we cannot prevent all terrorism as we cannot prevent lies from reaching susceptible

However, we can force ourselves to look through this narrow perspective on world affairs and U.S. foreign policy in the hope that it will indicate to us how we can better conduct our war on terror. We cannot rid terrorist leaders of persuasive lies but we can at the very least counter their lies by denying them factual evidence that the West is evil — and also demonstrate that the West can be a positive, healing, peaceful power in an unstable region.

We need to understand that the battlefield on which we will face terrorism is not in the villages of southern Lebanon, the streets of Baghdad or the alleyways of Kandahar; it is in the home of every civilian in the Middle East. The battle will not be won with all the technology that a 425 billion dollar defense budget has to offer us. This battle will be won by gaining the trust of a region that we have intentionally "bombed into the stone age" not too long ago. We must fight this battle with education and understanding. We must fight with the compassion that is necessary to prevent the frustration and ignorance that turns civilians into terrorists. We must actively seek to better understand these cultures, the root causes of terrorism and how to prevent dissidents from swaying others to their destructive, terrorist causes. We must fight our own ignorance as a nation and call for change in the brutal and counterproductive methods undertaken by our forces abroad. To win the war on terrorism abroad, we must first win the war on errorism at home.

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In defense of 'The Daily Show'

C'Ville Weekly's front page this past week featured a picture of Jon Stewart with the headline "IS THIS MAN KILLING DEMOCRACY?" The article went on to explain that researchers at East Carolina University had studied and documented a phenomenon known as "The

Daily Show Effect." Exposure to the show, according to the study, causes college-aged individuals to be more likely to have negative perceptions of candidates and to be cynical about politics in general, thereby possibly decreasing their involvement in politics.

A.J. Kornblith

University of Virginia Cavalier Daily

This is baloney. Yes, "The Daily Show" is satirical—
it draws its biting humor from pointing out the most
foolish examples of politics—but if that commentary
translates into cynicism in the show's audience, it's
their own fault for not keeping the show's humor in
proper perspective as entertainment. Furthermore, in
nearly all of the regular viewers I know (myself included), the end product is encouragement, not cynicism.

In his book "The Fifth Discipline," acclaimed MIT professor and management expert Peter M. Senge wrote, "Scratch the surface of most cynics and you find a frustrated idealist — someone who has made the mistake of converting ideals into expectations." Most people who are turned off by politics seem to fit this definition. They are convinced that things are so bad or that they are so powerless that there is nothing they can do about it. The mass media can and often does play into this mindset by highlighting all the bad things happening across the globe. This concentration on the negative occurs not because those events are more important but because they get better ratings.

"The Daily Show" lampoons this gloom and doom by sarcastically trying to one-up it. In a piece from "America: The Book," produced by Stewart and his colleagues, Stephen Colbert asks, "Does your vote make a difference?" Colbert responds, "Imagine your vote as a deer tick. And the election as the continent of Asia." This mimicry of the often palpable cynicism in the news media is so over-the-top that if it does make you want to cry, it's because you're laughing so hard you have tears in your eyes. Stewart and company deliver this sort of comedy better than anyone else in the business.

One error of perspective that some viewers make is to misunderstand the show's intent. In an old advertisement for the show, a voice-over announces that a new poll has shown that more Americans trust "The Daily Show" for their news than anywhere else. The camera then cuts to Jon Stewart, who screams at the camera, "Don't do that!" Stewart is an entertainer, and he has never claimed to be anything but that. "The Daily Show" highlights political absurdities in order to mock both absurd politicians and those in the media who treat them as important.

The other and perhaps more important error of perspective that viewers might make if they tend towards cynicism is losing sight of their own capabilities as citizens. Most "Daily Show" regulars regard Stewart — or more accurately, the character he plays — as a role model who keeps his head on straight when everyone else seems to be losing theirs. If there's a trait in particular that I've noticed most "Daily Show" regulars try to emulate, it's Stewart's sense of perspective rather than his mock cynicism. In a conversation I had recently with my 17-year-old brother, who's also a regular viewer, he segued smoothly from talking about how he should tape the show so he doesn't miss it into talking about how he couldn't wait to be old enough to vote.

Similarly, "The Daily Show" and the news programs it mocks challenge me to think harder about what I can do as a citizen. Colbert is probably right that m vote will never probably swing an election, but by the same logic, most votes cast by members of Congress don't really matter unless one member casts the deciding vote. Obviously enough, they still have a pretty important job. Voting is the most basic form of participation in a democracy and, accordingly, one of the weakest. To expect that just by voting I can have a major impact on politics is to head straight down the path that Senge says will lead to disillusionment and cynicism. Attaining more sway than a simple vote takes time, talent and treasure as well as a willingness to spend them. Far from discouraging me, "The Daily Show"'s commentary convinces me that the extra effort is both important and badly needed.

The East Carolina University study pointed out that "The Daily Show Effect" was strongest among viewers who infrequently or never watch the program, whereas regulars were largely unaffected. Perhaps Jon Stewart and his political wit take some getting used to, but for those of us who understand where he's coming from, the result is anything but bad for democracy.

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No excuse for idiocy in college

By the time a student enters the environment of higher education, it should be safe to assume he or she has accumulated at least a meager collection of common sense.

Looking both ways before crossing the street, for example, shouldn't be forgotten no matter how much one drinks Zach Lee

At the university level, there are no crossing guards to blow their whistles so we can meander across a busy intersection.

University of Houston Daily Cougar

And there shouldn't be.

By that same logic, though, another grade-school rule should still be clear in the minds of college students: Don't talk to strangers.

Sure, meeting people is important, and talking to new people at one of the famous parties at the University of Texas at Austin is as much a part of college life as waiting tables, but in both of those situations, students are there themselves to make decisions about what personal information gets told to whom. In person, making the decision to withhold certain information is easy, but on MySpace, everybody gets everything.

Several universities decided to treat their incoming freshmen like drunken idiots this year by including skits and information sessions about the danger of putting too much information on MySpace and similar Web sites, warning them about the current trend among employers to screen applicants by looking at their online profiles.

High school is supposed to prepare students for college, and college is supposed to prepare students for the real world. There's no one left to warn graduates about running with scissors once they get there.

Every college student will come across Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection at least once in a half-decade dance with intellectualism, and it is a concept that applies well to those students who lose jobs or internships because they bragged about their drunken exploits online. Those who cannot adapt will not survive.

Then again, Tom has 103,477,675 friends.

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SCENE SCENE



The Show 2006

Featuring Common and Third Eye Blind

Where: The Joyce Athletic Convocation Center

When: Tonight at 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$10, Lafortune Box Office

THE SHOW 2006 FEATURE

By STEVE KERINS Scene Writer

The biggest concert of the year has arrived.

Headliners Common and Third Eye Blind will play at The Show 2006 tonight at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Since its debut five years ago, The Show has grown into one of the best-attended events during the first weeks of classes.

"Everyone has been excited and the general consensus is that this is one of the biggest events at Notre Dame in a long time," said senior Patrick Vassel, chair of The Show 2006 Committee.

The Show bills itself as the University's largest student-run event, and it has been produced with the support of the Student Activities Office since 2002. Although The Show is student-run, it receives some financial and logistical support from the

In the past two years, The Show has grown into the largest concert held on the Notre Dame campus, and a committee of students that forms during the spring semester plans it each year. Its members oversee all aspects of The Show's production, from finances and budgeting to marketing and graphics. The Committee includes Saint Mary's and Holy Cross liaisons.

This year, as in past years, students' artist preferences were gauged from responses to an all-campus survey sent in March. However, it can be a difficult date to book.

"[The Show] is right in between the summer touring season and the fall touring season, so it's a time when a lot of the bands take time off or go to Europe,' Vassel said. "It's a difficult date to book and we were fortunate enough to bring in two solid headliners.

He also noted that some bands were just too expensive.

"Common and Third Eye Blind were the highest choices we were able to work out and, to be hon-

est, we were very lucky to be able to bring them both, Vassel said. "When we were able to secure our headliners, we

knew we had the best lineup possible."

Since its inception, as an event sponsored by FlipSide and the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, The Show has been able to draw higher-profile artists each year, alternating between popular newcomers and veteran musicians. It has grown into its on student committee recognized by the Office of Student Affairs.

Its 2006 incarnation continues the tradition of juxtaposing hip-hop and rock artists, which provides a varied cross-section of musical styles.

◆ Last year, Cake, a mainstay of alternative rock, played alongside breakout hip-hop singer and songwriter Akon. 2005 also marked The Show's move to its current venue, the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

◆ Two years ago, rapper Talib Kweli, on tour leading up to the release of his second album "The Beautiful Struggle,' was featured along with singer-songwriter Jason Mraz, who performed music from his freshman album "Waiting for my Rocket to Come.'

◆ Three years ago, in 2003, Black Eyed Peas, fresh from the success of their first major hit album "Elephunk," performed with alternative

rock band Guster, who had recently released its fourth studio album "Keep

Together." Black Eyed Peas came to The Show directly from MTV's Video

Music Awards, and Guster kicked off their 2003 tour at Notre Dame. This was also the year an increase in popularity brought The Show to the Joyce Center.

◆ 2002 featured co-headliners Better Than Ezra, who performed during an extended period of nationwide touring a year after the release of their album 'Closer," and George Clinton and the Parliament Funk, one of the forerunners of American funk music.

◆ They Might Be Giants headlined the first show, known then as Flipstock. Rock groups SR-71 and Nine Days opened.

Common comes to Notre Dame after years on the underground rap scene and

the 2005 release of his acclaimed latest album "Be." Third Eye Blind has produced several hit singles since their debut album in 1997, and released a Greatest Hits CD called "Third Eye Blind: A Collection" last month.

"Tickets are selling extremely fast much faster than any year I've been involved," Vassel said. "We're telling people to buy them as soon as possible because at this rate, it's tough to say how many we will have left at the door.'

One notable departure from previous years that will greet students as they arrive at the Joyce Center tonight involves a change in seating arrangements. Seating will be available on the Fieldhouse floor, and the barricaded areas where students had stood in front of the stage have been eliminated.

"This should give everyone a more intimate, exciting feel to the concert," said Vassel.

The Show 2006 is again working in conjunction with NDTV to provide a live video feed of the event broadcast onto large screens flanking the stage. Before the concert begins, the screens will be used to scroll the names of this year's many spon-

Tickets for The Show 2006 remain on sale for \$10 at the LaFortune Box Office. The show takes place at the Joyce Center and doors open at 7 p.m.

More information can be found at http://www3.nd.edu/~theshow

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Rapper Common's musical career has already stretched over 15 years and several albums. He will be featured at The Show 2006 on Friday at the Joyce Center.



Third Eye Blind headlines The Show. The band had several hits in the 1990s, including "Semi-Charmed Life" one of the decade's most recognizable songs.

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THIRD EYE BLIND FEATURE

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

The curse of the post-grunge scene plagued a plethora of bands from the late 1990s — they had their moment in the spotlight, some reaching the outer stratosphere of America's pop music kingdom, but very few of them outlive their initial success and fade into nostalgia for their generation.

Harvey Danger and Hootie and the Blowfish, two examples of such bands, are known when heard every so often on the radio but are also almost instantly forgettable

Third Eye Blind, who is playing at the Joyce Center Friday, went through such a journey. Beginning in San Francisco, frontman Stephan Jenkins began playing solo shows after graduating from the University of California with an English degree. After playing with various local bands for four years and trying his hand at a solo act, Jenkins joined with Arion Salazar, former bassist for Fungo Mungo. This was the point where the band became known as Third Eye Blind, but the group was not complete and more shows were played.

As luck would have it, a student of famed guitarist Joe Satriani named Kevin Cadogan saw Jenkins and Salazar play a gig in San Francisco. He joined Third Eye Blind as a guitarist in 1995. He also brought a drummer with him, Brad Hargreaves, the former drummer for Counting Crows, who completed the lineup. At this point, a viable mixture of personality and talent had come together and Third Eye Blind set their sights higher than the local scene they had known for the last five years.

However, the constant playing in the Bay Area was not all wasted effort.

"By playing the Bay Area frequently, Third Eye Blind cultivated a dedicated fan base, and the group's original 14-song demo attracted the attention of major labels," said critic Stephen Thomas Erlewine.

The band nurtured its image and sound and developed a dedicated fan base, but its big break was still to come. Oasis was scheduled to play at San Francisco's Civic Auditorium in April 1996 and Third Eye Blind managed to acquire a spot in the line-up as the opening band. This concert was the watershed event for the up-and-coming band. They were able to play to a huge crowd, but more importantly, they were able to get the ear of record executives that were looking for new talent in the late-90s, post-grunge music scene.

A bidding war broke out after the show and when the dust cleared, the band had signed with Elektra/Asylum due to the fact that this label promised the most artistic freedom. Jenkins had also been hired to be the producer, which allowed the band to work completely within itself and make the music they wanted.

Their major label debut came in the spring of 1997 in the form of the self-titled "Third Eye Blind." The now ubiquitous single, "Semi-Charmed Life," had become a rock hit at the time of the albums release and pushed the album into the Billboard Top 200 where it stayed for over a year.

Other hits included "Jumper" and "How's It Going to Be." This was the beginning of the bands popularity, however it was also somewhat of an end. Third Eye Blind has never quite written a song as popular as "Semi-Charmed Life." This song is their life's blood, but it was also a death knell.

Granted, their second album, "Blue," (released in 1999) did sell over two million copies, though it did not quite bring the critical success of their self-titled debut. However, Jenkins admitted that "on 'Blue,' we succumbed to the studio maybe more than we should have," which perhaps indicates that the spontaneity of their debut was lost on this sophomore effort.

After "Blue," the band decided to take some time off and take on some humanitarian work. Shows were performed for the Tiger Woods Foundation and, after Jenkins' mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, the Breathe Benefit Concert in Los Angeles, an event organized by Jenkins to bring attention to and funds for breast cancer research and treatment.

Following this, Cadogan left the band and was replaced by Tony Fredianelli. As Cadogan was often a co-writer with Jenkins, this left a musical vacuum within the band that was hard to replace.

This new lineup went back to the studio and the result was Third Eye Blind's third album, "Out of the Vein," was the poorest release of the three. It garnered little critical praise and after some initial market accomplishments, it did not sell the numbers that were typical of their earlier releases

Third Eye Blind is a band that lives on in the generation that grew up in the late 90s. "Semi-Charmed Life" will always be an anthem of younger, better days for those that remember it. However, the musical gods have not been kind to Third Eye Blind and there seems to be little chance for recovery in the future.

It won't go down in history as a band to remember, but it will be one our generation does.

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COMMON FEATURE

By CASSIE BELEK

Assistant Scene Editor

While the majority of Notre Dame students are buzzing about Third Eye Blind performing in The Show tonight at the Joyce Center, they're in for another pleasant surprise.

Thirty four-year-old rapper Common, (born Rashid Lonnie Lynn), has not achieved as much mainstream success as Third Eye Blind, but has actually been on the music scene longer. Not only has Common released more albums, but he's garnered more Grammy nominations, including four from his 2005 album "Be."

Common's latest success can be largely attributed to not only his own talent, but to the help of the popular Grammywinner Kanye West, who produced much of "Be" under the G.O.O.D. Music label.

Common himself was nominated this year for Best Rap Album, Best Rap Performance by a Duo or Group, Best Rap/Sung Collaboration and Best Rap Song. He formerly won a Grammy with Erykah Badu in 2003 for the track "Love of My Life."

Straying away from the themes that the most popular hip-hop songs currently possess, Common has established a reputation of exploring social issues with his music. His songs are more poetry than anything else. This alienated many mainstream rap fans at first.

"A substantial underground movement had set about reviving the bohemian sensibility of alternative rap, and Common finally started to receive wider recognition as a creative force," said critic Steve Huey.

He raps about everything from what the corner meant in his neighborhood to finding love to conscientious political commentary

Common began his career under the name Common Sense, releasing his first album in the early 90s. His albums have been released regularly over the course of a nearly fifteen year career. They include "Can I Borrow a Dollar?" (1992), "Resurrection" (1994), "One Day It'll All Make Sense" (1997), "Like Water for Chocolate" (2000), "Electric Circus" (2002) and most recently, "Be" (2005).

Common is also currently working on a seventh album entitled "Finding Forever," though a release date has yet to be determined. "Be" has been his most successful project to date, achieving the No. 1 position on the Billboard 200 chart, and the No. 2 position on the R&B/Hip-Hop

His next most successful album, also his major label debut, was 2000's "Like Water for Chocolate" which reached No. 16 on the Billboard 200 chart and No. 5 on the R&B/Hip-Hop chart and was produced by Roots' drummer ?uestlove. His 2002 "Electric Circus" proved to be a disappointment after Common experimented with new sounds that fans didn't respond to.

However, "Be" has proven to be his comeback. He strayed away from the rock experiments on his previous album and shifted to a more 70s soul and souljazz sound. He also went back to what he knew best — being a b-boy. Kanye West's involvement in the project garnered Common even more interest and popularity. West is actually featured on the album, along with John Mayer, John Legend, Bilal and The Last Poets.

Although looking bright right now, Common's career path has not come without controversy. Early on he was forced to change his moniker from Common Sense to Common after an L.A. ska band with the same name sued him.

A more threatening dispute came when Common released "I Used to Love H.E.R." in 1994. The song criticized the path hip-hop was taking by speaking out against the degradation of women in West Coast G-Funk rap, sparking a feud with rapper Ice Cube. The two eventually resolved their conflict, but not before adding sparks to the East Coast-West Coast rap feud.

Next on Common's agenda is furthering his acting career — a move many rappers have taken in recent years (Ludacris, Mos Def, Ice Cube, etc.). He's slated to appear in "Smokin' Aces" starring Jeremy Piven and Ben Affleck, as well as "American Gangster" starring Russell Crowe, Denzel Washington and fellow rappers T.I. and RZA. Both movies are scheduled to be released in 2007

Whether his acting ventures are successful or not, Common will always have his music. His socially-conscious songs remain applicable day in and day out. Common brings legitimate issues to hiphop music, and he'll certainly bring them to The Show.

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MLB - NL

Ohka leads Brewers with pitching, hitting

Cubs slug past Phillies; Pirates defeat Astros

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE - Tomo Ohka told Ned Yost he was planning to hit left-handed for the first time.

"I thought, 'Man, as bad as your swinging, just do whatever you want," the Milwaukee manager said. "Four RBIs later, he had a nice day.

Ohka drove in a career-high four runs and Prince Fielder hit three-run homer Milwaukee beat Colorado 12-6 Thursday and extended the Rockies' losing streak to six.

"It's just one game," Ohka said. "But I'm going to keep doing that.'

Ohka (4-3), a right-handed pitcher, drove in runs in his three plate appearances. After swinging for the fences on the first pitch of his first at-bat and doing a pirouette, he hit the mitt of catcher Danny Ardoin on his next swing, and Geoff Jenkins scored on the catcher's interfer-

"I was so glad he hit the catcher's glove his first time up," Yost said. "I was just hoping that he wouldn't hit the ball because I figured he'd hit into a double play, so I was just actually just hoping he would strike out there.

Ohka, who has been tinkering with swinging left-handed in batting practice, had a two-run single in the third, a slow roller on an 0-2 count that got past shortstop

Clint Barmes and put the Brewers ahead 7-0. Ohka added an RBI single to center in the fifth for an 8-3 lead.

Hitting right-handed, Ohka is a .130 batter in his career (30for-230) with 11 RBIs. He raised his batting average on the season from .087 to .160.

"I just tried to hit it up the middle," Ohka said.

Rockies manager Clint Hurdle praised Ohka's effort to make himself more comfortable at the plate.

"Give him a little credit," Hurdle said. "He's doing it for a reason: He thinks he's better."

Dating to his previous start, Ohka retired 21 straight batters before Jamey Carroll's single starting the fourth. Ohka wound up allowing six runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. He gave up Todd Helton's two-run homer in the fourth, Josh Fogg's RBI double in the fifth and Brad Hawpe's three-run homer in the sixth.

"It was my best day for my swinging, but not for the pitching," Ohka said.

Fogg (9-8), pitching on seven days' rest, gave up eight runs, eight hits and two walks in 4 2-3 innings and hit two batters.

We need better performances than I gave," he said.

Bill Hall homered and Gabe Gross hit a two-run double as Milwaukee took a 4-0 lead in the second. Fielder homered in the seventh against Manuel Corpas following pinch-hitter Brady Clark's RBI single.

Cubs 11, Phillies 2

Aramis Ramirez wonders what might have been if he had gotten off to a better start, if Derrek Lee had stayed healthy and if Mark Prior and Kerry Wood hadn't broken down.

"It would be different," Ramirez said.

Ramirez homered and tripled, and the Chicago Cubs hit four homers a victory over the Philadelphia that stopped the Phillies' five-game winning streak.

Michael Barrett hit a two-run homer, Angel Pagan added a three-run drive, and Ramirez and Phil Nevin hit back-to-back solo shots as the Cubs broke a four-game losing streak and avoided a four-game sweep.

Barrett went deep in the first, after Ramirez tripled in two runs, to extend the lead to 4-1. Chicago scored five more in the third, with Pagan's homer making it 9-1 and chasing starter Cole Hamels (6-7). Ramirez and Nevin homered off Brian Sanches in the fourth.

Carlos Zambrano (14-5) became the NL's first 14-game winner, allowing two runs and six hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and walked

"When you have that type of command, you feel like Greg Maddux," a grinning Zambrano said, referring to the four-time NL Cy Young Award winner who was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers on July 31.

When Nevin looks at Zambrano, he sees a young Randy Johnson — with better control.

"If I were to pick one guy right now to start my rotation, that would be my guy," Nevin said. "He reminds you a lot of Randy



Nevin also had good things to say about Hamels, who had won four of his previous five starts.

there are a lot of things he's

going to do in this game - no

hitters, perfect games, Cy

This time, he gave up a season-high nine runs - five earned - and nine hits, which matched his season high, in two-plus innings.

"He's one of the better young left-handed arms I've seen in a long time," Nevin said.

Pirates 5, Astros 3

Youngs.

The fading Houston Astros lost for the 10th time in 13 games, falling to Jason Bay and the Pittsburgh Pirates on Thursday

Willy Taveras extended his club-record hitting streak to 27 games with two hits and Chris Burke hit his eighth home run for Houston, which is in fourth place in the NL Central.

Paul Maholm worked his way through a shaky first three innings to earn the victory for Pittsburgh, which has won three straight games. Maholm (6-10)

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gave up three runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Mike Gonzalez worked the ninth for his 24th save in 24

Chris Duffy had two hits and two runs scored and Ronny Paulino and Jose Castillo each had two hits and an RBI for the Pirates, who used a four-run sixth inning to rally for the win.

After Maholm escaped a three-walk first inning without allowing a run, the Astros took a 3-0 lead in the third.

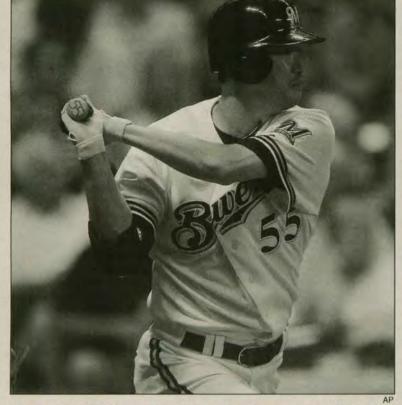
Taveras led off with a bunt single before Burke homered on a 3-1 pitch. Two batters later, Craig Biggio drove in Luke Scott with a single.

Bay cut that lead to 3-1 when he had an RBI double off Wandy Rodriguez (9-8) with two outs in

Taveras leaped against the wall and appeared to have the ball in his glove before it squirt-

The Pirates' sixth began when Duffy singled, stole second and scored on Freddy Sanchez's sin-

Three batters later and after Chad Qualls relieved Rodriguez, Paulino chopped a single to left to score Sanchez, Jose Bautista's sacrifice fly drove in Bay and Castillo followed with an RBI single.



Brewers pitcher Tomo Ohka hits an RBI single in the fifth inning Thursday. Ohka drove in four runs in the Brewers' win.

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MLB - AL

Chicago stays in division race with win at Detroit

Rangers edge D-Rays; Orioles fall to Twins

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Chicago White Sox could have left Detroit barely trailing in the AL Central or back in a huge hole.

After losing the first two games of a four-game series, the World Series champions were pleased a split kept them in the division race.

Jon Garland pitched a six-hitter and Jermaine Dye hit two homers to lift Chicago to a 10-0 win over the Tigers on Thursday.

"This was huge," Garland acknowledged. "After losing the first two, we had to salvage these two. Now, we've still got a chance."

Chicago trails Detroit by 5 1/2 games in the division and has a slim lead over Minnesota in the wild-card race.

"I don't say that we're in big trouble if we lose today, but now we can go back to Chicago and take care of our business," manager Ozzie Guillen said.

The White Sox head home for

a three-game series against the Twins, who likely will not face designated hitter Jim Thome, who strained his left ham string Wednesday night.

Detroit had a 10game lead after play on Aug. 7, but

the cushion has been cut almost in half after losing 11 of 16 games.

"We'll find out if we're good enough," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

Garland (15-4) struck out two and walked one in his fifth career shutout, his third against Detroit. His previous shutout was Sept. 4 last year against — who else? — the Tigers.

"That's as good a pitching game as we've had all year," Guillen said. "He did everything that a pitcher is supposed to do out there."

Nate Robertson didn't.

Robertson (11-10) gave up a career-high 10 runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings. He has lost four of five starts, though his previous four were solid.

"He made a lot of bad pitches and every one of them went out of the ballpark," Leyland said.

Chicago scored one run in both the first and third innings before turning the game into a rout with three in the fourth, two in the fifth and three more in the seventh.

"They looked like they were having fun, and we looked tired," Leyland said. "When you have a real ugly game, it's usually a combination of bad pitching, hitting, managing and defense — we had all of that."

Leyland was not upset with first baseman Sean Casey after a bizarre play in the fifth, but was disappointed with some fans' reaction and a reporter's question about it.

Casey hit a liner to third baseman Joe Crede, then stopped running and pivoted toward home when it appeared the ball was caught before sprinting to avoid an embarrassing putout. Left fielder Pablo Ozuna charged and made a bouncing throw that just beat Casey.

"The people behind the

dugout were booing and teasing him for not running," Leyland said. "That to me is not a fan."

Garland said the 5-7-3 play was a sign of things going Chicago's way.

"That's probably never happened before," he said.

Dye's homers — in the first and fifth innings — and Juan Uribe's all were two-out shots.

"When you come into this town and split a four-game series, the way that team is going, it's satisfying," said Dye said, who finished 3-for-3 with a walk, a double, three RBIs and four runs.

Uribe's three-run homer in the fourth put the White Sox ahead 5-0 and Ozuna had three of Chicago's 14 hits.

"That's the best lineup in baseball, even without Thome," Robertson said.

Rangers 4, Devil Rays 3

"After losing the

first two, we had to

salvage these two."

Jon Garland

White Sox pitcher

Robinson Tejeda won his second consecutive start since being called up from minor leagues and Carlos Lee hit a solo homer, helping the Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays Thursday night and avoid a four-game sweep.

Tejeda (3-3) gave up two runs and five hits in 7 2-3 innings. He was recalled from Triple-A. Oklahoma on Saturday to make a start that day and earned a spot in the rotation after giving up

one run over 6 2-3 innings in a 3-1 win over Detroit.

Tejeda is 2-0 against the Devil Rays this season. He also beat Tampa Bay in his Texas' debut on May 2.

Akinori Otsuka pitched the ninth and got his 27th save for the Rangers, who are seven games behind AL West-leading Oakland. Texas hosts the Athletics in a three-game series beginning Friday night.

Carl Crawford led off with a triple and scored on Greg Norton's sacrifice fly. Lee and Jorge Cantu singled with two outs before Russell Branyan struck out on a 3-2 pitch.

Lee's homer was his third in 109 at-bats with the Rangers. Acquired from Milwaukee on July 28 in a six-player deal, he had 28 homers in 388 at-bats with the Brewers.

Tim Corcoran (4-6) allowed four runs and five hits in six innings. He is 0-6 over his last eight starts.

Lee hit a two-out drive and Hank Blalock had an RBl double to put the Rangers ahead 2-0 in the first.

Michael Young scored on Dioner Navarro's passed ball and Mark Teixeira had a sacrifice fly that extended the lead to 4-0 during the third.

Tejeda cruised through the first four innings, throwing 34 pitches and allowing one hit. He gave up two runs in fifth on Travis Lee's RBI single and a sacrifice fly by Cantu. Center fielder Gary Matthews Jr. kept Cantu from getting an extrabase hit by making a running catch on the warning track.

Tejeda departed in the eighth after allowing a two-out double to Ben Zobrist and hitting Rocco Baldelli with a pitch. Wes Littleton ended the threat by inducing a grounder by B.J. Unton



White Sox second baseman Tadhlto Iguchi congratuales teammate Jermaine Dye after the right fielder hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning in a 10-0 win Thursday.

Twins 11, Orioles 2

Michael Cuddyer went 4-for-4 with four RBIs, Joe Mauer had three hits and drove in four runs, and the Minnesota Twins cruised past the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday night.

Justin Morneau and Torii Hunter homered for the Twins, who remained a half-game behind the Chicago White Sox in the AL wild-card race. Minnesota begins a three-game series against the White Sox on Friday in Chicago.

Friday in Chicago.

Boof Bonser (3-4) was solid in his 11th big league start for Minnesota. The rookie right-hander took a four-hit shutout into the seventh. Although he didn't make it out of the inning,

Bonser earned his first win in five starts since June 24. He gave up two runs, seven hits and a walk in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out four.

It was the second straight night in which a Twins rookie pitcher shut down the Orioles. On Wednesday night, Matt Garza did not allow an earned run in six innings.

Ramon Hernandez homered for Baltimore, his 16th of the season and first since June 28. Orioles starter Kris Benson (10-10) gave up six runs and 10 hits in 3 2-3 innings.

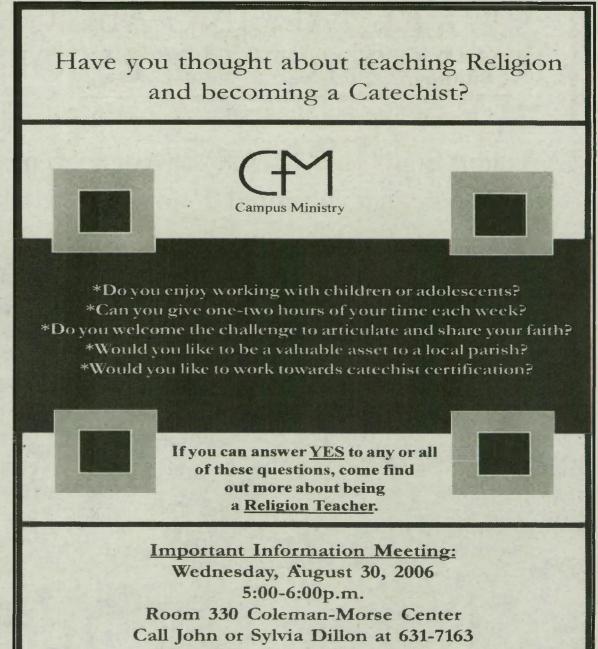
Three of the first four batters to face Benson got hits, staking Minnesota to a 2-0 lead. After Luis Castillo led off with a single, Mauer hit an RBI double and scored on a single by

The Twins made it 5-0 in the third. Nick Punto singled and scored on a double by Mauer. After Cuddyer hit a sacrifice fly, Morneau hit his 32nd homer.

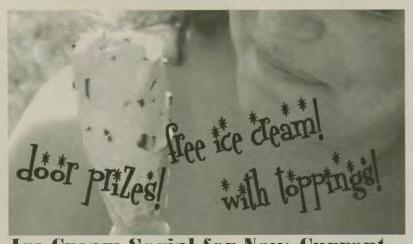
Castillo doubled and scored on a single by Mauer in the fourth, and Hunter led off the fifth with his 19th home run. The drive came off Bruce Chen, who has allowed 26 homers in 12 starts and 20 relief appearances.

Hernandez homered in the seventh off a tiring Bonser, who was pulled after allowing a two-out double to Brandon Fahey.

Minnesota added four runs in the eighth.



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LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Sato leads Japan past Saudi Arabia

Pitcher strikes out 11, knocks in four runs

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. A 5-foot-6 pitcher from Japan tormented the strapping Little Leaguers from Saudi Arabia on the mound and at the plate.

Left-hander Ryoya Sato frustrated batters with his

breaking ball and added a key two-run homer in the inning Thursday as Kawaguchi City, Japan, defeated Japan, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, 4-1 to advance at the Little League World Series.

Sato drove in two runs in the fourth with a single and homered to straightaway center to add a couple of insurance runs for Japan (4-0), which will face Mexico for the international title Saturday.

The winner of that game plays in the World Series championship

Sunday. "I was fortunate I was able to hit a curve ball at the right time," the 12year-old said through

interpreter. Portsmouth, N.H.

scheduled to play Columbus, Ga., in a U.S. semifinal Thursday night.

Japan was bolstered by a cheering section that wore bright-red jackets and hats emblazoned with Japanese flag.

Their rhythmic clapping throughout resonated Lamade Stadium, and after Sato struck out Michael Knight to end the game, fans exchanged high-fives and waved little flags.

"The Saudis were an excel-seen," James Durley said.

lent team," manager Shigeru Hidaka said. "We were fortunate that Sato pitched so

His pitcher needed to get through trouble late before celebrating.

With Japan leading 2-0 in the fifth, Sato walked Knight, then hit Nate Barnett to put runners at first and second with two out.

Matt Timoney followed and doubled to the left-field wall

on a 2-2 pitch, scoring Knight.

Sato struck out Andrew "I was fortunate I was able to hit a Holden to end curve ball at the the rally. right time."

In the sixth, Sato retired the first two Dhahran batbefore pinch-hitter Robert Eyvazzadeh

doubled to center.

Ryoya Sato

Japanese pitcher

"I want to tell you

guys that I have 11

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seen."

James Durley

Saudi coach

Jin Ohkuma booted Ted Fitzmaurice's chopper to third to put runners at the corners before Sato got Knight for his 11th strikeout.

The 6-foot-3 Knight is tall for a 12-year-old, but he's not

the biggest player on his team. That distinc-

tion belongs to 13-year-old first baseman Aaron Durley, who at 6-foot-8 is the tallest participant ever at the Little League World Series.

Aaron's father, Dhahran man-

ager James Durley, is just as tall and his mother stands at just under six feet.

Holden was one of Dhahran's offensive threats, homering twice in the series.

Despite the loss, it was still a great tournament for Saudi Arabia (2-2), which went 0-3 at last year's series.

Six players returned this year, including Aaron Durley.

"I want to tell you guys that I have 11 guys with the biggest hearts I've ever

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4	Virginia	12-5-3	11
5	North Carolina	17-4-3	7
6	Clemson	15-6-3	3
7	SMU	14-6-3	3
8	Creighton	15-5-3	6
9	Akron	18-1-4	5
10	UCLA	12-5-3	19
11	California	14-4-3	8
12	Indiana	13-3-6	17
13	Penn State	13-7-2	10
14	Duke	12-5-3	16
15	NOTRE DAME	12-8-3	15
16	Wake Forest	13-8-2	12
17	St. John's	11-6-5	13
18	South Florida	13-6-2	RV
19	Cal State Northridge	15-4-3	13
20	Santa Clara	13-6-3	20
21	UNC, Greensboro	16-6-1	18
22	UC Santa Barbara	13-5-3	23
23	Old Dominion	15-4-2	21
24	South Carolina	12-7-2	NR
25	Washington	10-7-2	NR

NSCAA/adidas Women's Soccer Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Portland	23-0-2	1
2	UCLA	22-2-2	3
3	Penn State	23-0-2	2
4	North Carolina	23-1-1	5
5	NOTRE DAME	22-3-0	6
6	Florida State	20-4-1	4
7	Santa Clara	17-5-2	7
8	Virginia	18-6-1	8
9	Texas A&M	18-4-2	11
10	California	16-4-2	9
11	Boston College	13-6-2	10
12	Duke	14-6-1	16
13	Illinois	12-7-3	20
14	Tennessee	15-6-2	15
15	Cal State Fullerton	19-4-0	12
16	Connecticut	15-5-2	25
17	Arizona	11-8-3	17
18	West Virginia	12-6-3	19
19	Florida	13-6-1	24
20	Pepperdine	15-4-3	18
21	Purdue	11-7-2	RV
22	Vanderbilt	17-3-3	NR
23	Yale	15-4-1	13
24	Wake Forest	9-9-1	NR
25	Marquette	19-4-1	14

2005 MIAA Soccer Final Standings

	team	conf.	ovr.
1.	Calvin	15-1-0	16-3-2
2	Hope	15-1-0	18-2-1
3	SAINT MARY'S	10-5-1	11-7-1
4	Albion	9-7-0	9-9-0
5	Kalamazoo	8-8-0	9-9-1
6	Olivet	7-8-1	8-10-1
7	Alma	4-12-0	5-14-1
8	Adrian	3-13-0	3-17-0
9	Tri-State	0-16-0	3-17-0

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NFL

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8 p.m., ESPN Tamba Bay at Jacksonville, 8 p.m., CBS

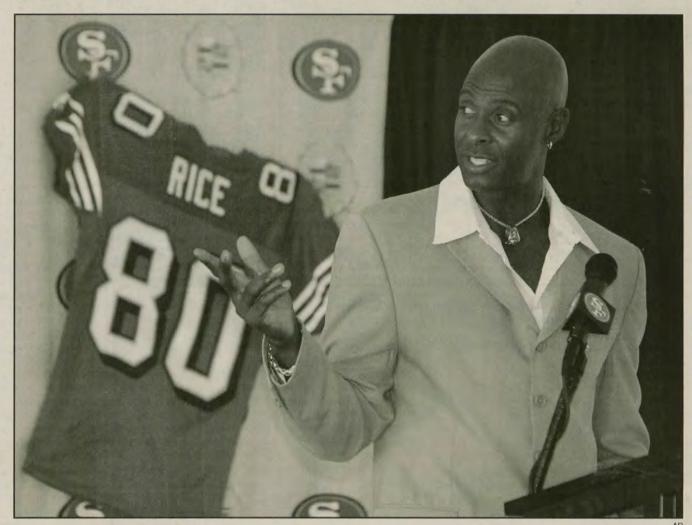
PGA

Bridgestone Invitational, 2 p.m., ESPN

TENNIS

US Open Series , 7 p.m., ESPN2

NFL



Wide receiver Jerry Rice points towards his old practice field during a press conference at the team headquarters in Santa Clara, Calif. after signing a one-day contract with the San Francisco 49ers, Thursday.

Rice formally retires in San Francisco

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. -Jerry Rice spent some of his favorite days on the green practice fields next to the railroad tracks that run behind the San Francisco 49ers' training complex.

That's where Rice honed his game over countless hours as he became the NFL's most prolific receiver — and that's why he felt those fields were an appropriate place to say his latest goodbye to the sport he revolutionized.

Rice signed a one-day contract to retire with the San Francisco 49ers on Thursday, officially ending the receiver's matchless career back where it began.

Rice, who scored more touchdowns than anyone in league history, shed no tears during a short signing ceremony on the fields at the training complex opened in 1988 by the 49ers, his team for the first 16 of his 20 seasons.

The receiver wore his ring from the 49ers' 1989 Super Bowl championship team on a chain around his neck as he hugged his wife, Jackie, and shook hands with San Francisco owner John York.

"I would like to put the uniform on and run on that football field, but I think it's time to move on," Rice said, gesturing toward the fields where the current 49ers were practicing. "I feel welcome here. I feel like this is my home, and this is something I'll never forget."

Rice, who will turn 44 in October, hasn't played since parting ways with the Broncos before last season, holding his first retirement news conference last September in Denver. He spent three seasons in Oakland after leaving the 49ers, then played a final year with the Seattle Seahawks.

"He played with a burning passion that the NFL had never seen before,"

York said. "It's great to see him back with the 49ers."

Rice became a vagabond in his final years, still searching for another chance to prove he hadn't lost a step in his 40s. But San Francisco fans still remember Rice in his incredible prime, when he made most of his 197 touchdown receptions while playing for several powerhouse teams and three Super Bowl winners.

"This is where I got my start," Rice said. "This is where my legacy is at. This is where my heart got started, and this is where I'm going to end it."

IN BRIEF

Owens misses practice after reinjuring his hamstring IRVING, Texas — Terrell Owens missed practice again Thursday, vir-

IRVING, Texas — Terrell Owens missed practice again Thursday, virtually assuring he will miss his third straight preseason game for the Dallas Cowboys this weekend — and may not play until the regular-season opener.

Whatever Terrell Owens did for training didn't prevent him from pulling a hamstring. Owens' comment that he was on the field too long running too many routes last week was a clear shot at coach Bill Parcells. What's that leave for Parcells? He can hold back playing time and a starting job if he doesn't see Owens on the field. Ah, the drama.

Owens said Wednesday that he's not concerned about the possibility of not playing in the preseason.

"I don't really have any doubts about if I'm going to perform or not," he said.

Belle receives jail sentence for stalking his ex-girlfriend

PHOENIX — Former major-league slugger Albert Belle was sentenced to 90 days in jail and five years' supervised probation Thursday in a case in which he admitted stalking his former girlfriend.

Belle, 39, pleaded guilty in July to one felony stalking count. He was been arrested and charged in February, then arrested again May 17 at his Scottsdale home after he again contacted the victim. He has been jailed since the second arrest and received credit for time served only since he entered his plea.

Belle's former girlfriend told police in January that she discovered a Global Positioning System tracking device that had fallen off her car. She also said Belle had threatened her.

A five-time All-Star outfielder, Belle hit 381 home runs in a 12-year career that began with the Cleveland Indians in 1989.

After perfect group record, US ready for knockout stage

SAPPORO, Japan - Now comes the hard part. The U.S. closed a perfect week of group play Thursday night by routing Senegal 103-58. But with more demanding games ahead, one stumble and this young but talented team will be out of the hunt for the country's first FIBA world championship title since 1994.

"We came over here to win the gold," center Dwight Howard said.
"The first game is Sunday, and we can start off on the right note."

The reward for winning Group D is substantial: The Americans won't have to face Argentina or Spain until the final. But there's a lot of basketball to be played before then.

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The U.S. faced only one tough test in Group D — Wednesday's 94-85 victory over Italy, which finished second. The competition will improve dramatically, although some teams aren't familiar to the Americans.

PGA

Scott leads by two after first day at Bridgestone

Woods, Donald shoot 67; Gore two behind

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Adam Scott has played better than anyone else in his last two rounds.

Now if he can just work on

his timing.

Four days after closing with a 67 for his best finish in a major, Scott made nine birdies over his last 12 holes Thursday for a 7-under 63, giving him a twoshot lead over Jason Gore and leaving him four shots clear of Tiger Woods in the Bridgestone Invitational.

Scott made his charge too late Sunday at Medinah to have any shot in the PGA Championship, where he tied for third.

Just his luck, they don't award the trophy on Thursday.

26-year-old the Australian appears headed in that direction, especially the way he kept his tee shots in the short grass at Firestone South, which enabled him to fire at the flags.

That was my hope coming into this week, to keep playing like I did last week," Scott said. "I just tried to keep working on the same stuff and got it going a little today. I hit a lot of good iron shots and really took the pressure off my putting by hitting them so close.'

Gore, who got into this World Golf Championship by winning the 84 Lumber Classic last year, played with an old friend from his junior golf days in California — Woods — and settled in quickly with a birdieeagle-birdie start. The highlight was a 4-wood that he aimed toward the center of the green on the par-5 second hole. He pulled it slightly left, and it wound up 2 feet from the hole.

It was the first time Gore has played with Woods on the PGA

"It's the first time I've played with him since he's been Tiger," Gore said. "Last time I played with him, he was still Eldrick."

Woods didn't look nearly as sharp as he was four days ago at Medinah, where he captured his 12th career major with a five-shot victory. He traded birdies and bogeys until finishing strong with wedges into 8 feet at No. 16 and 12 feet on No. 18 for a 67.

Lucas Glover checked in with a 66, freed from the pressure of his bid to make the Ryder Cup team. He was devastated when he wasn't a captain's pick Monday, blaming himself for his poor play this summer. But on his first trip to Firestone, he liked what he saw.

"You could have a major here tomorrow," he said.

This WGC event is for Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup players, along with the top 50 in the world and select winners of tournaments around the world. So it was tough on players such as Glover and Davis Love III to not be part of the Ryder Cup conversation.

"It felt horrible," Glover said of not being picked by captain Tom Lehman. "But I didn't deserve it. I'm going to ask Tom not now, but later — what I need to improve on. But the pressure is gone right now. I'm very relaxed because I don't have to think about it."

Love will not be playing on a U.S. cup team for the first time since 1991. He started strong for the second straight week, his momentum slowed on the 17th when he was stuck between a 7-iron and an 8-iron. He went with the 7-iron to a back flag and it hopped just over the green, leaving him a putt through the fringe to a green that ran quickly away from him. It led to bogey, but he still wound up with 67

'That's pretty much why I'm not on the Ryder Cup team, Love said. "I keep making little mistakes. I turned a 65 into a

Joining Love and Woods in the large group at 67 were Luke Donald, who played in the final group with Woods at Medinah last week; former U.S. Open champion Michael Campbell; David Toms, and David Howell of England.

Masters champion Phil Mickelson tends to shut it down this time of the year, and it showed. A week after a spotty performance in the PGA Championship, Mickelson bogeyed four of the final six holes for a 74.

Everyone was chasing Scott, who sure didn't look like anything special when he hit into the trees at No. 10 to start his round, had to chip back to the fairway and made bogey. Everything changed on the par-5 16th when he hit lob wedge into 5 feet, kicking off a string of birdies that shot him to the top of the leaderboard.

He made three straight birdies from inside 2 feet, one of them a two-putt birdie at No. 2, and the only other blemish came at No. 4, when he left a 40-foot birdie putt some 5 feet short and to the left, and was furious when his par putt caught the right edge.

"I could see I was swinging well, so I just had to be patient and wait for my chances," he

Woods is the defending champion and a four-time winner at Firestone, and he was pleased with birdies on two of the final three holes to at least stay in range of Scott.



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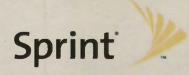
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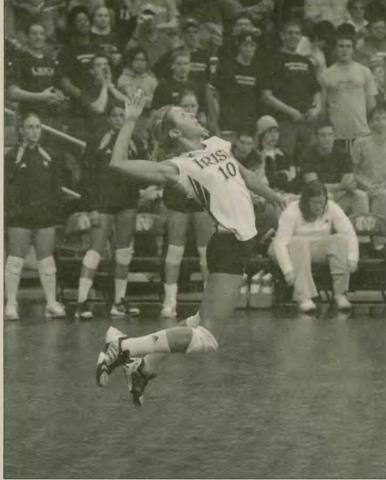
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish face Bowling Green in opener

Ranked No. 21, Notre Dame starts journey toward its 10th conference championship tonight



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Adrianna Stasiuk returns against Dayton in a 3-2 win in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Dec. 1.

"We have a top nine

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Debble Brown

Irish coach

By KYLE CASSILY Sports Writer

The quest for a tenth Big East title and another deep run into the NCAA Tournament starts Saturday night at the Joyce Center for No. 21 Notre Dame in its season opener against Bowling Green

The Irish are set to host their MAC opponents at 7 p.m. in the team's first match since

a 3-2 loss to Wisconsin in the N C A A Tournament round of 16 on Dec. 9.

The Falcons finished their 2005 season with an 18-14 record and concluded their

year with a 3-1 loss to Eastern Michigan in the quarterfinals of the MAC tournament. It will also be the first match of the year for Bowling Green.

"I do know that they have a lot of their players back, so they're bringing an experienced team," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "They're a strong team within the MAC, and I'm looking at it saying we got to come out and play well."

Bowling Green boasts a lone senior in Chrissy Gothke — as does Notre Dame, with senior captain Danielle Herndon — and five returning junior starters.

Gothke spent the majority of her time as a freshman at the libero position where she recorded a school record 497 digs. For the previous two seasons she has worked as a setter and outside hitter — everywhere but in the middle slot.

"It's always interesting the first match," Brown said. "You don't have tape, you don't know what the other team will bring. And how our young team will be able to make adjustments to things happening in the matchup."

Notre Dame hosts the Shamrock Invitational at the Joyce Center next weekend, and the match against the Falcons will be their only

tuneup. The Invitational will pit No. 6 Santa Clara and No. 13 Missouri against the Irish.

Also the season opener provides the premiere of a new formation for Notre Dame, as the team

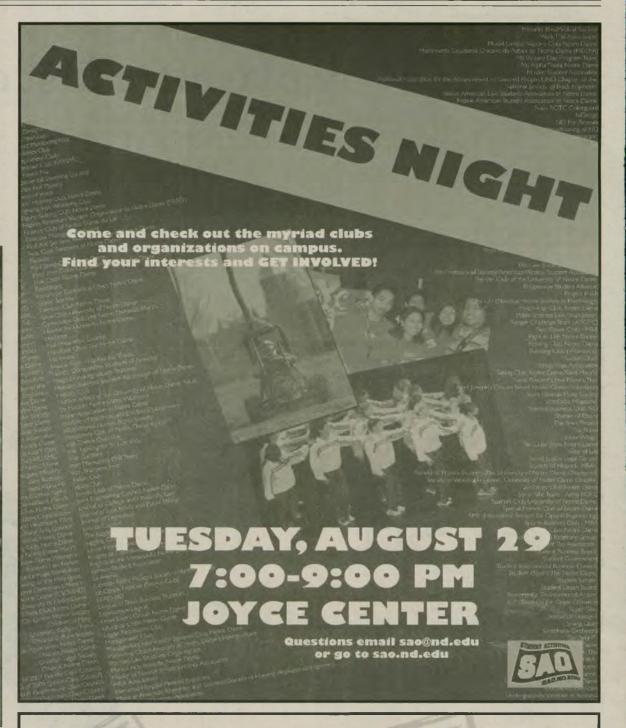
moves from the 6-2 set it had used previously to a 5-1 positioning.

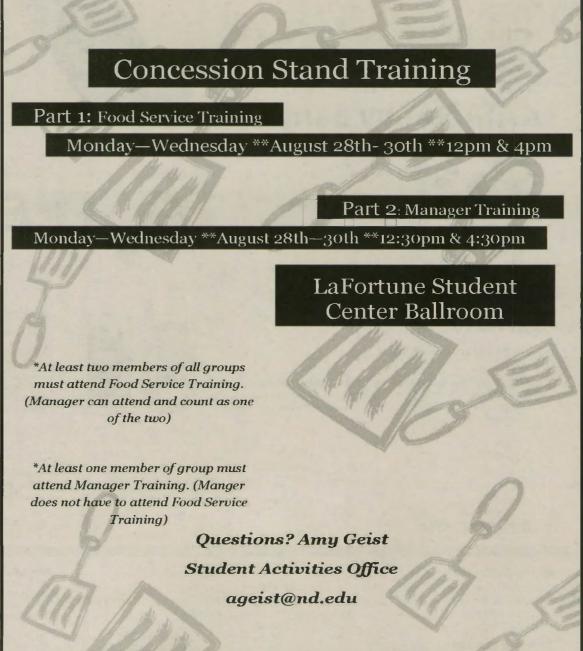
The 6-2 formation puts two setters at opposite ends of the rotation and creates a situation in which the front three are always in an attacking position

The 5-1 includes only one setter at any one time in the rotation, providing two attackers on the front line when the setter is positioned there and three attackers when she moves to the back.

"We have a top nine for sure and we're planning to play a little different system," Brown said of the players that will run the new system. "All nine are not considered substitutes. We feel pretty good with our top nine."

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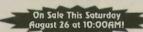
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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame victorious in Europe

Bass unbeaten on tour; Irish add new coach

By DEIRDRE KRASULA Sports Writer

After much-needed rest following their return from a European summer tour, the Irish hit the courts again Monday

The three-country, four-city tour concluded with a 9-2 victory over the Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club in downtown

The grass courts were just one of the different surfaces the players had to adjust to while playing in Europe.

"On the clay courts in Austria, the guys had to be more patient," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "In Ireland, we had to be more aggressive and play more up in the [grass] courts."

The opportunity to play at Fitzwilliam's facility was largely made possible by senior Barry King, a Dublin native who was the 18-and-under Irish champion and is a member of the Fitzwilliam club. The team also got a special tour of Dublin from the local teams.

"I treated it as more of an education, cultural experience than a tennis experience," Bayliss said. "We tried to make sure we saw everything of importance in cultural and historical value."

Notre Dame took its first six matches against the Fitzwilliam club Aug. 18. Senior captain Stephen Bass concluded his unbeaten tour with a win over Yale's Rory Green 6-4, 1-6, 1-0 (10-7). Bass also paired with sophomore Brett Helgeson at the No. 6 doubles spot and clinched another win for Notre Dame.

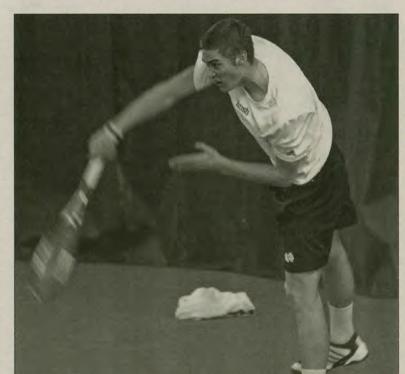
"The match Stephen played against the Austrian team was a playing highlight," Bayliss

Junior Sheeva Parbhu clinched a 7-5, 6-1 win in the No. 2 singles role. Helgeson and senior Vienna native Irackli Akhvlediani both won in the three and four singles positions.



JENNIFER KANG/The Observ

Senior Barry King prepares to return a volley against Wisconsin on Feb. 12, 2006.



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Brett Helgeson serves against Michigan State in a match on Feb. 15, 2006.

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King went undefeated on his native turf as he took No. 1 doubles with senior Ryan Keckley 6-0 and 6-3. King paired with Parbhu at the No. 4

doubles position to give the Irish a 7-6, (9-7), 6-3 v i c t o r y . Fitzwillams saw a slight glimmer of hope when it took the No. 3 and No. 7 doubles matches.

Notre Dame will look to carry its success on the European tour into the fall season.

The Irish lost two seniors but retained five of

their six returning starters. The Irish also have four new freshmen — Sean Corrigan from Long Island, Daniel Schafer from Kentucky, Takshi Yoshii from Tokyo and Graham King, brother of senior Barry, from Dublin

ublin
"That's a part of the process,

people graduate and move on and you pick up the slack," Bayliss said. "We still have the nucleus of a strong team."

Notre Dame also added a new

assistant coach, 2000 Notre Dame graduate Ryan Sachire. Sachire left the ATP a year ago became assistant coach at Baylor in the 2005-06 season. Sachire replaces Todd Doebler, who was named the head coach at Penn State July 27.

Bayliss said he is very excited to have Sachire and

the new class as members of the Irish team.

"Every year someone jumps out of the pack and surprises me," Bayliss said. "Hopefully it will be a pleasant surprise."

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Irish head coach Bobby Clark is pleased the team is being challenged right away. "It takes things up a little

bit from our exhibition games and gives us a feeling of where we are and what we've got to do," he said.

"It's also very important this early stage of the season to see where the team is both individually and collective-

Notre Dame returns nine of 11 starters from last year's team, but Clark cautioned that

the team must still perform on game days to be successful.

"As I always say to a team, just because they're a year older doesn't mean they're a year better," he said. "I do believe we have become quite a lot better because we've been working very hard, [and] we worked very hard the winter and spring."

The Irish are led this season by senior captain and

midfielder Greg Dalby and senior midfielder Ian Etherington, both of whom were named to the preseason All-Big East team. Dalby, who has started every game since entering Notre Dame as a freshman, was also named to the College Soccer News pre-

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season All-America first team and to the 25-man list of players eligible receive the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy, presented annually to the top men's soccer player in the country.

"He needs to do exactly what he did last year: be a good role model on the field and off

the field as he did last year," Clark said. "We don't need anything more special [out of him]."

Dalby should not feel pressure as the team's co-captain and star, Clark said.

Dalby and Etherington will be joined by junior Joe Lapira, who led the Irish last season with seven goals and five assists, as well as by senior defenseman Ryan Miller and senior forward Justin



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observe

Forward Joe Lapira beats a Hoosier defender to the ball in a 3-0 defeat to No. 5 Indiana on Oct. 26. The rivalry between the two in-state soccer powers will resume on Sept. 3.

McGeeney.

"When you've got a good senior group, they know that this is their last hurrah," Clark said. "They've learned not to let the pressure get to them, but

they're usually very aware of what they want to do and this is there last chance to do it."

The Irish also welcome a group of talented freshmen. Forward/midfielder Justin Morrow and Midfielder/defender Michael Thomas were both named to the College Soccer News list of "100 Freshmen to Watch," while forwards Tamba Samba and Dave Donohue have been impressive in Notre Dame's two preseason games. Samba scored the only goal in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Drake.

"All four boys did well [in the preseason]," Clark said. "Obviously there's a strong group to break in in front of, but they give you that nice depth. They're usually very excited and that can bring a special dynamic to the team."

Perhaps the biggest question mark for the Irish entering the season will be at goalkeeper, where senior Chris Cahill and sophomore

Andrew Quinn have split time

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> Bobby Clark Irish coach

in each of the team's preseason games. Clark, however, sees the team's goalkeeper situation as a posi-

tive rather

than a negative. "When

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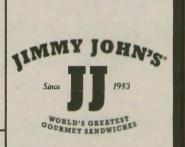
there's two very good goal-keepers, we could even be in a position where we could share the position a little bit more," he said. "It's a very nice position to have. No matter which one plays, I think we'll be fine. I think they both deserve some time so I think we'll try and make

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Midfielder Nate Norman, now a senior, carries the ball down the field during a 1-0 win over St. Louis University on Sept. 11, 2005.

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The only money from the proceeds that went into the athletic department this time, he said, were necessary costs the University encumbered by accepting the terms of a BCS berth. Among the costs were travel costs for the team and band, hotel expenses and receptions for alumni at the game required in the BCS con-

After subtracting the \$3.3 million in athletic department costs, the school awarded the

◆ \$3 million toward postgraduate student financial aid, including \$2 million for graduate student financial aid endowment and \$500,000 each for architecture graduate and master of business administration student aid;

◆ \$2.7 million in upgraded equipment for the Jordan Hall

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mer research slots; ◆ and \$1 million toward job placement services for the spouses of new hirees.

Affleck-Graves said those five projects received the extra money because they are among the most important and exciting projects on campus. He said the \$2.7 million spent on the Jordan Hall of Science would minimize the amount of old equipment simply transferred there from existing labs by allowing the University to

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John Affleck-Graves

executive vice president

purchase new materials for the hall's labs. Affleck-Graves called the \$1 million on job placement services for the spous-

es of new

hirees "important" and

"exciting." To attract the highest caliber professors, he said, the University must try to help job candidates in dual-income families find opportunities for the non-professor spouse. That, he said, can be tough at

"The South Bend market is not the most attractive job market in the world, especially

for professionals," Affleck-Graves said. "It is an issue, and it has been an issue [with potential hires].

He said this infusion of money into the program would provide more structure school to help in job search-

In the letter to faculty, Jenkins contrasted how Notre Dame's athletic department

subsidizes its academic institutions with the way other schools use their "general operating budget" to help fund

"Our athletic department provides significant resources for the academy every year, even when the team does not participate in a bowl," Jenkins

said in the letter. Affleck-Graves echoed those

"Our athletic department

brings in revenues to give

back to the University.

That is something that is

nearly unheard of in

higher education."

John Affleck-Graves

executive vice president

sentiments, saying Fiesta Bowl surplus is on top of the average million dollars the athletic department contributes to the academic institution

"Our athletic department brings in rev-

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"That is something that is nearly unheard of in higher

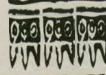
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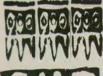














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Soccer

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out of this weekend's contests due to pulled leg muscles.

"[Their injuries are] just little pulls, but they're nagging enough that they're going to be very limited this weekend,"

"It's time for those kids to

step up and hopefully do

that job for us. It certainly

gives them an opportunity

to show us that they

should be playing more."

Randy Waldrum

Irish coach

Waldrum said of Lorenzen and Hanks. "We can't risk them with Santa Clara and USC coming in next week."

Also out for the Irish are sophom o r e

defender Kerry Inglis, who had foot surgery and will miss the next few weeks, freshman midfielder Courtney Rosen and senior goalkeeper Nikki Westfall.

Westfall was supposed to complete for the starting goalie position left vacant by four-year starter Erika Bohn, but with her sidelined the job has come down to junior Lauren Karas and freshman Kelsey Lysander.

Waldrum said Karas and Lysander will both see significant playing time against the Cyclones and Rebels.

"We're waiting to see whether one of those two completely separates from the other," Waldrum said. "It's great that the competition's close, but at the same time, after we've been going for a

few weeks you'd like to see one separate."

With so many injuries, young players have been forced into starting spots, especially at defense, where Dew, Lorenzen and Inglis will all be significant contributors when they return.

Waldrum said his back wall for this weekend will likely

feature junior
Ashley Jones
and senior
C h r i s t i e
Shaner along
with two
freshmen
Amanda Clark
and Haley

Ford.
Clark and
Ford's only
collegiate
experience has
been in Notre

Dame's two exhibition games

— a 3-0 win over Virginia Aug.
16 and a 5-0 win over Xavier

Aug.17.
Waldrum said the upside to young players being thrown in so quickly is they will provide experienced depth when the upperclassmen return.

"It's time for those kids to step up and hopefully do that job for us," Waldrum said. "It certainly gives them an opportunity to show us that they should be playing more."

Iowa State, who will also be playing its first game Saturday, went 11-7-3 last year — the team's best record in four years under coach Rebecca Hornbacher. The Cyclones' 6-3-1 conference record was good enough to earn them a tie for second in the Big 12 and the school's first-ever



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Forward Kerri Hanks splits two DePaul defenders in a 6-0 win on Sept. 16, 2005. Hanks had two goals and two assists in the game.

NCAA tournament berth.

Ole Miss, who opens its season with Sunday's game against the Irish, finished last season 14-5-2, losing to Pepperdine 1-0 in the first round of the NCAAs.

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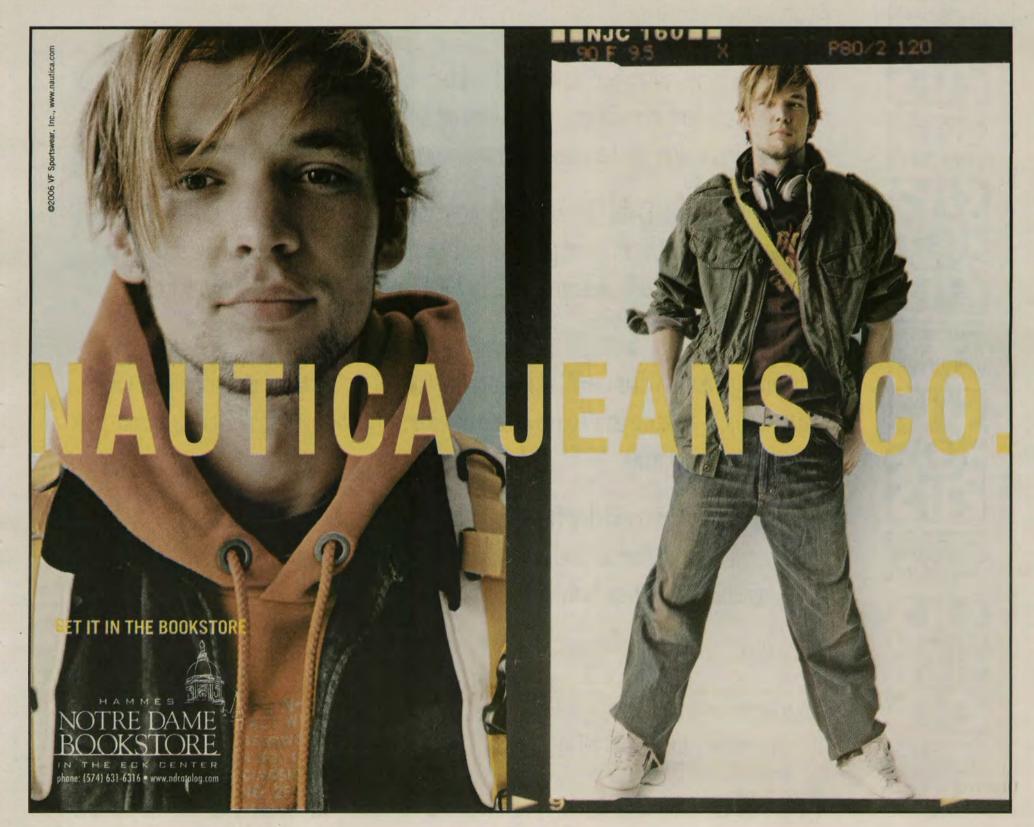
◆ This weekend marks the only time during the regular

season that the Irish will compete in back-to-back days. Waldrum said the scheduling is worrisome given the number of the Notre Dame injuries and the potential for hot, muggy weather in Oxford.

"I'm really, really concerned about [playing on back to back days]," he said. "It's difficult. We have to play Saturday and then turn around and fly to Mississippi where it's going to be about 100 degrees."

◆ The Iowa State game will kick off at 1 p.m. Saturday at Alumni Field. The Ole Miss game in Oxford will begin at noon.

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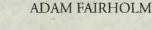


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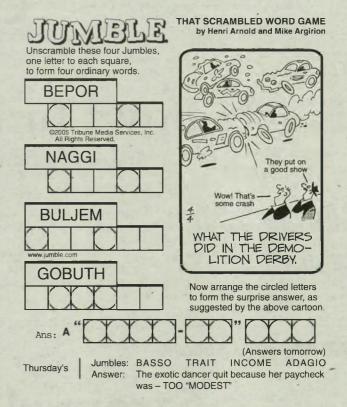
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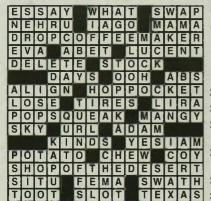
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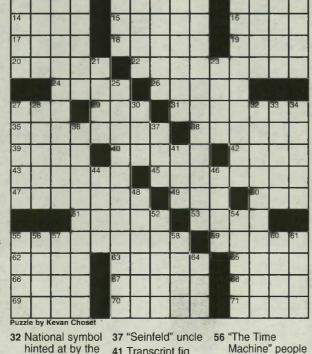
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Rupert Grint, 18; Dave Chappelle, 33; Marlee Matlin, 41; Steve Guttenberg, 48

Happy Birthday: You will be tempted to take a leap of faith this year but that may end up costing you. Be fully prepared and know what you are getting into. Follow your intuition. Your numbers are 1, 7, 12, 22, 39, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be torn between doing things the easy way and putting an all-out effort into something worthwhile. Don't let your laziness lead you to neglect your responsibilities. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Networking will pay off. Take a fun approach to what you do and you will seal any deal you've been trying to get off the ground. Don't let children or other people you are responsible for stop you from taking care of business

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have a strong hold on the outcome of anything you get involved in today. You can make changes at home with the help of neighbors and friends. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make a professional change or sign up for a course that will influence the way you make money today. Your enthusiasm will allow you to get the full benefit of what someone else is trying to teach you. 3 stars LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Everyone will be looking to you for advice and direction.

The way you handle the people around you will determine how far you will get in the future -- with those you work with as well as those you play with. 3 stars VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't be upset if you can't get a straight answer. Figure

things out for yourself today. Someone you have to deal with will be a waste of your time. 3 stars LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You've got everyone's attention so do your thing. You will

be able to make headway, change opinions and make reforms. Your involvement with others will make you realize what you can do to get ahead. 4 stars SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful how you handle others. Just when you think

you have a deal in the bag, you will discover that someone has thrown a wrench in your plans. Overindulgence will hold you back. $2 \, \mathrm{stars}$ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't trust anyone else with your ideas or your

cash. You will be subject to mistreatment if you travel to unsafe places. 2 stars CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Regardless of what others think, follow through

with what you know you must do. Let others do their own thing. 5 stars AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your innovative ways and ability to adapt to whatever comes your way will help you do what's right. Even if you don't like the initial outcome, it will turn out to be in your favor. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be explosive, dynamic and will get a lot done today. If you are too harsh in handling others, you can also expect a backlash. 2 stars

Birthday Baby: In some ways you are practical and in others you are not. You tend to change your mind a lot but are disciplined, articulate and intelligent. That usually helps you win out in the end.

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FOOTBALL

Fiesta Bowl funds go to academic priorities

By KEN FOWLER Sports Editor

With Irish quarterback Brady Quinn celebrating on the field, ABC's production team flashed a graphic on the television screen after Notre Dame's 38-31 victory over Stanford last November, indi-

cating that the win earned the school \$14.5 million in Bowl Championship Series (BCS) revenues

But it took until after the University's fiscal year ended June 30 to decide how the money made from the team's Fiesta Bowl appearance would be spent - on books, not footweek, University President Jenkins Father John announced the breakdown of allocations from that surplus.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said Thursday Jenkins and University Provost Thomas Burish began discussing the allocation of the proceeds

In a letter sent to faculty last after the school closed its books for the fiscal year. He said Notre Dame's standard procedure is to reinvest all the money profited from the bowl appearance into academic pursuits.

"Whenever we go to a major bowl game like this, we are usually going to have a surplus," Affleck-Graves said.

"Everybody should recognize the role that athletics plays in our community.

He said the athletic department has now subsidized the university's general fund with more than \$80 million in bowl proceeds since Notre Dame's first post-season appearance

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Strained at the start

Despite four key injuries, the Irish have a positive outlook as they begin the 2006 season

By CHRIS KHOREY

Associate Sports Editor

The season hasn't started yet, but Notre Dame has already been bitten by the

injury bug. Already missing sophomores Carrie Dew and Brittany Bock, who are in Moscow competing

U-20 the World Championships, No.5 Notre Dame will be without two other starters and several other players as it opens the regular season Saturday against Iowa State at Alumni Field before traveling to Oxford, Miss. to play No. 24 Ole Miss Sunday.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said senior defender Kim Lorenzen and sophomore forward Kerri Hanks will be held

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Amanda Cinalli evades a Connecticut defender on Oct. 14, 2005 in a 4-0 Irish win. The Notre Dame forward tallied one assist against the Huskies.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish host season's first game

By ERIC RETTER Associate Sports Editor

The Sweet 16 is in the past, and Notre Dame is firmly grounded in the present.

Tonight, the Irish kick off the fifth annual Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament, and the team is focused on this season, hoping that the offseason work pays off into an even deeper tournament run.

The team will play UAB at 7:30 p.m. tonight before facing No. 8 Creighton at 2 p.m. Sunday. No. 12 Indiana will also compete in the tournament.

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FOOTBALL

Lineman's father passes; squad mourns for Morton family



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer Offensive lineman Bob Morton speaks to the media

By BOBBY GRIFFIN Sports Writer

Notre Dame offensive guard Bob Morton, an integral part of an Irish offensive line that returns four starters from last season, will not be with the team Saturday through Tuesday when he travels home for his father's funeral in Texas.

Robert Morton, who played college football at Rutgers, died Tuesday of stomach cancer at 55. Irish head coach Charlie Weis said the offensive lineman decided to wait until after today's scrimmage to return to his home in McKinney, Texas.

Weis spoke about Bob Morton Sr.'s death for the first time in his postpractice interview Thursday.

"He had told his mom that he could not go home until after we had finished our scrimmage Friday night," Weis said. "So he's going to go home Saturday and come back Tuesday because the service is on Monday."

Robert Morton began experiencing stomach pains one month ago and was initially informed he had acid reflux and indigestion. It was not until his medications failed and he returned to the doctor that he learned it was cancer.

Bob Morton was able to visit his father before his death, one week before the start of training camp. The offensive lineman was unsure of his father's outlook, but knew the disease was in its late stages after the cancer had spread from the stomach into the lymphatic system and lungs.

"Coach Weis blessed me with the opportunity to fly home and see my family," Bob Morton said after practice Thursday. "I was able to fly home

and spent a lot of quality time with my dad."

Morton remained positive after Weis introduced him to the media Thursday despite how quickly his father's illness progressed. He thanked his friends, family, teammates and Weis for their support and God for not letting his father suffer

"My faith in Christ continues to give me hope," Morton said. "Hope that my father is no longer in pain, which I know. Hope that there is a meaning to everything that he went through. And hope that there is meaning in every step I take.

So that word right there — hope is the biggest thing I continue to derive from that."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Thursday night about the death of his father.

Irish return from **Europe victorious**

The team was able to enjoy tennis as well as the cultural side of a tour of Europe.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Bowling Green at Notre Dame

Tonight, 7 p.m.

The Irish take on the Falcons tonight at the Joyce Center.

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PGA

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Japan 4 Saudi Arabia 1 Adam Scott leads the Bridgestone Invitational

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Pitcher Ryoya Sato's after shooting a firstefforts led Japan to the International final of the Little League World Series.

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MLB - AL

Chicago 10 Detroit 0

Jon Garland had his fifth complete-game shutout and Jermaine Dye homered twice in a win over the Tigers.

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MLB -- NL

Milwaukee 12 Colorado 6

Tomo Ohka and first baseman Prince Fielder combined for six RBIs in the win for Milwaukee.

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Back to Basics

The sure way for Notre Dame to win big in 2006 is to focus on the little things.

Defensive backs coach Bill Lewis instructs senior cornerback
Ambrose Wooden on Cartier Field Thursday.

Some things are surefire, but the unknowns matter

Brady Quinn will have more interview requests than touchdown passes.

Tim McCarthy will appear at the end of the third quarter.

Tom Zbikowski will scare people.

Those are just a few simple, boring facts about the upcoming season.

It's the unknowns that should

make 2006 entertaining ...

• Will Mike Richardson and Ambrose Wooden keep their jobs? A touted tandem of recruits entered the secondary battle this summer when Darrin Walls and Raeshon McNeil arrived on campus. Weis insists that the best play-

Mike Gilloon

Sports Writer

ers will play.
Richardson's seniority and
Wooden's athleticism should
keep them in the starting lineup. The best part is the push
the two frosh will give the veterans in practice — a little
competition always leads to
improvement.

◆ Will Ronald Talley utilize the double teams faced by Victor Abiamiri and disrupt his side of the line of scrimmage?

Abiamiri has the recognition that goes along with being a Parade High School All-American and having the name 'Victor'. But outside of his Alley in Alumni Hall, Talley is known only as No. 99 to opposing offenses. He needs to push the line of scrimmage backward and force teams to commit two blockers to him—just like Abiamiri.

◆ Can Travis Thomas lead the defense like Brandon Hoyte did a season ago? The Notre Dame defense surrendered many more yards than it wanted to in 2005, but it wasn't for lack of toughness from the captain Hoyte and teammate Corey Mays.

With those two gone, Thomas will need to direct a unit that gave up 617 yards in the Fiesta Bowl – a game in which Thomas suited up at running back.

◆ Can Rhema McKnight return to form? The smart, speedy receiver hasn't played in a game since last September's Michigan contest. It should take him a week or two to shake off some rust, but he has the hands to be as reliable as Samardzija.

McKnight had only two games last season under Weis. If he stays healthy, there won't be a secondary in the nation that can shut down McKnight, Samardzija and Quinn.

♦ How will experience affect the kickoff returners? David Grimes and George West have 26 minutes of playing time between the two of them. Grimes showed he had talent in several returns last season, but will their youth hurt them when the lights - and pressure - turn on at Georgia Tech.

◆ Can Weis control Irish egos?

A summer spent soaking up applause from Wrigley Field to Madison Square Garden means No. 83, No. 10 and No. 9 jerseys are flying off the racks in the Bookstore.

But does all the attention create focused athletes?

Weis' biggest challenge is keeping Samardzija, Quinn and Zbikowski from believing their press clippings.

Quinn should have no problem. His golden Sports Illustrated cover doesn't surprise him — any successful Notre Dame quarterback will receive loads of media attention.

And after getting pounded by everyone from Purdue to Pittsburgh during the Willingham era, Quinn is too sick of Josing to let it happen

sick of losing to let it happen.
For Notre Dame to survive a
Yellow Jacket-Nittany LionWolverine-Spartan September,
Samardzija and Zbikowski
must turn belief in their own
abilities into belief in the
team.

They handled last season's relatively mild attention with class.

Now that they're arguably the two biggest celebrities in college football, they will need Weis more than ever to keep them grounded.

Will Notre Dame win its 12th



KELLY HIGGII

Notre Dame freshman George West runs a drill during the team's practice on Cartier Field Aug. 17. West and sophomore David Grimes must be solid on kick returns for the Irish this year.

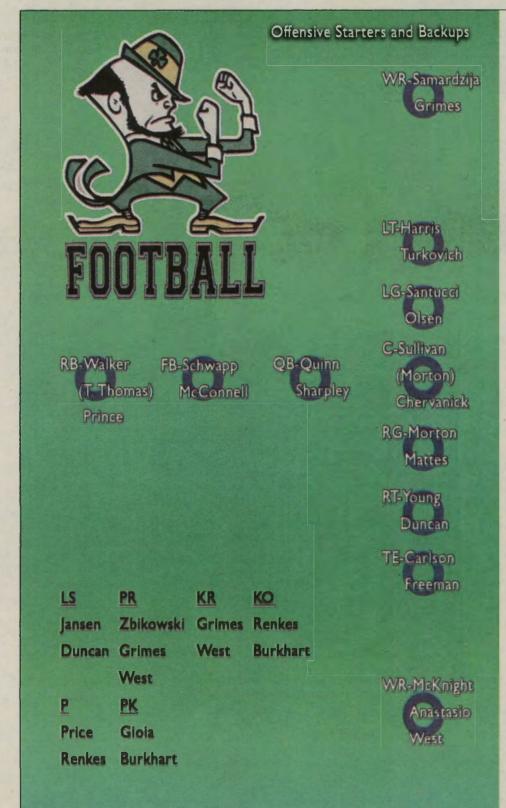
national championship? Vegas says it's a safe bet. But for every pre-season magazine that has high expectations for the Irish, there is a reason to think they will fall short.

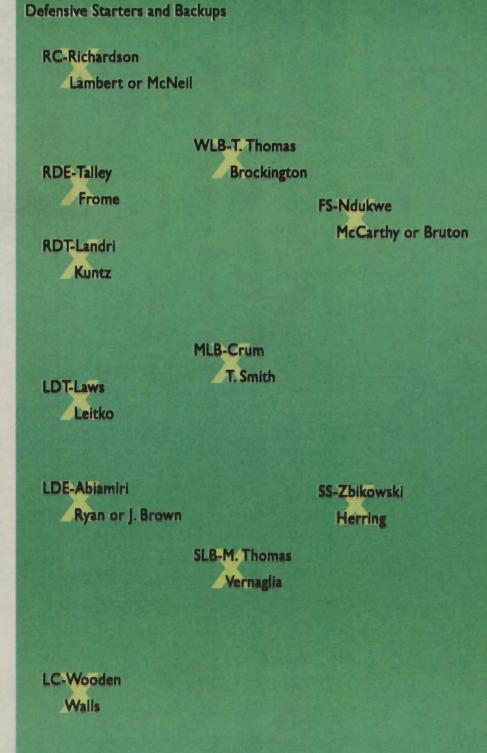
That doesn't phase Weis. Nine and three wasn't good enough for him last season. Twelve and one won't do this year.

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Weis goes beyond mere fundamentals in year two

Freshmen take lessons from veterans on Irish squad with high hopes

By KATE GALES Associate Sports Editor

With some players fresh out of high school and one contending for the Heisman, there is quite a range of ability on the practice field

But Irish coach Charlie Weis hasn't let anyone off easy.

Although returning players have become more comfortable in Weis' high-powered offense, the defense is changing as well — adding Travis Thomas as a linebacker and featuring a slimmed-down Chinedum Ndukwe at safety.

Returning players going beyond last year

Although most of the personnel is the same, fall camp had a different feel than last year.

"I think [the players] were more ready for camp," Weis said. "There are fewer surprises for them. They know what's going to get me mad.

"Every one of the guys who was here involved last year is now moved past a stage where the first thing they have to do is learn what to do," Weis said. "Now they can actually work on doing it better.'

And doing it better without having to think of how to do it. "If a receiver knows what

route to run, now he's not thinking 'how do I run this

route,' now he's thinking about how to run the route, not what route to run," Weis As a running back, you would

"They're on higher

Along with increasing the comfort level within the offense, Weis offered practical suggestions to the team.

Last year, he recommended that former-Irish wide receiver Maurice Stovall trim

down, and the results were clear. In 2005, Stovall caught 69 passes for 1,149 yards and 11 touchdowns, capping his season with a selection by Tampa Bay in the third round of April's NFL

Ndukwe is hoping for comparable results on the other side of

With his job in the secondary secure, the free safety lost nearly 20 pounds over the offseason, Weight loss can help with the most basic concerns of a football player — trimming down can mean more speed, more efficiency and more playing time.

Travis Thomas backed up running back Darius Walker in 2005, but is projected to start at weakside linebacker this season.

The position change could be a natural fit for Thomas.

"I definitely like to hit," he

said at Media Day in August. 'That is why I play this game.

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> **Charlie Weis** Irish coach

the field."

attempt to avoid contact, but I don't mind it personally. I just game."

To Weis, Thomas defensive background from school as well as his talent for tackling - as demonstrated on special teams convinced that

Thomas could see success on both sides of the ball

Freshmen adjust to college

Freshman kicker Ryan Burkhart said the challenges in adjusting to college football are anything but basic.

"It's a growing process," he said. "It's a different level than high school."

But with the graduation of last year's kicker/punter D.J. Fitzpatrick, Burkhart might find himself in the spotlight quickly. He is currently second on the depth chart and is one poor performance away from starting.

"[Playing for Notre Dame] is a dream and you're just trying to earn the respect of your teammates — just accomplish your goals and try to get some playing time," he said.



Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis instructs freshman quarterback **Demetrius Jones during practice on Cartier Field Wednesday.** Jones has been battling for the backup quarterback spot.

quarterback Demetrius Jones understands the difference between playing for Notre Dame and his Chicago high school. But some things in football remain the same at all

"I've been playing football pretty much all my life so it's not really that much different ... how can I put this — the aroma of the team — everybody wants to get better, everybody wants to work hard," he said. "And we all share the same common goals."

Weis has high expectations for

his highly touted freshmen, but recognizes that the fine-tuning of college football could take

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2006 Season Predictions



Ken Fowler **Sports Editor**

ND Prediction: 12-1

Bowl Win National Championship

If Darius Walker can continue to pick up the blitz like he has in the past, Notre Dame will have a season to remember. Protecting Brady Quinn will be at a premium this season, as Irish hopes rest on the right arm of the Dublin, Ohio, product

Ouinn delivered unprecedented success in 2005, throwing 32 touchdown passes to just seven interceptions, and coach Charlie Weis thinks he can be even better this year. If he is — and that depends heavily on the pass protection against hungry linebackers his running backs provide — the Irish should tear through the weak secondary of Georgia Tech and the untested Penn State

Michigan will be the trap game for the Irish, coming off an emotional win in the home opener. The Wolverines can pull off an upset win unless Quinn leads the Irish on a late-game drive to seal an emotional victory. But that's no given.

After taking care of the rest of their schedule, including a fulfilling win over USC, the Irish will meet Ohio State in the title game. With a solid victory in Arizona over the unbeaten Buckeyes, the 2006 team will capture the program's 12th championship.

The Irish have become the trendy pick this season after grazing numerous offseason magazine covers, to the point where even ESPN commentator Mark May has one foot on the South Bend bandwagon.

But hype means nothing if a team cannot execute on the field and this year's Irish seem to be well adjused enough to handle the pressure.

Provided Notre Dame can get through it's first four games, it could cruise into the Coliseum where head coach Charlie Weis will remind USC head coach Pete Carroll of their old NFL pecking order.

An undefeated West Virginia squad, led by one of the most underrated coaches in the country (Rich Rodriguez), will prove to be a tough opponent.

But what better to mark Notre Dame's first title since '88 than by beating the same team. And in the process, Weis will do something that not even Rockne, Leahy, Parsegian or Holtz could accomplish - win the national title in only his second year as head coach.



Bobby Griffin Sports Writer

ND Prediction:

Bowl Win. National Championship



Kate Gales Associate Sports Editor

ND Prediction:

Bowl Loss

Anything less than a national championship is a disappointment at Notre Dame, and that's the way it should be. But it's not going to happen this year.

The Irish will cruise in Atlanta and dominate every aspect of the Penn State game. But Michigan has been waiting for Notre Dame's clay feet to hit the ground, and will seize the opportunity for payback this year. Notre Dame will recover and finish the season on a high note with a win in the Coliseum. With this year's wide-open title race, that should guarantee the Irish a chance to compete for the big prize. But again, Notre Dame will fall short in the Arizona desert, this time to LSU.

This Irish team has seasoned veterans on both sides of the ball. Rhema McKnight will make Brady Quinn look like a new quarterback all over again, and the pass rush will be one of the nation's most formidable. The secondary could turn into a strength and the offensive line is an anchor.

In a perfect world, Notre Dame could get every bounce this year. But that regular-season loss will rankle even the staunchest fans. And a team traditionally over-matched in bowl games won't find an easy route to the crystal trophy this year. A title could happen for Notre Dame. But not in January.

After spending most of its summer vacation in South Bend, Notre Dame can make plans for a New Year's matchup with a few Gators in Arizona.

And unlike last season's fiasco against Ohio State, this year's desert trip will be sunny.

As expected, Brady Quinn will win the Heisman Trophy by throwing touchdowns to Jeff Samardzija behind a veteran offensive line.

Travis Thomas' move to linebacker will add much-needed athleticism to the defense and won't take too much away from the running game, as Darius Walker can carry the load

Still, Quinn won't take the Irish to their 12th national title without help from the defense, where the most important player is on the sidelines. Bill Lewis, one of the best defensive backs coaches in the country, will prove that cornerbacks Mike Richardson and Ambrose Wooden are tougher than the stat sheet shows — and the secondary's numbers will improve.

These factors, and a few fortunate breaks, mean Notre Dame beats Chris Leak and Florida for its first national championship

Maybe then Urban Meyer will realize that winning is still possible under the Dome.



Mike Gilloon **Sports Writer**

ND Prediction: 13-0

Bowl Win, National Championship

Three simple, shorter steps work for Price

Senior worked on consistency, power over summer preparing, to take lead role in crucial punting game

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Geoff Price laid a towel on the ground, took three short steps back and became a better punter.

The concept was that simple, but the realization of his goals was not — it took hours of work

on Price's part to see his labor finally come to fruition.

Price needed to shorten his strides and kick the ball quicker after receiving the snap to increase his length, consistency and trajectory.

So he used a simple mechanism to implement the idea.

"I would put a towel on the ground and take three steps back like a kicker taking a field goal," Price said. "Then I had to get the ball off before I got [to the towel]."

Price's problem before this spring was that he had taken long steps throughout his punting career, and that routine became a "bad habit."

And for the past three seasons, Price's bad habit had the luxury of hiding behind the usually consistent punting of D.J. Fitzpatrick, who delivered all but one of Notre Dame's punts during the 2005-06 season. (Brady Quinn's 48-yard boot against Stanford was the lone kick Fitzpatrick did not attempt.)

But now the senior Price is front and center in the punting game.

The "bad habit" became a serious problem.

"There was a technical flaw that needed to get fixed," special teams coach Brian Polian said.

So Polian used a familiar face to help deliver Price the message that he had to change.

Polian contacted Hunter Smith, a former Notre Dame standout and now a Pro Bowl punter with the Indianapolis Colts. Because of NCAA rules, Smith cannot work directly with Price, but the two had several conversations on punting techniques.

"It's not that Hunter shared any great secret with him, that Hunter unlocked the key to any door," Polian said. "I think sometimes it's just very effective to hear it from another voice because I just become noise

once in a while. ... And to have somebody who was a Domer and does it in the NFL, that holds a lot of water."

Price took Smith's advice — which was much the same as Polian's, but from a fresh source — and worked through-

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Irish punter

spring and summer to improve. Price said it has taken countless repetitions but has paid off.

Special teams captain Travis Thomas thinks so.

"He's been averaging

about forty-eight yards a punt during all of camp," Thomas said after Notre Dame's practice Tuesday. "The thing with Geoff is, when he's relaxed, he's much better."

Thomas said Price's confidence in his new delivery has allowed him to relax and kick better. One of his jobs as special teams captain, Thomas said, is to keep Price in the right state of mind so he can kick his best.

Price thinks he can stay in a comfortable zone.

One person who tested that was Irish head coach Charlie Weis.

"Him just standing back there talking to me while I'm trying to kick, that's worse than anything," Price said. "[With] Georgia Tech coming up, I'm

not scared of 80,000 people [or] national television. I'm scared of Weis two yards behind me just chirping in my ear, saying all the things he can, trying to get me to mess up."

Price said Weis told him the team's nighttime scrimmage in

Notre Dame Stadium Aug. 14 was his "one shot" to prove what he's got.

A day after Price said that, Weis claimed the punter was exaggerating

ing.
Either way,
Price delivered that

night. He estimated an average of 56 yards a kick.

Price isn't satisfied with that, though. He said he is willing to sacrifice a few yards if he can heighten his ball flight to avoid out-kicking his coverage.

He said he'll continue to work on trajectory throughout practices leading up to the Georgia Tech game and beyond.

But his teammates and coaches say he's a different punter than he was a year ago.

"To see the way his improvement has continued has been very encouraging," Polian said.

And Polian knows where the improvement came from.

Just three short steps.

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Senior punter Geoff Price practices during Notre Dame's session Wednesday afternoon on Cartier Field. Price will take over punting duties this season from D.J. Fitzpatrick.

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