**Tragedy prompts campus action**

Jenkins e-mail explains

By KEN FOWLER

News Writer

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

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**LGBTQ activists take new approach**

By EVA BINDA

News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

“I think it’s a great event. […] It’s widespread and I’m excited we’re a voice,” she said.

**Sorin sends students to Uganda**

Men’s dorm raises funds for St. Jude

By JOHN PAUL WITT

News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

Reidy said his most important task was to teach and work with students at the school.

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**The Shirt 2007 to be revealed**

By GENE NOONE

News Writer

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

The Shirt will be revealed to Notre Dame football fans this afternoon at the Hammes Bookstore. Celebrating 18 years of the project, this year’s The Shirt will be “special,” said sophomores Brad Lenzy, president of The Shirt committee.

“When designing The Shirt, we wanted to incorporate all that is the Notre Dame football experience,” he said. “We wanted to bring everything together, show others what The Shirt 2007 is all about.”

**Notre Dame alumnus part of Pulitzer team**

By ROB FINCH

News Writer

By JOHN PAUL WITT

News Writer

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

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

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

“We were trying to give readers an idea of where the car was found with the rest of the family and the surrounding terrain,” Finch said. “We got GPS coordinates for where the car was [and] used that along with narration and still photographs in try to explain to people what happened and how the case unfolded.”
**Inside Column**

Força Barça

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

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

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

Instead? He calls Ronaldinho alone is wonderful too. Messi alone is wonderful too. What Ronaldinho and Messi together, however, and the wonderfulness exceeds.

Why won’t coach Rijkaard let Saviola play more? I can understand Saviola’s manwich payback could create rivalries within the team, but sheltering him can’t be the solution. My heart weeps when I see his youth and skill squandered. Rijkaard, you’re killing a single digit.

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

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

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

It is said that I only wake up every morning because I know it brings me one day closer to the next Real Madrid-Barcelona game? No, it’s not sad because Barcelona is “más que un club.”

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and Column are those of the author and

**From the Editor**

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

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

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

**Corrections**

The Observer regrets any professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have noticed a mistake, please contact us at obsnews@nd.edu so we can correct our error.

**Question of the Day:**

What slogan would you put on The Shirt?

- Johanna Kirsch, Freshmen McNiff
- Andy Tran, Freshman Carroll
- Catlin Brown, Freshman Batdin
- Sean McGowan, Senior Siegfried
- Michael Nadoroff, Senior Fisher
- Tim Falvey, Senior Dillon

**God says we’re gonna win. He told me ‘cause I go to Notre Dame.”

- “Fight me, I’m Irish.”
- “Kiss me, I’m Irish.”
- “Maybe this year we can make a mediocre bowl and actually win.”
- “The second coming of J.C. Jimmy Clausen that is.”
- “Charlie Rice – Not Charlie Weis 1 and 2.”

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

**Offbeat**

School to have Port-A-Party prom

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

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

Prom coordinator Whitney Whitehead said students have reacted well, remarking that they would be sure to pose for photographs in front of the “deluxe” portable toilets for their senior books.

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

Dad makes son wear sign for using drugs

KNOXVILLE, Iowa. — A father says he wasn’t trying to shame his 14-year-old son when he made the boy wear a large sandwich-board sign saying, “I abused and sold drugs.”

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

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**In Brief**

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

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

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

Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will give their spring concert today at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are available at the door. They are $2 for students and $7 for other guests.

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

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

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

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
SMC hosts annual dance marathon for hospital

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

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

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

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

Last year, Saint Mary’s raised $21,047.42 during its first ever marathon. Not only did the marathon raise the most money for a new dance marathon, including selling sweatshirts and holding a Battle of the Bands in December.

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

“We chose for it to be a surprise,” Voos said.

The organizers aim to beat their slogan, in town for the annual Blue-Gold spring football game. The game squares members of the team against each other in a bout that will give fans a taste of what to expect for next year and who will do well. I don’t expect Brady Quinn gone, it will be interesting to see where the spotlight will shine.”

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Fans flock to Blue-Gold

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

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

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

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

After a coin toss Wednesday, starting positions were conferred to early-entry freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen and rising sophomore Zach Frazer. Frazer’s classmate Demetrious Jones and rising junior Evan Sharpley lost their tosses for the Blue and Gold teams, respectively. The four are competing to replace former Irish standout Brady Quinn, who is preparing for the NFL Draft, which starts April 28.

Clausen, Frazer, Jones and Sharpley will alternate series.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We do think we have very qualified people here. We have licensed psychologists who are experts in college student development," Steibe-Pasalich said. The recently renovated UCC is located on the third floor of Saint Liam Hall — includes group and individual counseling rooms, a conference room and a library. The Inner Resource Room, which is the gift of the Class of 2004, includes a massage chair, biofeedback technology and soft couches to help control breathing and increase relaxation. While noise machines in the halls keep counseling private and confidential. There are also rooms in which students can complete a therapy exercise paper work.

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

Of all the students Steibe-Pasalich said that 47 percent of students last year reported depression, according to Steibe-Pasalich. Twenty-seven percent of students reported anxiety.

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

"I think it's really just not feeling good — feeling down, feeling depressed, feeling anxious — that brings students in, and the reasons for that could be all over the board," the woman said. Last year, 19 percent of students who visited the UCC reported academic adjustment as an issue.

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

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

The UCC, which sees slightly more females than males, has a light box to help with its Inner Resources Room.

"We don't refer out many students," Steibe-Pasalich said. "We are the experts. We do the assessment. We do the intake. We do the counseling. We do the referral. We do the document. That is usually the student that meets twice a week — discusses a student's case to determine whether the UCC is the best place for the student to receive help, Steibe-Pasalich said.

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

"We have a walk-in service. If a student or someone concerned for a student can't wait to come in for a scheduled appointment," she said. "We have a 247 emergency call service. One of us is always available to help a student in distress... Our availability is paramount, I think."

Counselors are available by the call system to answer phone calls from students or anybody who may be concerned about a student. Students who are in distress themselves, have concerns about another distressed student, or are wondering what to do in the event that another student displays violent tendencies are encouraged to call 631-7336 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and request to speak with a "warm line" counselor.

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

In addition to helping students, the counselors also advise faculty and staff on dealing with students. "We're also consultants to faculty and staff who need advice on handling a distressed student," Steibe-Pasalich said.

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Suicide bomb rips Baghdad

Baghdad — A suicide bomber slipped past security barriers to penetrate Baghdad’s heavy security presence, a day after more than 230 people died in the worst spasm of major violence in Iraq’s capital.

The attack in a mostly Shiite district showed yet another ability of insurgents to penetrate Baghdad’s security umbrella, a day after Defense Secretary Robert Gates landed in Baghdad on Thursday to deliver a sharp message to Iraqi political leaders: The U.S. military’s commitment to the war is not open-ended.

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

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

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

The House and Senate have failed to stop the use of child soldiers merging forces of former warlords into the regular army without weeding out notorious leaders in Iraq by Baghdad’s heavy security presence, a day after his plan in January to increase American troop levels in Iraq by "open battle." Gonzales struggles to sway skeptics

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales confronted a fresh Republican call for his resignation Thursday after making it clear he did not know when the Justice Department was starting to see some improvements.

Gates says Iraq’s ‘clock is ticking’

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

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

"We’ve got some significant work to do on this," said Rep. Trent Van Haaften, D-Mount Vernon. "We need to find the right price and the right structure."
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how unique it is, and the power it contains.

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

Lenoir thinks Parnell succeed­ed.

“The Shirt is a unifying factor of Notre Dame fans,” Lenoir said. “It brings everyone together: the students, alumni, fans and the foot­

ball team. It is something special that has become a part of the Notre Dame football tradition.”

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

Parnell agreed.

“When you see The Shirt, you

think, ‘Now that is what Notre

Dame football is all about,’” Parnell said.

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

shirt.”

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

“This year’s shirt was a huge success,” junior Mike Youngmork said. “It will be interesting to see if this year’s shirt can meet the high expectations we have from last year.”

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

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

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

“In our campaign, we wanted to show everyone how far The Shirt has come over 18 years,” Parnell said. “Our posters feature a col­lection of past shirts, from the navy blue 2006 ’Tradition’ shirt way back to the original kelly green 1990 shirt.”

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

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

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

squad, cheerleaders and Matt Flippin, Notre Dame’s new leap­rechaun.

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

The Shirt will again sell for $15, but only students present­ing their ID can purchase The Shirt at a discounted price of $11. Proceeds from The Shirt go to student organizations and are donated to charity. During its 18 years, the project has raised over $4 million.

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the kids survived.”

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

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

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

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

Finch worked as a photographer for The Observer when he was an undergraduate and covered Notre Dame’s football game against Navy in Ireland in 1996. He credited Notre Dame with providing him with many opportunities and inspiring him with a sense of “new­ness and creativity.”

The other three recent Notre Dame Pulitzer winners are also former Observer staff­ers. 1995 graduate and Saint Paul Pioneer Press reporter George Dohrmann won the 2008 beat reporting award for a series on academic fraud within the University of Minnesota’s men’s basketball pro­gram, and 1994 graduate David Kinsey was a member of The Newark Star-Ledger’s win­ning staff in 2005. The staff won for its coverage of the resignation of New Jersey governor James McGreevey after he admitted to appointment his extramarital male lover to a state security leadership position.

Former Observer Editor in Chief Michelle Krupa was part of last year’s Pulitzer-winning New Orleans Times Picayune staff, which received the award for its coverage of Hurricane Katrina. The Pulitzer Board awarded the 2006 breaking news reporting prize to the Times-Picayune staff for its aggressive coverage of the disaster and the paper won a sec­ond Pulitzer for public service for its multi-faceted coverage of the hurricane and its aftermath.

Krupa served as editor in chief of The Observer during the 1999-2000 academic year. At least two other Notre Dame alumni have won individual Pulitzers, Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown told The Observer last spring. 1939 graduate Edwin O’Connor won for Briton (“The Last Hurrah”) in 1962, and 1927 gradu­ate and sports columnist Red Smith won in 1976.

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part of it,” she said.

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

For freshman Patrick Searc, remaining silent all day was “the hardest thing in my life.”

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

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

“As I was walking by the few times that I did, it seemed that people took notice of it. I think that had a big impact,” she said.

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

“While I’m happy with the amount of people who did part­take in the Day of Silence, I would love to see many more people participate,” said Scott, who hopes the day will become a “must-attend campus-wide event.”

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

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Wall street finishes on flat note

Newspapers face rocky quarter

Financial blow.

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

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

Wolfowitz fights to keep his position

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

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

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

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

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

Documents released last week showed that Wolfowitz had a direct hand in securing a State Department job for Riza in September 2005 that pays her $135,000. Before the transfer, Riza was earning close to $125,000 as a communications adviser in the bank’s Middle East department.
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Wycliff said Thursday that Jenkins' letter did not go into their cell phone numbers. "Today seemed appropriate."

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

The question of communication is only heightened by the University's decision in 2006 to de-standardize land telephone lines in dorm rooms. "We have a myriad of ways to communicate with our students and work with other local emergency responders to control a crisis scene."

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

For emergency situations, Jenkins said, the University maintains 48 call boxes throughout campus and keeps telephones in the public areas of each residence hall.

Jenkins did not detail a specific plan of action for NDSP in the event of a major campus incident and did not say what University officials have the authority to declare a lockdown on potions campus or specific buildings. "Please know that safety is of paramount importance to all of us at Notre Dame," Jenkins said. "While we believe we are ready to respond to a myriad of circumstances, the tragedy at Virginia Tech will spur even greater review and preparedness."
There are still plenty of questions surrounding what happened Monday at Virginia Tech. But one thing that isn't up for discussion is that Notre Dame should have a plan in case the unthinkable happens there.

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

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

Earlier this week, members of the administration and Notre Dame Security/Police were unwilling to comment on the University's preparedness for such an emergency, leaving students questioning if the plan was fully developed. But now, Jenkins has reassured the community through an e-mail that, while somewhat vague, promises the University will work to further prepare for anything that may come along.

It's understandable that Notre Dame would need time to work out certain details before making a plan public. Still, when information of this nature isn't being released, it's important to tell people why, instead of generating anxious speculation. That's what happened.

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

Other details of the plan will likely always be kept secret, it's necessarily to be open about all procedures and safety measures that do not compromise security — and Notre Dame, the famous security/Police and therefore he that can perceive it and therefore he that can perceive it. He that sees not is not.
This week has seen opinions from all over the place and a number of them pertain to the Law School and Notre Dame Law School. One of those opinions was found in this paper, and attributed to me. Many of the other opinions were in response to my quotes in The Observer. But, none of those view points were entirely mine. The quotes were out of context and didn’t do justice to what I really feel about the school. And as the responses referenced those same quotes, they didn’t get my position correct either. So, I’d like to explain what was said, what should have been said, and what was omitted, to provide a full understanding of my much discussed opinion about the Law School’s drop in rankings.

The Law School does not have one area, or one course, or one faculty member that is at fault. The administrators, the deans, the professors, all of whom respect the school’s mission, are responsible for the school’s actions at the school. And it can be seen that this school lacks a strong focus on the largest impact we can have on issues of poverty, inequality, environmental injustice, etc. is through changing our ways of thinking about the marginalized, changing the way our government prioritizes its funds and the way we decide to spend our time.

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

First, unlike Klepach speculated, the cost of the MDG T-shirts were entirely funded through a private company, which holds the Millennium Development Goals and the work of this task force close to its heart. It is generally in donating the T-shirts is what enables us to give the entire $10 cost of each T-shirt to The Malaria No More bed-net distribution in Africa. The shirt is by no means intended to raise awareness about all eight of the Millennium Development Goals, but that the shirt — to which many students at Notre Dame have had little to no exposure.

This is about teaching our campus that these goals exist and that the U.S. government has not fulfilled its commitments to them. The shirt aims to encourage people to ask questions of their elected officials, and to urge students to help make the goals a reality. Furthermore, issues like malaria are not simply about “gathering resources for a charitable effort on another continent,” as Klepach states. This is exactly the mentality about global issues that we hope to squash in our action week. Although the shirts were a donor-funded and not the largest impact we can have on issues of poverty, inequality, environmental injustice, etc. is through changing our ways of thinking about the marginalized, changing the way our government prioritizes its funds and the way we decide to spend our time.

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

Ashley Mayworn
Lewis Hall
April 19

Awareness main goal of T-shirts

Value of a life

This past Monday, people across the country were glued to their television screens, witnessing the chaos and violence that are the result of the violence carried out on the Virginia Tech campus. Deservedly, this event received a great deal of public attention. I was on the front page of The Observer and also had multi-page layouts and analysis in the Chicago Tribune and New York Times. What didn’t receive due media attention were the 37 Iraqi civilians who died the same day of the very same unwarranted and selfish violence, as well as others in Darfur, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and other war-torn regions who perish daily. These stories were ignored in the media, yet are the story which undoubtedly hit much closer to home for many on the Notre Dame campus. In the story which undoubtedly hit much closer to home for many on the Notre Dame campus.

This is neither a pro- nor anti-war debate. It’s about people dying like the people in Africa who die every day.

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THEATER PREVIEW

Love takes center stage in 'La Locandiera'

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

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

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

"La Locandiera," chosen to commemorate the 300th anniversary of its author, Carlo Goldoni, tells the tale of Mirandolina, an innkeeper whose beauty and charm have kept her a prominent set of suitors. Foremost are the Marchese, a penniless noble, and the Conte, his newly married rival. But while Mirandolina keeps these men guessing, she still has to remember that her hand is already promised to the wealthy Fabrizio. Amid these plot twists enter Cavaliere, a man left behind by his fiancée, and student that extends beyond the classroom, and with far greater consequences.

At its heart, "Half Nelson" works as a simple, consistent, predictable story told well. Regardless, the film thrives on its approach to the material, where not much is left unsaid and there are no easy answers for Dunne’s pliable condition. All of this is elevated by the remarkable chemistry between Gosling and Epps.

With its recent release on a single-dice DVD, "Half Nelson" is finally available to the wide audience it deserved but never got during its limited art-house theatrical run. With crisp video and audio quality, the film’s striking cinematography and nuanced soundtrack are on fine display.

For special features, the disc includes deleted scenes, outtakes and a music trailer. "La Locandiera" will show Saturday and Sunday at the DelBartolo Performing Arts Center Philbin Theatre at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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DVD REVIEW

‘Half Nelson’ highlights power of relationships

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

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

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

Bored at home, Kale starts surveying the neighborhood with his best friend Ronnie (Aaron Yoo) and a pair of honocu­lars. Added to their group is Ashley Roemer (David Morse), the hot blonde in the Bikini who recently moved in next door and met the pair after she noticed Kale spying on her.

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

But director D.J. Caruso stumble(s) where Hitchcock’s succeeded best — the suspense of wondering if Kale is really onto something. The cabin fever is getting the best of him. What Caruso does get right, however, is where the film manages to distance itself from “Rear Window.” The kids relate and interact in a modern world where iPods and laptop are ubiquitous, and where much of their daily lives is reducible to digital blips. Cell phones, the Internet and even a garage door opener all play pivotal roles in the detective story, often adding a nice layer of suspense to the film.

While LaBeouf and Roemer can’t compare to the classic elegance of Jimmy Stewart and Grace Kelly, they do have their own entertaining teenage qualities. LaBeouf in particular possesses the same kind of dorky charm that John Cusack did in his youth. All of the teenagers come across as real characters, which is something that “Disturbia” is, in its own endebt­ment to cinema tradition, drawing its roots from Hitchcock’s “Rear Window.”

By ERIN McGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

Shia LaBeouf feature facts:

Wears size 11 shoes
Named after his grandfather who is also a comedian.
Enjoys making independent short films with his friends
Celebrates both Christmas and Hanukkah.

You may know him as that kid from “Holes,” “Even Stevens” sidekick in the episode “Constantine,” or as young actor Louis Stevens, the perennial prankster from the Disney Channel’s now-defunct series “Even Stevens.” But Shia LaBeouf, with this summer’s massive “Transformers,” live-action blockbuster and current box-office champ “Disturbia,” is fast becoming a household name and a critical dar­ling.

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

LaBeouf continued his rise to fame with his most high-profile role, that of Louis Stevens, the youngest kid of the Stevens clan on the eponymous Disney sitcom. The show — which ran until LaBeouf’s first major movie, “Holes,” came out in 2003 — was hugely popular with Disney’s tween fanbase and critics alike, and LaBeouf even won a daytime Emmy for the role. LaBeouf, with his best friend, his brother, and Tawny, took his Sacramento middle school and its hapless principal, Mr. Wecker, by storm with his crazy schemes and ridiculous, slapstick­style comedy. LaBeouf’s sweet, affable and completely goofy performance endeared him to the tall end of Generation Y and their older siblings, and the accessibility of exposure on the Disney Channel has helped him as he expands his acting range into more complex roles.

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


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

LaBeouf is also versatile off the silver screen. For example, LaBeouf, with his own hip-hop group and record label, Element, as well as a production company. With this diverse career path and a bright future ahead, former Disney star Shia LaBeouf looks as though he’s on his way to becoming one of his generation’s most multitalented actors.

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Associated Press

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The Yankees (8-6), two games back of the first-place Blue Jays for the first time this season, headed to Boston for their first trip to Fenway Park since they won five straight there in one series in September. And they did so with right­hander Carl Schilling in attendance as opener of the weekend series Friday night.

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"He was close to the bag as I thought he was," Timlin said. "When I let it go I kind of short­handed him a little. He picked me up."

Coco Crisp had reached on a bunt to open the sixth as Halladay held off the top of the Orioles' order, and Manny Ramirez tied it 3-3 with his first home run of the season, a two­out drive off Shaun Marcum (1-1).

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

Padres 11, Diamondbacks 6

Jake Peavy's win over Arizona was better than his pitching.

The Padres' ace in two runs with his first career triple and added a double for the Padres, who beat the Arizona Diamondbacks on Thursday. Khalil Greene and Rob Bowen hit solo homers for the Padres, who've struggled offensively this year but managed to score a season-high 11 runs in the win. Bowen had three RBIs and scored three runs, both career-highs.

The Padres split the two­game homestand, with the win coming less than 48 hours after they lost 3-12 in innings. It was the most runs the Padres scored against Petco Park since July 18, when they beat Philadelphia 10-6.

Arizona's Chris Young had solo homer among his three hits, and scored three times.

Peavy's triple, which he finished with a headfirst slide at the plate, highlighted the five­run third and helped the Padres take a 7-0 lead.

The cushion came in handy because Peavy (3-0) went from pitching­lights out to getting pulled with the bases loaded and one out in the sixth. He struck out eight but allowed five runs, four earned on 10 hits and two walks, and his ERA rose from 0.90 to 2.13. Peavy allowed only three baserunners — one of whom he picked off — through four scoreless innings, then got worked over by the bottom of the Diamondbacks' order.

The right­hander­allowing­nine of his last 13 batters to reach base.

Young hit a solo homer with one out in the fifth, his second. Diamondbacks starter Livan Hernandez kept the liner alive with a throwing error, and Arizona added three more singles, including Orlando Hudson's two-base hit run.

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

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

Principal owner John H. McConnell, minority owners and team officials met Wednesday and agreed to dismiss MacLean, the architect of a team that had gone 172-258-62 since joining the league in 2000 and 33-42-7 this past season.

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In Brief

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

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

"I think 10 to 20 days is a reasonable estimate," Khalfayan said when asked how long Hernandez might be out. "When he's ready, his readiness will depend on how well he feels.

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

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

Joe Frazier drops lawsuit against daughter

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

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

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

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

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

Oden to declare for NBA draft, skip sophomore year

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

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

As for the two others, Powell was less specific.

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

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

"He wasn’t as close to the bag as I thought he was," Timlin said. "When I let go it kind of short-hopped the bag and he picked it up."

Cora was reached on a bunt single against Roy Halladay leading off the top of the eighth when Ramirez tied it 3-3 with his first home of the season, a two-out drive off Shaun Marcum (1-1).

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

Patrons 11, Diamondbacks 6

Peavy was better than his pitching

The Padres’ are two in a row with his first career triple and added a double for the Padres, who beat the Arizona Diamondbacks on Thursday.

Kahlil Greene and Bobi Bowen hit solo homers for the Padres, who’ve struggled offensively this year but managed to bring a season-high in runs. Bowen had three RBIs and scored three runs, both career-highs.

The Padres split the two-game homestand, with the win earning first place in the NL West. They lost 5-3 in 12 innings.

It was the most runs the Padres scored at spacious Peck Park since July 15, when they beat Philadelphia 10-6.

Arizona’s Chris Young had a solo home among his three hits, and scored three times.

Peavy’s three, which he finished with a headfirst slide, highlighted the five-run third and helped the Padres take a 7-0 lead.

The cushion came in handy because Peavy (3-0) went from pitching lights-out to getting pulled with the bases loaded and one out in the sixth. He struck out eight but allowed five runs, four earned, on 10 hits and two walks, and his ERA rose from 0.90 to 2.13.

Peavy allowed only three baserunners — one of whom he picked up off — through four scoreless innings, then got worked over by the bottom of the Diamondbacks’ order.

The right-hander allowed nine of his last 13 batters to reach base.

Young hit a solo homer with one out in the fifth, his second. Diamondbacks starter Livan Hernandez allowed only one run against a two-out single, and Arizona added three more singles — including Orlando Hudson’s two-run base hit.

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**SMC Golf**

O’Brien leads Belles to conference tournament

By KATE ARNOLD

The weather has finally decided to cooperate with the Belles.

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

Last October, captain Katie O’Brien fired an 85, leading the team to a fourth-place finish in the fall MIAA tournament. The first round will travel this weekend to the Mission Inn Resort in Palm Springs, Calif. The second round will be held April 24 at Tri-State University’s Zollner golf course. The winning team after the three rounds will advance to the NCAA Championships, taking place May 8-11 at El Campeon Golf Course at the Mission Inn Resort & Club in Hemet-in-the-Valley, Calif.

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**ND Women’s Lacrosse**

ND finish season with RU

By MICHAEL BRYAN

Sports Writer

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

This will be the easiest course we have played all spring,” said coach Tracy Coyne. “The tournament will be won on the greens.”

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

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

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Men's Golf

Irish compete in Big East tourney

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

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

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

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

But Irish coach Jim Kubinski said last weekend was not entirely indicative of where the two teams stand. "They've had a great season, but the conditions (last weekend) were the worst I've ever played in, coached in, or watched on TV," he said. "Last week's scores aren't indicative of anything. We had a tough start, and the more we tried to catch up, the more we lost. I never even looked at the leaderboard."

The Irish have won the conference title each of the past three years. In 2006, they did so in dramatic fashion. The second-seeded Irish erased a 12-stroke deficit in the final round to force a playoff with top-seeded Louisville. Current sophomore Josh Sandman's birdie on the first hole of the sudden death playoff secured a victory for the Irish.

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

"If Cole and Josh play up to their capability, we should have a great chance to win come Tuesday," he said. With Greg Rodgers, Doug Porter, and Adam Gifford rounding out the lineup for the Irish, Kubinski said Notre Dame will have a solid five-man team for the first time this season.

And, even though the Irish enter the tournament as third-time defending champions, they won't be feeling any pressure. "This year, the pressure is squarely on Louisville," Kubinski said. "They've been in the top 20 all year, and they're playing at home. We're ready to play, and we feel loose and free, and we're ready to just have fun."

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

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Saint Mary's (14-4) was in total command of Thursday's doubleheader against Goshen College, hammering the Leafs 8-0 and 9-0. Both games ended in five innings due to the slaughter rule.

Belles sophomore pitcher Calli Davison (3.67 ERA) pitched a two-hit shutout in the slaughter rule.

In the first game against the Leafs, Sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro led the Belles' offense, going four-for-six in the two innnings due to the slaughter rule.

Fusaro said.

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

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

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The Belles' offense, which will take place this weekend, showed the team is still fired up for the rest of the season.

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

In the day's single play, Mc D a v i t t defeated Oles 6-1, 6-1. In the second singles match of the day, standout fres h m an Gebert dominated, beating Vermillion 6-2, 6-2.

The Belles had a change of luck in the No. 3 singles spot, when freshman Lisa Rubin lost in a tiebreaker 11-9 to Walus. She won the first set 6-1 and lost the second set 6-2.

Tara O'Brien also fell narrowly in a tiebreaker at No. 4 singles after beating Hostetler 6-1 in the first set and then falling 7-6 in the second.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Bargar shuts out Valpo as Irish roll**

![Image of Irish senior catcher/outfielder Gessica Hafnagle, heading for third base during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Syracuse Apr. 1.](image)

By LORENZO REYES

Coming off her no-hit performance Wednesday, sophomore Brittany Bargar pitched another gem against Valparaiso Thursday at Ivy Field. In her 17th complete game of the season, the sophomore allowed seven hits and two walks on seven strikeouts in what was more than enough for Bargar, who improved to 16-7 on the season, extending her scoreless inning streak to 20. Bargar and senior pitcher Kenya Fuemmel will need to continue their impressive pitching this weekend with doubleheaders on both Saturday and Sunday.

Junior Katie Laing then snapped a double down the left field line, scoring Brown from second. This two-bagger gave Laing a season-best four games hitting streak.

Sophomore Linda Kohan then singled to bring Lux in for an RBI. Kohan then scored Bargar's hit, extending Notre Dame's bats heated up early and often, taking all five of their runs in the first inning. Senior Stephanie Brown continued her impressive play with a leadoff single, later advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt.

Junior Lauren Hafnagle also had a strong day, going 3 for 4 and scoring twice. She later advancing to second on another successful bunt.

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

**Men's Tennis**

**Squad set for Big East tournament**

By JAY WADE

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All the hard work this season has paid off.

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

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

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

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

The Irish will face eighth-seeded and unranked Villanova in the first round. Going into the match, the Irish are not only riding a four-match winning streak and also have a 31 game win streak against unranked opponents. They are also 95-3 all-time since joining the Big East. The team's philosophy all year, however, has been to take it one match at a time, and they are not ready to overlook Villanova.

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

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

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

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

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

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Irish look to record additional qualifiers

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

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

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

Junior Krista Swazey and freshman Joanna Shultz should also qualify in the 400 meters, according to sprints coach John Millar.

"Joanna's a tenth of a second off, Crysta's two tenths off," he said.

He suggested they were already under their personal best times, so they'll have a good shot at qualifying.

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

Sophomore pole vaulter Mary Saxer and senior jumper Chris Jacques round out the field of potential qualifiers for the Irish. Saxer cleared six feet, three inches last weekend, but the event was moved indoors because of bad weather. Any competition moved indoors cannot count towards a qualifying spot.

Jacques' recent performances say a lot about him.

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

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

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

"We're really changed our attitude since the beginning of the season," Polk said. "After starting the season 3-3, we knew we needed to change things around if we wanted to make anything out of the season. A couple of position changes and a little bit of an attitude change, and we were able to get the ball rolling."  

The recent surge has Notre Dame sitting atop the Greater Western Lacrosse League standings at 5-0. The Irish are a half-game better than Ohio State, currently 2-0 in GLWL play. The two teams will face off April 28 in Columbus, in a game that will likely determine who gets the league's automatic post-season birth.

For now, however, Notre Dame is concerned solely with Lehigh. Although the Mountain Hawks carry a pedestrian 4-8 overall record and 2-4 mark in Patriot League play, they have shown the ability to compete with elite teams this season.

"With the results of the last weekend against ranked opponents this season include one-goal losses to No. 8 Army and No. 20 Stony Brook in addition to an 8-6 win over No. 17 Drexel. "They have a lot of seniors on their team, and since this is their last game — they didn't qualify for their conference tournament — they're going to be pretty hungry," senior Brian Huchenson said. "They have a lot of motivation despite their losing record.

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

The Irish have the balanced offensive attack to do so. Notre Dame has four players that have netted 18 or more goals this season. Braun, referee Danny Dressman follows through on a swing during Notre Dame's 8-7 victory over Toledo Tuesday.

Irish outback and Dillon Maust gets the ball for the Irish, Schrage said Maust, also a punter on the football team, was originally scheduled to start Saturday. But Schrage altered the rotation so that Maust could play in the Blue-Gold Game.

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

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The Irish midfielder was optimistic about his abilities of his sprinters.

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

The field athletes have been hampered with injuries of late. Senior Cassie Gullickson has the ability to qualify but suffers from plantar fasciitis in her foot and may not compete. Sophomore Lauren Bascardi has a chance to qualify in the high jump, but she is recovering from surgery on both legs.

"She's getting her strength back," Millar said.

Senior thrower Garrett Kossis can qualify in the discuss and the hammer throw, but suffers from torn groin muscle last weekend at the Mount SAC Relays.

"He's right there," throwing coach B.J. Linnenbrink said.

"He's had a couple injuries that we've set back a little bit. But once we get recovered he'll be fine."

Despite the injury problems plaguing some of the field athletes, several others are in good position to qualify. Linnenbrink expects sophomore Anna Weber and junior Mike Schubert to qualify by the time the regional meet rolls around.

He also said the way his throwers are practicing is a sign of positive things to come.

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

"I think we're the best in our conference on paper, but we've really proved that this year," Millar said.

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

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Rourke came up with a pair of steals leading to fast break points. Frank Kendrick senior R.J. Kornhaas displayed excellent court vision and finding his teammates and classmates Alex Pelkey and Dennis Beeman. Kane. On one play in the second half, Kane drove through the paint, went behind the back of a defender and converted the layup. The next trip down the court, Kane pulled up for a transition jumper and swished it home.

Nelson Way
The Air Force player

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

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R.J. Kornhaas
Frank Kendrick player

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

Dropping Trout 21, There's A 30% Chance We're Already Playing 8

Dropping Trout has this size advantage proved crucial Thursday, helping our team dominate on their way to a victory over there. A 30% Chance We're Already Playing.

The big man for Dropping Trout, Dave Post, displayed full confidence in Corey McElrath, the team's captain, referring to him as the "fearless leader." McElrath did not disappoint. He led all scorers with eight points, and his high energy style of play kept Dropping Trout in control the whole way, especially as the second half wore on and everyone began to feel in both teams.

Again, high energy was evident throughout the contest, with several fouls called on the loose ball leaped by multiple players. Post's inside presence led to several rebounds and, he also contributed four points.

"We definitely brought the trout," McElrath said.

30% Chance's Warren Scott led his team with five points, with all of his baskets coming on off-balance jumpers and acrobatic drives. In the end, it was not enough to stop the physically dominant Dropping Trout. The victors are now within two wins of reaching their goal: making it to the final 32 teams.

The Air Force 21, The Post's R.J. Kornhaas and Thugs 2

In a fast-paced contest, The Air Force disposed of the Thugs, a group of graduate students led by captain Konrad Kulacki, protagonist in Sunday's00 PM.

They seemed confident before the start of the game, but The Air Force, a five man unit, scored well by the end of the game. According to their opinion about Manuel, "Mission is under intense pressure, going 3-for-16 in such situations Thursday and Friday."

Oh, right, and then there's this: Manuel is under increased pressure to bring out the best from each player.

It's hard to believe you could have back-to-back nights when you give up five runs in the eighth inning," Red manager Jerry Narron said. "The Astros believe in the entire team."

They seem five runs in the eighth inning for a 7-2 victory on Wednesday night, with Jason Lane's three-run homer leading the way. That's fresh in their minds when they headed into the eighth trailing 6-2 this time around. "In any situation, whenever you come back better like that, it's positive energy," Scott said. Manager Phil Garner could see it, too. "There was a feeling like we were in the ballgame," Garner said.

Lance Berkman started the comeback sequence with a run-scoring single — his 100th career RBI against the Reds — and the Astros loaded the bases against closer David Weathers in the ninth inning. "He's got back-to-back nights where you give up five runs in the eighth inning," Red manager Jerry Narron said. "The Astros believe in the entire team."

The course is a par-72, with several fouls called in the second position, earning the Irish valuable points to aid the team's overall standing.

"We have been going about everything as usual, practicing hard every day," McElrath said. "We made no distinction as to where the team's focus has been.

"Our main goal is to do our best and win it all," she said. Starting the championships for the Irish is senior co-captain — and the most consistent Irish golfer this season — Noriko Nakazaki, who is coming off her season-best second-place finish at the Indiana invitational. Nakazaki has led the team in shooting in all but one Big East season.

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

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

The fifth and final position will go to sophomores Lisa Maunu, who has rounded up the lineup with solid performances, most notably her even-par 72 at the UNLV Invitational.

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

"We are excited to play well, as we have been practicing hard and I think we have been waiting all year to break through and this is going to be the tournament," she said. "The Irish have learned from past failures and improved their overall play, Maunu said. "We all run hit the ball, but it is the breakdown of our mental game," she said. "We however, learned our mistakes last tournament (Indiana Invitational) and will not let that happen again.

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

"They want to do it and we just all have to come together and play our best golf," Maunu said.

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FOOTBALL

Weis secures verbal commitment from Crist

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

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

The Sherman Oaks, Calif.-native — one of the top 100 prospects in the country, according to scout.com — turned down reported offers from Michigan and USC to become Notre Dame's eighth verbal commitment for the Class of 2012, the Los Angeles Times reported Thursday. Crist officially announced his decision to play for the Irish at a press conference late Thursday night, Los Angeles time.

Playing seven games in his junior season at Notre Dame High School, Crist threw for 1,200 yards and 17 touchdowns while throwing three interceptions. His 6-foot-1, 221-pound frame is comparable to that of former Irish quarterback Brady Quinn. But Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for Irisheyes.com, says Crist has a leg up on Quinn in terms of his size.

"(Crist) is a lot bigger than (Quinn) coming in. He's a very big kid, strong. But the race thing about this kid is that he moves really well," Frank said. "His ability to evade the rush and throw on the run is very comparable to (Quinn's), though he's probably a little bit bigger.

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

"He's a really good athlete for a guy his size, and a heck of an arm," Frank said. "I think there's probably some mechanical things that they'll probably need to work on, but in the intangibles and maybe some throwing motion things — but you don't get kids this big that move that well very often."

The quarterback race could be wide open next year as well, especially if one of the four candidates Weis chooses this spring does not set himself apart from the rest of the Top-seeded Irish to take on UConn

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

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

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

Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback expects Junior Brook Back to take part in the doubles portion of the match, but said she will sit out No. 6 singles.

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

Today marks the first time Back and her doubles partner, sophomore Kelly Teff, will be competing together since March 16. Together, they have a 21-5 record from the No. 2 spot.

Louderback said his team, which is 12-2 against top-25 opponents this season, is not looking past today's match.

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

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

BASEBALL

Team gets ready for Big East foe

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

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

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

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They’re going be having a heck of a lot of fun.

The look was in Travis Thomas’ eyes Monday afternoon after practice.

He was excited about the competition he’s been getting at tailback from high-
ly-regarded-fresh-
man Armando Allen and highly-
regarded-freshman-turned-prom-
sophomore James Aldridge.

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

son. It reminded him a little of the transition time between Ty Willingham and Charlie Weis.

Expectations were low, changes were vast and the team had fire in its eyes.

Thomas knows those characteristics fit the 2007 squad just as well as they did for the team two sea-

sons ago.

And today, as both Thomas and David Grimes put it, everyone’s “hungry.”

Hungry to be the one who makes the plays that put a wry smile on the face of a distant fan expecting noth-

ing more than effort from the Irish in 2007.

Hungry to prove that the coaching staff made the right decision on the depth chart by tak-

ing full advantage of every oppor-

tunity.

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

That hunger can go a long way. “I can see it in spring ball already. The competi-

tion’s healthy. Everyone’s having fun regardless of where they’re at on the depth chart, high or low,”

Thomas said. “Every day we hit it hard. (Offensive coordinator Michael)

Haywood’s pushing us real hard, and it’s a good thing. “We look forward to going out there every day and getting bet-

ter.”

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

free exis-

tence as the No. 3, “Last year ... it was the best time of my life,” Grimes said.

It was the best time of his life because he wasn’t the target of all the focus and could concentrate on sim-

ply performing well with-


From Thomas’ perspec-
tive as a fifth-year on a squad thought to be rebuilding, the expecta-
tions are internal instead of external.

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

“Now it’s just putting everything together and making it a smooth transi-
tion with

the new guys com-
ing in,” "I

in Sound famil-
iar? It should.

It reminded me of 2005, Part II: Low expecta-
tions, a loose team and a whole lot of fun.

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

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not neces-
sarily those of The

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Weekly Events at Notre Dame

FRIDAY, APRIL 20th

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 21st

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

- Women’s Lacrosse vs. Ohio State – Moose
  Kruse Stadium, 3:00 p.m.
- Baseball vs. West Virginia – Frank Eck Stadium,
  3:05 p.m. (Ticket required – Show your Blue-Gold ticket and get in free)

SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd

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

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Blue and Gold Rosters

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Crum Jr. leads revamped linebacking corps

Last year's team leader in tackles helps ease adjustment to 3-4
By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I think this year I'm definitely not afraid to say 'Let's go,' or when we're lagging to pull everybody in the group and say, 'We gotta pick it up as a unit,'" Crum said. "I think I've started to step into my role."

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

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

Ryan could see this time this season flanking Crum as an outside linebacker. Ryan, rising senior Dwight Stephenson and rising sophomore Morrise Richardson are examples of this, which means the coaching staff thinks they are too slow to play linebacker in a 4-3 set, but not big enough to occupy a spot on the front line.

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

"You know, this gives you a lot more flexibility because now, both those guys, both the guys on the outside are capable of being either a defensive end or a linebacker on every play," Weis said March 21. "And this way the defense and the offense really never knows which one is which: Is this guy a linebacker in this play? Or is he a defensive end in this play? By natural view of that, it causes confusion."

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

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

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

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

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

"It's going to be hit or be hit," Crum said. "We want to set the tone day in or day out. That's going to be our mentality."

Saturday's Blue and Gold game marks the end of Notre Dame's spring practice — a spring practice filled with competition for starting spots on both sides of the ball. But for Crum, it just means more waiting until he can lace up and get back on the field.

"It's kind of bittersweet. I'm a football guy, I'm going to miss waking up every morning coming to do this," Crum said. "A couple days off, the first few days it'll be like, 'Yes I don't got anything to do,' but after a while you get that edge, and you want to come out again."

"Basically, that's what I was put on this earth to do. I'm a football player, and that's what I plan to do."

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3 Demetrius Jones

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

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

So who are these masked men?

The Hollywood Superstar

Jones is the most recognizable face among the four competitors.

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

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

But the excitement around Clausen wasn’t just because of his elaborate ceremony. The younger brother of former Tennessee quarterbacks Casey and Rick Clausen, Jimmy started all four years at Oak Christian High School, going 42-0. He threw for more than 10,000 yards and 146 touchdowns in that span. All the success strained his arm once and he missed Notre Dame’s January as an early enrollee.

Weis told Clausen to rest his arm in preparation for spring practice and the freshman was ready to go when camp opened March 21.

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

The Life of the Party

Jones seems being a quarterback as more than just an on-field role — he also says the quarterback should be an off-field team mate.

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

Whether it’s celebrating a sunny day with his bright red “summer shoes” or hinting about the “G-Code” that he and his friends in his native Chicago use, Jones loves to goof around. He says his sense of humor can sometimes put him in a leader on the team.

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

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

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

“I’m a pretty Biblical person and I believe everything happens for a reason,” he said.

Pierce recently moved from her home in Selma, Ala., to Indianapolis to seek better care for his grandmother, Gloria Pierce, who was diagnosed with stomach cancer.

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

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

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

Jones rejects these ideas — but he’s also confident that that question will never need to be answered. “I didn’t come here to be a back-up and I didn’t come here to be anyone’s sidekick,” he said.

The Cannon-Armed Prototype

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

At 6-foot-4, 226 pounds, he is the largest of the four competing quarterbacks, and comes closest to Quinn, who was 6-foot-4, 240 pounds.

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

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

Frazier's teammates agree on his arm strength.

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

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

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

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

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

That confidence extends to more than just the playbook.

Frazier said playing in front of tens of thousands of people for the first time Saturday won't rattle him at all.

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

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

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

The Elder Statesman

Sharpley is the only one of the four quarterbacks who was enrolled at Notre Dame during the 2005 football season. He is also the only one that has appeared in a regulation college game - and the only one that has completed a pass.

And the 6-foot-4, 212 pound elder was there ....

"Patience is a virtue, and we've been waiting this long. It won't kill us to wait a little longer."

Demetrius Jones

Irish quarterback

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

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

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

In between spring workouts, quarterback meetings and going to class, Sharpley is also a first baseman on the Irish baseball team.

He has played in the first 11 games this year, driving in two runs on his lone hit.

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

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

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New defensive coordinator Corwin Brown learned the ins and outs of football from the same teachers as Weis.

Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown, above, played for Bill Parcells as a cornerback in 1996 and was the secondary coach at the Jets last season. Brown will implement a 3-4 defense at Notre Dame.

Brown is focused on giving up fewer "explosives" — big plays caused by offensive skill players getting behind the defense — more than ever before.

Although schematically the secondary will not change much, Brown is focusing on giving up fewer "explosives" — big plays caused by offensive skill players getting behind the defense — more than ever before.

"I think Coach Brown and the coaches have a different mindset. They're just making it that certain things are unacceptable. And that's definitely stuck in my mind," Wooden said. "I could name on 100 fingers how many explosives we've given up since I've been here. And I've definitely had a part of them. That was never preachied on like it is now.

After watching his defense in the 3-4 all spring, Brown still knows there is work to be done.

"I am not satisfied right now and when I say I, I mean we as a staff," he said. "We're not satisfied — we've got work to do collectively. There has been some progress."

And with the experience and instruction he has, he would know. Contact Jay Fitzpatrick at jfitz@nd.edu.
Early-entry freshmen adjust to new lifestyles, pressures

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

They're the newest of the new, Notre Dame's most valuable unknown commodity, starting col­lege hallway through their senior year of high school and sprinting into the heat of competition.

Notre Dame's second trio of early-entry freshmen — quarterback Jimmy Clausen, running back Armando Allen and corner­back Gary Gray — all came to the Irish in January with high expec­tations.

Clausen was the consensus high school player of the year, finishing his career at Oaks Christian in California 42-0. Allen, a product of Hillslea-Miami Lakes in Florida, is supposed to be the speed threat out of the backfield that Notre Dame has long sought.

Gray, from Hichland Northeast in Columbia, S.C., could become a shut-down cover corner in his col­legiate career.

For the first two, Saturday's scrimmage should be a bench­mark of their progress as the continue to compete for major play­ing time — and starting roles each — while Gray remains side­lined with a broken foot.

The success of the first few batches of "gray-shirts" — the colloquial term for early-entry prospects — may affect Weis' ability to continue the practice and attract top prospects for open slots.

A year ago, running back James Clausen. "I think we've all kind of been there for each other, and it's a learning process. Especially being young, being away from home, it's tough. I think we're kind of all there for each other," Clausen.

And the problems Clausen has faced were not limited to the young freshman. Fifth-year senior Travis Thomas said he tormented all four candidates for the starting gig — Clausen, rising junior Evan Sharpley and sophomores Demetrius Jones and Zach Fraie — about their cadences at the line of scrimmage.

"In the case of Gary, what Gary needs to do is he needs to hang on somebody; he needs to hang his hat on somebody. "That doesn't automatically happen"

Even more than that, though, Lewis said an injured young play­er like Gray must go through "mental repetitions" — thinking through what the person in his position must do on each play, studying both the defensive calls and the offensive formations.

Gray's test of how he has pro­gressed will come in August when the Irish start fall camp. But for Clausen and Allen, Saturday marks their time to show what they can do.

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LIKELY 2007 STARTERS

RUNNING BACK
TRAVIS THOMAS 5TH-YEAR SENIOR

Thomas will most likely have most of the carries last season. The fifth-year switched sides to play linebacker last season, but returns to the backfield for 2007. Sophomore James Aldridge likely will share carries.

WIDE RECEIVER No. 1
DAVID GRIMES JUNIOR

Grimes is the only Irish receiver with significant experience, as the third receiver behind Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight. The junior caught 26 passes for 336 yards and two TDs in 2006.

CENTER
JOHN SULLIVAN 5TH-YEAR SENIOR

Sullivan anchored the Irish line last season, starting all 13 games. The fifth-year senior returns as most experienced lineman.

FOUR BACKS
PAUL DUNCAN JUNIOR

Duncan has no starting experience, offensive line coach John Latina is confident he can effectively replace Ryan Harris.

NOSE TACKLE
One of the most important positions to fill in the new 3-4 defense is the nose tackle. Rising sophomore Chris Stewart is the favorite to anchor the defensive line if he can make the transition smoothly from the offensive line. Line coach Jappy Oliver also said rising junior Pat Kuntz has played well at the nose tackle this spring.

HEIGHTS
MAURICE CRUM, JR. SENIOR

Crum led the Irish with 100 tackles last season in addition to picking off six opponents. He looks to be even more effective in Corwin Brown’s 3-4 defense.

INSIDE LB
JOE BROCKINGTON 5TH-YEAR SENIOR

Brockington took a fifth-year to join Crum in the middle of Notre Dame’s new 3-4 look. He had 59 tackles in a breakout year last season.

CORNERBACK
TERRAL LAMBERT SENIOR

Lambert was inconsistent for the Irish last season. He capped off the Michigan State win with two late picks but had only one more last year.

STRONG SAFETY
TOM ZBIKOWSKI 5TH-YEAR SENIOR

The explosive Zbikowski returns to the Irish for a final year of eligibility after a shoulder injury slowed the speedster in 2006.

QUARTERBACK
Sharpley has the only game experience, taking late game snaps as Brady Quinn’s backup last season. Weis said that does not give him a large advantage and that each quarterback has an equal chance of winning the starting job.

TIGHT END
JOHN CARLSON 5TH-YEAR SENIOR

Carlson put up historic numbers last season last season. Weis used Carlson off the line and in the slot effectively. The fifth-year gives the Irish consistency on offense and loses its top two wide outs.

GUARDS
Notre Dame replaces both guards this season after the graduation of Bob Morrison and Dan Santucci. The spring leaders to take over as the guards are rising sophomores Dan Wenger, Dan Carufel and rising junior Mike Turkovich. None of the potential starters have significant game experience to give them any advantage. These four have not been trying out for one specific starting spot, but rather. Weis said, the best two guards will be the starters. Although Wenger and Turkovich worked out with the first team offense in the spring, there was no indication that they would be the starters next fall.

DEFENSIVE ENDS

FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR Trevor Laws, right, is the only definite on the line. Laws played as a tackle in Coach Brian's 4-3 defense, but will move to end in Corwin Brown’s 3-4. The move should open up more chances for Laws to make plays. No clear leader emerged early in the spring to take over the defensive end slot opposite Laws. Although Justin Brown and Pat Kuntz have some backup experience, both will be the end from last season.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

The biggest question mark on defense remains which two players will be the outside linebackers. Four players are in the running for the two spots — John Ryan, Anthony Vernaglia, Dwight Stephenson, Jr. and Morris Richardson. Ryan, left, and Vernaglia, right, are the favorites going into the spring game because they have practiced with the first team defense for most of the spring.

FREE SAFETY

With the departure of senior Chinedum Ndukwe, the free safety position is free for less-experienced players to step up. The two leaders during the spring are junior David Bruton and senior Tony Zbikowski. Bruton played mainly on special teams last year, while Herring filled in for Zbikowski when he was injured part of last season. Freshman Harrison Smith could complicate things in August.

CORNERBACK
AMBROSE WOODEN 5TH-YEAR SENIOR

Wooden lost his starting job last year after an injury, but has since regained it. Darrin Walls, Rashon McNeil and Gary Gray could unseat him.

FULLBACK

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GUARDS
Notre Dame replaces both guards this season after the graduation of Bob Morrison and Dan Santucci. The spring leaders to take over as the guards are rising sophomores Dan Wenger, Dan Carufel and rising junior Mike Turkovich. None of the potential starters have significant game experience to give them any advantage. These four have not been trying out for one specific starting spot, but rather. Weis said, the best two guards will be the starters. Although Wenger and Turkovich worked out with the first team offense in the spring, there was no indication that they would be the starters next fall.

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