Major issues mark first Senate meeting

Brown warns against off-campus student rowdiness

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Student body president Liz Brown warned student senators Wednesday that current off-campus behavior by students this weekend could jeopardize ongoing discussions between student and city leaders about the proposed ordinance addressing large parties in South Bend.

"Many of us have the mentality that by moving off-campus we are automatically free from the rules and regulations that govern residence life on campus," she said. "However, we must realize that although we no longer have to check in with our rector and RAs, we do have a responsibility to behave as responsible residents of the South Bend community."

Brown sent an e-mail to the student body on Aug. 4 to notify them of an ordinance drafted by members of the South Bend Common Council. The ordinance requires residents of boarding houses to notify the South Bend Common Council or the South Bend City Council on Aug. 4 to notify them of an ordinance addressing large parties in South Bend.

Project awaits tax changes

Eddy Street complex will include retail, restaurants, office, residences

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

During a time of town-gown tension, the construction of the $200 million, 25-acre Eddy Street Commons may help connect the campus to its surroundings with blocks of shops, restaurants, residence halls and offices.

"We hope Eddy Street Commons will be a place where students and South Bend residents alike can go to spend an afternoon shopping or enjoy a good dinner," said David Compton, vice president of Kite Realty Group, the project's developer.

The South Bend Common Council approved thedeveloper's proposal for the planned unit development on July 16, authorizing the rezoning of the property near the intersection of Edison Road and Eddy Street, said Gregory Hukkanen, Notre Dame's director of asset management and real estate development, said Tuesday.

The first phase of the project, which will include retail, office and residential space, will be completed during 2009. But ground cannot be broken until the city works out tax issues, Hukkanen said.

Developments such as the Eddy Street Commons, which allow for multi-purpose units, require special permissions from the city, he said.

The Council unanimously approved the proposal Notre Dame and its Indianapolis-based developer, Kite Realty Group, submitted in early May.

Before the Council approved Kite's plans, the developer had to make concessions to receive the votes of council members who were skeptical about the project's

Hilton near SMC not set to open this weekend

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

The Hilton Garden Inn next to Saint Mary's will not open by this weekend's opening football game against Georgia Tech, despite advertisements that it would.

The hotel, located on Douglas Road, will accept reservations beginning Nov. 1. But it's possible, said General Manager Nicole Smeltzer, that the hotel could open earlier.

"We may be able to open for the Sept. 22 Michigan State home game," Smeltzer said.

With that game only a month away, construction is continuing on the Gillespie Conference and Special Events Center, located on the northeast side of the hotel site.

The center, which will open by Feb. 1, will be available for formal dinners, conferences, weddings and special events, Smeltzer said. It will seat 750 formal dinner guests and up to 8,400 people when it is used as a banquet center.

The Hilton was built after the Sisters of the Holy Cross were approached by the Holladay Corporation in late 2005 about constructing a 100-unit Hilton Garden Inn Hotel and a 330-seat conference center.

College President Carol Ann Mooney announced the construction plans to faculty, staff and administrators on Aug. 16, 2006.

In order to provide parking without detracting from the College's main entrance, the College and the Sisters brokered a land exchange to preserve the green space in front of the College.

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

The Congregation's newly-acquired land will allow additional parking to the north and south of the hotel.

Cars already fill the parking lot of the Hilton Garden Inn next to Saint Mary's. The hotel will not open this weekend.
INSIDE COLUMN

The first weekend

The weekend is fast approaching, and for freshmen it's their first without declaring their love for other dorms via chats or late-night runs around campus. I've heard some of them making plans to have parties this weekend, and I was reminded of the good old days when I attended my first dorm party.

In retrospect, many of the beverages consumed during them, dorm parties are an acquired taste. Bill Brink

Sports Production Editor

...before our first home football game, I soon realized that even though I was making a short trip across the hall, those shirts were not the recommended attire. I walked—no, shoved—my way in to a darkened room full of hopping bodies indistinguishable from each other, all moving to the beat of an uncontrollable song. The guys all had some sort of collar on, another moniker I missed, and the girls all had donned some sort of chub attire.

What fun is this? I had known everyone there for exactly one week and was in no hurry to entertain myself by dancing for the next two hours. Unfortunately, I had no choice, considering I was enveloped in theizzling, hot mass of people and forced to move at their discretion.

After being violently expelled from the marsh pit half an hour later, I escaped into the hall. Our RA was illustrating to shut down the party. I went to the bathroom to find someone had thrown up, completely missing the toilet but covering pretty much everything else. What a successful night.

Eventually all friends were reunited and my friends and I, along with everyone else still awake and on campus, descended on Rockers. We ate and attempted to discuss the night, everyone sobbing because they had lost their voice and because our ears were still ringing from the nonstop bass they had been bombarded with. Off-campus was starting to look good.

Eventually, the party scene got better. I decided to return to the Eyeball to see if there were any live bands. It was occupied by a large group of freshmen, who were all making noises and playing cards. I heard a guy say something about the game they were playing, and I realized I was hearing the sound of a video game. I turned to see what was going on and saw that there were people playing video games. I walked over and asked one of the players what game they were playing, but he didn't respond. Eventually, I left and went to another party. When I returned, I was able to see people playing video games in the same room.

The game was a popular video game called "Doom." It was being played by some freshmen who were very excited about it. The room was filled with people playing the game, and there was a lot of excitement in the air.

This experience has changed my perspective on freshmen parties. I had always thought that freshmen parties were loud and chaotic, but this experience has given me a new perspective. I now see that freshmen parties can be fun and enjoyable, and that people can actually enjoy playing video games and making noise together. I would recommend attending a freshmen party to anyone who is interested in experiencing this type of party scene.

Not necessarily those students...I...I

the following night, every-thing, except for Corby's...I'm recruiting to Corby's...

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Workers continued on Aug. 29 to landscape the former Juniper Road between Notre Dame Stadium and the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center. The old road was removed during the spring and summer.

OFFBEAT

Burglar can't escape after Houdini heist

SCARLETON, Pa. — A man accused of breaking into the Houdini Museum was unable to escape from police.

Officers said they apprehended the man about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, based on descriptions by three witnesses. Two witnesses said they saw a man fit the description of the suspect.

The man remained at large. Charles Watkins, 25, of Scranton, was charged with a felony count of attempted burglary and misdemeanor charges of criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

Watkins was arraigned before District Judge Thomas Golden and lodged in the Lackawanna County Prison in lieu of $5,000 bail. It was not immediately known if he had an attorney.

"He's going to need more than Houdini to escape from this prison," said Dorothy Dietrich, museum co-director and founder. Dietrich said nothing was taken or damaged in the break-in, and the museum devoted to early 20th century escape artist Harry Houdini was open on Tuesday.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT CLASS ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO?

"German, because German is sexy." — Charlie Vogelheim, junior abroad

"I'm looking forward to all of my classes, except linear algebra." — Pamela Wyrowski, senior of campus

"Health Economics, because I love Corby's... and I like Sue." — Christina Lee, senior off campus

"I'm looking forward to Medical Physics this year, because we get to stick people in big machines for fun." — Steph Bendinelli, junior Welsh Family

"I don't have class with Dr. Michelle Whaley; therefore, I have nothing to look forward to this year." — Nick Ward, junior Sorin

"My Health Economics class, because I'm recruiting at Corby's." — Sue Kippels, senior of campus

IN BRIEF

The Summer Shakespeare company will perform "Love's Labor Lost" on July 20 in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $20-$35 for faculty/staff members and $12-$15 for all students.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the film "Only Human" ("Seres Queridos") tonight at 10 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students and $6 for the general public.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening Michael Moore's documentary "Sicko" Friday and 10 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students and $6 for the general public.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will take on Michigan Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Alumni Field.

The Notre Dame marching band will present its Drummer's Circle outdoors at the Main Building Friday night at 11:59 p.m.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart will offer a Vigil Mass 30 minutes after the Georgia Tech game Saturday.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the film "The Night of the Hunter" Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students and $6 for the general public.

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Political science professor edits collection of essays

McAdams reflects on beginning phase of journal

Special to The Observer


The Review of Politics was founded at Notre Dame in 1939, during the presidency of Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., who had welcomed the faculty several prominent European intellectuals who had fled to America from the spiritual and intellectual suffocation of European fascism. Under the editorship of one of these émigré scholars, the political philosopher and historian Waldemar Gurian, the new publication became central to a community of thinkers understandably convinced that the West had lost its moral bearings and could not regain them without rediscovering what the French philosopher Jacques Maritain called "integral humanism."

McAdams' book presents 22 articles which appeared in the Review during its early and most influential years when it emerged as a leading journal of political and social theory. In addition to an introductory essay by McAdams on the journal's history and prominent contributors, it includes work by Gurian, Maritain, Desmond Fitzgerald, C. J. Friedrich, Denis de Roquefemand, John U. Nef, Areo Gruwich, Josef Pieper, Leo Strauss, Eric Voegelin, Hannah Arendt, Russell Kirk, Robert Strausz-Hupé, Louis de Ruyssenhozer, Frank O'Malley, Glenn Tindall, and Yves H. Simon.

According to Timothy Fuller, Worner Distinguished Service Professor at Colorado College, "the Review of Politics has been essential reading for students of political philosophy and politics for more than two generations, including among its contributors internationally renowned scholars whose works are both enormously influential and increasingly look to be contemporary expressions of perennial wisdom. To make seminal essays of this remarkable journal easily accessible, with more to come in future volumes, is a great service to students of political science at every level."

McAdams, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1992, is the William M. Scholl Professor of International Affairs and director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies. He teaches and writes extensively on comparative and international politics, political history, and law and technology. He also is the author of several books, including "Judging the Past in Unified Germany," "Germany Divided" and "East Germany and Detente."

Series to examine how policy affects Latinos

Special to The Observer

John Trasviña, president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), will open the Institute for Latino Studies' (ILS) Public Policy Lecture Series with a talk titled "Latinos in America: Our Past and Our Future" at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 5 in 200 McKenna Hall.

The series, titled "A Public Policy Agenda and a New Vision for the Future," will feature world-renowned scholars and policy makers who will discuss the impact of public policy issues on the Latino population and the consequences for American society in general. The lectures are intended to stimulate thought and dialogue on issues of immigration, education, philanthropy, political access, business and economic power.

Trasviña, who will explore the nation's immigration history and present policy recommendations for the future, is a graduate of Harvard University and Stanford Law School. He began his career at MALDEF as a legislative attorney in 1985 and was appointed to his current position last year. In 1997, President Clinton appointed him special counsel for immigration-related unfair employment practices. In that role, he led the only federal government office devoted solely to immigrant workplace rights and was the highest ranking Latino attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice. He later taught immigration law at Stanford Law School and has testified before Congress in support of extending the Voting Rights Act and against "English only" legislation.

The other speakers in the series are Janet Murguia, president and chief executive officer of the National Council of La Raza; Michael Olivas, director of the Institute of Higher Education Law and Governance at the University of Houston; Kevin R. Johnson, associate dean for academic affairs at the University of California at Davis; and Antonia Hernandez, president and chief executive officer of the California Community Foundation. Details on these lectures will be announced at a later date.

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such guest meal exchange program will continue on a trial basis for the next year or so as Food Services studies how it affects its bottom line.

The program, Davey said, allows students to use their permanent dormitory accounts to purchase up to five guest meals each day. The five meals, which remain separate accounts for an individual's regular account in the dining halls, are available for use for five dollars each, per semester. The guest meal exchange program does not include special dinners, such as any meals on the Friday and Saturday of home football games.

Davey said the exclusion of these days from the program was in response to student requests for permanent, Davey said, but with the University's end of the trial program.

Students can pay for the meals, which have been pre-loaded into their meal accounts, which are now available for use, with Flex Points, Domer Dollars or credit card pay. Students are reminded to pay the monitor at the front of the dining halls and adding the meals to their account on an as-needed basis.

"We had a lot of great collaboration, a lot of help from Steve Feehan and everyone else to figure out what is the most feasible for Notre Dame," Davey said.

If students use up the five meals, they can purchase more for two dollars at regular meal prices, though that because of a series of amendments to the Student Body Constitution, which are now amended several times a year for clarity.

The guest meal program was explained, by the same committee that briefed the students on plans on the upcoming semesters.

"Overnight committee chairman Ian Severson announced his committee's intention to make a comprehensive appraisal of the Student Body Constitution, which is scheduled to come up in the fall semester and for the next few weeks could have a decided impact on the quality and the outcome of the ordinance.

Our ability to negotiate is dependent on student behavior," Feehan said. "So this weekend, especially, encourage your friends and classmates to be respectful to their neighbors.

Brown said South Bend Mayor Stephen Lukeck's office therefore the Purdue Police Department will actively start enforcing the disorderly house ordinance, the existing ordinance that addresses noise and crowding issues.

Brown and student body vice president Marsin Brown began inquiring the ordinance with city officials before most students returned to schools. They have met with members of the Common Council, the mayor and city officials to discuss alternative to the ordinance, which would apply to many students living off-campus and too many fines against residents who did not submit applications.

The Common Council decided yesterday to modify the public for the ordinance for the first time, the third month, until Sept. 17, 2007. The ordinance was then supplemented by a revised version of the ordinance with what Brown called major changes.

The mayor's proposal would require individuals living in rooms, apartments, or condominiums in a public housing arrangement to pay property tax for his or her share of the municipal property tax, which is not currently paid by private condominiums.

"I don't like to take the podium on a year that I address you in the regard to the state of the student body," Brown said. "But I wanted to come up here today to draw some attention to something that has been on the forefront of student minds for the past few weeks."

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CBS sending Couric on reporting trip to Iraq

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impact on traffic, downtown businesses and the environment.

Some of the improvements include Kimo’s promise to use environmentally friendly building materials and designs, including recyclable materials that lived in the wooded property behind the buildings, a newspaper news release said.

Compton told WNDU earlier this that more than 100 animals have been relocated since mid-January, but that that was more than 100 animals in the wildlife section of the park.

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International News

Taliban releases 12 South Koreans

The South Koreans, Christian aid workers who were kidnapped nearly six weeks ago, were turned over to the International Committee of the Red Cross as three locations in central Afghanistan. None of the 12 spoke to reporters.

The remaining South Koreans will be freed over the next 48 hours, Taliban commanders have said.

Pakistan president quits army post

The Pakistani leader of a political party opposed to the army chief said Wednesday that he was stepping down as army chief, exiled Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was the senior committee posts.

Craig's rep represents the GOP

Hoekstra of Michigan, the first presidential candidate to visit New Orleans, arrived Tuesday as part of a series of barbecues that he will attend in Houston after the storm.
FBI investigates string of store bomb threats

Harding's market in Buchanan, Mich. affected

Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — Large grocery and discount stores across the country have been targeted by a caller who threatens to blow up shoppers and workers with a bomb if employees fail to wire money to an account overseas, authorities said.

Frightened workers have wired thousands of dollars — and in one case took off their clothes — to placate a caller who said he was watching them but may have been thousands of miles away. The FBI and police said Wednesday they are investigating similar bomb threats at more than 15 stores in at least 11 states — all in the past week.

"At this point, there's enough similarities that we think it's potentially one person or one group," FBI spokesman Rich Kolko said from Washington.

No one has been arrested, no bombs have been found, and no one has been hurt, though the calls have triggered store evacuations and prompted lengthy sweeps by police and bomb squads.

Law enforcement officials say the caller claims to have a bomb and orders the store to send money to an account through an in-store money transfer service such as Western Union. He often claims to be able to see inside the store, but officials believe he was making it up.

In Newport, employees at a Wal-Mart got three calls Tuesday morning and wired three payments totaling $10,000 to an account out of the country, Sgt. James Quinn said.

A spokeswoman for Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said the company was assisting in the investigation, but offered no further comment.

The first of the threats that federal investigators are aware of came last Thursday at a Safeway in Sandy, Ore. The caller initially said he had a gun and was watching the store, but after meeting resistance to his demands he claimed to have a bomb, Sandy police Chief Harold Skelton said.

In Buchanan, Mich., on Monday, the caller directed employees of a Harding's market to lock the front doors, move to the front and told them not to call police, said Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey. The man claimed he could see some workers standing up, and ordered them to sit down.

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Police and FBI officials in Maine are working closely with other federal agencies to investigate the threats.

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Welcome Back!
Quick. What's for dinner?

HBO's Entourage was inspired by the real-life of which actor?

- a) Freddie Prinze Jr.
- b) Mark Wahlberg
- c) Orlando Bloom

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Barnes calls for mortgage choices

Federal Reserve chief believes Federal Housing Administration could help

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is suggesting that policymakers look for ways to encourage a wider range of mortgage products geared for low income and other borrowers who have been feeling real estate-related slumping and credit crunch.

Bernanke, in a letter to Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., that was obtained Wednesday, said the Fed is keeping close tabs on financial markets and is "prepared to act as needed" to ensure spreading credit problems that have rocked Wall Street in recent days don't spread to the economy. It's a message the central bank has been sending as the markets have grown more turbulent.

Foreclosure and late payments have spiked, especially for "subprime" borrowers with blumped credit histories or low incomes. Higher interest rates and weak home values have made it impossible for some to pay or to keep up with their monthly mortgage payments. Some overextended homeowners can't refinance or even sell their home.

Bernanke said the development of "a broader range of mortgage products which are appropriate for low- and moderate-income borrowers, including those seeking to refinance" might help the situation, as such programs could be designed to avoid or mitigate the risk of prepayment, which "is more transparent with respect to their terms and conditions." Bernanke wrote in the letter, which was dated Friday.

Mortgage foreclosures and late payments are expected to worsen in the next year and a half as low "teaser" rates that lured in borrowers reset to higher rates, socking homeowners. Some 2 million adjustable rate mortgages are expected to reset to higher rates this year and next. Steep penalties for prepaying mortgages have added to some homeowners' headaches.

Bernanke said the Federal Housing Administration, a government agency that insures home loans, might help those seeking to refinance or even sell their home.

The Congress might wish to consider FHA reforms that allow the agency more flexibility to design new products and to collaborate with the private sector in facilitating the refinancing of creditworthy subprime borrowers facing large resets," Bernanke said.

The Bush administration is looking into ways that the FHA, part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, may help troubled homeowners with low incomes or tarnished credit histories.

Sen. Chris Dodd, a Connecticut Democrat who is seeking his party's presidential nomination, has urged the administration to enable the FHA to "provide more affordable loans to American homeowners in danger of foreclosure due to bad lending practices," Dodd, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, also is interested in legislation to reform the FHA.

Eileen Griffen is trying to sell her house in Cheshire, Conn. Like many Americans, Griffen is having trouble finding a buyer due to the troubled mortgage market.

Stocks up amid possible interest rate cuts

NEW YORK — Stocks rebounded sharply Wednesday as investors, growing more optimistic about chances for an interest rate cut, sought bargains after the previous session's huge tumble. The Dow Jones industrials gained almost 250 points.

Many investors believe the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates at its next meeting on Sept. 18 or even sooner and were preparing for Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke to hint at such a move on Friday at a speech in Jackson Hole, Wyo. The viability of a rate cut has been Wall Street some hope that the stock market will recover from its summer volatility and that right now, it's a good strategy to buy while the buying is cheap.

News that Bernanke said in a letter to Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., that Fed policymakers are "prepared to act as needed" if the market's turbulence hurts the economy helped pad the market's gain.

The Fed, although it has not yet indicated that it will indeed lower the benchmark fed funds rate, has been adding cash to the banking system, a key ingredient in an attempt to keep the credit markets liquid. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York said Wednesday it would inject $5.25 billion through a one-day repurchase agreement, where it buys that amount in collateral from dealers who then deposit the money into commercial banks.

Wall Street was also enthusiastic about signs of corporate muscle. A jump in oil prices fed a rally in energy company stocks, and positive news from technology companies including Seagate Technology gave that sector a boost. Meanwhile, Altira Group Inc. spun off its Philip Morris International cigarette business.

Stock investors kept an eye on the credit markets for signs of loosening.

Though the safest assets, Treasurys, are not seeing the same frantic buying they saw a couple weeks ago, assets with a bit more risk, like commercial paper, are having some trouble attracting buyers.

"Everyone's waiting for the dust to settle there," said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist at Wedden & Co. "We're on a little bit better footing, but we're in a healing process that takes time," he added that he regards a Fed rate cut as "mandatory."

The Dow rose 247.44, or 1.90 percent, to 13,289.29, near its highs of the session. The blue chip index tumbled 280 points on Tuesday amid pessimism about the Fed's intentions.

Broader stock indicators also jumped. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 31.40, or 2.19 percent, to 1,463.76, while the Nasdaq composite index gained 62.52, or 2.99 percent, to 2,563.16.
Associated Press

LONDON — It was 1962 and Nelson Mandela was on the run. Hunted by South African authorities and gearing up for armed struggle against his country's apartheid regime, Mandela paid a visit to London seeking money, training and support. It was there that he met and Oliver Tambo, his partner in the anti-apartheid struggle, walked through Trafalgar Square sur­veying the statuary tributes to the British in its midst. The figure of a South African statesman was soon caught in their eye.

“Nelson Mandela is one of the most courageous and best-loved men of all time,” Prime Minister Gordon Brown said of the 89-year-old Nobel Peace Prize win­ner, who has come to personify his country’s struggle to end apartheid.

Brown said it was fitting that Mandela’s statue would be placed in Trafalgar Square — home to three statues of British military heroes and King George IV. But Mandela was not always considered a hero. Britain main­tained close ties with South Africa through the apartheid era, helping to insulate the former colony’s government from international isolation at the United Nations. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher referred to Mandela’s African National Congress as a terrorist organization.

“Even when my friend Gordon, the prime minister, was paying visits on international business, he was not always alone,” British lawmak­er Nigel Griffiths said, explaining that many British politicians criti­cized Mandela’s decision to take up arms against the white minori­ty regime.

“It’s amazing how people have forgotten how they opposed him,” Griffiths said.

But Mandela’s cause caught the popular imagination, and Britons were among the most committed supporters of anti-apartheid internationally. Boycotts were organized of com­panies doing business in South Africa, and a constant vigil was held in Trafalgar Square as Mandela languished in jail.

Mandela’s career as South Africa’s first post-apartheid president, which saw the painful — but largely peaceful — transition from a white supremacist state to a multicultural democracy, won most of his opponents over. Conservative leader David Cameron said last year that Thatcher had been wrong to label the ANC a terrorist organization, calling Mandela “one of the greatest men alive.”

Nevertheless, the effort to erect a statue to Mandela in London was not without controversy.

London Mayor Ken Livingstone campaigned for the Mandela sculpture to be placed in Trafalgar Square — home to three statues of British military heroes and King George IV. But Westminster Council’s planning committee, which had the final say, decided on Parliament Square, saying it was a more suitable location.

In the end, though, the towering bronze statue of Mandela, its polished brown hands stretching toward London’s Houses of Parliament, was more than his British support­ers had hoped for.

“I never even thought we would live to see Mandela freed from prison — much less this,” said Eddie Jennings, a 43-year-old energy broker, as the crowd around him broke into South African anthems.

Olga Onanuga, 44, said she had protested and marched as Mandela languished in jail. Now she said she was bringing her daughter to the square to give the child a glimpse at what she called “a one of a kind” politi­cation.

“Someone that our genera­tion and the younger generation will never again see,” Onanuga said.

Mandela appeared frail as he made his way Wednesday to the platform, leaning on the arm of his wife, Graca Machel. But he spoke clearly as he invited the crowd to celebrate his 90th birth­day next year at a concert in London’s Hyde Park in support of his efforts to combat AIDS.

The concert will support his foundation, which is called “46664” — the number he wore in prison.

The Nobel laureate recalled the time he and Tambo toured the square, looking ambivalently at the symbols of British power.

The history of the struggle in South Africa is rich with the sto­ries of heroes and heroines, some of them leaders, some of them fol­lowers. “All of them deserve to be remembered,” Mandela said.

“Oliver would have been proud today if he were here.”

Clashes, arrests mark Chilean day of protest

Associated Press

SANTIAGO — Police used tear gas, water cannons and clubs against demonstrators staging nationwide protests Wednesday against government social and eco­nomic policies. Authorities said 87 people had been detained, but as the protests passed the six-hour mark by mid­afternoon, state television and other local news media quoted police sources as saying that arrests had climbed to 200.

Journalists saw several demonstr­ators bleeding or overcome by tear gas after clashes with police. Among the injured was Sen. Alejandro Navarro, the state’s socialist opposition leader.

“Police repeatedly blocked pro­testers from marching toward the center of Santiago but demonstr­ators blocked traffic at key intersections. The president appeared especially upset that some members of his own coalition were backing the protests. “I am not going to accept that my dedication to social justice is not recognized,” she said Monday night.
**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — After finding no evidence of astronauts drinking before launches, the NASA said Wednesday it is considering limited alcohol testing of its employees, including astronauts.

An internal investigation recommended alcohol testing while at the same time clearing many astronauts of any wrongdoing. In response, NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said he would come up with a policy for testing after a misstep or when there are specific concerns.

The 45-page report by NASA said there was no evidence of non-flying astronaut and shuttle accident investigator, was initiated after a non-flying astronaut was found dead by suicide after a traffic accident.

"I was unable to verify any case where alcohol played a role in a crew member's death," Griffin said in a report released Wednesday. "I'm troubled that a student gunman's class compatriot didn't show up to see his friend's presentation and I'm troubled by the fact that another student referred to the deceased as a 'threat to himself more often than a threat to others.'"

The federal policy change went into effect Wednesday, and travelers will be referred to secondary screening at air security checkpoints if they are wearing turbans. The policy change comes after the 2010 shooting at Virginia Tech, where a student gunman's class compatriot didn't show up to see his friend's presentation and I'm troubled by the fact that another student referred to the deceased as a 'threat to himself more often than a threat to others.'"

**Gov. previews Tech report**

Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell and other Virginia officials said Tuesday that a Virginia Tech student whom they say killed three people and injured 32 others at the school during a shooting spree in May will be referred to a mental health assessment.

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If nothing else, Rudy Giuliani has courage. Say the name “Rudy” to any non Notre Dame fan and the first image that comes to mind is Giuliani, in a hot mask, walking the streets of lower Manhattan on Sept. 11. While President Bush and Vice President Cheney jetted around the country to undisclosed, secure locations, Rudy walked into the heart of the problem.

Recently, though, Rudy’s courage has been manifested in a very different, but very dangerous, way. After opening his view on abortion in the first Republican primary debate, Giuliani decided to be honest about his position on abortion ought to be legal. Rudy told Americans, “In my case, I hate abortion. But ultimately, because it is in the interest of women, I would respect a woman’s right to make a different choice.” Giuliani would later definitely insist that he finds abortion “morally wrong.” In an age when, as author Kevin Phillips reports, “Evangelicals, fundamentalists, and Protocystals” make up “some 40 percent of the (Republican) electorate,” that sort of honesty takes courage indeed.

Of course, Rudy is not alone in this illogical “personally opposed but should be legal” position. Former New York Governor Mario Cuomo, a Catholic Democrat, famously detailed the same unconvincing speech at Notre Dame in 1984. Cuomo argued that Catholics need to “weigh Catholic teaching against the fact of a pluralistic country where our view is in the minority.” In 2004, John Kerry said, “I oppose abortion, personally. I don’t like abortion. I believe life does begin at conception.” Still, Kerry maintained, “I can’t take what is an article of faith for me and legislate it for someone who doesn’t share that article of faith.” Surely, the list does not stop there; Democrats and Giuliani, in the occasional courageous Republican) frequency take the “personally opposed, but... position.”

But this position on abortion has a signification flaw. No matter which is the ideological spectrum you fall, you cannot honestly and logically maintain that abortion is both a moral wrong and ought to be legal. Simply put, a person can’t have a right to do a definitive moral wrong, and that seems to be precisely what Cuomo, Kerry and Giuliani find abortion to be. Presumably, Rudy believes abortion destroys a human life. His Catholic background, together with his lack of any equivocation or confession about the morality of abortion, suggests that this destruction is the reason he finds it morally wrong.

If abortion is “morally wrong” because it amounts to the destruction of innocent children, then, nobody — no matter his “courage” — can claim it ought to be legal. In this view, abortion is tantamount to murder. And it is safe to say that nobody, religious or otherwise, would entertain the idea that you can be “personally opposed” to murder but “respect [a person’s] right to make a different choice.” As speakers at the Michigan Catholic Conference once asked, “If it is morally permissible for us to say every woman has a right to make her own decision regarding abortion... why can’t everyone have an equal right to decide whether or not to abort his/her child?” If you believe abortion is the moral equivalent of murder, it is not a demonstration of moral respect for a woman’s autonomy or her own decisions. If you believe abortion is morally permissible, you are morally wrong.

Most people, abortion is not as black and white as they want — and proclaim — it to be. It isn’t just that society on the whole is confused about the morality of abortion. Many people are conflicted about whether abortion is “morally wrong.” Most people don’t “hate” the abortion in the absolute sense that “hate” implies.

They weigh the circumstances of the abortion to determine its morality and their feelings toward it. They want to know why, and how the abortion is performed. They’re Iffy about the morality and legality of abortion. And the moment they admit that, the position against the imposition of a morality becomes infinitely more logical and appealing.

No politician, though, can admit this internal confusion publicly — it’s too risky to talk about it. Politicians are either for or against abortion. They aren’t “personally opposed” to abortion but “respect a woman’s right to make a different choice.” And nothing is more slippery than that.

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Campus Ministry welcomes students

In the name of the staff of Campus Ministry and myself, I would like to welcome all Notre Dame students back to campus for a new academic year. All of us hope that this will be a great year for all of you and we look forward to being with you in some of our many Campus Ministry activities.

Richard Warner, C.S.C
FaithPoint

Once again this year, we will offer an Ignatian Weekend Retreat early in October and we are also planning a five-day silent Ignatian Retreat at the time of Spring Break. A number of people are helping us to develop our team, including Father Frank Murphy.

Father Lou Dell'Arra has joined our staff and will share writing opportunities for this column with Kate Barrett. He will also assist us in developing a new series of Bible studies.

Finally, a long-term member of the Campus Ministry staff, Chandra Johnson, who served as associate director of campus ministry and director of African American student ministry, has accepted a wonderful new opportunity in McLean, Va., working for a foundation that nationally supports African American students. Since this development only took place in July, we did not have an opportunity to invite Judy Madden to join our staff to replace Johnson until recently. I look forward to working with Madden as she serves our African American students.

We all look forward to a great new year in ministry as we work together with our student leaders and with all of you to build up the vibrant community of faith that is one of our wonderful mission values at Notre Dame.

This week’s FaithPoint is written by Richard V. Warner, director of the Office of Campus Ministry.

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

Editorial Cartoon

Stick it to the man, avoid high-priced books

At the start of each semester I head down to the basement of the Nebraska Union, and the sight I’m faced with is enough to make Chuck Norris cry. Dozens of students, no more deserving than me of the punishment we’re all about to receive, apprehensively stand in line and await the opportunity to spend a couple hundred well-earned American dollars on their text-books for the upcoming semester.

At first, it seems like a fair trade; dead trees with ink on them for some different dead trees with more ink on them. But I’m not content with surface appearances here, because I’m getting ripped off. I’ve hardly done anything to make this wealth of knowledge available to me.

Looking into the book store, it seems apparent that the cost of a book equal to the cost of a textbook could never fall off something this good. It is not uncommon for a student to spend upward of $500 dollars on textbooks at the start of the year. For many of us, this seems excessive. By the time the semester is over and half the books aren’t even used (or is that just me?), it seems even more so.

I walk down the stairs, calmly wait in line, show the cashier my NCard, and lo and behold, she will be using the 23 edition next semester in place of the 22 edition I am using in class. I wonder why I didn’t just provide the bookstore a blank check and free reign over my credit cards for months ago. After all, they could’ve possibly screw me over financially all that much more, could they?

I paid hundreds of dollars for some books, and now that I want to sell them back in just as good of shape. I’m informed that beginning for change on the corner of 14th and O is a superior money-making scheme. So, how do they get away with it? Well, for starters, there are in fact some classes in which you do need the books assigned if you hope to succeed. These classes are far fewer in number than the professors here on campus would have you believe when they hand out syllabuses on the first day of class, but they are out there. For most of us, all the classes we sign up for are classes we will be taking for the first time, and therefore we are unable to know which books will be needed for which class. For many of us, this seems excessive. By the time the semester is over and half the books aren’t even used (or is that just me?), it seems even more so.

The truth is, there is no one else in the world who is not a college student. There are other places you can go to get your books, and I recommend you give one or more of them a try.

For starters, there is the library. Books, at the library? I’m a source of immeasurable amounts of knowledge, insight and wisdom. I know. But seriously, so long as it isn’t a textbook that you need every day of the semester, it is worth a try (middle of campus, just west of the union, if you come to CBA, you’ve gone too far).

So let’s do that. Let’s get some better student seats. We don’t have to earn those seats — they were earned by our admission into the University.

I know that a lot is at stake. I’m not sure what the previous years have had at the games, but I think having better seats will give the student body, as well as the football team, that much more encouragement to be able to see our support for our team. This would especially be true when the away team has a large contingent, which is usually at the end zone opposite the Notre Dame student body.

I again want to thank you, Coach Weis. I haven’t, no matter where I’m sitting, that you are a fantastic coach with a helpful holistic approach that makes me feel, win or lose, that I’ve had a great time.

Robert McKeon
graham student
Fischer Graham Circle, Aug. 28
Rats serve up a delicious helping of Pixar animated magic

Pixar Perfect
From "Toy Story" to "Cars," computer animation has taken over Disney

By CHRIS McGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

This summer was a silver tray covered with delectable films and flicks, and one of the main courses was the culinary-based "Ratatouille." The Pixar film, released in June, was a box office smash hit, and rightfully so.

"Ratatouille," named after a French dish, is a coming-of-age film that fully exemplifies the qualities that make Pixar creations so highly regarded. With a perfect blend of slapstick comedy, subtle adult humor, and a hefty dose of the "life-lessons" we have come to expect from so many animated shorts, "Ratatouille" is a cinematic success story from the start.

The film follows the tabi, or is it (tail?) of Remy (Patton Oswalt), a rat with a passion for food that is unappreciated and unwanted by his peers. While his family fronts on garbage and other leftovers, Remy finds pleasure in stealing a bit of cheese from the cottage near his rat nest. Remy is not satisfied to have garbage as his main course, but seeks greater fare. Remy’s life goal is to become a chef, but his heritage (i.e. being a rat) prevents him from following his dreams. That is until a series of events leads to Remy finding himself in Paris, France, and he ends up in the kitchen of one of the most famous restaurants in the world. The story follows Remy’s secret ascent into chef-stardom, and the perks it entails.

Overall the film is one of Pixar’s best, and can easily be mentioned in the same breath as other Pixar classics. Pixar has in fact become so good at what they do, they are leaving the competition behind. Even in its final days, the theatre company has been touring the London Stage.

The actors, From the London Stage

In addition to these Shakespearean comedies and tragedies, the Delbartolo Performing Arts Center and the Department of Film, Television and Theatre are bringing John Patrick Shanley’s "Savage in Limbo: A Concert Play" and Tony Kushner’s "A Bright Room Called Day." "Love’s Labor’s Lost" concludes Summer Shakespeare’s film and stage season theme of "smart men and smarter women." This comedy by William Shakespeare tells the story of four young nobles who, after agreeing to spend three days living aesthetically and studiously without even the company of women, are trapped away from their task by the love they develop for three ladies-in-waiting and the French princess they serve.

Summer Shakespeare, the professional theatre in residence at Notre Dame, produces excellent plays every year, and shouldn’t be missed in the rush to move on to campus. "Love’s Labor’s Lost" began running on the Deveo Mainstage Theatre Aug 21 and will continue through Sunday.

The Actors From the London Stage will respond to Summer Shakespeare’s comedy with a Shakespearean tragedy, the infamous "Macbeth." The Actors From the London Stage, a group housed in the DPAC that travels throughout the U.S., is known for performing with limited actors, sets and props. This creates a very clean production centered on the acting and the words with few embellishments. "Macbeth" depicts the slow descent into madness of a general and his wife after they kill the king of Scotland for his throne. "Macbeth" will run in Washington Hall Sept. 12-14.

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With this play, the FTI Department has the chance to approach many of the issues coloring American politics today. "A Bright Room Called Day" will run in the Deveo Mainstage Theatre Nov. 13-14.

The fall theatre season on campus should be an excellent one consisting of a strong set of works that ranges from the lesser known to the very famous. The companies have plenty of room to explore the ever-relevant and demanding themes of these four plays, and each one stands distinct from the other.

To purchase tickets for all of these events contact the DPAC Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

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DPAC fall theatre season kicks off with tales from the Bard

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

As the summer theatre season wraps up, the fall season is ready to begin. Summer Shakespeare’s production of "Love’s Labor’s Lost" is in its final days, but Actors From the London Stage will soon come to campus with its take on "Macbeth" to usher in the fall.

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By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

First there was Superman. Then there was Spider-Man. And now there is Optimus Prime — the latest red, white and blue-clad hero to dedicate costume and cause to the defense of this great nation during a big screen summer blockbuster.

Prime, in case you happen to have never played with toy action figures as a child, is undoubtedly the George Washington of robots — a founding father and freedom fighter who arrives on earth to defend all of humankind from vicious attacks from the evil Decepticons.

Optimus Prime doubles as a tricked-out semi with more knick-knacks and doodads than the friendly folks at "Pimp My Ride" could ever hope to customize. Like Prime, the rest of the Autobots (the shape shifting robots dedicated to saving us all) arrive with a flurry of whirring clicks and grinding gears as a series of mechanized metal minions pop, lock and drop in and out of their covert and battle modes.

Like the Transformers themselves, the film has a lot of moving parts. Shepherding us in the midst of all this wild mechanical mayhem is director Michael Bay, the previous driver behind the wheel of such massively successful films as "The Rock," "Armageddon," "Pearl Harbor" and "Bad Boys II.

Bay's cinematic flair for the explosive, the high-octane and the destructive is matched only by his ever quickening pacing and disdain for character development. He scores again with "Transformers," delivering the summer blockbuster red-blooded Americans waited for, without much success, after a relatively disappointing May with the releases of "Spider-Man 3" and "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End."

Bay's massive, loud and fun (if stupid) film could not succeed without its humans, despite all of the flashy gear porn on display. He paints them in the typical Michael Bay aesthetic. The reels are chock full of dirt-streaked, grimy faces and lots of sweat and squinting.

"Shia LaBoeuf of the Disney Channel's "Even Stevens" and, more recently, "Disturbia" fame — an actor whose name sounds more like the special at a French restaurant than the leading man of a multi-million dollar film — adapts to the role of movie star well, delivering his lines with good timing and coming across as a genuinely likable guy.

Alongside LaBoeuf is the foxy Meghan Fox, a stunning beauty and a stunningly bad actress. The only thing more unlikely than alien robots descending upon our planet to wage war with one another is probably the fact that the baby-faced LaBoeuf ends up getting with Miss Fox in the end, but with a movie such as "Transformers," a person has to suspend his disbelief for a few hours to enjoy himself.

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Opening on July 4, a day in which American founding forefathers such as Samuel Adams, Thomas Jefferson and John Hancock declared American independence from tyranny, director Michael Bay puts his own signature on the pages of Americana with his signature tendency of blowing things up.

In the end, the titanic, shape-shifting and fascist titanium-clad forces of evil find themselves defeated by truth, justice and the American Way. What could possibly be a more perfect Hollywood ending?

As he sees the Transformers for the first time, Shia LaBoeuf exclaims that they are "probably Japanese." So in the words of that great and technologically proficient people, domo arigato, Mr. Bay. That was one fun ride.

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Transformers

Directed by: Michael Bay
Starring: Shia LaBoeuf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel and Jon Voight

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Angels sweep Mariners, increase lead in West

Clemens gives up only two hits in win over Boston; Hannahan hits walk-off single in 12th for Athletics

Associated Press

SEATTLE — If this wasn't how the World Series won, it certainly seemed like it.

Jim Leyland won for the fourth time in five decisions, Garland Anderson had four hits and Los Angeles beat the Seattle Mariners 8-2 Wednesday to complete a three-game sweep and open a five-game lead in the AL West.

Vladimir Guerrero homered and went 8-for-14 in the series as the Angels moved a season-high 26 games over .500. Los Angeles outscored Seattle 24-8, out hit the Mariners 43-23 and had 17 extra-base hits to Seattle's five.

No wonder the Angels opened their biggest lead since before play on June 30.

“I think this series probably put in their head that they have to worry about the wild card, not the division, the Angels’ Orlando Cabrera said after he went 3-for-5 and scored twice. ‘We’re just leaving no doubt we’re a better team at this moment.’

Los Angeles, seeking its third division title in four years, improved to 11-4 against Seattle this season. The teams have one more series, Sept. 20-23 at Anaheim.

The Mariners, who entered one game ahead of the New York Yankees in the wild-card stand­ings, couldn't overcome the division race.

“It's too early for wild-card stuff,” Adrian Beltre said.

The Mariners have lost five in a row after winning 13 of 17 to close within a game of the Angels last week.

“It's 11 straight, said Seattle starter Jarrod Washburn, who won the World Series with the Angels in 2002 and will start Friday at Toronto. "There's no reason for error.”

Jeff Mathis hit his third career home run, a four-inning drive off Felix Hernandez (10-7), who lost from the first time in seven starts since July 22. Hernandez allowed six runs and a season-high 13 hits in seven innings, dropping to 0-3 with a 7.30 ERA against the Angels this season.

Eight of the Angels’ first 16 batters got hit off him.

“I don't know what happened. Everything I throw, they hit hard,” the 21-year-old ace said.

New York 4, Boston 3

Roger Clemens left the Red Sox more than a decade ago. On Wednesday night, he left them scratching their heads.

Clemens shut down his orig­i­nal team, allowing only two hits and outpitching a much younger ace in the Yankees to a victory over Boston.

Alex Rodriguez hit his major league-leading 44th home run, and the Yankees got another big hit from Johnny Damon to earn their second consecutive win in the series. New York trimmed Boston’s cushion to six games in the AL East and moved into a percentage point of Seattle for the wild-card lead.

Joe Buck was tagged for a career-high 13 hits by the Yankees, who turned to Mariano Rivera in the ninth inning for a four-out save.

Clemens 6-5 held the Red Sox hitless until David Ortiz connected for an upper-deck homer with one out in the sixth. The Rocket worked around a season-high five walks and improved to 9-5 in his career against Boston, a team he lost to in Game 3 of the 2003 AL championship series.

The Yankees tied the season series 7-7 after losing the first four meetings. The teams play four more times this year, including Thursday afternoon.


Kevin Youkilis also homered for the Red Sox, who played without injured star Manny Ramirez. The slugger sat out with a strained muscle on his left side and probably will be sidelined for several days.

“I don't know. Maybe a week,” Ramirez said.

Youkilis' two-run shot off Kyle Farnsworth in the eighth cut it to 4-3. Rivera entered with a runner on first and retired Corey Crisp on a soft comebacker to end the inning.

Rivera worked a perfect ninth for his 22nd save in 25 chances this season and second in two nights against Boston, often a personal nemesis.

Oakland 5, Toronto 4 (12 inn.)

Jack Hannahan has so little experience in the major leagues that most of the pitchers he faces are new to him. Given a second chance against Scott Downs this week, Hannahan showed he’s a quick learner.

Hannahan hit a game-ending single with two outs in the 11th inning off Downs to help the Oakland Athletics snap a five- game losing streak with a victo­ry over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday.

Hannahan grounded out with runners on second and third and an 0-2 count. On Downs' eighth inning of a tie game against Downs in Oakland's 6-2, 12- inning loss Monday night, he was waiting for a fastball this time and delivered what he hit it in his 62nd major league at­ bat.

“I had an opportunity to do it the other night against the same pitcher and didn’t get the job done. You're always looking to be that spot to win the game for your team. I just didn’t do it this time,” Hannahan said. “I just walked for a fastball and I was lucky enough to get one out over the plate and put a bat on it.”

Hannahan's big hit came after Huston Street blew a 4-2 lead in the ninth by allowing solo homers to Kyle Overbay and pinch-hitter Matt Stairs — the first time the closer has allowed two homers in an outing in his career.

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ATHLETICS: third baseman Jack Hannahan, center right, is congratulated by teammates after hitting the game-winning single in Oakland’s 5-4 victory over Toronto Wednesday.

Los Angeles first baseman Casey Kotchman avoids ball four to draw a bases-loaded walk during the Angels 8-2 win Wednesday over Seattle.

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**Phillips top Mets on controversial call at second base; Rockies stay in wild-card hunt with win over Giants**

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LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles has resuscitated Shea Hillenbrand’s big league career, and the seven-year veteran is doing his best to recharge the Dodgers’ season.

Hillenbrand hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning and a sacrifice fly in the 12th as the Dodgers rallied from a five-run deficit to beat the Washington Nationals 10-9 on Wednesday and complete a three-game sweep.

"I’ve been through a bit of adversity this season that I never even thought would happen in my career — especially with the success I’ve had," said Hillenbrand, who was reunited with former Boston manager Grady Little last Aug. 13 in L.A. after getting released by the Angels and Padres. "The game is very humbling, so you’ve got to take advantage of every opportunity you can and every situation you get put in it."

James Loney drove in four runs for the Dodgers, who also got homers from Russell Martin and Matt Kemp. Jeff Kent had four hits, including a leadoff single that started the winning rally.

Los Angeles, which won its fourth straight, began the day 4 1/2 games back of NL West-leading Arizona, the closest the Dodgers had been to first place in the three-weeks.

"We’re excited about being able to come home and win three games, because we know we’ve got to play some catch-up and make up some ground here," Kent said. "We’re all pulling on the same side of the rope, so we’ll see how good we are.

Washington wasted an 8-3 lead and lost its sixth straight game. Nook Logan drove in three runs for the Nationals and Ryan Church had four hits.

Robert Fick homered and drove in two runs, but also grounded into a pair inning-ending double plays with runners in scoring position.

"We just ran into a team that’s real hungry, and they showed it — especially today," Fick said.

**Phillies 3, Mets 2**

Marlon Anderson went a little too wide with his slide. Anderson’s hard lineout attempt might have been enough to boot up a double play in the ninth inning and allow the tying run to score for the New York Mets. Instead, Anderson went far outside second base after knocking down Philadelphia’s Tadahito Iguchi and was ruled out on a game-ending interference call in the Phillies’ victory Wednesday night.

Jimmy Rollins and Pat Burrell homered, and Brett Myers survived a wild ninth to help the Phillies win their third straight game against New York and close within three games of the NL East leaders.

"I’m glad the umpire made the call and took care of it," Iguchi said through an interpreter. "I think we were fortunate he was right on the play."

The Mets had runners on the corners with one out against Myers when pinch-hitter Shawn Green hit a slow roller to Rollins, who shoved the ball to Iguchi at second.

"Anderson made a rough slide at Iguchi outside the line and knocked the second baseman down as he threw to first. Second base umpire CB Bucknor ruled interference and a double play, sending Anderson into a fit."

He ripped off his helmet and jumped up in protest, and manager Willie Randolph also rushed out to argue.

"I know it shouldn’t have been a double play, but at the same time we have to abide by the rule of the umpire," Anderson said.

**Rockies 8, Giants 0**

Jeff Francis provided exactly the kind of performance the Colorado Rockies so desperately needed as they head into a key weekend series at first-place Arizona.

Francis pitched a six-hitter for his second career shutout, Garrett Atkins homered twice and the Rockies beat the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Despite their yearslong reputation for losing, the Rockies believe that this year they are clearly in the chase for the NL West and going into the final month, Colorado came into Wednesday 5 games behind San Diego for the wild-card spot.

"We still think we’re in it," reliever Matt Herges said. "It’s possible."

Francis’ huge outing sure helped matters.

The left-hander (14-6) struck out three and walked one in his second career complete game. The other was a two-hit shutout against St. Louis on July 24 last year.

He matched his career high with his 14th win — also accomplished in 2005 — and had two hits while making his 100th career start. Francis, who became just the sixth pitcher in franchise history with 100 starts, allowed only two batters to reach second base on the way to ending a three-start wild streak. He is 12-2 since May 7 — and has won at least 13 games in each of his three full major league seasons.

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A trainer helps University of Southern California quarterback John David Booty stretch during football practice in Los Angeles on Aug. 10. Summer workouts helped Booty beat recurring back problems.

Back injury resolved for USC's Booty

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The back problems that bugged John David Booty for years are finally behind him.

That being the case, the Southern California quarterback was able to participate in a rigorous training program administered by strength and conditioning coach Chris Carlisle last summer although Booty might not get his shot at playing time until this fall.

Associated Press

The results are obvious. "I think the off-season program made a big difference," Booty said. "The SC program, you see guys year after year looking like NFL players."

Booys, a fifth-year senior, finally got his shot at playing last season after sitting and watching Matt Leinart star at quarterback for three years. He made the most of it, passing for 3,347 yards and 29 touchdowns with nine interceptions.

For the first time since his sophomore or junior year in high school, John David felt comfortable, and it opened up his ability to train the way we've trained quarterbacks here before," Carlisle said. "We did a lot of core work — abdominal, lower-back work. He has more zip on the ball as a result because he has more power coming from the core and his legs. His body weight went up to 220 pounds. He stands in the pocket now and knows he can take a shot without worrying about it. He's pain-free and confident in what he can do."

Troyjans coach Pete Carroll has noticed a big difference. "The fact that he can just work out regularly with coach Carlisle in the program where he couldn't do that a year ago makes all the difference in the world in his confidence and athleticism," Carroll said. "John David has had an incredible run since the springtime."

Offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian said Booys reminds him of four-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux because of his accuracy. "I think the thing that jumps out at you is his ability to fit the ball in tight quarters," Sarkisian said. "You ever watch Greg Maddux? He doesn't miss."
Boston ready for playoffs

FedEx Cup will resume with Woods to make his debut

Associated Press

NOTTINGHAM, Mass. — The PGA Tour Playoffs figured to be somewhat of a homefield advantage for someone like Vijay Singh, a three-time winner at Westchester and a past champion at TPC Boston and Fanc Lake.

Then he shot 40 on his opening nine holes and missed the cut in the first event of the playoffs.

Steve Stricker had not played at Westchester since 1995, when he tied for 60th and promptly told his wife, "Take a picture because we're not coming back." He had little choice but to return under the FedEx Cup format, and Stricker warmed to the place rather quickly when he won The Barclays for his first victory in more than six years.

"I think for the most part, most players feel like if they're playing well, they can compete at any course," Stricker said Wednesday.

The next stop in the playoffs is the TPC Boston for the Deutsche Bank Championship, which starts Friday to accommodate its annual Labor Day finish.

The defending champion is Tiger Woods, who will be making his playoff debut after sitting out the first round, which caused him to fall from No. 1 to No. 3 in the standings.

Three of the top 10 players — Adam Scott is the other — have won at the TPC Boston. That doesn't mean much if the first week was any indication. Plus, the course has gone through another round of changes, this time by architect Gil Hanse and Brad Faxon.

Despite the most significant changes.

No. 4, now plays at 298 yards, which will tempt players to drive the green.

The par-5 seventh now has a massive cross bunker some 135 yards short of the green, with the face built up so steeply that players won't be able to see the green.

On the par-3 16th, the green has been moved forward and to the right, closer to the pond players must carry.

A new green on the 412-yard 17th, along with a 70-yard bunker in front of the green.

Two pot bunkers in the middle of the 18th fairway, and another one in the lay-up area on the 528-yard closing hole.

Hanse and Faxon also reshaped the bunkers to give them a New England feel, rugged and unkempt.

The routing is the same, but it's not quite the same course where Woods closed with a 63 last year to turn a three-shot deficit into a two-shot victory over Singh.

Woods won't see these changes until his pro-am round. Playing for the first time since winning the PGA Championship at Southern Hills, he spent about two hours on the practice range and putting green before going to a Presidents Cup meet­­­ing with Jack Nicklaus.

David Toms was among the first and most vocal about the courses used for the PGA Tour playoffs. He grew up in the South, and won his only major in the PGA Championship at Atlanta Athletic Club. That doesn't mean it's incapable of winning anywhere, but he questioned the equity of going to the same courses.

"If you're going to make guys play, are their guys from the West Coast who would normally go to Chicago or New York? Maybe, maybe not," Toms said Wednesday. "You might have vari­ety throughout the year, but you're talking about four straight weeks. For anyone, you do the best you can."

And Toms realized his chances aren't necessarily hurt by going back to the same four courses. He recalls hating Kingsmill the first time he played the old Michelob Championship, and it wasn't long before he won there in consecutive years.

"It's OK, as long as the golf courses are suitable for everybody," he said. "I guess if you look at past experience, there might be guys that definitely have an advantage. But that's usually some of the best players, anyway."

Steve Stricker
PGA golfer

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Jets will aim high with 'Mangenius'  

Associated Press  
HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Eric Mangini had quite a rookie season. He went from being known as Bill Belichick's ingenious assistant to being known as the "Mangenius," a successful and popular mentor of quarterback Tony Soprano among his fans. Clever nicknames and television cameras aside, the ever-focussed New York Jets coach faced his first big challenge following a 10-6 season and a surprising playoff appearance.

"Each year is its own entity," Mangini said. "I have heard players say that they do the same thing, every step of the way, to achieve the same level that you did. Prior results don't predict future results, kind of like the stock market."  

While Mangini's waitlist has been steadily shrinking since last spring's draft, at 50-40 pounds — the hopes for this season are significantly higher.

"Every season, there are teams that were disappointing that the year before and then they are on top in that year," Mangini said. "We've got to hope for that."  

Thomas Jones, acquired from Chicago in March, should play a major role in determining New York's fate. He helped make the Bears a Super Bowl contender, and the Jets are hoping for the same sort of impact from a veteran running back.

"Thomas has been a really positive influence and it goes back to what our research showed on him," Mangini said. "I'm the type of person to just play football. I don't get too much into people's personalities and how people coach. Just what I do is what I'm asked to do."  

Jones has been sidelined since Aug.12 with a strained calf, but should be ready by the opener against New England. He'll give quarterback Chad Pennington a boost, as the Jets were sorely lacking a running game.

The "running game is something we wanted to address," Pennington said.

Defensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer said: "The No. 1 thing we need to bring in is Thomas and just trying to get a feel for the second year in the system and the things we can do."  

Pennington bounced back from career-threatening injuries last year after being passed over the league's Comeback Player of the Year after throwing for a career-high 3,332 yards. "What we've done in the past has no bearing on the future," said Pennington echoing Mangini's thoughts. "It's a new season with so many changes in the league: new coaching, new players, free agency and drafts. You can't bank on what you did last season happening again. You have to start all over again. New year, new team, new goals."  

And at some positions, new faces. After trading veteran left guard Peter Boettcher to Washington last week after a bitter contract dispute, New York is giving rookie Jacob Bender, Adrien Clarke and Anthony Jones a shot or anyone else who can play the position — a shot at winning the job. "We all know the NFL is about change," Pennington said. "I feel comfortable Kendall's departure. There's constant change and anytime you look or read or hear something, there's change going on."  

The Jets' defense was transformed last season as Mangini and coordinator Bob Sutton shocked the league by installing a 3-4 system. It got mixed reviews as Bryan Thomas and Victor Hobson thrived, while perennial play- ers like Jonathan Vilma and Eric Barton struggled. The key will be getting those four linebackers, along with rookie David Bowen and veteran Chris Palma, on the same page to bolster the run defense and help a struggling pass rush.

"You don't get to start where you finished, good or bad," Sutton said. "You can never count on things being exactly as you expected."  

The secondary should be improved with the addition of speedy corner Darette Revie, drafted 14th overall. Following a long training camp holdout, Revie has already shown he can be a potential game-changing playmaker. Combined with standout safety Kerry Rhodes, the Jets could have two of the league's most exciting defensive backs.

It's the defensive line that will face us every year, and that's something we have to have focus," Mangini said. "To focus on the task at hand, communication, good work ethic, how we do and make that trust between all the players."
**NFL**

**Lowly Lions hope 2007 is turnaround season**

Detroit franchise has bumbled, bickered its way to the worst record in the league over the past six years

Associated Press

The Detroit Lions have been the target of relentless verbal and written shots while compiling the NFL's worst record the last six years.

It turns out, their own players were delivering some of the worst blows.

"There were knockdown, drag-out fights all the time last year," defensive tackle Cory Redding said. "There were cheap shots with guys getting leg-whipped and hit in the helmet."

Jeff Backus, who has endured each of the 72 losses since 2001, said last season's team-crumbling behavior wasn't new.

"It's happened as long as I've been here," the offensive tackle said. "My first couple of years, there were lazy veterans that didn't want to be touched in practice. If you blocked them, they would try to get you back in a dirty way for the rest of that practice."

In his second year, coach Rod Marinelli seems to have gotten rid of the destructive culture that infested a franchise with one playoff victory since winning its last NFL title.

Marinelli's players believe that finally pulling in the same direction will produce positive results for a change.

"We had no fights in training camp because Rod changed the whole attitude around here," Redding said. "We know we have to fight, scratch, claw and kick our opponents — not teammates — and I think that's going to make a difference."

"We have so many winners on this team that are tired of losing."

Detroit has won just 24 games in an atmosphere of four a year — against those 72 losses since Matt Millen was given control.

Tampa Bay's 12 straight seasons of double-digit losses from 1983-94 is the only other stretch of futility in league history that compares.

Detroit was 5-13 last year, Marinelli's first as a head coach, and only Oakland had fewer wins.

Quarterback Jon Kitna predicts this year will be different, claiming the Lions will win at least 10 games.

"If he's right, they likely will be in the playoffs for the first time since 1999."

"I was talking like that because of what I saw in the offseason," Kitna said. "We have great team chemistry. We don't have a whole bunch of individuals out here, and that's what Rod preaches."

"That's what wins in this league, not the greatest talent. New England has proven that."

The Lions seem to have enough ability on offense to live up to Kitna's projection, but their defense will have to exceed expectations to validate it.

Kitna led the NFL with 372 completions last season in Mike Martz's pass-heavy offense and was the first quarterback in franchise history to take every snap in a season.

Opponents probably will have a tough time slowing down Detroit if a reshaped line, with at least two new starters, can protect Kitna after he was sacked a league-high 63 times last season.

Roy Williams had an NFC-best 1,310 yards receiving, earning a spot in the Pro Bowl, and Mike Furrey led the conference with 98 receptions.

Not content with that production nor worried about jokes, Detroit used the No. 2 overall pick to draft Calvin Johnson, marking the fourth time in five years the Lions used their top selection on a wide receiver. The 6-foot-5, 239-pound Johnson has a unique blend of size, speed, leaping ability and soft hands. And unlike his experience at Georgia Tech, he shouldn't face double-team coverage.

"There's a lot of talent here," Johnson said.

Detroit also added depth at running back in the offseason, bringing in Tatum Bell and T.J. Duckett, because it was unclear when Kevin Jones would return from a serious foot injury that sidelined him for the final four games of 2006.

Two new faces with starting experience will be counted on to open up holes for the running game and give Kitna time to find his talented wideouts. Guard Edwin Mulitalo and tackle George Foster will try to bolster a unit that has been consistent but shaky in recent years.

"I don't think we can score 40 points a game, but averaging 28 is realistic," Williams said. "But the key is going to be our defense, which I think is going to surprise people."

If the Lions are effective on defense, it will startle some because there are questions from the front to the back of the unit.

Detroit gave free agent defensive end Dewanye White about $13 million guaranteed, despite a resume with just 13 starts in 60 games in Tampa Bay and no more than six sacks in a season.

The Lions made Redding the highest-paid defensive tackle in football, with reportedly up to $20 million in guarantees, after he had a breakout season that included eight sacks. Shaun Rogers, a two-time Pro Bowl tackle who struggled last season with injuries and was suspended for using a banned supplement, has in prove he's an elite player again.

The linebacking corps has potential with Erin Sims and Boss Bailey, but production from the group has been spotty.

Standout cornerback Dre Bly was dealt to Denver for Bell and Foster, and the Lions are confident their scheme will negate the loss.

After defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson tried to teach the "Tampa Two" for the first time, Marinelli fired him and hired his own son-in-law, Joe Barry, away from the Buccaneers to implement the two-deep zone that has been emulated throughout the league.

Detroit Lions wide receiver Shaun McDonald rubs his head during training camp. The Lions have the worst record in the NFL over the past six seasons heading into Rod Marinelli's second year.

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very best.
Seniors
Joseph Lapira
and Kurt
Martin put on
a show, combining for all
three Notre Dame goals and
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Lapira’s impressive play is
no surprise. After all, he
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Martin, however, has the
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Despite his solid contribu-
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Martin has been stuck
behind upperclassmen. This
year, with seven points in
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Martin is ready to make his
mark.
What makes the partner-
ship of Martin and Lapira so
dangerous is
that their
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perfectly.
Martin is
best at
receiving the
ball with his
back to the
goal so that
he can use
his deft first
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beat defend-
ors and slot through balls.
Lapira’s top-end speed
is sure to allow him to run
onto a few of Martin’s pass-
es.
Lapira and Martin already
appear to be developing a
rapport. Take Monday
night’s game against
Northwestern, for example.
In the second half, Lapira
received a pass from Martin
with his back to the goal,
took one touch and back-
heeled the ball to an
onrushing Martin, who fired
a first-time shot over
the top of the goal. While the
play will show up as nothing
more than a statistic, it
indicates a developing part-
nership that will likely give
Notre Dame a healthy scor-
ing average this season.
Though Clark is being
cautious with his words
regarding the potential
of this year’s team, the per-
formances of Lapira, Martin
and the entire Irish squad
Monday night gave the
coach guarded optimism.
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vide video broadcasts of all Notre Dame home sports games, with the exception of basketball - that have third-party television agreements limiting what Notre Dame and Comcast can provide. As a general rule, Notre Dame cannot broadcast video of away contests in sports because the home team's conference controls the broadcast rights to those games.

Corrigan said much of the content will be what is available on the Notre Dame athletics Web site, nd.com. He said the athletic department is trying to provide all content, though it will provide a portion of the official Notre Dame athletics Web site, nd.com. He said the athletic department is trying to provide all content, though it will provide "all-access" programming should earn it a spot on basic cable in the eight states that are home to Notre Dame schools.

This is a great example of what happens when entities - in this case Comcast and the University of Notre Dame - enter a situation with mutual interest and work together...

Rich Ruggiero
Comcast regional vice president for communications and public affairs

Conference: The Big Ten Network, which launches today under the leadership of former ABC Cable Networks General Manager Mark Silverman, wants all Comcast subscribers to receive the network and pay $1.10 a month for the network. In a release posted on the network's Web site, it argues that its inclusion of nearly 400 live events and 600 hours a year of original programming should earn it a spot on basic cable in the eight states that are home to Big Ten schools. But Ruggiero said the $1.10 charge was tanta-
mount to a "13 dollar-a-year tax that people are going to have to pay to Fox and the Big Ten." Ruggiero said he had a simple message for Notre Dame fans in Indiana and Michigan: "You're already paying to support public universities like Indiana University, Michigan State University. Do you really want to further subsidize the athletic programs at universities that are competing with Notre Dame?"

Comcast wants to put the channel on its sports entertainment package, which customers can add for an additional cost, because it believes the network's lack of marquee football games and dominance of non-revenue sports will minimize its appeal. "With Big Ten, we've been very clear that we absolute-

ly would love to add the Big Ten Network to our channel lineup. ... But we want to do it in the way that's best for all of our customers. When you look at the entirety of the year, and you look what the Big Ten's going to offer on [the network], especially compared to what's available on other channels, we think the best way to do that is to make it part of ... the sports entertainment package...

"That way any customer who wants it, can absolutely get it. But the vast majority of customers, who are prob-
ably not going to want the Big Ten programming, aren't going to be paying for it."

Comcast's sports entertainment package includes the NFL Network and NBA TV.

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coordinator Corwin Brown's 3-4 defense. Laws has by far the most experience of the linemen remaining on the Irish roster, having started the last two seasons at defensive tackle.

But this season, Laws has had to start from square one along with the rest of the defense — a challenge defensive line coach Jappy Oliver says conquered easily.

"More than anything else it's attitude. Trevor did a nice job over the summer coming back in shape," Oliver said. "His attitude was second to none in terms of willingness to learn this new package. He just did a great job in terms of keeping them motivated and telling what to do in certain situations ...

"Basically [Laws has] been the leader of our group and when things might be down he gets us back up and ready to go," Kuntz said. "Always having him there is almost like a safety blanket because he's such a good player, he's going to make plays no matter what you're doing."

Kuntz will enter the Georgia Tech game as the starting nose tackle, one of the most important positions in the 3-4 defense. Oliver said that Kuntz spent the summer bulking up in order to play the position effectively.

"I just ate a lot more, and I ate a lot better stuff," Kuntz said of his summer work at "Definitely hitting the weight room harder than I've ever hit before and trying to be in the best shape condition-wise I can possibly be."

Because Kuntz was able to bulk up effectively, Oliver said, the job was his to lose when it comes to knowing what to do in the 3-4 system, and he's just that.

Another strength of this year's defensive line is depth, Brown said. In the end it's sophomore Paddy Mullen, while freshmen Ian Williams is the backup nose guard. At the other defensive end spot, fifth-year senior Dwight Stephenson and senior Justin Brown will both see playing time.

One reason the Irish defensive linemen have been able to adapt so quickly to the 3-4 defensive front is because of Oliver, Kuntz said.

"He's such a good coach when it comes to knowing exactly what to do," Kuntz said. "I mean, he's had this defense before and having an experienced coach like him in a situation like this has been nothing but helpful."

Although Oliver was brought to Notre Dame to coach in the 4-3 defense, he said, he has coached the 3-4 in the past. Although Brown has brought some new changes to the formation, Oliver also credited the willingness of the players themselves in the transition. "They've made the transition pretty good. I like this bunch, they're hungry, they're eager to learn."

They're just a good team to work with," he said. After spending the entire camp playing against themselves, Oliver said, the team is as ready as they ever will be for Georgia Tech.

"You're never there but there's not much else. We've done just about all we can do right now its time to let the kids go out and play and have fun."

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2007 Season Predictions

This season is going to be ugly. Damn ugly. The finesse offense that produced prolific numbers is gone, as is the hard-but-don't-break mentality on defense that too often led to breaking. While the passing game is Charlie Weis' forte, something about hard-nosed football being run by a prodigy of Bill Parcells seems right. Notre Dame will start the season 2-0, and the series with Michigan is underdog-friendly. But UCLA will trip up an undefeated Irish squad in early October, reminiscent of the 2005 team's loss to Spartan. This year, however, Notre Dame will overcome Troy and enter the BCS full steam ahead.

FINAL RECORD: 12-1, BCS bowl win

The Irish begin the year with a gusto home win against Georgia Tech, but then head into Happy Valley and drop their first of the year. Learning from that loss, the Irish go on to upset Michigan and their weakened defense.

Notre Dame uses a combination of good defense and a solid running attack to handle their next two opponents before losing in a defensive struggle to UCLA.

After pounding Boston College, USC comes in and reminds everyone why they are the preseason favorites to win it all. The next four wins are easy wins and the Irish gain a berth in the Gator bowl where they finally break their bowl losing streak.

FINAL RECORD: 10-3, Bowl win

The season breaks down into three categories: Michigan and USC, six middling opponents, and the end. The Irish probably don't have the experience to beat the first two yet, and they will probably be picked off by one of the "second six," likely Georgia Tech, Penn State or UCLA. There is no way Notre Dame loses to Navy, Air Force, Duke or Stanford.

Along with a win in the Gator or Cotton Bowl, that leaves the Irish with the exact same record as last year. However, instead of finishing on our sour note, Notre Dame will finish on a five-game winning streak and with confidence for next year.

FINAL RECORD: 10-3, Bowl win

Notre Dame has one of its toughest tests in a few years this season. With away games at Penn State and Michigan back-to-back along with home games against Boston College and Southern Cal, the Irish will have to work hard to repeat the success of the Brady Quinn era.

The most important part of this season is whether the Irish will rebuild or rebuild. A new quarterback and a new defense could mean trouble for Notre Dame, but there's enough athletic ability and coaching talent to keep the Irish a strong team, if not BCS-bound.

Corwin Brown's defense and a five running back stable will help the Irish more than anyone could think.

FINAL RECORD: 9-4, Bowl Win

Notre Dame defensive linemen Neill Kennedy, left, and Andrew Nuss, right, go through drills at football practice Tuesday as defensive coordinator Corwin Brown watches on.
Thursday, August 30, 2007  

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ND ATHLETICS

Notre Dame, Comcast launch free on-demand channel

Meanwhile, Big Ten Network goes live, but not on cable giant

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

It just got a little bit easier to follow Notre Dame athletics. Cable company Comcast and the University last week announced the start of a new "on-demand" channel that will feature video of games, practices and interviews of all 26 Notre Dame varsity teams. The programming, which digital cable customers can view with charge through the "Get Local" portion of the on-demand feature, began last week for customers in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

More than half of Comcast's customers in the region have digital cable and thus free access to the content, said Rich Ruggiero, the Comcast vice president for communications and public affairs in the Chicago and South Bend markets.

Notre Dame did not charge Comcast a rights fee for the content. Boo Corrigan, the associate athletic director in charge of corporate relations and marketing, said the athletic department views the agreement as a way of expanding the visibility of Notre Dame's sports teams.

"It literally will cover, over the course of the year, all 26 varsity sports at Notre Dame," Ruggiero said. "Naturally, given the very strong interest in Fighting Irish football, there's a lot of football content."

Ruggiero said post-game and mid-week news conferences with Irish coach Charlie Weis will be a staple of the programming. Comcast already has added practice reports from the last few weeks and video from Irish media days, which was on Aug. 24.

Viewers can search the Notre Dame feature within the on-demand channels and then pick individual clips — whether it be a practice report from a certain day, a news conference after a particular game or player profiles — of Notre Dame games.

Corrigan said the University is trying to provide a "marketing tool" of Notre Dame athletics.

FOOTBALL

Indispensable

Fifth-year senior Laws anchors inexperienced defensive line corps

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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In 2007, Trevor Laws will play in his third different defense in his Notre Dame career. And now he feels that he can finally show everything he can do.

"I'm excited to get out there and show people what I've learned and what this scheme can help me do out there," Laws said. "It's definitely a new way to play, and I'm definitely enjoying it."

Laws will be the anchor of the defensive line this season as one of two defensive ends in first-year defensive coordinator Randy Edsall's system.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Preseason bodes well for squad

Upcoming schedule will shed light on true potential of team

Before his team had played any games this season, Irish coach Bobby Clark said Notre Dame's goal was to improve upon last year's Elite Eight finish in the NCAA Tournament. Apparently, Clark sets realistic goals.

In its two preseason games, No. 10 Notre Dame scored six goals, conceded zero and, in general, looked more than capable of becoming the first Irish team in program history to reach the Final Four. Clark, however, isn't convinced.

When asked how indicative his team's preseason performances were of what's to come in the regular season, Clark said that preseason games mean nothing and that he'd tell us in December.

Luckily for impatient Notre Dame fans, they won't have to wait until December to get a better idea of whether the 2007 Irish are capable of reaching the Final Four. On Friday, Notre Dame's first regular season game will pit the Irish against No. 4 UCLA, which fell to UC Santa Barbara in last season's NCAA final. Later in the weekend, the Irish take on No. 9 Maryland to open their 2005 NCAA champion. The Bruins and Terrapins are the type of teams that the Irish will likely need to beat in order to reach this year's Final Four in Cary, N.C., and

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish drop first opener in 17 seasons

ND loses season kickoff for first time in Brown era

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's year began on a sour note for the first time in a decade. The Irish lost a 3-0 (30-16, 30-28, 30-28) decision to No. 9 Minnesota in their season opener Aug. 24 in the Joyce Center, then dropped a 3-1 match to No. 7 Florida two days later.

The loss against the Golden Gophers marked the first time since 1990 that the Irish fell in a season opener. It is also the first defeat in a home opener for head coach Debbie Brown.

Sophomore Megan Fesl led the Irish with 11 kills. Senior Ashley Tarutis tallied a team-high 16 assists, while sophomore Jamel Nicholas added 13 helpers. Senior Arianna Stanisl, had 10 digs along with nine kills.

Three players aided Minnesota's (1-0) with double-digit kills. In her freshman debut, Brink Dieter had 18 kills and 14 digs. Junior Kyla Roehrig was also impressive at the net,