Notre Dame nabs 19th in rankings

University, at 20th spot last year, gets high marks in US News and World Report survey

By KAITLYNN SPENGLER
Assistant News Editor

US News and World Report collects data from universities to compile the rankings. The data include the retention and graduation rate for each college, the average freshman retention rate, the selectivity of admissions, class size, the academic credentials of incoming students, and the number of faculty members. Those factors account for 75 percent of the school's ranking.

The remaining 25 percent of a school's score is determined by a peer assessment review, in which the president, provost and dean of admissions vote, and in the evaluation of the institution's research, the provost and dean of the Graduate School will weigh in.

Penalties for Hand unknown

Junior guard allegedly solicited a prostitute

By CHRIS KOHREY
News Writer

Notre Dame students, alumni and sports fans are asking questions regarding the punishment by the Office of Residence Life and Housing of junior football player Darrell Hand, who was arrested for allegedly soliciting a prostitute on South Bend's south side Aug. 3.

But answers may be slow in coming.

Irish football coach Charlie Weis said that Hand, who was suspended indefinitely from the team immediately following his arrest, was "reinstated" Monday and has attended classes and football practice all week.

The junior nose guard will be held out of at least the season's first three games against Georgia Tech, Penn State and Michigan.

But, Weis said, "it's not conducive to efficient patrolling, Trent said. "Somebody's party with 25 people isn't even going to register on the radar."

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Police question proposed ordinance

SBPD spokesman Phil Trent doubts department can enforce plan intended to control student parties

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

Leaders of the South Bend Police Department believe the Common Council’s proposed ordinance to require permits for some off-campus parties is not the best way to address out-of-control gatherings — and might not even be enforceable.

“The question is, how far is everybody willing to stretch or fund the city’s resources to necessarily enforce this,” said Capt. Phil Trent, a spokesman for the police department. "We need to take a really good look at all the city resources and our ability to do what we say we’re going to do.”

When faced with a city of more than 105,000 people to police, patrolling officers will need to respond to calls — not pore over a list of potential parties, he said.

Sponsoring Council members argue the ordinance would introduce responsibility and order to students in residential neighborhoods. The Council’s proposed ordinance would require residents of boarding houses — buildings in which more than two unrelated people live — to file an application for a permit 10 days before hosting a party at which more than 25 people would have access to alcohol. Failure to register such a gathering would be punishable by a $500 fine, with a $1,000 fine for any subsequent violations. Violations of any other city laws would retain their own fines.

The specifics of the bill are not conducive to efficient patrolling, Trent said. "We've got legitimate bars, fully licensed, with 100 patrons spilling out onto the streets," he said. "Somebody's party with 25 people isn't even going to register on the radar."

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A Falcons fan's lament

There are a lot of reasons to be proud to be from Atlanta. Goke, Home Depot, Chick-Fil-A, Hooray Aaron, Waffle House? Unfortunately this past summer our city was enveloped in controversy and embarrassed by a sin we once embraced — Michael Vick.

When drafted from Virginia Tech in 2001, Michael Vick was a quarterback unlike any the NFL had ever seen. From the day the Falcons traded up to select him with the first pick, Vick was instantly a sensation in Atlanta. It was in attendance at a Braves game a few days after the draft, and I wore the occasion for Michael Vick throwing out the ceremonial first pitch was louder than Chipper Jones' walk-off home run nine innings later.

We wanted to love Michael Vick, and for the first few seasons of his NFL career we had no reason not to. In his first year starting, Vick led us to the playoffs and beat Brett Favre and the Packers in Lambeau Field. Even though the Falcons fell to the Eagles in the next round, Michael Vick was the highest athlete ever to hit Atlanta. The No. 7 jersey was the bestselling in any player in the NFL. I happily unwrapped my jersey Christmas morning and wore it every day of the season.

A season later, Vick signed a huge 10-year contract worth $130 million. The Georgia Dome was sold out every week and had never been so loud — we wanted Michael Vick to be a Falcon for life.

The warning signs began in 2005 with the "Boca Mexico" incident, when Vick was sued for allegedly passing on a Sexually Transmitted Disease. The suit was privately settled out of court, though it was the end of Vick's entire career with the team. As fans looked past his off-field issues, the tide turned. While the Falcons fell to the Falcons fell to 4-12, the team was still the most hotly contested, unlike any the NFL had ever seen.

In 2006, Vick was arrested for allegedly transporting and selling dogfighting videos in Georgia. Vick was reinstated in 2007, and his team went 11-5, and our fan base grew worse.

Falcons fans are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Michael Bryan at mbryan@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Thursday's article about the Hilton Garden Inn has been corrected. The hotel will open Sept. 22, not Nov. 1. The banquet will hold up to 175 people, not 800. The Observer regrets the error.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Residence halls filled at 104 percent capacity

Study lounges converted into rooms, doubles turned into triples to accommodate high percentage of students on campus

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Notre Dame's on-campus housing crunch hasn't gotten any better.

For students in dorms like Farley, study lounges have been converted into extra bedrooms due to overcrowding. According to the Office of Residential Life and Housing, the University's 27 residence halls are at 104.1 percent capacity, which means that 179 beds are squeezed into forced doubles and crowded singles.

"We are very fortunate that students want to live in the halls," said Scott Kachmarik, associate director of the Office of Residential Life and Housing.

Though the capacity numbers have gone up, the University's population has not experienced a grand expansion in the last 10 or 15 years, he said. "Last year, 100 more students enrolled than anticipated, and that adds to the overflow," he said. "The impact of that overflow is felt in the residence halls, dining halls, classrooms and all places on campus."

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"It's kind of crowded, but we managed to squeeze in a room and a fridge in there," she said. "There's really a lot of room in the basement, so the lounge isn't that much of a loss, plus it's nice to have more people on our floor."

Scott Kachmarik, associate director of the Office of Residential Life and Housing, who began working at Notre Dame in the late 1990s, said the dorms have been above 100 percent capacity for the past five or six years. He reviewed data on dorm populations dating back to 1991-1992 and said at no time in those years were the residence halls below 96 percent capacity.

Notre Dame seems to be an anomaly when it comes to on-campus dormitory living trends. Kachmarik said many universities would say their best year for students living on campus would be one where the dorms were at 96 percent capacity.

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Though the dorms are crowded, Kachmarik does not believe that particular fact contributes to students' decision to move off campus. "Being at 104.1 percent capacity in the residences indicates that a good number of the upperclassmen are still here," he said.

Kachmarik said it is mostly the freshmen and sophomores who have the least space, in general, and that the overcrowding affects them in particular.
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sions of a school evaluate the academic programs offered by other colleges, including its own.

This factor in the rankings, Brown said, makes the survey less precise.

"Most presidents, provosts and deans of admissions only know really a handful of schools in terms of how good they are," Brown said. "To ask them to evaluate several hundred institutions is not very practical."

Dennis Brown Assistant Vice President for News and Information

and under 50, if he can, so students might notice that they frequently have classes of 19 or 49.

"If there is a class that is taught and a department has suggested a class size of 20, we will see if that would also work for 19," Pace said. In the same way, the other cut-offs, just for that consideration.

But if a department or dean would rather have a larger class size, Pace said, then the university will allow the class to be taught with 20 students, for example, rather than 19.

Notre Dame does try to increase its score in the report, Brown said, but always takes the rankings "with a grain of salt."

"In some ways, we can see that universities all have such unique missions and Constraints and weaknesses that to try to numerically rank them is not even credible in some ways, but US News choices to do that, and certainly prefers and prospective students use that tool," he said.

On its Web site, Notre Dame lists its distinguished rankings, including its status as a top-25 school in the US News rankings, on its "About Notre Dame" page.

Both Rankings and Admissions office research show students and their parents are "not fixed" on rankings, said Assistant Provost for Admissions Dan Saracino.

"If you are ranked in the top 20, it affirms you are one of the best, but Notre Dame is attracting students of all backgrounds," Saracino said. "But a student is not going to select a school that is 174th over one that is 19th ... for that reason. Because there are a lot of other reasons."

Freshman Kellie Sciuca, who can begin her college search process not long ago but said she didn't look at rankings when she decided to apply, and later enroll, at Notre Dame. What attracted her to the school, she said, was the "academic prestige."

"Everyone knows Notre Dame is a great school," she said.

"I think it should be ranked higher, but obviously I'm biased because I really like this place," Saracino said. "Senior Katie Miller was glad that Notre Dame had moved up in the rankings but said that even if it dropped dramatically, the school would still get a huge applicant pool.

"I think there is so much more about Notre Dame that is attractive other than just their ranking," she said.

Seniors like Miller may soon appreciate Notre Dame's high ranking a lot more when they begin to look for jobs. Lee Svetel, the director of the Career Center, which was itself ranked second in the country by The Princeton Review, said he thinks employers are starting to look more closely at the rankings when they decide where to recruit.

Svetel cited BusinessWeek, which ranked the Mensa School of Business seventh in the country in its 2007 rankings based on undergraduate business programs. That, Svetel said, is an "extra selling point" for companies to recruit Notre Dame graduates.

"I don't think it makes or breaks a deal, but I think it's an added bonus to be in the top 10," he said.

For the past six years, US News and World Report has also published a list of schools that have "outstanding examples of academic programs that are believed to lead to student access," according to the magazine's Web site.

Notre Dame's First Year of Studies, its International Study Program and service learning offerings are all recognized in the unranked lists. Notre Dame also was ranked 20th out of 50 schools with the best values.

The ranking was done based on the percentage receiving need-based grants, the average school cost after aid and the average discount from the total cost above the median cost of the college.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

8 killed as trains collide near Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — A train slammed into a stationary train Thursday near a Rio de Janeiro depot, officials said. A firefighter said there were reports of casualties.

The collision occurred about 200 yards from the Ausin station on Rio's poor north side, said a firefighter who gave his name only as Sgt. Ganso, in line with company policy.

“We heard there were various victims, including fatalities,” he said by telephone.

Civil Defense officials said 60 firefighters were working at the site to remove victims.

In Brazil, it is mandatory to die as a volunteer, and civil defense officials said there were reports of the number of victims.

China replaces finance minister

BEIJING — China replaced its finance minister Thursday amid reports he was involved in a sex scandal and also named a new chief of secret police.

The move comes as part of a reshuffle announced Tuesday by Premier Wen Jiabao as the government tries to revitalize an economy hit hard by the global downturn.

China is the world’s third-largest economy, but it has been hit by the global downturn, and the government is trying to stimulate the economy through a stimulus package.

Rumors that the 63-year-old Jin was on his way out as finance chief had circulated for days, raising concerns in global financial circles.

Virginia Tech leader on defensive

School president refuses to step down despite demands from angry parents

Associated Press

Virginia Tech president Charles W. Steger answers questions from the media at a news conference in Blacksburg, Va., Thursday. Steger has been facing calls to resign.

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The video, which was released by the school, said a boyfriend-girlfriend dispute had prompted the attacker to go on a campus killing spree.

No plausible scenario was made for how this horror could have been prevented once he began that morning,” Steger said.

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**Ordinance**

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marily affects students. Council member Al "Buddy" Kinsella, police surgeon, has said that many neighborhood problems are the result of a "lack of drinking among college students."

The ordinance's other sponsor, Council member Tim Loecke, said student parties have required increased city response and resources.

"There was a perception that things have gotten better, but when you look at the data, they've actually regressed," he said at the Aug. 20 common council regular meeting. "We have more instances of things that cost the city money."

Later during that meeting, Chief Thomas Faust of the South Bend Police Department disagreed.

Faust said police had seen a "slight improvement" in off-campus student partying last year, a change potentially related to the amendment added to the ordinance during the summer of 2005.

The Common Council amended the disorderly house ordinance in summer 2005 to require an increased number of noise violations needed for eviction from three to one — in part because the measure, like this proposed ordinance, was introduced while most students were away from campus for the summer.

The South Bend Police Department has been actively patrolling the streets to enforce the new law.

"The ordinance and its emphasis on drinking-related problems has impacted on some of our recent events," said Capt. Phil Trent, spokesman for the South Bend Police Department.

"They're making it sound like the South Bend Police Department is the principal body trying to push this ordinance," he said. "I think if you backed away from what it was being heard by the chief said during the council meeting ... he basically list..."

Trent emphasized the need to be "realistic" when enforcing laws. Telling seasoned police officers how to find out-of-control parties would use city resources while accomplishing little, he said. "If there's a party on East Washington Street with 400 people, they're not going to hide that very well," he said. "It's not going to be a news flash."

One positive aspect of the proposed ordinance, Trent said, would be the requirement for contact information for someone who considered himself responsible for the event.

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Stocks finish mixed amid worries

Back-and-forth season stand still despite concerns about economy, credit market

An investor observes the early numbers at the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. The mixed results of the market came after the previous session’s major tumble.

Salmonella prompts spinach recall

Associated Press

FRESNO, CA — Consumer advocates and some lawmakers say that a Salinas Valley company’s recall of spinach because of salmonella scares are so frequently issued that government must do more to protect the nation’s food supply, but industry officials call it proof that their voluntary regulations are working.

“Think it’s a joke,” said a city-based grocer and shipper, recalled 8,000 cartons of fresh spinach Wednesday after salmonella was found during a routine test of spinach it was processing for shipment. “It’s not that 90 percent of the possibly contaminated product went to market before we could get to them and consumers have their fields and plants checked for compliance. In two separate plant and field visits, California auditors found no signs of danger.

SALINAS, Calif. — A recall of fresh spinach left the plant for distribution in the U.S. That’s 8,000 too many,” said Jean Rosenblat, a food safety expert with Consumers Union. “At point, we are relying on the leafy green industry to police itself.”

Some growers said Metz Fresh’s ability to catch the bacteria showed that the new testing regimes are working. No illnesses have been reported from eating spinach linked to the company.

“I think the test of the industry is how we react to these types of situations,” said grower Joseph Feinzig, who heads the board that administers the new produce safety rules. “So no one was harmed by the product and that’s important.”

Larsen said the recalled spinach, which was picked Aug. 22, had tested negative in earlier field and processing tests. Metz Fresh began telling stores and restaurants on Aug. 24 not to sell or serve the lettuce after a first round of tests came up positive.

The first thing we are looking at right now is making sure this product, as much as possible, is under our control,” he said. “The next step is to back up and take a hard look at how this happened.”

Metz Fresh has complied with the California Leafy Green Products Handler Marketing Agreement, a set of voluntary food safety rules adopted after last year’s E. coli outbreak. In fresh spinach killed three people and seven people were sickened in 2001. By joining the program, participants also agree to have their fields and plants checked for compliance.

In two separate plant and field visits earlier this month, California auditors found no signs of danger.

In Brief

Toys ‘R’ Us product recalled for lead

TRUXTON, N.J. — “Toys ‘R’ Us is recalling thousands of sets made in China due to excessive levels of lead in some black watercolor paints.

Wayne-based Toys ‘R’ Us Inc. and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the recall Thursday, saying printed on the packaging of the Imaginarium Wooden Coloring Cases also contains lead. They said no injuries have been reported.

“Toys ‘R’ Us has terminated its relationship with FPL, effective immediately,” the company said in a statement.

The 213-item set contains crayons, pastels, colored pencils, fiber pens, water colors, a palette and other art supplies in a wooden carrying case.

Wheat prices soar in tight market

NEW YORK — Wheat prices surged again into record territory Thursday as dry weather menaced crops in the Southern Hemisphere, exacerbating the concerns of a world market already trimmed by extremely tight supplies and unrelenting demand.

Our commodities finished mixed, with energy prices retracing slightly from sharp gains a day earlier and metals ending mixed. Gold slipped at the market close, while industrial metals including copper and nickel rose modestly. The price of wheat has had a spectacular run higher since mid-May, as one wheat crop after another around the world has been damaged by too-hot or too-dry weather.

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Research

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hopes to get the word out is through the development of a Web site where students can find all the information and potential help they need to get started on a research project.

“There has been many undergraduate research opportunities available to students for years but many people don’t know about them because all the information hasn’t been centralized,” she said.

Currently, students interested in conducting individual research can go to different centers, institutes and offices on campus to find the financial and academic support they may need to get started. The Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) has been giving students research grants for more than a decade.

Science and engineering students can also receive financial support for their research proposals from programs sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Lucero said. Another alternative may be side-by-side in the research endeavors of faculty and graduate students.

Those options, however, are scattered throughout the University and may be difficult to locate, she said. She hopes the Web site—which should be ready for the spring semester—will help students identify those possibilities easily.

Lucero said there might be a portion of the Web site dedicated to individual profiles that students can set up—profiles that could include explanations of their fields of study, expertise, interests and other pertinent information. Faculty members would check these profiles to be paired up with undergraduate research assistants. In the same way, students would be able to browse different faculty profiles to find potential mentors or academic advisors.

“It would be a more coordinated effort to try to get students and faculty together,” Lucero said. “It’s a great forum for students to meet the faculty and start developing the mentoring relationships that are key to the success of undergraduate research and the student’s college career as well.” She is aware, nonetheless, that students may require additional incentives to commit to an ongoing research project.

That is why she and Jacobs have employed the need to improve the publication prospects for networks of undergraduates and researchers may complete. Jacobs said Lucero’s role will also include “helping students disseminate their research findings through presentations and publications to provide recognition for those students who have excelled at research.”

Lucero said she’s working on a commercial that would air during home football games. The clip might talk about the research activities of students and professors—a nod to researchers’ hard work.

She is also urging a campus-wide fair where undergraduates could exhibit their research accomplishments.

Last May, the College of Science hosted a “Day of Research” where students presented their findings to their peers, and professors, and prizes were given to the top projects. Lucero said she wishes a campus-wide research fair could provide students from different colleges a similar opportunity to share their work with the campus community. The logistics and coordination of a fair of that magnitude, however, make that scenario unlikely right now, she said.

This semester, she said, she’ll focus on launching the Web site and developing one-credit seminars for second-semester freshmen who demonstrate an interest in conducting individual research.

The seminars would introduce freshmen to different research methodologies, helping them learn to write grant proposals, track their findings and present them.

Lucero said she might help create different seminars for five possible fields of research—social sciences, arts and humanities, science, engineering and business. Students in the seminars would be identified by their academic advisors or professors during their first semester as freshmen and encouraged to enroll in the class.

And she doesn’t expect to have problems finding driven, enthusiastic students. Sophomore Jeff Lakusta has been researching the HIV/AIDS crisis in South Africa with some help from the University. During a trip to the country, he became interested in the health crisis and founded a non-profit organization, the Eyes on Africa Foundation, to raise money to sponsor his relief opportunities and his research in the region.

“Father [James] Foster is working with me both on the research side for my project and helping spread the word for the new foundation,” Lakusta said. “Notre Dame has already proven to be an incredible resource, and the willingness of faculty to get personally involved in their student’s interests is inspiring.”

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"It's not the school's suspension," he said. "It's football's." What the University handed out for Hand's violation is still a mystery. Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wydell said the University administration had no comment. Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk did not return several phone calls Wednesday and Thursday.

Even if they wanted to comment, Wydell and Kirk would have to speak within the bounds of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA says that "schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record," which means any comment from the University would have to come in the form of generalities.

According to dulac, the Notre Dame student handbook, there are 12 possible sanctions that Residence Life can levy against students that have violated University rules. They range from a verbal warning to permanent dismissal.

Many sections of dulac prescribe specific punishments for various crimes. However, there is no section that specifically covers solicitation of a prostitute - which leaves the question of punishment somewhat open-ended.

Dulac does say that "offensive sexual behavior is a serious offense," and that "students should be aware of Indiana state law," but while solicitation is illegal in Indiana, it is unclear whether solicitation constitutes "offensive sexual behavior." This open-endedness has created confusion among Irish fans, including those who post on the message boards attached to popular fan site ndnation.com. Some have even posited that the administration has decided to ease punishments for dulac violations.

"Maybe they changed it right after the MacAlarney debacle and Hand is just the first high profile student to benefit," one poster wrote. Posters on the message board have compared Hand's situation to that of junior basketball player Kyle McAlarney, who was suspended for the 2007 spring semester after being arrested on marijuana possession charges.

"Suspension for an entire semester for smoking pot but not for soliciting a prostitute?" one poster wrote. "I don't get the administration sometimes."

However, dulac says that "possession, use or misuse of any controlled substances, including, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, amphetamines and depressants, is a serious violation. Students who possess, use or misuse such substances shall be subject to disciplinary suspension or permanent dismissal."

There is no such specific sanction provision for solicitation or "offensive sexual behavior."

In Hand's absence, fellow junior Pat Kuntz and freshman Ian Williams will man the nose guard position. Weis said that Hand, who missed all of fall training camp, has to get back in shape before he can contribute on the field.

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Kosher meals provided as option at universities

Kosher, or Jewish dietary laws, prohibit mixing milk and meat, and bar consumption of pork and shellfish. The kosher laws detail how animals should be slaughtered. Muslim dietary laws also prescribe how animals should be killed, and use alcohol and other items.

The school spent $129,000 to buy equipment for the kitchen, which is expected to open in November as part of a renovated dining room in Chadbourne Hall. The university is hiring two managers - Orthodox rabbis or those appointed by rabbis to monitor food preparation - to supervise the kitchen. Rabbi Steven Fishbane of the Chicago Rabbinical Council reviewed the university's plans to ensure compliance with complicated kosher laws.

While the kitchen will be separated from other food preparation areas, the food will be served in a marketplace near other stations with traditional fare and have similar prices.

Grilled chicken sandwiches, roast beef and fish will be on the lunch and dinner menus.

"It's a whole new concept, a whole new cuisine that we're working with," said Bob Fessenden, the university's food service director. "It's a whole new idea."

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Testimony starts in Iraq massacre trial

Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A Marine testified Thursday that he saw a wound of frightened women and children moments before they were killed by his squad mates in Haditha, Iraq, but he said he did not see who shot them.

Lance Cpl. Humberto Mendoza was the first witness at a hearing to determine whether Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich, 27, of Meriden, Conn., will face a court-martial on charges of murdering 17 civilians.

Wuterich had been charged with murdering 18 Iraqis in a bloody combat operation that left 24 civilians dead, but at the outset of Thursday's hearing prosecutors withdrew one murder count.

While the number of suspected incidents of abuse by U.S. forces in Iraq has grown, the case the biggest to have emerged against any U.S. service member to have served in Iraq, the hearing comes after a string of setbacks for Marine prosecutors.

The case centers on whether Wuterich, who had never experienced combat before, acted with the legal authority to fire on Iraqis in the village of Haditha.

Wuterich asserts that he was following combat rules and that he assaulted the houses because he thought gunfire was coming from them.

Mendoza described the events of Nov. 19, 2005, as being a fast-flowing series of engagements. After a Marine Humvee driver was killed in a roadside bomb, the troops raided several homes.

"When I opened the door, the first thing I see were women and kids laying down on a bed," Mendoza, who is from Venezuela and has a heavy accent, recalled seeing in the second house he helped raid. "I believe they were scared."

Aerial footage from an unmanned drone shows that Marines were engaged in several other combat operations around Haditha that day. The Associated Press obtained the footage on Thursday.

Mendoza testified that he had shot an unarmed Iraqi man who opened the front door to the home, and that he shot a different man in another house who he thought was reaching for a weapon.

Mendoza said the killings were within combat rules because the occupants of the homes had been declared hostile.

Prosecutors called as a witness Capt. Kathryn Navin, a Marine lawyer who testified that she instructed Wuterich's company on rules of engagement in August 2005.

Navin said she taught Marines to have "knowledge to a reasonable certainty that the target you are engaging is a lawful military target," but that she conceded there were occasions when positive identification of every individual in a military strike is not needed.

The count was withdrawn after the general overseeing the case conceded there were occasions when positive identification of every individual in a military strike is not needed.

The case has raised questions about virtually everything that had occurred minutes earlier, including whether there was a piece of paper on the floor of the stall and the meaning of the senor's hand gestures. At no time did Craig admit doing anything wrong, although weeks later he pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct.

"You're not being truthful with me," Karsnia told Craig during the interrogation. "I'm kind of disappointed in you, senator.

Karsnia later told Craig he was "sitting here lying to a police officer," adding: "I expect this from the guy we get out of the 'hood. I mean people vote for you. Unbelievable."

Meanwhile, more of Craig's Republican colleagues moved away from him Thursday in the wake of his guilty plea earlier this month to a reduced charge of disorderly conduct in the undercover police operation aimed at sex solicitors.

Republican National Committee officials had considered calling on his resignation early Thursday, Republicans with knowledge of the deliberations said, but had not done so by day's end.

Sen. John Ensign of Nevada, who chairs the GOP's senatorial campaign committee, stopped short of calling on Craig to resign but suggested strongly that he should.

"I wouldn't put myself hopefully in that kind of position but if I was in a position like that, that's what I would do," Ensign told The Associated Press in his home state. "He's going to have to answer that for himself."
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Judge rules astronaut Nowak may remove ankle monitor

ORLANDO, Fla. — Former astronaut Lisa Nowak can remove an electronic monitoring device from her ankle while she awaits trial on charges she acted in a romantic and violent way toward a friend, a judge ruled Thursday.

Nowak had argued that the device was expensive, bulky, uncomfortable and prevented her from being able to pursue a required of a military officer. Judge Marc E. Lubet said that those claims did not matter, but that Nowak had behaved well enough over the past seven months to remove the device.

Nowak, a Navy captain, said in a statement through her public defender that she was worried about safety issues related to the batteries life while on probation. She is also looking forward to getting back into her beloved pet — a Maltese named Trouble — and making arrangements for the dog's care, her lawyer said.

"I'd rather be home with my dog," said Susan D. Bressant-Kibwe, an associate of the law firm of Shipman & Hunter.

"Colleen Nowak has already-been criminally charged by Lisa Nowak, and now it seems she is being further punished for creating a relationship with William Oefelein and try, despite the electronic monitor, to lead a lead a life free from fear of further violence," Lubet wrote.

"At some point the rights of the victim to feel safe in her home would be given significant weight. In our opinion, Lubet wrote. Nowak is still prohibited from contacting photographs, video images of, or audio recordings related to Oefelein. No physical contact or attempts to establish any form of communication with him are allowed.

"I think it's a situation where a person only has $5,000 to $10,000, because they have been provided with a古今人,and they cannot afford to do anything else," Bressant-Kibwe said. She said she has asked that they be allowed to go to the drug store to purchase medication, to do laundry, to take the bus to her work, to eat out.

"I think it's a situation is to protect the safety of the public and the victim, the judge continued. The woman's attorney, Jupiter Fark, condemned the ruling by placing the dog at the center of public interest Thursday.

"They're not an easy case, and that's why the judge made the order, Bressant-Kibwe said.

"The judge is saying that it's in the best interest of the victim to have the monitor removed, she said.

"We are going to appeal, we are filing a motion for reconsideration, and we are going to appeal the judge's ruling," she said.

"I think it's a situation of trust for that purpose because became easier in 1990 because of an update of the Uniform Probate Code, a model upon which many states base their laws, the judge said.

"There have been a few million as an outrage! Come on! Let's get real! I mean, I want to leave 12 million back, I'd say. Why?" Rachel Hirschfeld

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Texas gov. cancels inmate execution

In rare decision, murderer will serve life sentence

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — In a small cell a few feet from where 23 men this year have taken their last breaths, condemned prisoner Kenneth Foster received a surprising and unexpected message from a warden.

He would live.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, in a rare and uncharacteristic move Thursday, spared Foster hours before he was to be executed for his role in a San Antonio robbery-shooting 11 years ago. The decision came on the heels of an equally unusual recommendation from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

"The first thing I did was drop to my knees and say a little prayer," Foster said. "I owe a lot of people." Foster said.

The 30-year-old became only the second inmate since Texas resumed carrying out executions in 1982 that the parole board voted to stop an execution this close to punishment time. And in that case, in 2004, Perry rejected the board's recommendation and mentally ill prisoner Kelsey Patterson was executed.

"I was just a little worried about that," said Keith Hampton, Foster's lawyer.

He was walking toward the governor's office in Austin when he received a call about Perry's decision.

"I did go into this thinking this is a governor who went ahead and let Kelsey Patterson be executed," Hampton said. "It all happened so fast, to tell you the truth... It's a good day.

Not for Nico LaHood, whose wallet from LaHood, then shot and killed by Foster in 1996, was being taken from the driveway of his family's home.

"No one requested to talk to us. No one. Nothing," said Nico LaHood's attorney, David Atwood, founder of the Abolish the Death Penalty, Program to save Foster, specifically objecting to Texas' unique so-called law of parties, in which each participant of a capital crime is held equally responsible.

Hampton, whose appeal to the Supreme Court focused on that case, estimated at least a dozen of the 402 inmates put to death in Texas since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982 have been executed under the same law.

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"I was surprised, but I had faith he was going to do the right thing," Foster said as he was being taken from the Huntsville Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, where executions are carried out, for a return trip to the Polunsky Unit near Livingston, where death row inmates are housed.

He'll soon be moved to another prison.

Perry, a staunch supporter of the death penalty who has fought attempts to water down Texas' laws on capital punishment, said capital murder defendants should not be tried together, as Foster and Brown were.

"I am concerned about Texas law that allows capital murder defendants to be tried simultaneously and it is an issue I don't think the Legislature should examine," the governor said.

Death penalty opponents had launched a public relations campaign to save Foster, specifically objecting to Texas' unique so-called law of parties, in which each participant of a capital crime is held equally responsible.

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During the shooting, Foster was about 80 feet away, sitting behind the wheel.
Assessing priorities

Two weeks is all it takes for 10 people — including two Notre Dame students — to get shot in South Bend, but it’s not enough time for the Common Council to realize its priorities are misplaced.

For more than a month, the Council has insisted on repeatedly reworking a party permit ordinance that its own police department warns is unenforceable. The proposed ordinance would require residents of houses with more than two unrelated occupants to apply for a city permit for any parties that host more than 25 guests and serve alcohol.

Council members pitched the ordinance as a way to crack down on disruptive house parties that they and their constituents say have become a “sideshow” and serious — problem.

The far more serious problem of gun violence, however, hasn’t gotten nearly as much attention at recent Council meetings.

Admittedly, it’s easier to prevent parties than shootings, and it’s up to the police, not the Common Council, to fight violent crime. Still, as South Bend’s governing body, it’s the Council’s job to decide how city resources are allocated. And passing an ordinance like this will only stretch valuable police forces thinner.

Council members have spent weeks debating details: How many guests should people be allowed to host without applying for a permit? And how long before should they have to apply? Police, however, don’t have time for those details. They have 10 unresolved shootings to worry about. When they get shuffled to other assignments — like checking up on a party with 30 guests — attention inevitably gets diverted from more important concerns.

“The question is how far is everybody willing to stretch or fund the city’s resources to necessarily enforce this,” South Bend police public information officer Phil Trent said last week. “We need to take a really good look at all the city resources and our ability to do what we say we’re going to do.”

Two years ago, the Common Council amended its disorderly conduct ordinance, encouraging landlords to evict rowdy tenants after a single noise violation. While off-campus parties are a noisy, messy headache for South Bend residents, the legislation to address that already exists. Spending weeks upon weeks struggling to enact a piece of legislation that’s riddled with problems — when there are worse ones out there — is a waste of time.

The Council must pour hours, money and manpower into stopping violent crime, not noise violations, if it truly wants to better the city it was elected to serve.
NFL Memo: Ban Vick the equivalency of his dog fighting days

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Campus Labor Action Project
August 50

Fair pay for Huddle workers

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By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor
Sensually stunning, suspenseful, and thought-provoking without falling into pomposity, "Sunshine" immerses the viewer in its depths from the instant it begins. Though it seems to have slipped below much of the summer cinema radar, "Sunshine" is a spectacular film that should definitely be caught before it leaves theaters.

In "Sunshine," an eight-member space crew has set out to re-start the sun, whose death is threatening humanity with extinction. Just after crossing out of contact with Earth, the crew-2 begins picking up the distressed beacon of their unsuccessful predecessors on the Ares-1. After deciding to attempt to board the Ares-1, the crew suffers an accident that forces them into a fight — not for their lives, but for the life of the human race. This is, of course, an excellent start to a science-fiction thriller, but "Sunshine" offers more than that to its viewers.

Director Danny Boyle, know for his "28 Days Later" and "Train Spots," succeeds in expanding the conventions of this genre as he has done with others like "Millions," his take on more family-centered film. "Sunshine" remains perfectly balanced on the line between science-fic­tion and something more, asking questions without boring the audi­ence.

Unlike "Solaris," a film to which this has often been compared. "Sunshine" is truly sus­ penseful and enjoyable frightening. Yet, it still tackles questions of God and religion, guilt and responsibility, and how hard humans are willing to struggle for the survival of their species.

"Sunshine" succeeds because it creates realistic characters that the audi­ence can learn to like or sympathize with, and then asks them to sacrifice everything for the demands of a humani­ty that remains completely abstract.

With many "Deep Play's" and "Deep Impact" to "Armageddon," continually retreating to the story back on Earth, "Sunshine" remains, so that the end, everything is said and done. Not only do they light on the movie's sense of claustrophobia, but it also approaches its issues on a very per­sonal level. The characters are left alone with their beliefs and their dilemma, and nothing more.

"Sunshine" is an absolutely stunning study in contrast. It uses every perspec­tive and sense it can, reveling in vibran­cy as much as darkness, strong score as much as silence. For the first time, as nearly suffocating close-ups. As a result, simply watching the film is a captivating experience.

Backed by a strong cast that includes Michelle Yeoh and Chris Evans, Cillian Murphy who has starred movies such as "The Wind that Shakes the Barley" and "Breakfast on Pluto," but is probably best known for his roles in "Batman Begins" and "Red Eye") is a wonderful choice for the lead role of Capa in "Sunshine." Every cast member does an excellent job of illustrating the multitude of reac­tions to the situations the crew faces and forcing the audience to sympathize with all of them.

Most of its faults can be forgiven in order to enjoy the drama they produce. Furthermore, the plotline is kept within the realms of a science-fiction believable and understandable.

If nothing else, "Sunshine" holds your attention. Because it is suspenseful and exciting, it can be enjoyed on a very basic level. But for the more interested viewer it can offer more, and it does so in a way that allows them to contempl­ate the film's deeper, more thought-provoking aspects.

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Sunshine
Directed by: Danny Boyle
Starring: Cillian Murphy, Michelle Yeoh, Chris Evans and Cliff Curtis

By CASSIE BELEK
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A 40-year-old virgin tries to get laid with the help of his friends. An unem­ployed schlub gets laid and gets a girl pregnant. Two seniors in high school attempt to buy beer so that they can get laid.

The last scenario is the synopsis for the recent summer comedy "Superbad," and it's the latest in a string of Judd Apatow projects featuring horny men, boys and manboys with giant hearts.

In "Superbad," Apatow puts on his producer's hat while Greg Motolla directs this R-rated teen flick starring Jonah Hill ("Accepted") and Michael Cera ("Arrested Development") as Seth and Evan, two best friends dealing with their approaching separation as they venture off to different colleges. The friends are joined by the nerdy Fogell (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), who pro­duces a fake I.D. with the new moniker "McLovin" so that the trio can buy beer for a graduation party and finally get some action.

Co-writers Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg start­ed the script when they were just 13 years old.

Superbad
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Along the way viewers encounter a slew of cameos from actors spanning Apatow projects as far back as "Freaks and Geeks," all the way to the upcoming movie "The Pineapple Express." Apatow clearly takes care of his own, and the most notable cameos come from Martin Starr ("Freaks and Geeks") and Carla Gallo ("Lizzie, "Undeclared"), who has the honorable distinction of being credited as Too­Sucking Girl in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," but will most likely forever be remembered for her credit as Period Blood Girl in "Superbad." Gallo's is cer­tainly a scene to be remembered, employing the same gross-out humor that made "Van Wilder" and "American Pie" instant successes.

However, "Superbad" is more sophisti­cated and sensitive than "American Pie" or any other gross-out comedy we've seen in recent years.

Apatow and the comedic fleet he's been training bring the laughs but, thankfully, don't forget the heart. Seth may swear like a drunken frat boy (even when sober) and both boys may say whatever's on their mind, however inap­propriate it may be, but the two possess a sweet innocence.

Even though they spend the whole movie pursuing beer and babes, all they're really trying to is hang on to each other. Leaving behind a best friend to go to college is a situation many of us have faced, but Seth and Evan are more co-dependent than most, and the under­lying tension of their inevitable separa­tion is prevalent throughout their entire adventurous evening together.

"Superbad," an extraordinary con­glomeration of talent and its success on the big screen is the result of years of work by Apatow and the group of actors, writers and directors that he has collect­ed around him, with Hill and Cera as its latest additions.

Just as "Knocked Up" made Seth Rogen a new staple in comedy, "Superbad" is sure to do the same for these two young actors.

The Frat Pack may have been the reigning kings of comedy in the past few years, but 2007 is the year of Apatow and company. So far, they have yet to disappoint.

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By JAMES COSTA  
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In a recent interview promoting "The Bourne Ultimatum," Matt Damon was asked who would win in a fight: Jason Bourne or James Bond? Very dryly, Damon replied that it'd be hard to compete with the gadgets and gizmos of Bond. In that response, however, Damon unintentionally defined the exact appeal of Jason Bourne, and why so many of us have already paid more than an hour's wage to watch his exploits on screen one more time.

It's pretty simple. Jason Bourne is a man tormented by his inability to realize an identity that has already been defined for him in previous days and years. Thrown into a life of shadows, he must contend with ruthless and violent forces beyond his control as he goes about reclaiming the life that was taken from him.

Loosely based on the Robert Ludlum novel of the same name, the film is a sequel to "The Bourne Supremacy" and the third flick of the Bourne Trilogy. It stars Damon as amnesiac CIA assassin Bourne with returning cast members Julia Stiles and Scott Glenn reprising their roles from the previous two Bourne films. The film continues the tale of Bourne after he lives through the unsettling "Bourne Supremacy" car chase in Moscow. Keeping with the international flair of the Bourne franchise, the film moves through the locales of Paris, London, Madrid, Tangier and New York City as Bourne searches for his natural identity.

Differing from the spy swagger and pomp of James Bond is Jason Bourne's pounding silence throughout the film. Commenting on the decrease in spoken dialogue, Damon says, "We realized that Bourne is a lot more effective when he's not talking, so we cut a lot of the original dialogue in the script." In short, the cuts worked. Bourne's silence highlights the perils of mind and body he faces as he struggles towards the film's climax. In place of verbal confrontation and vocal eruption is a far more menacing and gripping experience of true determination plagued by fear.

Of course, the film is wild as hell. Viewers can't forget that Bourne is a finely tuned killing machine caught in a battle of fierce rebellion against the CIA operatives who so ably created him. Unfortunately for them, he's remembered enough over the last two movies to realize that he is neither who he thought he was nor the man the CIA thought it created. With this knowledge, Bourne is finally nearing the end of his journey toward redemption.

The film's treatment of Bourne as a man whose humanity is caught with his deadly side resonates strongly with the film's prevailing theme — the tense and anguished difficulty in surviving while retaining control of one's actions. Perhaps the most refreshing aspect of the film is its reliance on real human beings. Not to criticize "Harry Potter," "Cars" or any other movie that heavily relies on computer animation, but audiences can appreciate that the images in the "Bourne" films aren't computer-generated. Especially in today's ever-unstable social climate, the film also hits a strong nerve with its sharp and topical realism. The cinematography is also shaky and unstable, an effect resulting from the extensive use of hand-held cameras.

In Jason Bourne, there is a universal element of the everyman, someone wondering who he is and who he might be — if only he could simply run away from it all, just for a chance to get back to where he should be.

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The Bourne Ultimatum

Directed by: Paul Greengrass
Starring: Matt Damon, Julia Stiles, Scott Glenn, Joan Allen and David Strathairn

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Yankees pull to within 5 after sweeping Sox

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Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano hits one of his two home runs during New York’s 5-0 win over Boston Thursday.

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TENNIS

Andy Roddick celebrates his 25th birthday as he returns a shot to his opponent, Joe Acasuso, in his second round win Thursday in the U.S. Open.

Roddick reaches 3rd Round of U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a kid, Andy Roddick was hard-pressed to come up with a better birthday treat than going to the U.S. Open with his mom. At 9, he was thrilled to be on the scene while Jimmy Connors made a stirring run to the semifinals.

"I'd get here for the first match, and I wouldn't leave till it over. Those are probably my fondest memories, just sneaking into the press-bleed sections," Roddick recalled Thursday. "I actually snuck into the players' lounge one time and stole a cheesecake."

He still comes to Flushing Meadows at birthday time, nowadays as a competitor — and with a certain James Scott Connors tagging along as his coach.

Roddick turned 25 on Thursday and marked the occasion by reaching the U.S. Open's third round, although not before losing the opening set and moving on when his opponent, Joe Acasuso of Argentina, quit after the first because of a left knee injury.

"That's the good thing about Grand Slams: You get in the grind, and whoever doesn't mind the grind wins," Connors said after watching the match through silver wrap-around sunglasses. "The way Andy played today, especially in the second and third sets, is always good. As long as he's playing the right kind of tennis, that's all that counts."

A trainer came out to wrap white tape above Acasuso's left knee after the second set, then added another bandage below the knee at the next changeover. By the end, he was as stiff and creaky as the Tin Man in "The Wizard of Oz." Barely bending or moving at all, and the score was 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 when Acasuso decided he couldn't continue.

"I don't think you like winning matches like that," the No. 5-seeded Roddick said. "But at the end of the day, your goal is to get through."

In other words; no complaints. Same for Donald Young, the 18-year-old Chicago native who was 0-11 in tour-level matches until last week and never had won a Grand Slam match until this week.

Now he's in the Open's third round, and he didn't have to lift a racket Thursday, because his scheduled opponent, No. 13 Richard Gasquet, withdrew, citing a viral infection.

IN BRIEF

Gay sets meet record in 200m

SAKA, Japan — Tired and sore, Tyson Gay didn't have energy left to celebrate completing one of the most impressive sprint doubles in the history of the world track and field championships.

"This was the hardest race of my life," he said. "I couldn't think or nothing.

"I really couldn't put my arms up to celebrate. I couldn't even really jog on my victory lap." Gay's 200m win was met with the loudest roar of the day Friday night.

The latest dominant American sprinter pulled away from Jamaican Usain Bolt down the straightaway to win the 200 meters Thursday in 19.76 seconds, breaking the meet record of 19.79 set 12 years ago by American Michael Johnson in Goteborg, Sweden.

"Tyson is the man to beat right now hands down. He just proved it," bronze medalist Wallace Spearmon said.

Irish football star caught in dogfighting scandal

DUBLIN, Ireland — A star of Ireland's Gaelic football league was exposed Thursday as a director of an illegal dog-fighting club, an underground gambling activity that has wrecked the reputation and career of Atlanta Falcons football player Michael Vick.

The 17-month undercover investigation by BBC Northern Ireland's "Spilltlight" program, broadcast Thursday night, found evidence of 15 illegal dog-fighting operations in the British territory of 1.7 million people.

The program secretly filmed Gerard Cavlan, a 31-year-old member of the County Tyrone Gaelic football team, discussing his ownership of more than a dozen dogs and bragging about how one "hard-mouthed dog" griped another in its jaws.

"Sure he had him in the chest, and he shook him and he shook him for 25 minutes," Cavlan said during a conversation filmed covertly in his vehicle.

Tiger roars back after week-long hiatus

ORLANDO, Fla. — The crowd following Tiger Woods around the TPC Boston grew steadily throughout the morning sunshine until it lined the length of the 18th fairway as he finished his pro-am Thursday at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Woods skipped the first round of the PGA Tour Playoffs last week at Westchester, saying his body and mind needed a brief vacation after back-to-back victories in stifling heat, the second title coming at the PGA Championship.

He looked plenty refreshed on the refurbished TPC Boston during the pro-am round, playing without a bogey and without much effort on his way to a 63.
BOISE, Idaho — Yes, Boise State ran a trick play.

Coming off an undefeated season, the No. 24 Broncos ran their winning streak to 14 games — the longest in major college football — and even dipped into the bag of tricks that helped them upset Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl last season, beating Weber State 56-7 on Thursday in the season opener for both teams.

Ian Johnson ran for 129 yards and three touchdowns and Taylor Tharp was steady in his first start at quarterback, leading Boise State to touchdowns on its first seven possessions and a 49-0 lead at halftime.

But the first touchdown had everybody remembering that night in January.

Wide receiver Vinny Perretta, who threw for a score in the Fiesta Bowl, lined up at quarterback on third-and-goal from the 7 and ran up the middle for a touchdown.

"I was surprised how well they executed on both sides of the ball," said second-year Boise State coach Chris Peterson. "With as many new guys as there were getting into the mix, I was surprised how well they came out."

Just about the only thing that didn't go right for the Broncos came at the end of their eighth drive, when they were finally stopped on fourth-and-goal from the 1 with the second-quarter winder down.

The overmatched Wildcats picked up just two first downs in the first half, fumbling the ball away on their next play on both occasions.

"We wanted to come out and look fresh and fast," said Weber State coach Ron McBride. "But what we looked for was tired and slow. I've never been so disappointed in my life."

Boise State has now won 52 of its last 54 games on its home blue turf.

Tharp, a senior, appeared poised and sturdy, throwing the ball away when necessary and hanging in the pocket to deliver a 53-yard touchdown pass to Titus Young just before getting hit. Tharp was slow getting up, and Peterson checked on him with a look of concern as Tharp walked off the field.

"I kind of just chucked it and got hit and got the wind knocked out of me," Tharp said. "But it doesn't hurt as much when you look up and see your guy running into the endzone."

Tharp, who took over for Jared Zabransky, directed five more touchdown drives before the half for the defending Western Athletic Conference champions.

"I felt good out there," he said. "We're still explosive, and we have a lot of good players."

Tharp led another touchdown drive to start the second half, making it 56-0 with 10:49 to go in the third quarter. He left the game after completing 14 of 19 passes for 184 yards and a touchdown.

"It's a little different from Z (Zabransky)," Johnson said. "Z is a little more animated, but he went out and took control of that huddle. He was leading us. He was telling us everything we needed to hear."

Johnson, who proposed to former cheerleader Chrissy Popadics on the field immediately after scoring the 2-point conversion that clinched the Fiesta Bowl, sat out the entire second half.

He did enough damage over the first 30 minutes, his longest run coming late in the first quarter when Jimmy Barnes hit Bryant Eteatsi with a 21-yard touchdown pass to make it 56-7.

By then, any nervousness that Peterson had about the season opener had probably dissipated.

"I was thinking about that before the game, and going, 'Was I feeling like this last year?'" Peterson said. "I wasn't feeling good going into tonight because of so much uncertainty. It's a very painful time before the game, and it doesn't get much better once the game starts."

Boise State rushed for 386 yards and seven touchdowns, while limiting Weber State to 74 yards. The Broncos threw for another 199 while the Wildcats passed for 71. Boise State ended up with 30 first downs to Weber State's eight.

"This game we dominated," said Broncos safety Marty Tadman. "That's all I can say about it. We dominated."
Brees has good control of dangerous offense

Efficient preseason bodes well for Saints

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Rookie Tiler Palko has been learning the Saints’ vaunted offense by studying uncut quarterback Drew Brees’ game film from last season.

Along the way, he’s noticed something that might serve as a warning to defenses all across the NFL.

“When you see a guy he’s operating now in the preseason, he’s head and shoulders above what he was,” Palko said. “When things are clicking, especially with someone like Drew, you can’t be stopped, you can only stop yourself, and that’s a fun offense to play in.”

Palko’s observations would be one thing if Brees was coming off a mediocre season. But Brees was the runner-up for the NFL MVP in 2006, after leading the Saints’ offense in scoring nine touchdowns in 14-16 matches against Europe in Sweden, had five birdies in her bogey-free round on the Panther Creek Country Club course. Wrist since the 2006 Women’s British Open, Steinbauer played alongside Solheim Cup teammate Angela Stanford (72).

“I think we do consider ourselves teammates out there and we’re pulling for each other ... And we were talking about some things with Solheim out there today, and we’re just really looking forward to the competition,” said the 44-year-old Steinbauer, making her 20th appearance in the tournament.

Sorenstam, the winner last year at the Miami Golf Club, had two birdies and a bogey in a round of 71. On Saturday, Sorenstam announced that she’s marrying Mike McGee, her boyfriend of two years. It will be the second marriage for the 36-year-old Swede, who filed for divorce from David Esch in February 2005.

“I think I played really well today,” Sorenstam said. “I hit 16 greens and didn’t miss any fairways, so I think I played very, very solid. I had a lot of chances and had a lot of looks out there. I think that is any indication of how I’m going to play the next few months I’m happy about it. I’m just going to go out there tomorrow and continue what I’m doing and hopefully it works out.”

Last season at Bally, Sorenstam won the last of her 69 LPGA Tour titles, closing with a 10-under 62 to match the lowest final-round score by a tournament winner in tour history. The tournament moved to Panther Creek this year after 31 seasons at Bally.

“I thought today was tougher than the practice round and the pro-am,” Sorenstam said. “The wind picked up and the ball traveled to different places. The greens are getting firmer and the fairway is getting firmer.”

Japanese star Ai Miyazato and Marcy Hart opened with 68s.

“It was very windy today,” Miyazato said. “I just tried to make one shot at a time. I had good concentration today, so I feel very satisfied.”
Aaron feels message to Bonds is adequate

**MLB**

Aaron received that esteemed — if now outdated — introduction as he and several other members of the 1957 Milwaukee Braves came to Miller Park on Thursday for a 50-year reunion of their World Series victory.

While Aaron wasn't willing to hit the road to follow Barry Bonds' pursuit of his career home run record earlier this month, he was thrilled to travel back to Milwaukee to reunite with his former teammates.

"I am very much enjoying this," Aaron said. "As I mentioned before, some of these guys I haven't seen for a long time and I wanted to see them."

Aaron originally said his reluctance to go see Bonds break his record in person was because he was getting older — he's 73 — and simply didn't like to travel.

But on Thursday, Aaron said that by not following Bonds around the country, he also could avoid answering questions about whether he suspected that Bonds' achievements came with the help of performance-enhancing drugs — and whether that would taint the record.

"I guess I kind of stayed out of that, really," Aaron said. "Because I didn't want to get involved. For seven or eight years, I went through a thing where people were talking about all of the other things."

"If I had decided that I was going to go and follow Barry, or do anything like that, then people were going to start talking about steroids, and I didn't want to get into that. I didn't want to, didn't have to, so I kind of avoided it."

Feeling he needed to do something to acknowledge Bonds breaking the record, Aaron recorded a short video tribute that was played on the scoreboard after Bonds hit his record-breaking 756th home run Aug. 7 — a solution that, at least in Aaron's mind, was the best way to bring closure to the situation.

"I thought it was," Aaron said. "I certainly wasn't going to fly to San Francisco or fly to Chicago or anywhere else to be with anybody. I didn't think I had to, because I wasn't prepared to answer all these questions that people were going to have."

Aaron said that no matter how he reacted publicly to Bonds breaking the record, he was "damned if you do, damned if you don't."

But above all, he didn't want people to think he was resentful.

"That's not true," Aaron said. "I've said many times, records are made to be broken. I congratulated Barry, and that's enough."

And with that, Aaron left to join his former teammates for a photo opportunity at a small Braves monument by the youth baseball field adjacent to Miller Park.

The '57 Braves beat the New York Yankees in seven games in the World Series, and the city of Milwaukee hasn't seen much baseball success since.

The Braves moved to Atlanta in 1966. The Brewers have made one trip to the World Series, in 1982.

With the current Brewers team struggling to stay in contention in the NL Central race, the consensus among Aaron and the Braves' other stars seemed to be that the young Brewers are still a year away.

"I've been watching this club," Aaron said. "It's just a young club. I think it's going to take another year before they really get to where they're probably going to be sure of themselves, and I think they're going to be all right."

Del Crandall, a catcher for the Braves and former manager of the Brewers, said he couldn't offer much in the way of advice.

"You have a very young ball club here, and you've had problems with your pitching," Crandall said. "And I don't think anything is going to do them any good except experience, and they will probably all be much, much better next year. Everybody would like to win. We couldn't win in 1956. We weren't ready to win."

After a strong start early in the season, the Brewers have hit an extended slump and went into Thursday night's game in Chicago 1 1/2 games behind the first-place Cubs.

"Now, can they handle defeat after winning? Can they recover fast enough to make the next run, is going to be the question," former Braves outfielder Wes Covington said.
Beckham could miss remainder of season

Midfielder diagnosed with sprained MCL

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — David Beckham could miss the rest of the Los Angeles Galaxy's season after being diagnosed with a sprained right knee Thursday.

The English midfielder underwent an MRI exam that confirmed he sprained the medial collateral ligament in his knee, the team said in a statement.

Beckham, 32, was injured in a tackle with Pachuca midfielder Fernando Salazar in the first half of Wednesday night's SuperLiga title match. The Galaxy lost 4-3 on penalty kicks.

He was expected to be out about six weeks, and will immediately begin rehabilitation, the team said.

That would place his return at mid-October, when the Galaxy would have three regular-season games remaining — against Toronto FC on Oct. 13, New York on Oct. 18 and at Chicago on Oct. 21.

"It's just gone from one thing to another thing," Beckham said Wednesday night. "Maybe it's time for me to just say, 'I need the rest,' and get it right, and don't come back until it's right."

He had already been nursing a left ankle injury that caused him to miss seven games since joining the team July 13. That injury occurred while playing for England on June 6.

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Nifong denies wrongdoing

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — The former prosecutor who led the now-discredited Duke lacrosse rape case never intentionally tried to mislead the court and believed he gave all DNA test results to defense attorneys, a lawyer for Mike Nifong said Thursday during his criminal contempt trial.

Nifong turned over all the information during the pretrial discovery phase in his case against three Duke lacrosse players, said his attorney, Jim Glover.

And when he told a judge the defense had all the DNA test results, it was a mistake — but little more than an oversight.

"The question is not whether those statements Mr. Nifong made were literally true or literally false," Glover told Superior Court Judge W. Osmond Smith III. "The question is were they willfully and intentionally false and were they also part of an effort ... to hide potentially exculpatory evidence, and that's the issue before the court."

Defense attorneys for the three falsely accused young men asked a judge to punish Nifong for initially telling the court he had turned over all DNA test results when he knew, and failed to disclose, that genetic material from multiple men was found on the accuser — but none from any lacrosse player.

If held in contempt, Nifong faces up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to $500. Nifong pleaded not guilty to the charge at the start of the hearing, which began Thursday and was to resume Friday.

Nifong, the former Durham County district attorney, led the investigation into a woman's allegations that she was raped at a March 2006 lacrosse team party where she was hired as a stripper.

That spring, Nifong secured indictments against B r e d e Seligmann, Gollin Flannery and Dave Evans for rape, kidnapping and sexual offense.

A month later, Nifong learned that a private laboratory determined the genetic material found on the woman was from several men, none of whom were Duke lacrosse players.

But Nifong didn't provide that information to the defense until October, and only then amid nearly 2,000 pages of raw DNA test data that defense attorney Brad Bannon testified Thursday took almost all of November to decipher.

Glover said Nifong believed he was being truthful when he told the judge he had given the defense all the DNA testing results, though he didn't always know the specifics in every report, Glover said.

During his cross-examination of Bannon, Glover tried to portray the initial DNA report prepared by lab director Brian Meehan in May 2006 as adequate while suggesting so additional information would have helped clear the players.

"The fact is, you've got nothing significantly exculpatory beyond what you already knew from the report itself," Glover said to Bannon.

"That's absolutely false," Bannon said abruptly. "And you know it."

Meehan, who testified last Thursday, denied that Nifong told him to withhold any exculpatory material. He said he considered the DNA results provided to the defense to be an "interim" report since other test specimens had yet to arrive.

Afterward, Meehan told reporters that he included all test results by referring in the report to other "non-probable" but unspecified DNA materials — the genetic material found on the accuser.

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Johnson shakes off rust after ending holdout
Losman, Edwards are efficient in win over Detroit; Campbell returns from injury looking sharp and healthy

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Bears defensive end Dan Bazuin, left, tackles Browns running back Jason Wright during Cleveland's 13-9 win Thursday.
Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Matt Flynn was average in his first game as LSU's No. 1 quarterback. The Tigers scored overall. The Tigers needed the help as a stout Bulldogs defense held them scoreless on every drive but one that wasn't set up by a turnover.

Henig also fumbled the snap on a fourth-and-1 attempt after he led the team on a nine-play drive in the first quarter that put the Bulldogs at the Tigers 36. It was one of only two serious forays into LSU territory.

Henig tied the school record for interceptions in a game that had stood since 1949, when Max Stainbrook did it against Cincinnati, before giving way to Carroll midway through the fourth quarter. It was Henig's fifth multiple-interception game in 10 career starts and the most picks he's thrown since giving away three passes against Alabama on Nov. 5, 2005, as a freshman.

How does a quarterback recover from a six-interception game? "A lot of prayer to clear my head," Henig said. "I know a lot of people will say bad things this week. But I can't pay attention to that."

LSU coach Les Miles said he'd never had team pick off six passes in a game. "I hope it's not the last," he said.

Croom said the turnovers undermined any chance the Bulldogs had. "You lose field position, you lose offensive opportunities and the big thing is you can't give the defense a rest," he said.

While Henig struggled, Flynn gained confidence as the game progressed. After completing 3 of 7 passes for 23 yards in the first quarter, JrMarcus Russell's replacement zerked in on Early Doucet. The fifth-year senior QB finished with 126 yards on 12 of 19 passing with two touchdowns and no turnovers in his second career start. Doucet had nine catches for 78 yards and a touchdown.

Flynn also ran for 42 yards. "Flynn made good plays and was really the key to our efforts on offense," Miles said. "He moved well in the pocket and avoided negative yardage."

Mississippi State coach Sylvester Croom bows his head following his team's 45-0 loss to LSU Thursday. Croom is 9-26 as Mississippi State's coach.

Jacob Hester gave LSU a boost early and finished with 64 yards rushing on 14 carries. He also served as the lead blocker on two 1-yard TD runs by Keiland Williams that helped the Tigers to a 17-0 halftime lead.

While LSU's offense will have to find some consistency as the team prepares for next week's game against No. 9 Virginia Tech, its defense appeared to be as dominating as last year. The Tigers allowed 146 total yards and held the Bulldogs to 10 yards rushing. LSU also had four sacks and a fumble recovery.

Mississippi State can take some consolation in keeping the game close in the first half. Last season, the Tigers led 21-0 after the first quarter and 35-3 midway through a 48-17 win.

But the result certainly won't take the pressure off Croom, who has lost 26 games in four seasons at Starkville and will be searching for his 10th win when the Bulldogs travel to Tulane on Sept. 8.
Mr. Donaghy might have said,” Stern said. “We think the fairest way to deal with this is to allow the referees to tell us what the facts are, and our referees are very anxious to tell us what the facts are and then we’ll know. And the speculation is hard for them, but we’re very much on the same page as we seek to move forward.”

“Many people have been happy to condemn them on the basis of either disgruntled former officials or press reports about what Mr. Donaghy is alleged to have said, and that’s not fair.”

The former referees the commissioner spoke of were Mike Mathis and Hue Hollins, who have been critical in some recent newspaper stories of the current state of the profession under director of officials Romeo Nun. NBA officials are generally prohibited from speaking to the media.

“I think that their statements about current referees, which they’re happy to take shots at, are kind of interesting,” Stern said. “And I guess that’s all I’ll say, is that Messers. Mathis and Hollins at the end of their careers were not model referees.”

“As a staff, the quality is a lot better than when Mr. Hollins and Mr. Mathis were roaming the floor, I might say. Certainly toward the end of their perhaps otherwise distinguished careers, so I’m very protective of our existing officials and their staff and their development, and I doubt very much that our existing staff would do to their younger colleagues what Mathis and Hollins now find to be open. So when you talk about officials you should make the point that those are disgruntled former officials.”

Stern said Pedowitz and his staff have as much time as they need to conduct their review, which will include interviews with referees, and league and team officials. He said there would be “no holds barred.”

“But he’s not ready to say yet what will happen if more gambling activity among his officials is proven. NBA policies prevent referees from any type of betting, other than trips to the race track during the offseason.”

Of some might have actually bought a lottery ticket, or played bingo in a church, two forms of gambling that I’m sure everyone is very familiar with,” Stern said. “I don’t want to dignify it, but I think there are some things that would perhaps cause me to pause more than others.”

“And I think that’s the problem here, that everyone (says) ‘Oh my God, I saw him play, I don’t know what you call it, $5 on golf course.’ That’s why rather than speculate about what they did or what would happen if they did it, we agree that the best way to do it is find out what they did and then understand it.”

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One of those freshmen, goal-keeper Nikki Weiss, is one of three keepers who has seen playing time throughout the preseason. Weiss, sophomore Kelsey Lyander and senior Lauren Karas received equal playing time, about 30 minutes each in both exhibition games. Coach Randy Waldrum has not decided on a starting keeper and will continue to rotate them until one separates from the others.

Notre Dame has won 32 straight games at home and has decided on a starting keeper. Between Cinalli and senior Amanda Fowlkes, who had a goal in the previous game against Ohio State, are seniors Carrie Dew and Elise Cinalli. Cinalli said, "We love playing at home. Home crowds are so much fun, they really pump us up. Just having all the cheerleaders, the band and the student body all cheering helps us to focus and brings great energy into the game."

Michigan State's win over St. John's in the Big East quarterfinals on Friday, August 31, 2007, continued the Irish in the national championship match on Dec. 3, 2006. The Observer • SPORTS

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMENTARY

Students should support contenders

Irish forward Amanda Cinalli sends off a Tar Heels defender in North Carolina's 2-1 win over Notre Dame in the national championship match on Dec. 3, 2006.

Irish forward Susan Pinlick handles the ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over St. John's in the Big East quarterfinals on Friday, August 31, 2007.

Eight months after Notre Dame fell to North Carolina in the 2006 national championship game in the 'Tar Heels' home state, a record crowd of 3,412 turned out at Alumni Field on Aug 19 for the rematch of that final. The Irish played the defending champions to a 2-2 draw in the friendly. But tonight's contest is Notre Dame's first regular-season Irish home game. And the Irish deserve a tremendous home-field advantage. "Last year, the fan support had as much to do with us going to the Final Four as anything," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

While the crowd for the North Carolina game was a sellout, it was a group composed primarily of South Bend natives. Tonight, every student is back on campus, providing the main ingredient for a raucous crowd. "The local community has always been very supportive but it was great last year to have such student support," Waldrum said. "Let's be honest, the student body gives the games the great atmosphere." The Irish still are ranked No. 2 nationally despite the loss of five starters from the 2006 national title game. With enough fan support, it'll be easier to assure that the Irish will not fall in the rankings because of a setback at home.

The effect of having a huge crowd on their side was evident as the Irish outshot North Carolina 14-7. Because host Notre Dame was able to handle outplay the top-ranked team in the country, it is difficult to imagine that it could drop a match at home.

Waldrum said that it was energizing to see so many students in the stands last year, even when weather conditions deteriorated toward the end of the season. Clear skies and warm temperatures are expected tonight. With the increased school spirit common to football weekends, fan participation should swell. "We're expecting a packed house," Waldrum said. So, after this afternoon's pep rally, help one Irish squad in its first step toward another possible Final Four appearance.

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"Let's heartbreak, the national championship," Cinalli said. "Coming into preseason and playing North Carolina, I mean, we completely dominated them and should have beat them, but we did tie them and so that kind of built our confidence going into the season."

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Irish defenseman Jack Traynor battles for the ball in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over DePaul in the first round of the Big East tournament on Oct. 25, 2006.

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America's team.

"We know they are going to be a great team," Clark said. "They don't have any weak spots, but to be truthful we don't either."

"Lapira is very excited and I think he is ready to go."

Bobby Clark

Irish coach.

The Terrapins will get their chance for revenge early this season as they face the Irish Sunday in the final game of the Adidas/UCLA Classic.

Maryland begins the season No. 7 in the nation, going 2-0-1 in preseason play with wins over Fairleigh Dickinson and Montreal and a 2-2 draw with Virginia Commonwealth. The Terps will also open up their season tonight against tournament host Indiana.

"We will get a good look at them on Friday and we will have an opportunity to really evaluate our team then," Clark said.

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**Crossword**

**Across**
- 1. *Positive* discovery on a credit card statement
- 10. *Vacuum maintainers*
- 15. Like some fruit bats and petrels
- 16. *Crow component*
- 17. *Whiffe*
- 18. *Royal jelly*
- 19. *Jungian principle*
- 20. *Samanc*
- 22. *Kind of party*
- 23. *Sudden impact*
- 24. *First home of the Samoan, e.g.*
- 25. *Like some fruit consumer*
- 27. *Hacker of the Internet*
- 28. *Dram of a stadium*
- 29. *Squeals* or *Squeal*
- 30. *Shop* to *Shop*
- 31. *Certify*
- 32. *They're back on?*
- 33. *Webbed*
- 34. *Generation-to-generation information*
- 35. *Foet Seeger*
- 36. *Unwelcome companions?*
- 37. *Tough*
- 38. *Minor leader?*
- 39. *Carving in an Egyptian tomb*
- 40. *Relief may follow* for $250*
- 41. *Big-league promotional event* for $250*
- 42. *For some time*
- 43. *Drinks a toast*
- 44. *Singer*
- 45. *Unproductive worker*
- 46. *Rubberneck*
- 47. *Where cell work*
- 48. *King Claudius, e.g.*
- 49. *Weed-B-Gon*
- 50. *200 milligrams*
- 51. *Popular consumer*
- 52. *Loser in a card game*
- 54. *The nephew of a creator*
- 55. *Singer*
- 56. *Name on a truck*
- 57. *Loser in a casino*

**Down**
- 1. Opportunities to run away from home*
- 2. Gustavo’s good friend*
- 3. *Require*
- 4. *Female role in “Chicago”*
- 5. “Paint the Sky With Stars” singer*
- 6. *Suffix with “-ette”*
- 7. *Abbr. on a key card*
- 8. *They’re back on board*
- 9. *City on the Perman Basin*
- 10. *Extend awkwardly*
- 11. *Sparkle*
- 12. *Cousin of a hyena*
- 13. *Be what you’re not*
- 14. *Be a night watchman?*
- 22. *Sudden impact*
- 23. *First home of the University of Nevada*
- 24. *Firm assistant, briefly*
- 25. *Couple of pizzas?*
- 26. *Revelation exclamation*
- 28. *Spent from all the conflict*

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**JUMBLE**

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Leo (July 23 - August 21) save your Confederate gold. The South will rise again.

Gemini (May 22- June 21) if you need advice about koalas, call (248) 408-5039. Ask for Barry.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 22) if someone of the opposite sex asks what your sign is, tell them it’s ‘Candy Corn’. His or her response will indicate if you have met your soul mate.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) today, your weekend assignment: Try to find out what the Tech in Georgia Tech stands for. There has been some speculation but nobody really knows yet.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20) if someone of the opposite sex asks what your sign is, tell them it’s ‘Candy Corn’. His or her response will indicate if you have met your soul mate.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 19) think of one part of a chicken that begins with each letter of the alphabet and you have met your soul mate.

处女座 (August 22- September 23) will rise again.

天秤座 (October 23- November 22) will be on campus this weekend. Be very afraid.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

One step at a time

No. 2 squad gets set for opening match

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

On the heels of a successful preseason, No. 2 Notre Dame opens the regular season against Michigan tonight at 7:30 on Alumni Field.

Senior forward and captain Amanda Cina said somewhat slightly taken aback when asked what worried the team most about the game against Michigan.

"Worried," she said. "I don't know if we're too much worried," Cina said. "I think we're just excited." The Irish tied No. 1 North Carolina 2-2 and beat No. 11 Virginia 3-1 in their preseason campaign. The exhibition games gave freshman players a chance to experience the game at the collegiate level, and so far the transition to college has been smooth.

"They've been doing really well for us," Cina said. "We already feel like they're veterans, which is great."

See Also
"Students should support contenders."

Irish junior midfielder Brittany Bock concentrates on the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 national semifinals win over Florida State in Cary, N.C., on Dec. 2, 2006.

Men's Soccer

No. 1 UCLA awaits in season debut

No. 9 Irish try to snap losing streak against top-ranked opponents

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame has faced a No. 1 ranked team five times in program history. The result has been the same each time: a Irish loss.

But No. 9 Notre Dame has a chance to start its 2007 season with a hang by reversing that trend against top-ranked UCLA tonight.

Four of the five losses have come at the hands of in-state rival Indiana — the most recent loss to the then-No. 1 Hoosiers being a 2-0 defeat in 2004 — and the fifth was another 2-0 loss to Connecticut in 1998. The Irish were shut out in all five contests.

"To start off the season beating anyone is special, whether they are No. 1 or just another good team," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "The important thing in this game is that we have to look after ourselves."

The UCLA match is part of the Adidas/IU Classic in Bloomington, Ind. The tournament is in its 25th year and features four top-10 clubs this season. It has hosted the eventual national champ nine times since 1982.

The Bruins were only one goal away from claiming their own national crown last year, but lost 2-1 to UC-Santa Barbara in the title game. UCLA returns eight starters from that squad and 16 total players — all of whom are hungry for a second chance at a championship.

One key loss from last season's UCLA squad was goalkeeper Eric Reed. But sophomore Brian Perk, who takes over the starting role, played with the U.S. Under-20 National Team and was recently named to the pre-season All-America team.

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Volleyball

Irish travel to Tiger Invitational

Team hits the road hoping to rebound after rough week

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

After two tough losses against No. 9 Minnesota and No. 7 Florida, Notre Dame will look for its first wins of the season this weekend in the Tiger Invitational in Columbia, Mo.

"We played two tough teams last week," coach Debbie Brown said. "We played and hit much better against Florida than Minnesota. We hope to continue this upward trend and improve both our play and our record."

The Irish lost to Minnesota 3-0 in the first game of the weekend. The Irish played a closer match against the Gators, but Florida won in four games.

Though this weekend's tournament traditionally has four participants, Florida and withdrew from the field.

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FOOTBALL

ResLife's actions not consistent

I am confused. Last winter, Notre Dame basketball player Kyle McAlarney was arrested for possession of marijuana. The University's Office of Residence Life suspended McAlarney for the rest of the spring semester, after he entered a pre-trial diversion program to expunge the charge from his record.

Then, South Bend police arrested Notre Dame defensive end Derrell Hand on charges of soliciting a prostitute. Hand also entered a pre-trial diversion program. His punishment: a three-game suspension from football coach Charlie Weis and, apparently, not from the University.

Here's why I am confused. Both offenses occurred off campus and involve athletes in high-profile sports. While that makes no explicit mention of prostitution, the University surely does not condone either offense. It has decided, however, to handle these cases involving high-profile athletes very differently.

see RESLIFE/page 30
Notre Dame’s young defensive coordinator brings a new scheme to what has been a porous defense. But what really is...
Going back to a familiar unknown

In 2007, Irish fans step back into the unknown. Some people dread the unknown and fear that 2007 will bring disappointing results. After all, who could blame them for thinking that way? Last season, everybody knew who everybody was on the team. Quinn, Samurdija and Walker were known quantities. They were reliable, consistent and brought with them the security of a good season, but those days of security are now over.

This season is for those who relish the unknown and the chance to take a journey that is sure to hold moments of both disappointment and excitement.

The first and most obvious unknown is at the quarterback position. Some have called coach Charlie Weis arrogant for not revealing his starting quarterback earlier, but in reality, what difference does it really make whether or not fans learn the starter Saturday morning or if they have learned a month ago? The starter does not have to deal with all the preseason buildup of being Notre Dame’s quarterback and maybe it will confuse Georgia Tech. Maybe it will not, but it does not hurt to try.

Fans should be confident knowing that whoever gains the starting job had to beat out two very good candidates this training camp and will be ready to take the field Saturday. Come Sunday morning, the question, “Who is the starter?” will be a distant memory and all the talk will be about the play of the quarterback. Regardless, there is little to fear given the talent at the position and Weis’s ability to develop his quarterbacks into national stars, as he did with Quinn.

On defense, the Irish bring back some familiar faces, such as defensive end Trevor Laws, linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. and safety Tom Zbikowski. The unknown here is whether Corwin Brown’s new 3-4 personnel scheme can stop big plays and keep the Irish in games when they may not score bunches of points.

Based on the results of summer camp, the Irish are pushing themselves harder than ever on defense. Sophomore Darrin Walls beat out traditional starter senior Ambrose Woodward for the cornerback spot opposite Terrail Lambert. The competition for each defensive spot must have been intense and only makes the secondary better in the end because everybody has to push harder everyday in practice.

Nobody knows what to expect from anybody this season. Remember 2005, and having that feeling of uncertainty that the season could come crashing down or, if a couple things went right, could be memorable?

I have the same feeling.

Notre Dame has a roster mixed with veterans and younger players with untapped potential. They face a schedule, which, on paper, is among the hardest in the nation.

Expectations should be low. But after all, this is Notre Dame -- a place where the term "low expectations" doesn’t exist. Maybe Notre Dame can win 10 games and make it to another BCS bowl game, but the odds are that will not happen.

Just have a little patience while some of the younger players find their grooves and this season could be a special one. In other words, welcome back to the unknown.

Contact Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu.

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Defensive Coordinator Corwin Brown brings new attitude, scheme to Irish

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Corwin Brown is a players' coach.

Yes, the product of the Bill Parcells-Bill Belichick-Al Groh-Eric Mangini coaching tree is a players' coach.

No, he's not a lackadaisical, non-discriminator.

He's not a guy who is going to play favorites or coddle starters.

And Brown certainly is not a guy who is going to say anything other than what he thinks.

But talk to the Notre Dame defense, and they'll tell you that the team's new, 37-year-old defensive coordinator is what they think a "players' coach" should be.

He retains well.

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Something about the former standout at Michigan—who grew up in a tough neighborhood of Chicago, earned a spot in the NFL, studied the game closely enough to land an assistant coaching gig in college and then a spot on a pro team's staff—connects with almost every defender for the Irish.

"He's a great players' coach. He knows how to get guys fired up," fifth-year defensive lineman Trevor Laws says. "You really feel like you're playing for him when you're out there because he's always right behind you, always pushing you. He knows how to get players to play, and you really do want to play for him."

Laws says that Brown's youth is a benefit in his relationship with players, something related to what some of Law's teammates say.

For other defenders, having a coach whose playing experience was substantial and recent means an extra level of comfort and respect.


Though former Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter played in college at Henderson State (Ark.) in the 1970s, Brown's experience is more relevant and tangible for players aspiring for NFL stardom.

"It's a lot easier, too, when he's actually played and he's telling you things that you know you really can't question it because he's been there," Irish linebacker Joe Brockton says. "I think that was the biggest thing... opening your ears and listening to what he had to say."

Sophomore cornerback Darrin Walls says Brown "understands a lot of our situations" because "he's been in the game, he knows what it's like."

More than just one change

When Weis announced that Minter's contract would not be renewed and Brown would be the team's new defensive coordinator, the offensive-minded coach said he better understands Brown's scheme and his goals.

But the change was more than just a man named Corwin Brown replacing Rick Minter. It was more than just the 3-4 personnel group replacing the 4-3.

It was aggressiveness replacing a passive defense. It was energy replacing analysis. It was two years of verbals being in the workspace replacing by Brown.

Brockton says one of Brown's strengths is his energy, which is far greater than that of Minter's. "But Minter's Brown more smooth, just a rah-rah coach," he says. "Sometimes you think that he's the one that you feel like he's one of the guys that, you feel like you can talk to him if you have a question."

Brown also saw himself as a penchant for being "one of the guys.""I'm not a coach," Brown says. During the spring game, Brown sent text messages to players, telling them to think about different situations and alignments they could face and how they would reach.

The question for Saturday is, will Brown's attitude and the players' positive response to the fresh blood result in a better defense?

Whatever the answer, the change in schemes will surely be a major factor.

Junior free safety David Bruton says the 3-4 will allow the safeties to concentrate a little less on run containment because of the additional line backers in the same line of defense. But when asked if that would also mean an easier time defending the play-action pass, Bruton was cautious, though optimistic.

Among the more subtle differences in the defense will be more contact by defensive linemen at the line of scrimmage. Walls, who saw limited action in 2006, added weight and core body strength to help him in bump and run coverage.

While Saturday will be the first true indication of how the defense has responded to Brown, another indicator is already pointing in Brown's favor.

Early results

In terms of recruiting, the Windy City-native Brown appears to have played his ability to relate with young players and turned it into wind-falls for the Irish. Less than a week after his hiring, the Irish landed a verbal commitment from Chicago, running back Robert Hughes, who is expected to compete for playing time this season as a true freshman. For the class that will sign letters of intent in February 2008 and enroll next summer, the Irish have taken an early lead in the recruiting rankings thanks to 12 highly-rated defenders announcing their intentions of coming to Notre Dame. Two of those—linebackers Sio Vatican and Darius Fleming—are Chicago products.

Wide receivers coach Bob Lanello is Notre Dame's recruiting coordinator but his ceded recruiting territory in in the Chicago region to Brown because of his connection to the area and with his football coaches.

"If wasn't into prior, he probably wouldn't have had that interest," Lanello says. "But certainly, with anybody, if you come and you have contacts some place, we're going to use your contacts. We'd be foolish, not to, regardless of where they are.

"He's got a really good personality, a really good demeanor, and he's very energetic... I think he relates well. He really relates well to the high school players, and I think that they like him."

What Weis did for Notre Dame's offensive recruiting almost immediately after being hired is what Brown has done for the defense.

Woods sees a lot of the same qualities between Weis and Brown that makes them successful.

"They don't B.S. you," Woods says. "If they see something in you, a special talent you have, they're going to tell you about it. ... That's what I think they bring with them... they're up-front. They'll tell you exactly what they think of you, whether it's good or bad."

And, at least in Woodruff's case, that makes them players' coaches.
Notre Dame Fighting Irish
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AP: NR
Coaches: NR

Charlie Weis third season at Notre Dame career record:

1996-97 (1-1)
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at Notre Dame: 19-6
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Nov. 3  NAVY
Nov. 11  AIR FORCE
Nov. 18  DUKE
Nov. 25  at Stanford

Notre Dame has three quarterbacks to choose from, but none of them have any experience. Similarly, the Irish have a whole bunch of young wide receivers. Tight end John Carlson is one of the best in the country and should make an impact against Georgia Tech.

Irish Rushing

Taylor Bennett torched Virginia's big-play defense last season in the Gator Bowl in just his second start. Whether that's an indicator of things to come is still up in the air, but it was a promising start to his career.

John Tenuta favors speed over size, and it shows on his defensive line, where the Iowa player is just 285 pounds. The entire front seven is fast, however, and the confusing blitz schemes the Buckeyes employ can make offenses look silly.

The Irish have a major advantage up front - and they're very deep at linebacker. In the Gator Bowl Tech Tech. Notre Dame should line up their defensive ends in a 3-3-5 look, allowing for some big fourth-quarter runs.

Georgia Tech terrorized Brady Quinn last year and there's no reason why they won't be doing so again.

The Yellow Jacket pass rush has been terrorizing opposing quarterbacks since Tenuta has been defensive coordinator. Philip Wheeler is one of the best pass rushing linebackers in the country. The defensive backs are solid, but not spectacular.

Notre Dame's quarterback(s) however it is won't exactly remind people of Brady Quinn, but it won't matter. The Irish running game will control the clock and the defense, which will show immediate improvement over last year, will set up at least one touchdown with a turnover. Todd Clausen will get his yards, but in the end Notre Dame will pull out a hard-fought defensive battle.

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JACKETS RUSHING
Notre Dame's defensive line is undersized for a 3-4 set. The line backers should be much improved over last year, but they too are on the small side. Defensive coordinator Corwin Brown will have to vary his looks to confuse the Jackets offensive line.

Tashard Choice came into his own at the end of the season, finishing with over 1,500 yards and 5.0 yards per carry. He didn't see the ball much in the opener last year against the Irish, but he did manage to run for 58 yards on 14 carries.

Georgia, Wake Forest, and West Virginia all struggled to stop Tashard Choice - and so will Notre Dame. The Irish front seven will need big performances from its experienced members, like Maurice Crum and Trevor Laws, in order to have success.

JACKETS PASSING
The Irish secondary struggled last year, but with a lot of returning talent and two former NFL defensive backs coaches on the defensive staff, it should be improved in 2007. Meanwhile, Brown's 3-4 allows for blitzes from all sorts of angles.

Bennett looked good in the Gator Bowl, but West Virginia's pass defense was among the worst in the country last year - significantly worse than Notre Dame's, even. Furthermore, Calvin Johnson has moved on to the Detroit Lions.

DURANT BROOKS is back to punt and Travis Bell is back to kick field goals after making 12-of-18 last year. Bell is also perfect on extra points in his career. The Jackets, however, have struggled in kick coverage for the past two seasons.

SPECIAL TEAMS
The Irish offense should still be ready for anything Tech can throw at them. Weis still has a potentially great running back combo in Aldridge and Thomas. The one real question mark is whether Corwin Brown's defense is going to be enough to stop Tashard Choice.

The Jackets come in looking for revenge after feeling like they let last year's game slip away. However, they threw everything at the Irish last year in Atlanta and Weis knows what to prepare for.

INTANGIBLES
The Irish defense and special teams save the day in this close game. Armando Allen runs back the opening kickoff. The offense only manages to pull together one impressive drive early in the second half, but it does not matter as the defense holds Georgia Tech to limited second half yardage. Notre Dame starts off the year 1-0 and gains key momentum heading into Penn State.

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Crunching the numbers

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Running backs look to establish offense

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Travis Thomas spent almost all of last season on defense and special teams—a natural position for a 6-foot-1, 225-pound back. In addition, the fifth-year Irish running back was hardly household names for his play against Notre Dame, West Virginia, and Georgia Tech.

“With the diversity that we have, it allows me to not only perform the task necessarily a little bit better than some other backs,” Thomas said. “But it allows me to get a rest in, and, you know, stay fresh and not a lot of teams can do because that’s something you have the depth at this position.”

The running backs have so far provided some big disposals in the quick change the two freshman backs have made to college football.

Thomas is one of five running backs at head coach Charlie Weis’ disposal this season, along with senior Jonnie Jabbie, sophomores James Aldridge and Armando Allen and Robert Hughes. The stable of running backs has allowed offensive coordinator Mike Haywood to expand his rushing attack in preparation for the season opener against Yellow Jackets.

“You have different types of backs,” Haywood said. “You have power backs, you have speed backs, and when you’re going into all your different personnel groupings, you have tight end sets, two tight end sets, three receiver sets—you spin backs in and out. I think you do they react versus this, how do you protect this blitz, how do you protect this blitz.”

The versatility in the backfield is one of the biggest changes from last year’s offense, when then-junior Darius Walker had 60 percent of all rushing attempts and 67 percent of all rushing yards for the Irish.

“Obviously the mainstay of their running game is well established,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said. “The thing about this kid, that always admire with running backs, is he’s very, very durable.”

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Dynamic duo highlight G-Tech attack

By CHRIS KHOEY
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Last season, as Notre Dame prepared to face Georgia Tech in the opening game of the season, Irish defensive coachs had one name on their minds: Calvin Johnson.

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