Pope Benedict XVI addressed an audience of Catholic educators during his speech at Catholic University in Washington D.C. Thursday.

Inaugural SK race and one-mile walk will take students around Notre Dame campus around South Bend community, they eventually decided to keep it open to only Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College students. Bergstrom said the event, although only in its first year, has seen an impressive number of registrants so far. "As of Wednesday night, we had 300 signed up already," Bergstrom said.

The event, Bergstrom said, has received a great deal of support throughout its planning stages. Adidas donated T-shirts, which each participant will receive with his or her registration fee, while college service organization Circle K provided volunteers.

In her lecture, entitled "Awe-filled Wonder: The Interface of Science and Spirituality," at the College's Little Theatre, Fiand said humans interpret their place in reality through a perception currently being transformed by scientific discoveries.

Traditional perceptions, such as dualism, Fiand said, stress the division of spirit and science.

University and College presidents react to Benedict's address

When Pope Benedict XVI addressed over 200 Catholic university presidents and educators, including the presidents of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, Saint Mary's president Carol Ann Mooney did not know what he would say when he entered the room. "There was all this speculation like, 'Would he scold us?' There was none of that. I didn't expect that, but I guess I didn't expect it to be quite as much off an uplifting experience as it really was," Mooney said in a press release Thursday.

Instead, Benedict's speech was not a scolding but an "affirmation of the importance of Catholic education," Notre Dame president Fr.
INSIDE COLUMN

Bye bye, Bubble

"Well, Katie, you will only be living on the Notre Dame campus for only another month," my mom said a few weeks ago. I had not really stopped to consider this phenomenon. No more parietals, no more lofted beds, no more Sunday morning recaps, no more communal bathrooms. I have taken these little things for granted.

Leaving the Bubble seems all the more daunting.

While studying abroad for the next academic year, I won't see the girls from last year. I had not really stopped to consider how much each of them has become a part of me, sort of a home away from home.

And there are those all-nighters when it is just my dorm with whom I have become more lofted beds, no communal bathrooms. I have long taken these recaps, no more smell of the ethanol plant on those cool Indiana mornings and the hard water that strips your hair of any luster.

But there also are those Saturday mornings on home football weekends. And there are those all-nighters when it seems like everyone has big tests the next day. And there are those enormous group trips to the dining hall. And walking home at night under the light of the Dome. And we cannot forget the ease of rolling out of bed 15 minutes before classes start.

I am starting to sound like a nostalgic high school senior again.

The fact of the matter is, though, that with the prospect of not being here for a year looming over my head like the University's in loco parents, I am forced to start realizing the relative luxury we have here of living on campus.

I am not going to start a tirade about urgent people staying on campus as long as possible — trust me, I am as ready to move on as any other sophomore. I guess I am just starting to realize what seniors are going through.

Seniors are not only thinking about moving away from all their friends to different parts of the country, but also about moving onto their respective kid jobs, maybe about getting married, moving away from all their friends to different parts of the country, but also about moving onto their respective kid jobs, maybe about getting married, and could be sentenced to a year in jail.

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The Notre Dame Department of Music will host a Spring Concert of the ND Brass Ensemble and University Band on Sunday night at 7 in the Leighton Concert Hall. The event is free but ticketed.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information on an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
John Jenkins said in a telephone interview with The Observer Thursday. Jenkins said the reaffirmation of the importance of Catholic education was the central point of the pope’s address.

“I think the pope gave a great affirmation and inspiration,” Jenkins said. “It's a chance to refocus on our central mission and I think that's what it will bring.”

Mooney said the experience of being addressed by Benedict was a thrilling one.

“We were in the room a long time before he came in for security reasons so we were all anxiously awaiting him,” she said. “When he came into the room it was just electric.”

Mooney said the pope’s words were uplifting and personable, she said. “It was sort of a pep talk,” she said. “He’s been a university professor and in one sense it was as if he was speaking to us as his fellow academicians.”

Jenkins said the pope’s message about the role of the Church in Catholic education was crucial and must continue to be a central commitment of the Church.

Mooney said she was surprised with Benedict’s message concerning the definition of a Catholic institution.

“At one point he said that being a Catholic institution isn’t dependent upon statistics. It isn’t even dependent on the orthodoxy and the content of the courses offered [at the institution],” Mooney said. “It’s more about the spirit of the place. It’s more about it being a place where people encounter the living God.”

Mooney said she agreed with Benedict’s statement that being a Catholic institution is about the optimism that faith brings and the hope that can be communicated to others because of the Catholic faith. “I think he’s absolutely right,” she said. “It’s not a list of things that makes a place Catholic in its character, it’s the spirit that infuses it and leads people to hopefulness and leads people to live different kinds of lives [that makes it Catholic].”

Mooney said the Pope reaffirmed academic freedom even at Catholic institutions.

“He said faculty at universities have the freedom to pursue the truth wherever their careful analysis leads them to find it,” she said. “He also emphasized that if we’re Catholic institutions we have particular missions and certainly an obligation to provide our students with teaching Catholic doctrine and practices.”

Jenkins said the pope’s speech was resurgizing to the Catholic educational community.

“He began the speech and ended the speech by thanking and affirming the work of Catholic education,” Jenkins said. “That’s kind of affirmation when I think everyone’s favorite part.”

Mooney said he also called upon the Priests, Brothers and Sisters in the audience to continue their educational ministry.

“He’s a quiet speaker and at times it was a little difficult to follow what he was saying, but when he said that everyone knew what he was saying and responded very positively,” she said. “The place just erupted in applause.”

Mooney said she wanted to emphasize how pastoral the Pope was in speaking to the educators.

“He treated everyone in the room as sort of a coworker in a vineyard,” she said. “It was very pastoral, very encouraging and very eloquent.”

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accounts used for spam, he said. "As soon as a student [at another school] would send credit-
denials back believing mail, the account sends out large amounts of spam mail," Dobbins said.
"We can tell that someone has responded to a phishing attack in some cases, but can't tell what they said. A n e d o t a l reports sometimes say responses aren't the response the spammers wanted."

Dobbins said there are three telltale signs students can use to distinguish between real e-mail from OIT and an imposter.

The first, he said, is the fact that OIT will never ask students for personal information through e-mail, a fact proclaimed on Webmail's home page. "It wouldn't make any sense," he said. "We have it. We don't want it."

Dobbins said some of the reports he's received are "pretty good" and respond to a phishing attack.

The second sign, Dobbins said, is the presence of an unrealistic threat.

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and mission, a mission at the heart of the Church's munus docendi and not somehow autonomous or independent of it," he said.
The Church is the body that is to uphold moral and ethical teachings, he said, and will continue to uphold those doctrines.

"Similarly, the Church never tires of upholding the essential moral categories of right and wrong, without which hope could only wither, giving way to cold pragmatic calculations of utility which render the person little more than a pawn on some ideological chess-board," he said.
The pope said there was devastation in the teaching of sexual relations and was concerned with the direction sexual education had gone.

"Particularly disturbing is the reduction of the precious and delicate area of education in sexuality to manage-
ment of 'risk,' benefit of any reference to the beauty of conjugal love," he said.

Regardless of the view of academic freedom, Pope Benedict said universities are an important place for students to interact with Jesus.

"First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth," he said.
The pope considered Catholic education a way for the Church to bear the message which originates with God. God revealed himself to the people, he said, which correlates with the human wish to know.

"God's desire to make Himself known, and the innate desire of all human beings to know the truth, provide the context for human inquiry into the meaning of life," he said.
The pope urged religious leaders to abandon their apostasies and to continue to improve the Church's presence in underprivileged areas.

"In places where there are many false promises which lure young people away from the path of truth and genuine freedom, the consecrated person's witness to the evangelical counsels is an irreplaceable gift," he said.
The pope focused much of his speech on the nature of truth as defined in Catholicism and as a way to include oneself in the Church. He said faith was the way to do that, but acknowledged that the Church was in a crisis of faith.

"Only through faith can we freely give our account to God's testimony and acknowledge him as the transcendent guarantor of the truth he reveals," he said.
The Catholic identity of a university, he said, does not depend on statistics or course content, but on the devotion to the church exercised by students and faculty.

"Only in faith can truth become incarnate and reason truly human, capable of directing the will along the path of freedom," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bush, Brown showcase cooperation
WASHINGTON — President Bush and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown tried to dispel doubts about their relationship Thursday, showcasing personal banter as well as cooperation on pressing issues such as the Iraq war, a showdown with Iran, global trade and the crises in Sudan and Zimbabwe.

Brown, particularly, appeared to make an effort to move beyond the leaders' frosty first meeting.

The prime minister, then only a month in office, tried to succeed as top Bush ally Tony Blair, who was given a coveted invitation to the presidential retreat at Camp David. But he displayed skill at small talk and the ability to laugh off whether he would work as closely as Blair had done much as — with Bush.

That didn't seem in doubt in the Rose Garden after Thursday's nearly 90-minute Oval Office meeting.

Europeans move to ban cells on trains
VIENNA, Austria — The world has never been more connected, but in some corners, it's deemed too much of a real bang-up over the ubiquitous cell phone.

Taking a cue from France's national railway, which offers phone-free "zen zones" on high-speed trains, Austria's second-largest city this week began ordering public transit commuters to keep their phones on silent mode.

The crackdown in the southern city of Graz has touched off a noisy debate between advocates of free speech and people who say they can't simply employ their right to an annoying ring tones and intrusive cell phone chatter.

NATIONAL NEWS

CDC says flu vaccine was a poor match
ATLANTA — The current flu season has shown signs to be the worst in four years, partly because the vaccine didn't work well against the viruses that made most people sick, health officials said Thursday.

This season's vaccine was the worst match since 1997-1998, when the vaccine didn't work at all against the circulating virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The 2007-2008 season started slowly, peaked in mid-February and seems to be declining, although cases are still being reported, CDC officials said.

Pope meets with sex abuse victims
VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI, after urging priests and parishioners to heal the wounds caused by the clergy sexual abuse scandal, talked and prayed privately with survivors Thursday in what was believed to be a first-ever meeting with sex-abuse victims.

The Rev. Federico Lombardi, a papal spokesman, said that Benedict and Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley met with a group of five or six victims for about 25 minutes in the chapel of the papal embassy, offering them encouragement and hope.

LOCAL NEWS

Ind. strains to register primary voters
INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana counties inundated with voter registrations thanks to the hotly contested Democratic presidential primary are struggling to process the applications in time to send their poll books to the Secretary of State's office in time for early voting.

Some 160,000 voter registrations were processed in Indiana since January, bringing the number of registered voters to nearly 4.28 million, the Secretary of State's office said Monday. A week before the April 7 registration deadline for the May 6 primary, nearly 86,000 forms were submitted.

The crush caused voter registration offices around Indiana to hire additional staff, extend hours and work through weekends to process the forms.

Associated Press

Troop risk depression, study says

One in five U.S. troops are facing post-combat ailments, states project co-leader

WASHINGTON

Roughly one in every five U.S. troops who have survived the horrors and dangers of Iraq and Afghanistan now suffer from major depression or post-traumatic stress, an independent estimate released Thursday. It estimated the toll at 300,000 or more.

As many or more report possible brain injuries from explosions or other head wounds, said the study, the first major survey from outside the government.

Only about half of those with mental health problems have sought treatment. Even fewer of those with head injuries have seen doctors.

Army Surgeon General Eric Schoomaker said the report, from the Rand Corp., was welcome.

"They're helping us to raise the visibility and the attention that's needed by the American public at large," said Schoomaker, a lieutenant general. "We're making this a national debate.

The researchers said 18.5 percent of current and former service members contacted in a recent survey reported symptoms of depression or post-traumatic stress. Based on Pentagon data that more than 1.6 million have deployed to the two wars, the researchers calculated that about 300,000 are suffering mental health problems.

Nineteen percent — or an estimated 320,000 — may have suffered head injuries, the study calculated. Those range from mild concussions to severe, penetrating head wounds.

There is a major health crisis facing those men and women who have served our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Terri Tanielian, the project's co-leader and a researcher at Rand.

"Unless they receive appropriate care for these mental health conditions, there will be long-term consequences for them and for the nation.

The study, the first large-scale, private assessment of its kind, includes a survey of 1,965 service members across the country, from all branches of the armed forces who have served in the two wars and who are still in the military as well as veterans who have completed their service.

The Iraq war has been notable for the repeat tours required of many troops, sometimes for longer than a year at a time.

The results of the study appear consistent with mental health reports from within the government, though the Defense Department has not released the number of people it has diagnosed or who are being treated for mental problems.

The Department of Veterans Affairs said this month that its records show about 120,000 who served in the wars and are no longer in the military have been diagnosed with mental health problems. Of those, about 60,000 are suffering from post-traumatic stress, and depression runs a close second.

Veterans Affairs is responsible for care of service members after they have left the military. The Defense Department covers active duty and reservists.

The lack of numbers from the Pentagon was one motivation for the Rand study, Tanielian said in an interview.

The most prominent and detailed Pentagon study on the military's mental health that is released regularly to the public is the Army's survey of soldiers, taken annually at the battle zones since 2003.

The most recent one, last fall, found 18.2 percent of Army soldiers suffered mental health problems such as depression, anxiety or acute stress in 2007, compared with 20.5 percent the previous year.

Other studies have variably estimated that 10 percent to 20 percent of troops had symptoms of mental health problems.

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Wendy Barranco, an Iraq war veteran and college student, is overwhelmed as she looks at photographs of the Iraq conflict on Tuesday.
UNITED NATIONS

U.N. takes action to bring peace to Darfur

Associated Press
UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations and the African Union said Thursday they want their 26,000-strong peacekeeping force on the ground in Darfur quickly.

The U.N. Security Council and the African Union's Peace and Security Council met behind closed doors, a day after the U.N. chief expressed extreme disappointment at the lack of progress in ending the five-year conflict in Darfur.

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Only about 9,000 troops and police from the joint AU-U.N. force are currently deployed in Darfur. The United States is urging the U.N. to get 3,600 new peacekeepers on the ground by June.

In a report to the council Wednesday, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he was "extremely disappointed" at the lack of progress on all fronts in the efforts to address the situation in Darfur, he said.

"The parties appear determined to pursue a military solution; the political process stalled; the deployment of UNAMID is progressing very slowly and continues to face many challenges; and the humanitarian situation is not improving," Ban said.

More than 200,000 people have been killed and more than 2 million have fled their homes since ethnic African tribesmen took up arms in early 2003, complaining of decades of neglect and discrimination by the Sudanese Arab-dominated government.

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**In Brief**

U.S. public corruption is growing

WASHINGTON — The FBI is grappling with growing numbers of public corruption cases and a surge in mortgage fraud investigations, FBI Director Robert Mueller said Thursday, warning lingering about whether Americans are "becoming more crooked."

In a speech to the American Bar Association, Mueller asked the assembled defense lawyers for help in "creating a culture of integrity" by reporting evidence of wrongdoing by politicians and corporate executives alike.

"Anybody who follows the news these days and sees repeated references to corporate fraud and public corruption might think the nation is in the midst of a moral crisis," Mueller told the defense attorneys. "Have we as a society become more crooked, or have we in the FBI simply become more adept at rooting out fraud and corruption?"

Currently, the FBI has 2,500 cases of public corruption under investigation, an increase of 20 percent from five years ago, Mueller said. He called public corruption the FBI's top criminal priority.

At the same time, corporate fraud cases have increased by more than 80 percent, Mueller said, pointing to the recent surge in mortgage fraud investigations. The FBI is investigating an estimated 1,300 mortgage fraud cases, including 19 subprime lending practices by U.S. financial institutions.

Democrats avoid Iraq funding vote

WASHINGTON — Democrats in Congress, seeking to avoid a vote on funding the Iraq war during the current Congressional session, are considering combining President Bush's two pending requests into a single bill to be voted on next month.

House Democratic aides said Thursday that applications for unemployment benefits rose 0.1 percent for March, reversing five months of decline. But the private/business group's index registered a 1.3 percent annual rate of decline since March 2007.

That's "the kind of result, that whenever we've seen it in the past, the U.S. economy has been heading into a recession," Michael Gregory, senior economist for BMO Nesbitt Burns, a Toronto investment bank. "The recession signal here is clear and unequivocal."

**Market Recap**

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**Airline strike reaches a climax**

US Airways pilots unions in their attempt to reject an unfavorable arbitration

PHOENIX — Three years after their companies joined forces, pilots from America West Airlines and the formerly Virginia-based US Airways remain locked in a bitter, multiyear dispute that's become a cautionary tale as other airlines ponder a new wave of consolidation.

The internal fight at Tempe, Ariz.-based US Airways Group Inc. reached a climax Thursday when pilots ousted their union of 59 years ago, replaced it with another group. The new union, the US Airline Pilots Association, is dominated by pilots from the former US Airways. It will try to throw out an arbitrated seniority ruling that isn't favorable to them.

"It's going to be extremely difficult for us personally and professionally to see what happens to this pilot group now," Capt. Jack Stephen, chairman of the ousted Air Line Pilots Association for US Airways, said in a statement after the vote was announced.

"Industry consolidation is inevitable, and the economy is slowing. I believe that these challenges will be too much to ask of an untested, poorly-funded union."

The struggles of US Airways pilots have become a highly visible example of the problems with consolidation.

Pilots at Delta Air Lines helped management avoid a lockout of a key labor force earlier this week, but the airline has a culture of efficiency and discipline that is less friendly to pilots.

The current economic downturn is not making things easier for pilots.

"We have seen a decrease in the number of operations."

"We're seeing some pilots who are not as productive," Mueller said.

"As we've seen an increase in the number of complaints," he said.

"There's a lot of frustration."
SOUTH AFRICA

President refuses to resign
Political leader claims to have won election, accused of treason

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Protests are达尔 topping at home, and his efforts to rally the world to the cause of democracy in Zimbabwe are being stymied by fellow Africans.

Morgon Tsvangirai — who has been beaten, accused of treason and nearly killed since founding Zimbabwe's main opposition movement in 1999 — wouldn't hazard a guess as to when the crisis over an election he says won will be resolved.

If he knew who could persuade Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe to step down, he said in an interview with The Associated Press, "certainly that person should be contacted immediately.

Tsvangirai was relaxed, even able to joke about reports from his homeland Thursday that Mugabe's regime considers him a traitor. But he is a man under considerable pressure.

Nearly three weeks have passed since the presidential vote. No official results have been announced, and the opposition, which says Tsvangirai won, accuses Mugabe of withholding the results to stay in power after a campaign that focused on Zimbabwe'sshell-shocked economy.

There has been a talk of a recount or a runoff. But Mugabe could well simply continue to suppress the results and cling to power.

Human rights groups report increasing violence against Tsvangirai's supporters. Zimbabwe Doctors for Human Rights said Tuesday its members had treated more than 150 cases of injuries consistent with assault and torture since the March 29 poll, including a rash of recent ones linked to a crackdown sparked by the opposition's call for a stay-away from work protest.

The stay-away call was little heeded, both because few Zimbabweans can afford to miss even a day of work, and because police and militants loyal to Mugabe cracked down.

Tsvangirai said the stay-away "may have been an exhaustible strategy." But he wasn't home to help his aides plot tactics. He has been traveling outside Zimbabwe for most of the period since the election, and acknowledged his homeland was a dangerous place for him.

"There are rogue elements there who might take the law into their own hands," he said.

The former trade union leader said diplomacy, not fear, was the main reason he was abroad. He would not say when he would return, saying his priority now is mobilizing international pressure on Mugabe.

Tsvangirai's comments came the same day Zimbabwe state media reported allegations the opposition leader was plotting an "illegal regime change" with former colonial ruler Britain.

The opposition leader dismissed the treason charges and said accusations that he was plotting to overthrow the Mugabe regime were "false and unfounded.

"We are determined to have democratic change through democratic means," not through violence, Tsvangirai said. "The people themselves are the ones that will change the government."

In Washington, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told reporters Thursday that Mugabe's recent record has been an "abomina­tion" and urged Zimbabwe to release election results.

"It's time for Africa to step up" and denounce the government campaign of arrests and intimidation that followed the vote, she said. "Where is the concern from the African Union and from Zimbabwe's neighbors about what is going on in Zimbabwe?"

But African leaders rarely criti­cize one of their own. And Mugabe, for his part, regards the U.S. as the enemy and is unlikely to be influenced by such demon­strations.

On Thursday, South Africa issued its strongest call yet for Zimbabwe's government to release the election results.

"When elections are held and results are not released two weeks after, it is obviously of great concern. The situation is dire," government spokesman Themba Maseko said.
Archbishop to give lecture on solidarity

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin, Ireland, will speak on social solidarity today at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Archbishop Martin's lecture, "Solidarity: Past, Present, Future: Reflections on Social Concern," is one of several events celebrating the 25th anniversary of Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns.

The former secretary of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Archbishop Martin was appointed Archbishop of Dublin in 2003. Prior to that appointment, he represented the Vatican at the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, especially those concerning international debt and poverty reduction.

Earlier on Friday, at 2 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center ballroom, Notre Dame alumni and students will attend "Stories of Faith and Service."

A groundbreaking ceremony for Geddes Hall, the new building for the Institute for Church Life and the Center for Social Concerns, will be held tomorrow at 3 a.m. at the construction site on the west side of Notre Dame's Hesburgh Library.

A special Mass marking the 25th anniversary will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart. University President Father John I. Jenkins, and Archbishop Martin will be concelebrants.

KENYA

Opposition leader elected into office

Gang backs down at request of new prime minister, call to stop terror

Associated Press

NAIROBI — Kenya's opposition leader was sworn into office as the country's prime minister Thursday, fulfilling a key step in a power-sharing deal aimed at ending a deadly political crisis in the East African nation.

Within hours, a feared gang promised to heed new Prime Minister Raila Odinga's call to stop its campaign of terror in the capital — one small sign that resolving Kenya's political crisis could help return peace and stability to the fragile nation.

More than 1,000 people were killed and 300,000 displaced following the December elections that both Odinga and President Mwai Kibaki claimed to win. With the violence escalating, the rivals agreed in February to share power — but then wrangled for weeks over how to divide up their coalition cabinet.

On Thursday, ministers finally took up their positions, 20 each from Kibaki's and Odinga's camps. Kibaki's party retained the key finance and internal security ministries, while Odinga's allies will head up agriculture and oversees local government.

The entire government, including Odinga, swore an oath of loyalty to the president.

"Kenyans will be watching your performance and they'll judge you by the services you deliver," Kibaki said at the inauguration ceremony. Odinga said Kenya was embarking on a new era of unity.

"We have been to hell and back. Never in our history will we return to this time," he said. "We are not creating two governments in one. It is one government."

He used his inauguration address to address the Mungiki gang that has been terrorizing the capital. At least 14 people have died since the banned gang launched a protest against police Monday that has paralyzed parts of Nairobi.

"I want to tell our brothers the Mungiki gang, we shall talk to them. We should stop beating each other. We should stop killing each other," Odinga said in Swahili. "We should speak together as Kenyans."

Later, he told local Citizen TV he was expressing a personal view that had yet to be decided as policy.

The Mungiki, a feared militia but refused to get involved in the elections, were killed and police Monday that has paralyzed parts of Nairobi. Odinga, the tribe Kibaki belongs to, are perceived to dominate others, including the Luo, Odinga's ethnic group.

The apparent olive branch offered to the Mungiki, a gang dedicated to spreading Kikuyu culture, by Odinga, a Kikuyu, is another strange strand in Kenya's web of political ethnic and tribal loyalties.

Many Mungiki say they were approached during the violence by Kikuyu politicians to act as an ethnic militia and appeal to the Kikuyu crowd. By refusing to get involved, the Mungiki was heavily involved because the gang was angered by the extrajudicial killings of more than 450 Kikuyu youths last year.

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Schwarzer Magazine, June 1, 1755

"The privilege to carry God forth into His own world, and worship Him in the beauty and joy of holiness"
SMC security needs examination

When a Saint Mary's student in Regina Hall reported a trespasser on the roof of Regina Hall on April 5, it took the College's security department two phone calls and approximately 15 minutes to send a security guard to the scene and investigate the reported suspicious activity. For a department that is on campus to maintain the safety and security of its students, the fact that it took two phone calls for Security to arrive on the scene is unsettling. There are too many things that could have happened, too many things that could have gone wrong between the time of the first phone call to Saint Mary's Security until the time an officer arrived at the scene. In this instance, Security dropped the ball and left the safety of the College's campus in jeopardy.

Saint Mary's Security needs to look into this problem, ask how it happened, how it was the first place and make sure this slow response doesn't happen again.

Saint Mary's mission states, "Safety and security on campus is of paramount importance to the College and is a major focus of certain departments."

If this is the case, why are student needs not being met with immediate response and concern? Security personnel are employed by the college to keep them safe. Any failure to respond to even the most minor threat undermines the confidence that students have in Security.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The rules of rugby

Come support the Notre Dame Rugby Football Club as they take on the No. 25 team in the nation, Ohio State. The match is at 12 p.m. on the new rugby pitch, next to the Bookstore Basketball courts. Don't know the rules you say? Be not afraid, for I will come before you with this basic guide to rugby.

A rugby match is played over two 40-minute, running-clock halves. Each side has 15 players; eight players make up the forwards or 'pack' (similar to linemen and linebackers in American football) and seven players make up the backs (similar roles to the backs and receivers in American football).

The ball can be moved by carrying it, passing it laterally, and kicking it. A "knock on" is called if the ball is hit or passed forward accidentally, resulting in a scrum to the opposition. When a tackled player goes to the ground, they must release the ball immediately. As soon as that happens, the opposition will want to get their hands on the ball and the team in possession will not want to give it away.

A "tackle" is called if the ball carrier is taken down. If the ball carrier is tackled during the "ruck," the ball will go to the team on the ground. If the ball carrier is tackled during the "mish," the ball will go to the team on the ground. A "kick" is called if the ball carrier is tackled.

The scrum is used to restart in a number of situations and involves each team's forwards coming together, binding together by the shoulders over the "mark" and trying to hook the ball back to their team's side once the ball is placed in the channel. If a ball is kicked or taken out of bounds, the ball is restarted by a kickoff, similar to a soccer throw-in. A try, worth five points, is awarded when a player touches the ball down in the opponent's try zone. A conversion kick, worth two points, is attempted after a try is scored.

I hope that we all learned a little something here. So before you go and watch the men's cold-gold game, and before you go and enjoy some roasted pig on St. Pete's Street, come support the Notre Dame Rugby Football Club.

Bob Huguettae
senior
Studfeid Hall
April 16

Fight the crime, not the cause

I must disagree with Andrew Dreyfuss's letter entitled "The pragmatically pro-life party" (April 17) for two reasons.

First, he claims that the free-market economic policies of someone like McCain would be bad for the poor, and, therefore, would cause abortion rates to increase. His evidence is that abortion rates decreased in the 1990s while education was being well-funded and interest rates on student loans were low. Well, as long as we're going to start throwing around dubious correlations, I could point out that the 1990s was also the decade of NAFTA, welfare reform, and conservative fiscal policy. Perhaps that era's emphasis on economic growth, personal responsibility and increased economic opportunity were the real reason for the improved abortion statistics. Second, I don't think a politician should be judged by his ability to handle such incidents because being properly prepared is the first step in crisis reaction.

I believe that the government does not even protect the right to life, then it is failing on a fundamental level.

Dreyfuss's emphasis on getting at the root causes of abortion is admirable, but such a task may be more tricky than he thinks. It should be noted that attempts to fight the root causes of crime during the 1960s and 70s proved to be disastrous for the most part. Nonetheless, I do have some hopes that the "carrot" of increased social welfare spending could be effective, but any serious plan to end abortion would also include "sticking" abortion doctors. Any candidates that refuse to protect the lives of the unborn with the force of law are, ultimately, not very good friends of the pro-life movement.

Gregory Bar
junior
Kear Hall
April 17

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's kind of fun to do the impossible."
The Observer

Interview with Greg Meehan

The Observer: What kind of a teacher was he? Was he a good teacher?

Greg Meehan: I think he was a good teacher. He was passionate about his subject, and he was very devoted to the students. He had a way of making complex ideas accessible to students, and he was able to engage them in the material.

The Observer: What was your experience like as a student in his class?

Greg Meehan: As a student in his class, I found the experience to be very enriching. He had a way of making the material relevant to my life and to the world around me. He was able to connect the material to real-world issues, which made it more meaningful and easier to understand.

The Observer: Do you think teaching is something he was cut out for?

Greg Meehan: Absolutely. He had a natural talent for teaching and a deep passion for the subject. He was able to convey his enthusiasm to his students and inspire them to learn.

The Observer: What was his legacy as a teacher?

Greg Meehan: His legacy as a teacher is one of dedication and passion. He was committed to his students and the subject matter, and he was able to inspire a love of learning in his students. His legacy is one of giving back to the community and dedication to his craft.

Viewpoint

Extend parietals, save your soul

The other weekend, while preparing for a delicious dining hall dinner and pretending to try to do homework, I overheard a conversation between a student of the University of Michigan and the advisor with whom he was staying.

"I don't know what will happen if you can't have girls in your dorm past 2 a.m."

The Michigan student inquired. "That's so [insert derogatory adjective here]. How the hell do you get laid?"

Now, I have come to expect such remarks from visitors; I receive them all the time from my friends back home. What I did not expect, however, was the response from the Notre Dame student:

"Yeah, we hate [parietals]. It's by far the worst part of going to school here."

People ask me all the time why I chose Notre Dame out of all of the possible University choices. There are various reasons I give, all of which are true:

- The emphasis on academics, the sense of community, the strength of the athletic programs.

One of the biggest reasons for me, though, is the conservative Catholic background. The fact that religion is integrated into every part of this university makes students kinder to one another and provides a greater atmosphere of trust and understanding.

No one is criti­
cized for going to Mass because half the student population goes to Mass. There is very rarely any crime on campus; I feel as though I can safely leave my backpack in the cubby holes outside the dining hall without risk of theft.

However, one cannot pick and choose Catholic values to follow. I know several people who consider themselves devout Catholics, yet have openly admitted to being sexually active. Any true Catholic knows that premartial sex is very much against religious teachings, but it seems that religion is consistently cast aside in favor of convenience and lust. Enter the University of Notre Dame.

Here, the institution has the ability to regulate the actions of its students, and to a certain extent, it does. We all know that premartial sex is prohibited by diLAc, and that parietals prevent members of the opposite sex in any dorm past midnight, or 2 a.m. on weekends.

These rules have reduced the amount of debauchery compared to other schools, and I applaud them for that. But is enough being done? Is it a secret that casual sex is abundant on campus, despite the University guide­lines. Students either ignore parietals, or they merely work around them, commit­ting the sin earlier in the evening instead.

By contrast, examine the service academies such as Navy and Air Force, which practice the strictest of disciplines with regards to cross-gender interaction. In order to prevent any "extra-social" behavior, girls and guys are never allowed to be in the same dorm room if the door is closed. Extreme? But it gets the job done.

Now, I'm not saying that all of us should adopt a policy like the service academies. However, the University does have a Catholic identity to maintain, and it cannot be denied that the current rules in place don't completely fulfill their purpose. Something needs to be done to close the world that Notre Dame is a true Catholic institution that does not simply look the other way when it comes to premarital sex.

My proposal: extend the restricted hours of parietals. Parietals are an excellent way to prevent sexual rela­tions, particularly after events such as dorm parties where indecency is inevitable. If parietals were to begin two hours earlier (10 p.m. on weekdays, midnight on Friday and Saturday), this would serve to further reduce overly intimate situations. Unless a couple has intentions of having sex, there is no reason why they can't hang out in a public place.

Every dorm has a 24-hour space, and there are plenty of other places to be past parietals such as Rockers or LaFortune. Not only that, but this change only adds two hours to the sys­tem already in place and wouldn't change much as far as gender relations are concerned. Sure, it would be incon­venient, but what is a minor hassle com­pared to our students' immortal souls? Not only that, but the extension of parietals will probably never happen.

Many people think that Notre Dame "imposes" its Catholic viewpoints too much as it is, and of course students that are sexually active will be adamant­ly against my proposal. However, some­thing needs to be done to prevent the casual sex on this campus, regardless of how inopportune it seems at first for the students.

In a world full of sin, it is essential for a Catholic university to promote its values, and that includes abstinence.

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Catholic crossroad

While there has been much discussion of the "Vaginal Monologues" and the proportion of Catholic faculty, these two issues have largely been treated as separate and iso­lated. Of course, they are not unrelated, but are part of the larger question of the identity and future of the University.

Is Notre Dame at a crossroad? Is it turning away from its tradition? If it is true that we become the sum of our choices, then what are we becoming on these and a host of seemingly less than seismic matters could eventually change the very character of the University.

The fact that, from a humble start, Notre Dame has grown into the pre­eminent Catholic college known in every corner of the globe, was no surprise to Fr. Hesburgh who often talked about this change in the context of the original great universities, which were Catholic. This is not very assured? Many recent comments and editorial seem to think that it is. They echo the advertising slogan: "We can have it all," implying that since our Catholic tradition is a given, in cases of conflict, freedom should be greater academic freedom, I do not believe that Fr. Hesburgh would be so cavalier with our moral tradition. Point one, for exam­ple, he would not have permitted the Vagina Monologues on campus.

The future of Notre Dame as a beacon of Catholic truth will require courageous leadership by President John Jenkins. But it will also require the commitment of all of the Notre Dame family.

More than a few alumni have indicated concern that their alma mater not become another Georgetown (i.e., faux Catholic).

It bears remembering that most of the Ivies, including Harvard, Yale and Princeton began as church affiliated schools. Something happened along the way. Is Notre Dame the next Georgetown? It is up to us.

 Importance of high school

In the April 15 column titled "Let's talk about alcohol, baby," Greg Yatoura stat­ed that alcohol abuse is a serious issue and behaviors are more associated with high school students. This is probably true. It is not about the topic of his column that I have concern.

He then wrote: "High school's large­ly a waste anyway, needlessly long and hardly challenging (I say this as a high school teacher). I find such a statement not only degrading to the profession of teaching but also to Greg himself. As a former high school teacher I know that high school can be very chal­lenging for a student. It can be the place where a student develops a vision of the world and his/her place in it. It can be the opening of minds to conflict­ing ideas. It is a time to learn to read with criticism, write with persuasion and participate in the visual and performing arts. It is where the initial knowledge base for a scientific career is acquired. It is the place to find one's passion. Who sets the expectations and tasks for the students? This is the job of the teacher! If Greg finds high school need­lessly long and hardly challenging for his students, may I suggest that he look for a different profession, or at least get some assistance from someone in the field.

Not only great high school students but all students at every level need to be chal­lenged. They need teachers who are willing and able to do it.

Mary Lou DiVenuto
alumni Class of 1962
April 16

Olympics symbolize peace

Recently, there have been protests in the U.S. against the Chinese govern­ment for its human rights and Tibet issues. That's fine by us. We are willing to listen to different voices.

Unfortunately, things are turning in an ugly direction. Some demonstra­tions became overly exaggerat­ed, some media coverage was seri­ously distorted, and some organiza­tions have even started to advocate boycotting the Beijing 2008 Olympics.

This is not acceptable. As Chinese students here, we feel deeply hurt by this situation, and it hurts even more for millions of hospitable Chinese people who have been working very hard to prepare for the games.

We do not intend to stop your protests, but we hope you can leave the Olympics alone. Studying at Notre Dame, a school with a strong sports tradition, we all understand that the Olympics, from the begin­ning of their history, have always been a celebrated opportunity for the whole world to set aside their differences; to take a break from the wars; to gather together with people with different backgrounds; to cheer for the victories; and to witness the realization of dreams.

The Olympics are not about poli­tics, and should never be sacrificed for any political purpose. We are here to ask you to step away from boycotting the Olympics. Let's make the Beijing Olympics an event to bring people closer, instead of separating people from each other.

For those who still want to boycott the Beijing Olympic, give it a second thought — Beijing's hosting of the Olympics is a move on China's part to open up its door and reach out to different people and voices. If you boycott it, you are actually closing the door from your side. It will be a pity, and not only for the Chinese people.

Yue Li
Lili ji
graduate student
off campus
April 17

Letters to the Editor

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The eclectic and unique indie rock of Minus the Bear, which has been unparalleled since their formation in 2001, is coming Saturday to Legends.

Though the most often praised facet of their sound is their guitarist Dave Knudson's finger-tapping, their formation in 2001 is coming Saturday to Legends.

Noted for their sound is the band's ability to play music that can take the form of laid-back, nine-minute jams or dance-pop, yet they never sound uncomfortable with what they play. Even when playing in upbeat settings, the group and their sound have a matured sound.

Possessing the musical maturity of a more experienced group, their experimentation always satisfies, leaving listeners awed that such a relatively young group could be so accomplished.

The band's most recent release, 2007's "Planet Ice," marked a further refinement of their sound. The album is praised for its wide variety of soundscapes, receiving high marks from Pitchfork, the Onion A.V. Club, Kerrang magazine and Alternative Press. Its fine balance between pop and progressive rock is further highlighted with tasteful incorporation of electronics raised eyebrows not only in critical circles, but also among fans of the band.

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Opera a truly rewarding experience

I never honestly contemplated the thought that I might one day be in an opera. I, like most folks of the art-verse, I did theatre in high school which meant plays and musicals. I loved singing and dancing on stage, especially musicals. I convinced my parents to let me attend Broadway to be the end-all of singing entertainment. I came to Notre Dame as an intended music major, having not the slightest idea of what I was getting myself into.

Suddenly, the choirstand girl music theory that had just been a funny grace while singing for years was incorporated in the face of Music Theory I, so I was asked to analyze classical pieces in a fashion I had never heard of. I began to understand what it meant to be a true music major here at Notre Dame. And, on a bit of a whim, I tried out for the opera. I was chosen to be one of a cast I got into the opera, but I hadn't the slightest clue what I was going to be doing. I'd never heard of Faust, nor the opera, the man, or anything. I figured it would be a hard-core version of musical theatre, because instead of doing individual songs, we would be singing the whole time. I also had this idea of being a part of this archaic art form, of fat ladies in fancy dresses and singing in a language I couldn't understand.

Rehearsals began in January, as members of the cast and chorus began playing each principle role on alternating nights. I was ALL the individual music. It was quite intimidating to be standing next to seniors who had done this for years, to listen to the golden voices and watch them work. They knew what they were doing. I still sounded like lots of classical music with some English (thank God) words thrown on top. I didn't believe in it.

Rehearsals with the complete chorus began the night I started taking shape. The classical music began to make more sense in its different settings. An aura was no longer a random cloud. I dropped off a voice — it had to be done, it was an advancement in the story. I have no fault of the screenwriter, director, cast or crew. "Juno" remains one of the best films of 2007 for all its humor, intelligence and warmth. There's no getting around its brilliance.

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Griffey's home run powers Reds over Cubs

By ALEX BARKER
Spurs Writer

No. 7 Mathletes’ Dan Crisman sinks game-winning shot

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**NFL**

Steve McNair, the 13-year NFL veteran quarterback, announced his retirement at a press conference Thursday. McNair spent 11 years playing for the Tennessee Titans; his last two spent with the Baltimore Ravens.

‘Air McNair’ hangs it up after 13 years

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Steve McNair intended to complete the final three years of his contract with the Baltimore Ravens. He worked hard during the offseason and arrived at minicamp ready to assume his role as the starting quarterback.

His body had other plans.

McNair announced his retirement Thursday, ending a 13-year career in which he was selected co-MVP, led the Tennessee Titans to the Super Bowl and orchestrated the most successful regular season in the Ravens history. He received a standing ovation from his teammates after revealing his decision, then contained his emotions during a hastily arranged news conference.

“Coming out and making this decision, it was hard,” he said. “In your mind, you feel like you can play, that you can still compete. But when your mind and your body are not in accord, it’s not going to work in the National Football League.”

“My mind was there. Mentally, I could go out and play. But physically, I couldn’t do it anymore. Not to the capacity that I need to help my teammates win a football game.”

The 35-year-old McNair guided the Ravens to a franchise-best 13-3 record in 2006, his first season in Baltimore. But he injured his groin during the season opener last season and never regained the form that enabled him to earn a berth in four Pro Bowls.

McNair developed back and shoulder injuries and played in only six games in 2007. He threw only two touchdown passes, was intercepted four times and lost seven fumbles before being placed on injured reserve in December, ending his most frustrating season in the NFL.

He underwent surgery on his non-throwing shoulder in December and spent much of the past three months getting ready for his 14th NFL season. But McNair had an inkling that all the running and weightlifting might be for naught.

“My mind was telling me, ‘Yes,’ and my body was like, ‘No, what are you doing?’ I came up with the idea of retiring two or three days ago, but it’s been lingering ever since December.”

**Golfweek Men’s Golf Rankings**

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**IN BRIEF**

**UCLA star Kevin Love decides to go pro**

LOS ANGELES — UCLA’s Kevin Love is NBA-bound.

Less than two weeks after leading the Bruins to the Final Four, the All-American freshman announced Thursday that he’ll skip his final three college seasons and enter the NBA draft.

“I feel like I’m in the right spot to take my game to the next level,” Love said Thursday. “Since I was 5 years old this has been a dream of mine.”

Love made his announcement at a news conference while sitting between his father, former NBA player Stan Love, and UCLA coach Ben Howland.

The 6-foot-10 Love said he did not immediately plan to hire an agent, which would temporarily allow him to keep playing for UCLA.

“I want to maintain my eligibility in case something happens,” Love said. He later added that it’s "definitely a possibility" that something could prompt him to change his mind.

**Bulls coach fired after disappointing season**

DEERFIELD, Ill. — John Paxson used words like “disappointing” and “disturbing” while describing the Chicago Bulls’ nightmare of a season.

“Coming out and making this decision, it was hard,” he said. “In your mind, you feel like you can play, that you can still compete. But when your mind and your body are not in accord, it’s not going to work in the National Football League.”

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**Krystkowiak fired after first season as Bucks coach**

MILWAUKEE — Larry Krystkowiak showed up at the Milwaukee Bucks’ practice facility early Thursday morning, sweating through his T-shirt during a rigorous workout as Neil Young music blared in the background.

A few hours later, he was gone for good.

Krystkowiak might indeed have a heart of gold, as his choice of work-out music would suggest. But as new Bucks general manager John Hammond attempts to make a championship contender out of an organization seemingly happy just to sneak into the playoffs every few years, that wasn’t enough.

“The bottom line on this decision is that this is a results-driven league,” Hammond said. “Sometimes it comes down to wins and losses. Once again, the man that Larry was and the effort he put forth had little to do with the decision.”
Men's Golf

Golfers head to Ky. for Big East tournament this weekend

By PETE REISENAUER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to carry momentum from its top finish two weeks ago to help them end strong at the Big East Tournament starting this Sunday in Hebron, Ky.

The Irish believe that they can continue on a path that they started at the Irish Invitational two weeks ago, and feel that they have a good chance at the Championship's this weekend.

The team is going to have to continue to drive the ball well and keep all of their players in play, but felt that this is very possible after the last solid performance. They are still cautiously optimistic, however, because their last performance was done on their home course, but they still feel that they can carry that momentum with them to Kentucky.

They will once again need strong performances by Josh Sandman, who got his fourth consecutive top-10 finish in the last tournament. They will also need a solid performance by freshman Dustin Zhang who was also able to finish tied with Sandman for fourth at the Invitational. These two were just two of the six Irish golfers that finished in the top-10 for the tournament.

The seeding for the tournament is completely random and goes as follows: Seton Hall, USF, Marquette, Connecticut, Cincinnati, Louisville, Villanova, Notre Dame, Georgetown, St John's. Although the tournament is being held in Kentucky, not far from Louisville, it will be hosted by the University of Cincinnati and will run from the 20th to the 22nd at the Traditions Golf Club.

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No. 25 Irish head to Elk Run with high hopes

Squad has won a program-record four first-place finishes this season, including three-tournament streak

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

"It feels like all the pieces are coming together." Head Coach Susan Holt's words on the eve of the Big East tournament encapsulate No. 25 Notre Dame's season so far — one of unprecedented success fueled by youth and mental toughness. The Irish hold the No.1 seed heading into their penultimate tournament — the Big East Championship — at the Elk Run Golf Club in Batavia, Ohio. The tournament will be composed of three rounds played at the par-71, 5,724-yard course, from April 20-22.

Coach Holt, whose squad has earned eight top-five finishes this year, is optimistic of the team's chances.

"Our goal all year has been winning the Big East Championship." Holt said. "That's what we expect to do and we deserve to have that happen. We've been playing good golf lately and it seems like our time.

Although Notre Dame has been set firmly in the crosshairs with the No. 1 seed, Holt is confident in her team. "We've been in this position a number of times because of the successes we've had. We've used to it. The team is tough."

This season has been marked by historic successes for the Irish. The squad has had a program-record four first-place finishes this season, including a program-first three consecutive tournament victories. Notre Dame also collected honors at Golf World Magazine's mid-season awards banquet, being named the most surprising women's program-first three consecutive tournament victories. Notre Dame also collected honors at Golf World Magazine's mid-season awards banquet, being named the most surprising women's program-first three consecutive tournament victories.

Junior captain Lisa Maunu has also performed strongly, second behind Park with a 75.35 scoring average and two podium finishes. In addition, every Notre Dame golfer has carded at least one top-10 finish this year. The Elk Run Golf Club is foreign ground to the Irish, but Coach Holt feels her team will perform well regardless. "It's a neutral site, and we've never played it," Holt said. "But we've had success this year on new courses so we're not too worried. We haven't changed our preparation, and it's been nice this week so we've been able to play every day. We made a commitment to do exactly what we're doing. We're on track.

The tournament will be the final of the year for Notre Dame before the NCAA tournament next month.

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Men’s Lacrosse

Laxers preparing for two-game weekend

By Griffin Dassatti
Sports Writer

In the spirit of baseball season, Notre Dame is making this a double-header weekend.

Coming off a heart-breaking 9-8 loss to No. 19 Denver two weeks ago in Chicago, the Irish will look to bounce back with two games this weekend. They begin Friday, taking on the Quinipiack Bobcats at the School Field in South Bend at 4 p.m. Then the team will travel to Philadelphia Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Irish have never lost in five total games against Quinipiack and Lehigh.

With the April 5 loss to Denver, the Irish, who are currently tied for the No. 10 ranking in the USILA coaches’ poll, fall to 7-2 overall and 1-1 in the Great Western Lacrosse League. Quinipiack (7-2, 1-2 GWLL) is coming off an 11-10 win over Air Force and will undoubtedly be looking to do the same come Sunday.

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Women’s Lacrosse

Irish fall again to Vanderbilt squad

By Andy Zicarelli
Sports Writer

For the second straight year, the Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team entered its showdown with Vanderbilt with momentum, coming off of a win over Big East rival Georgetown.

And for a second straight year, the Irish walked away on the losing end, this time falling to the Commodores 9-6. It was the lowest offensive output of the year for Notre Dame.

“We weren’t on our game. I don’t know why,” coach Tracy Coyne said. “If I did, I would have fixed it.”

Junior attack Jillian Byers led the Irish in scoring with three goals, two of which came in the second half. However, it would prove to be too little to late for Notre Dame, which fell to 10-3 on the season.

“We just couldn’t find an answer,” said Coyne.

The Irish have very little time, however, to recover from the loss. On Saturday, the Irish will travel to Piscataway, N.J. to take on Rutgers, The Scarlet Knights are 2-2 in the Big East Conference and 7-7 overall.

While each game has been important for Notre Dame, this game could have extra significance on the season. The Irish were riding high after a 4-1 road trip that saw them defeat two top ten teams, but the loss to Vanderbilt has taken away considerable momentum.

How coach Tracy Coyne’s team responds on Saturday could determine Notre Dame’s fate for the rest of the season. The game will be the final regular season game in take place before the Big East tournament, which will be held at home in Notre Dame, and the Irish are looking to come in on the right foot.

“We want to solidify our number two seed in the [Big East] tournament,” Coyne said.

The game at Rutgers caps off an eventful week for the team. In addition to the numerous awards and honors that each have received already earlier in the season, Byers and senior midfielder Caitlin McKinney have each been selected as nominees for the Tewarson Award, which is awarded annually to the top lacrosse player in the nation. Out of the 18 nominees, 5 will be named finalists later in the year.

As for Saturday’s game, do not expect another slow start from the Irish. Coyne called the game, “a way to get back on track,” and went further.

“We didn’t capitalize on our opportunities,” she said. “But I’m happy we have another chance to go out and be the team that we want to be in 2009.”

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Rowers sweep field in Indianapolis

The Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame won all six races it entered in the 2008 Indiana Invite at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Irish were victorious in the varsity eight, second varsity four, novice eight and second novice eight races.

The No. 16 varsity eight crew posted a time of 6:25.0, followed by Indiana (6:31.01) and Purdue (6:39.41).

In the second varsity eight race, the Irish boats took first and fourth with times of 6:32.5 and 6:52.0.

Notre Dame took the top two spots in the varsity four race with times of 7:17.3 and 7:33.5. They also took the top two spots in the second varsity four race with times of 7:29.5 and 7:37.5.

In the novice eight race the Irish had a winning time of 6:48.3. The second novice eight crew came in with another victory with a time of 7:19.3.

Saint Mary's

Belles extend win streak to three

By MEAGHAN VESELIK

Saint Mary's attain its third consecutive win Thursday as the Belles crushed conference rival Adrian in a 9-0 sweep. The Belles lift their record to 8-9, 3-3 MIAA as the Bulldogs fall to 5-12, 2-6 MIAA.

"It was nice to get another win, especially our third in a row," Belles coach Chuck Rubino said. "Thursday's win is the Belles second conference win in a row, the first being their 8-1 win over Tri-State on April 12.

Saint Mary's started off strong in the doubles division and made winning all three doubles matches look easy.

The Belles No. 1 duo of sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley took out Adrian's Roslyn Bahr and Katlyn Simcina 8-4 for their ninth win of the season. Gebert and Hurley move to 9-8, 5-1 MIAA as Saint Mary's No. 2 doubles pair.

Sophomore co-captain Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed easily knocked out Kalli MacFarlan and Leann Brooks 6-0, 6-4. "This win will hopefully give us confidence going into Kalamazoo," coach Rubino said. "I expected Adrian to be a stronger team, but a win's a win. Kalamazoo is going to be tough competition.

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Saint Mary's

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**SMC Golf**

**Belles play in Spring Fling**

By ALEX BARKER

Freshman Rosie O’Connor. She has led the Belles in the past three tournaments including a second-place overall individual performance last week at the Vassar Invitational. "S he [R o s i e O'Con n e r] has worked really hard this spring and now it is really starting to pay off for her," Hamilton said. "She has finally made the adjustment to playing on the collegiate level."

The final two rounds of the NCAA qualifiers will take place a week after the Spring Fling and the Belles have their eyes set on one goal — qualifying for the national tournament. Currently the Belles are in second place just 18 strokes behind No. 12 Olivet after the first round of the qualifiers. If the Belles are unable to clinch the automatic bid by outscoring Olivet in the MIAA conference qualifying tournament, they may still be able to receive a at-large bid based on their performance in tournaments like the Spring Fling.

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**Irish gearing up for two more big events**

By ALEX BARKER and EUGENIA ALFONSO

Just two weeks shy of the Big East Outdoor championships, Notre Dame will compete at both the Central Collegiate championships and at the Mount SAC Relays.

The Irish will send eight of their top runners to the prestigious Mount SAC relays in Walnut, Calif. There, they will compete against some of the toughest competition in the nation.

During last weekend’s meets, the Irish had success from their middle-distance runners.

Freshmen Natalie Johnson and Kelly Langhans had a wonderful last meet last week competing at the Mississippi Invitational taking first and second, respectively, in the 800-meter race. Sophomore Lindsey Ferguson also ran well taking first place in the 3000-meter race.

Notre Dame will send the field athletes and the rest of the runners to the Central Collegiate championships in West Lafayette, Ind.

Last week, the Irish also had great results in the field events. Junior Anna Weber led the Irish in the throws events posting a landslide first-place finish in the shot put and a second-place finish in the hammer throw. Behind freshmen Jessica Sullivan and Jasmine Williams, the Irish took second in the pole vault and fourth in the long jump.

Each of these three-day meets will prove grueling for the athletes, but they will need every chance they get to improve before the Big East championship and to qualify for the NCAA meet in May.

Notre Dame prepares once again to get some qualifying marks for the upcoming Big East Outdoor Championship meet during the weekend of May 3 and 4. The team again will be split between two meets to get the best possible competition for their event. Some of the team members will be heading to the Mount SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif. while others will head for the Central Collegiate championships in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Freshman thrower Greg Davis will be participating in the Central Collegiate Championship meet. He has been working on his techniques this past week and is optimistic about the results this weekend.

"My technique is getting closer to where I would like it to be," he said. "I feel that if I frontmer to work on my technique in practice I will be able to let loose and just go after some throws in the meet."

The Irish can expect some good competition at Mount SAC. "Mount SAC is an awesome meet and there is always great competition," senior Austin Wechter said.

The meet after this weekend for the Irish will be the Drake Relays at Des Moines, Iowa and the Hillside Relays at Hillside, Mich.

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Senior Tyler Kuhn leads the team and has been one of the top hitters in the conference this season. Kuhn leads the Big East in batting with a .447 average and has seven home runs and 42 RBI on the year. West Virginia has averaged 8.71 runs per game, and the Irish have a team ERA of 3.95. Irish starters David Phelps, Wade Korpis, and Erik Maust will have their work cut out for them on the road.

The Irish offense is second in the Big East, batting at a .364 clip. Notre Dame coach Dave Schrager said he was very impressed with his team's batting lately. "Everybody's hitting well and picking their teammates up."

**Dave Schrager**
Irish coach

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**Softball**

**Squad set to face Big East leaders**

**Irish to play South Florida and Louisville for pair of road games**

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will enter into its most important weekend of the year, taking on Big East leaders South Florida and Louisville in a bid to gain the advantage in the regular season race to win the Big East.

The Irish (27-13, 7-3 Big East) are coming off of a 5-0 loss to No. 13 Northwestern Tuesday in which they only managed one hit and an 11-5 win over Wisconsin on Wednesday in which they rediscovered their bats.

The win over the Badgers was highlighted by a team record three-home run inning which included bombs from junior third baseman Linda Kohan, freshman shortstop Kailee Fleury, and sophomore first baseman Christine Lux. Kohan also added another three-run homer later in the game.

Freshman catcher/outfielder Sadie Fitzhenry leads the Irish with a .343 batting average, while senior second baseman Katie Lanning adds some pop to the lineup, hitting .241 with six home runs and 41 RBIs. Junior Brittany Burger (20-7) leads the league in wins and strikeouts with 157.

Freshman Jody Valdivia has been remaining much of her dominant form from earlier in the season, giving two solid innings in relief in the loss to Northwestern.

The Cardinals (23-15; 9-3 Big East) will go into Saturday's games second in the Big East standings, giving the Irish a chance to grab the advantage with a sweep.

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**Louisville**

is coming off a doubleheader split with Big East opponent Pittsburgh on Sunday. The Cards overcame a 4-0 deficit to win the first game 11-4 and lost the second 8-0. The loss snapped an eight-game home winning streak for the Cardinals.

Kevin Stufles is coming off his perfect weekend at the plate.

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Montelongo

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was just that certain
thing."

Belles play three double-
headers this weekend begin-
ning today, against Hope
College, Adrian College, and
North Central College. They plan
to play well for Miller.

"He still expects the best of
us, and we have extra
motivation knowing he's watching
us play," sophomore Ashley
Peterson said.

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field.

Gerrigan said Miller loved to

throw batting practice, and

wouldn't stop regardless of

whether he was tired or if he

hit a ball hit.

"He would always race out

to get the balls," he said.

"He loved to put up trick

pitches, even though they

weren't really tricks. He

had a lot of fun

trying to get us.

Miller served as the faculty

advisor for the

team, helping them to keep up

with their majors, grades and

other scholastic matters. When

he was unable to fulfill this role

in the fall following his diagno-

sis, the players noticed the dif-

ference.

"For some of us, academics
slipped a bit, and we realized

that coach Miller was always

on top of it. He knew if you

weren't doing well, and he

always knew how we were about

education," said Gerrigan.

Gerrigan agreed that Miller

always made sure the girls had

their priorities straight, push-

ing "academics first, athletics

second."

Miller showed his fun side
during Christmas, when he

grew up for most of the game.

"You've just got to take what

they give you," Richel said.

Wakimoto cut it loose for

most of the game, until The Waivers

went on a 1-2 run to give a secon-

dard half. Gibson attributed to the

strong second half to his team's

improved outside shooting.

Robert Heroman, one of those

guards, was cold in the first half in

the second stanza, though, he caught

fire and began draining long-

range bombs. His final shot, a

jumper from the quarter, ended the

game and sent the Waivers on to victory.

"Our guards shot decently well

in the second half," he said. "And we just

stepped it up and played good defense."

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landing him, but that this weekend

could decide the outcome." The

quarterback.

"I think Notre Dame would like
to get a quality tailback at the end of the

season and they have been zeroing in on
him," Frank said.

Frank said that, despite the amount of

schools offering Riebel, Notre Dame

has a good chance of landing him, but

that this weekend could decide the outcome.

"If he likes the visit up here,

I think Notre Dame will have a real

good shot to land him, but it's all
goin' down to come to the visit. He

seems like a Notre Dame kid, like a kid

that will fit in really well at Notre Dame,"
he said.

E.J. Banks

Banks is a corridor back from

Montour High School in McKees

Rock, Penn.

Banks plays offense and defense in

high school, as quarterback and a
defensive back. Last season,

Banks had 2,155 yards from

scrimmage and 16 touchdowns on

offense in addition to three inter-

cceptions on defense.

Frank said what Notre Dame

likes about Banks is his physicality.

"He is a Corwin Brown type of
corner. A big physical guy, and

plays press coverage, of

notch as well," Frank said.

Frank said Banks has the speed to

play cornerback, but is also a lot

stronger than most corners. Banks' 

physicality will be a big asset in

Notre Dame's defense, Frank said.

because of the style of play that

both defensive coordinator Corwin

Brown and assistant head coach
tackle, defense Jon Tenuta like.

"That's why you see Notre Dame

going after bigger guys at corner, like E.J.," Frank said.

Chris Hine

From what Notre Dame
drastically overhauled its

offensive line at the start of the

season, including Stump.

"Our front seven is much

weaker than it was last season, but,

I think they have a lot

potential," Frank said.

Frank said the Irish coaches

have a heck of a

quarterback. A big physical guy, and

you're going to have a pretty dam

good football player," Frank said.

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BLACK DOG

MICHAEL MIKUSKA

MACBETH: ORIGINAL ENDING

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Based on the subject’s description as ‘shiny, bald, head’, St. Mary’s Security Police have released the three following amateur sketches of the man accused of creeping around the roof of Regata Hall.

THE SINGLE LIFE

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The recently widowed

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Victoria Beckham, 34; Jennifer Garner, 36; Lisa P. 41; Olivia Hussey, 57

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Business will help you keep things in perspective this year. As long as you bring personal or emotional matters into the picture, you will probably make those decisions. Don’t overestimate, overstate or take on other responsibilities. 3 stars

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Birthday Baby: You have vision, perseverance and the ability to make things happen.

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CLASS OF 2009 RECRUITS ON CAMPUS FOR
2008 BLUE-GOLD GAME

CIERRE WOOD RB
CRAIG ROH DE/TE
TYLER STOCKTON DT/OG
ANTHONY LALOTA OT
E.J. BANKS RB/DB
JAKE GOLIC TE
DEVONTE HOLLUMAN S
JORDAN BARRETT LB
D.J. ADAMS RB

Illustration by MARY JEGGS/The Observer

Highly-touted recruits visit campus for 79th annual spring game

By JAY FITZPATRICK and CHAD WERNER

Most of Notre Dame's freshmen recruits for next season haven't graduated high school, let alone participated in a single practice for the Irish so far.

But the recruiting cycle for next year has already started, and the Irish welcome eight of the best recruits in the country to campus this week for the annual Blue-Gold Spring Game.

Notre Dame has offered scholarships to all eight players.

Crier Wood

Wood is the No. 3 running back for next year, and a five-star recruit according to the recruiting Web site scout.com.

Wood was a dominant force for his high school, Santa Clara High School, carrying the ball 178 times for 2,612 yards last season.

Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for scout.com, said part of Wood's appeal is that he also plays special teams.

"He's a guy who is electrifying on special teams, a great return man, very explosive player, and can hit the home run," he said.

Frank also added that the Osaka, Calif., native has a chance to make an impact for Notre Dame immediately.

"He's a difference maker," Notre Dame has a lot of great players, but they don't have a lot of difference makers. And he's a good size at 6-foot, 205 pounds. He averages over 14 yards a carry, the guy is tremendous," he said.

Anthony Lalota

Lalota is a defensive end who recently began playing football.

The 6-foot-6, 260-pounder from Princeton, N.J., played his first full season of football last year, when he had 40 tackles and 10 sacks for the Hun School.

Frank said Lalota's experience may force him to sit a season, but that he has the athleticism and potential to be a good player.

"When you watch him, he's just an extremely athletic kid that just runs real well, plays aggressively, pretty big kid that just plays very well," he said.

Frank said the most important thing for Lalota is to work on technique now and when he starts playing college ball.

"I think he's one of those 'projectable guys,' a guy who's not ready to play from day one because I think he might need a little work on technique. But he's a guy that's got so much athleticism that you think that it'll be a short time before you see him on the field," Frank said.

Frank also called Lalota "an ideal candidate defensively."

Tyler Stockton

Stockton is Lalota's teammate at the Hun School in Princeton, N.J., and was also a strong presence on the defensive line.

Frank said Stockton could play nose guard or defensive tackle and that Stockton has attended Notre Dame's football camps a few times. He also said Stockton "exactly what Notre Dame is looking for next year," Stockton is a dominant force for Notredame so far.

"He's a good size on special teams," he said.

The Irish (23-9-1, 10-2 Big East) travel to Morgantown atop the Big East standings, one game ahead of Cincinnati and St. John's. Notre Dame's winning streak is highlighted by six straight wins in conference play.

Irish senior second baseman Jeremy Barnes said the streak helps motivate the team.

"With a 10-game winning streak you have a target on your back," said Barnes. "Notre Dame is all about pride and every day we're coming out trying to keep it going."

The Mountaineers enter the series following a tough series against Seton Hall. The Pirates took two of three from visiting West Virginia, dropping the Mountaineers for the first time in 2006.

West Virginia will face the Irish with an explosive offense currently tops in the Big East. The Mountaineers are averaging a 364 average as a team, with star starters batting over .400.

By JAY FITZPATRICK and CHAD WERNER

No. 6 Mean Girls 21, No. 9 Anthony Travel 21-12

By SAM WERNER

Mean Girls advanced to the round of eight Thursday night with a victory over Anthony Travel. The Girls led the whole way, using their size advantage to cruise to a 17-10 victory.

See Also

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"No. 10 Anthony Travel"

Assistant coach Don Miller died after six-month battle with cancer

By LAURA MYERS

Saint Mary's lost a colleague, teacher, and coach Sunday night when assistant coach Don Miller died after a six-month battle with cancer.

Miller, 47, a mathematics professor who had been at the College since 1962, began working with the softball team during the 2000-2001 academic year. Current head coach Erin Sullivan was a freshman on the team at the time.

"I knew him as a player and then as a coach, and it was fantastic," she said.

Sullivan said he spent his early years with the team as a first-base coach and statistician.

Junior Katie Rashid said that Miller was a man of few words, but that the words he did say were always meaningful.

"He demanded perfection. He expected the best of us all the time," Rashid said.

The players all agreed that Miller seemed intimidating at times.

"He didn't just dish out compliments," senior McKenna Corrigan said. "You really appreciated when he would compliment you, because you knew ... that it was something you did that was really good." Sullivan pointed out that this exterior masked the caring man beneath.

"He was a little gruff when you first got to know him, but he cared more than anyone," Sullivan said. "If you asked him for anything, he would always help you.

His care was evident through his actions both on and off the field."

Saint Mary’s lost a colleague, teacher, and coach Sunday night when assistant coach Don Miller died after a six-month battle with cancer.
Funny business
Notre Dame's offensive line has developed a comical camaraderie as it tries to remedy last year's problems.
COMMENTARY

Selective memory necessary for Irish success

An essential part of becoming a man in today's society is developing an effective selective memory. Every man has it and every woman complains about it.

For example, a guy sits down to watch his favorite TV show or some sporting event. His wife (or, in some cases, the girl whom he settled for) is in the other room barking at him. He knows she's talking and that what she's saying is very important to her. He doesn't want to listen to her because what's on TV is so captivating, but he doesn't want to get caught ignoring her either. So he pulls a trick on his significant other. Every now and then, he'll chime in with a "Huh, sure," "Sure," or "OK." But he never takes his eyes — or his attention — away from the TV.

His selective memory is a part of every marriage and a sitcom cliché, but it's just what Notre Dame needs. Last season required selective memory. It's simply too painful to remember. But that doesn't mean Notre Dame should forget everything about last season. The Irish should erase completely disasters like the 38-0 loss to Michigan from their memories. Nothing good can come from remembering what happened in that game. But they shouldn't forget how they fell after that game was over — and should resolve to never have that feeling again.

The offensive line should put the nine sacks it allowed against Georgia Tech in the past, and remember how they began to improve toward the end of last year, when the Irish protected the quarterback better and advanced to the BCS title game. For the Irish, they have to strike that fine line between learning from last season and being overwhelmed by last season. That's where selective memory helps. It can separate the bad from the truly awful and enable them to move on and become better for having gone through such a bad experience.

Let's face it, last season, a lot of people shut off Notre Dame games early. Husbands everywhere sat down to watch four hours worth of football, which meant they thought they had four hours to selectively listen to their wives. But nobody wants to sit through a blowout, so a lot of men were forced to turn off the games and lend an extra ear to their wives — almost as bad as going 3-9.

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

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Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen gets sacked while left tackle Paul Duncan tries to hold off another defender in Notre Dame's 21-14 win over Stanford on Nov. 24 in Palo Alto, Calif.
Six pieces of the puzzle

After a season under intense scrutiny, Irish O-line bonds over fitness, fights and food

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame football players walk into the Irish Athletics Complex for interviews, they normally walk in individually, one at a time. When the offensive line came through the door Wednesday night, all six arrived at once, and sat in a row awaiting reporters.

This is all part of Irish coach Charlie Weis' plan. The line is a unit on the field and are treated like one off of it. But Weis didn't have to institute this plan; the linemen already do everything together anyway.

Together as one

The offensive linemen are a self-proclaimed tight-knit group, on and off the field.

Guard Mike Turkovich said they hang out together outside of practice and go out to eat together. They even have their lockers close together in the Irish locker room.

"We're having a lot more fun, we're understanding what each other is doing, we're playing as a unit," he said.

This camaraderie mostly manifests itself when the team travels as a group to Brano's Pizza after most practices. Wenger said the topic of conversation is always the same.

"The food on the table, pretty much just 'Pass it here,'" he said.

Eric Olsen agreed.

"We're talking so because everyone's so hungry that we pretty much just chow down," he said.

"We're having a lot more fun, we're understanding what each other is doing, we're playing as a unit." Dan Wenger
Irish center

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The Irish offensive line runs through drills during practice on March 31. The line allowed 58 sacks last season, when Notre Dame finished 3-9.

"It's an aggressive sport, so to get out aggression with a guy we're always playing with and having fun with, so I think it's fine." Chris Stewart
Irish guard

The line got to work immediately in the weight room with strength and conditioning coach Reuben Mendoza to get a jump on things. Olsen said this attitude kicked in early in the season, but that everyone realized what improvement would take.

"We're on a mission. We got embarrassed last year and nobody wants that to happen again," Olsen said.

Weis said the players need to take control of the team, and Olsen said the lifting is just one example of how this is true with the linemen.

"This is our O-line now. This is our offense," Olsen said. "That kind of pride really pushes us to be the best we can be."

Olsen said this attitude kicked in early in the season, but that everyone realized what improvement would take.

"Some of us had to do a little more cardio than others," said Stewart, referencing the diet Mendoza put him on.

Even though building team chemistry is important, winning is always the most important metric for a football team. And the offensive line is an integral part of that.

So what do the linemen see themselves blocking like next year?

"Eric Olsen's clogged arteries," Stewart said.

"Animals," Turkovich said.

"Chris Stewart when someone goes after his food," Wenger said.

But Olsen had a more serious shot.

"Tough, nasty, mean offensive line. We've always been," he said.

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Players to watch

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Defense Roster

Players to watch

As a freshman last year, Williams played in all 12 games at nose guard and made 45 tackles. This season, he will need to play even better to fill the void left by departed defensive end Trevor Laws.

With Tom Zbikowski, who held down the strong safety position for the last four years, gone, Kyle McCarthy is the front runner to take his place. The rising senior made 20 tackles and had an interception last fall.

Smith stepped into a starting role late last season as a freshman and made 25 tackles at outside linebacker. This spring, he has worked outside and inside to give the Irish defense flexibility.

Ian Williams
No. 95 DL

Kyle McCarthy
No. 28 DB

Brian Smith
No. 58 LB

ADJUSTED GAME FORMAT & SCORING FOR
2008 BLUE-GOLD GAME
79th Annual Spring Game Will Feature the Offense Against the Defense

GAME FORMAT

GAME CLOCK
Two 30-minute halves with a running clock. Clock stops only due to injuries or timeouts. Normal clock rules apply to the last two minutes of each half.

TIMEOUTS
Each team is allowed three timeouts per half.

HALFTIME
Halftime will last 20 minutes.

COIN TOSS
A preliminary coin toss (Wednesday, April 16) determines jersey color, sidelines and locker room for the offense and defense. A ceremonial coin toss at the beginning of the Blue-Gold game determines which end the defense will defend.

OTHER RULES
Players in red jerseys must be tagged off with two hands to be down. All other players are live. Each possession starting a half, following a score or after a defensive stop will begin on the 35-yard line. If the ball is punted, then the drive will begin from the spot of the return. There will not be any kickoffs. A scoring point system (right) will determine the winner of the game.

POInt SYSTEM

OFFENSE

1 Extra Point
First Down

2 2-Point Conversion
Explosive Play
(10-yard rush/20-yard pass)

DEFENSE

Missed Extra Point

Missed 2-Point Conversion
Defensive Stop

Sack

Missed/Blocked Field Goal
3 and Out

Touchdown
Turnover

Turnover for Touchdown
No shoes to fill: McCarthy has own style

By CHRIS HINE
Sport Writer

It's a question most people would get annoyed with if they heard it ad nauseam — "How are you going to replace Tom Zbikowski?" But if Kyle McCarthy is bothered by it, he doesn't show it. Instead, McCarthy has taken his issues into a guiding force to get through the doldrums of spring practice.

"It's a pretty big challenge," McCarthy said of taking over Zbikowski's strong safety position. "Anytime you're replacing an All-American candidate and a fan-favorite, there's definitely going to be a little bit of pressure, but I'm taking that as a way to motivate myself and just get better."

Free safety David Bruton, who had breakout season in 2007 with three interceptions and 45 tackles, said McCarthy is going to put his own unique stamp on Notre Dame football and not simply try to be a replica of Zbikowski.

"He never takes anything for granted. He's business-like, when you think about it not be Zibby, but he's Kyle McCarthy and you shouldn't want him to change. You should want to be better or find yourself and obviously, Kyle is doing that."

Last season, McCarthy had 20 tackles and one interception. While he wants to create his own identity at strong safety, he'll still try to maintain Zbikowski's tough style of play.

I definitely have my own personality," McCarthy said. "There are a lot of similarities between me and him, but I'm definitely my own player my own person. After people watch me play, I hope they see me kind of as a tough hard-nosed kid who has a nose for the ball and a good all around player."

With Zbikowski, who was one of Notre Dame's captains last year, gone, McCarthy, along with Bruton, has stepped into more of a leadership role. Irish coach Charlie Weis said McCarthy's confidence has improved this spring.

"It's one thing when you're filling in for Zbby, but it's another thing when it's your job to lose. And he's playing like it's his job, not like he's trying to lose it," Weis said.

"He's a fool. He's a funny man, always joking, always laughing," Bruton said. "He brings a different personality to the secondary. He's a comedian and he's a real cool guy."

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Clausen improves ‘everything’ in offseason

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The improvement was there, but it wasn’t evident until the end of the season.

The so-called prodigy who had led Notre Dame’s high school suffered through a 38-0 loss to Michigan and was sacked 34 times. But after a bone spur in his elbow healed and he recovered from a sore hip after a particularly nasty crunch against Purdue, Jimmy Clausen perk ed up. And now, a year after his first spring game, Clausen’s coaches agree on what he’s improved everything.

“Everything,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said. “Mentally, leadership, physically, every category the arrow has been pointing up.”

Quarterbacks coach Ron Powlus agreed.

“It’s everything,” Powlus said. “Managing the offense, the run game, going through the reads in the pass game, you can see the quarterback’s mind working.”

His improvement can be traced like an exponential equation throughout last season. The improved decision making, the improved pocket presence and the shadow briefly against Purdue, when he completed 19 of 26 passes with a touchdown and an interception before he left the game because of an injury. He played in 10 games, starting nine, and completed 56.3 percent of his passes. He threw for 1,254 yards, seven touchdowns and six interceptions. Not quite earth-shattering, but his last three games sang a different tune.

Clausen had his best game of last season in a loss to Air Force, when he threw for 246 yards and three touchdowns. He then had 194 yards and three touchdowns against Duke and went 19-for-32 for 196 yards in the finale against Stanford.

Adjusting to campus life, along with 543 junior quarterbacks, was Clausen’s biggest step, but he said this year is different.

“Coming in last spring, I was new to everything, the college experience, being a college student, getting thrown in with everything, not knowing the plays,” Clausen said. “Now, this spring, it’s pretty much night and day.”

Weis compared Clausen’s learning curve to college class levels. Clausen, he said, jumped from 100-level classes to 200-level classes, bypassing a 200-level entirely. He’s not quite at the 400 or graduate level yet, Weis said, but made a “quantum hop” in knowledge.

To avoid a repeat of last season, Clausen took the initiative to improve upon himself. For starters, he packed on 18 pounds of muscle, mostly Weis said on March 26, to his upper body.

“Jimmy’s throwing the ball with a lot more zip to it,” Weis said. “A lot stronger,” wide receiver David Grimes said.

The voluminous playbook that troubled Clausen last year is coming into focus for him, he said.

“Rather than concerning himself with the routes of the receivers, he said, Clausen now looks for the offensive line’s blocking schemes.

“Mentally, I’ve progressed a lot,” he said.

Weis flirted with hyperbole when asked about how Clausen compared to former Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, he of 36 touchdowns, 4,613 yards and 23 interceptions.

“We want to know, ‘What is it that he’s doing right?’” Powlus said. “He strives to make every throw perfect and strives to know exactly what’s happening on every play with you. When you do that you put yourself in a leadership position.”

Clausen said his increased grasp of the playbook helped him become a leader.

“You can’t be a leader until you know what you’re doing,” he said.

Last year I was just getting my feet wet real fast, picking up everything as quick as I can. Now I have a better grasp of the offense. I know what we’re supposed to do and what we’re capable of doing.”

A final factor in Clausen’s advanced understanding of the offense is the improvement is the absence of injuries. Clausen, Weis added.

“During the summer, I was recovering from an ankle,” James Whitmore said.

By DEIRDRE KRAUSLA
Sports Writer

You only need one word to sum up coach Jon Tenuta: aggression. That’s what he’s brought to Notre Dame’s defense this spring.

The former defensive coordinator from Georgia Tech has brought his blustering schemes to the Irish, and thinks it’s just what the Irish need to become an intimidating force. Tenuta wants to make sure it’s the Irish calling the shots on defense next season and not the other way around.

“All I want to do is dictate the offense’s style and demand the offense to dictate to me,” Tenuta said.

It’s a coaching style that he has developed over the years, one that has come out of a wealth of experience. But he claims that his aggression has mellowed with age.

“I was probably more aggressive when I was younger and learned from my mistakes in being overboard in some aspects, and learn­­ling strictness,” he said.

For now, he believes it’s 75 to 85 percent of the time we’re coming after them. As the defense and the coaching staff, it’s a style of play everyone is getting used to.

Tenuta brings tenacity, aggression to defense

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

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Irish assistant head coach (defense) Jon Tenuta oversees a drill during practice Wednesday. Tenuta was known for his blitz packages while defensive coordinator at Georgia Tech.

“I believe that 75 to 85 percent of the time we’re coming after them.”

Jon Tenuta assistant head coach/defense

Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws a pass during practice Wednesday. Clausen played in 10 games and started nine last year.
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