Freshman fencer competes in Olympics

By DAN MURPHY
News Writer

In the past week students have poured into South Bend from all around the world, but it is safe to say that none of them had a longer journey than Duncan Hall.

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The dorms aren't quite as nice as the Olympic Village, but I have a TV in my room now and I didn't have that, so that is nice," she said.

Meinhardt finished tenth overall in the men's foil event, but even making the team was a serious accomplishment. Meinhardt, who turned 15 less than a month ago, was the youngest fencer in Beijing by nearly five years. He has only been competing on the senior level for a year and a half and was not expected to debut on the Olympic level until 2012 games in London.

"Olympic fencers can be as old as 35, 36, 37 years old. Experience is a huge factor," Bednarski said.

Meinhardt first got into fencing when he was nine years old. His piano teacher at the time happened to be married to an Olympic fencer who was opening a gym nearby. The young Meinhardt gave it a try and quickly began racking up championships.

Duncan Hall welcomes its first students

Residents will select mascot, colors, signature event for new male dorm on West Quad

By KAITLYNN RIELEY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame, meet Duncan Hall.

The new men's residence hall, which cost approximately $20 million and took 17 months to construct, opened this week, taking its spot on West Quad next to McGlinn Hall.

The first of the 232 men who will live in the building began moving in this week, and the overwhelming reaction to the first dorm built on Notre Dame campus since 1997 has been positive.

Luís Silva, a senior, was playing pool in his new dorm Thursday morning.

"It's definitely a step up from my other dorm," he said. Silva, who was wearing his new "Duncan Hall" T-shirt Thursday, previously lived in St. Edward's Hall.

Jeff Shoup, the director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing added: "The size of the rooms are very nice - just the newness and freshness of it."

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"A lot will come unprepared," Shoup said. "They will bring a lounge chair and realize they need more space."

ND admits diverse class of 2012

By JENN METZ
News Editor

The Notre Dame class of 2012 has something to be proud of.

The estimated 1,995 first-year students moving onto campus this weekend made it through one of the toughest university admissions processes in the country. They are among the 26 percent of applicants accepted out of a total of 13,947, the second-largest applicant pool in the University's history.

"This is a real, exciting and talented class," Daniel Saracino, assistant provost for admissions, said. "It's a very small group of students with a lot of talent."

The acceptance rate ranks up alongside the top universities in the country.

"We're not trying to make Notre Dame a Stanford, or a see DUNCAN/page 11

Swarbrick hired as new athletic director

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

After an extensive search, University president John Jenkins named Indiana lawyer Jack Swarbrick Notre Dame's 12th athletic director on July 16. A member of the Notre Dame class of 1976 and an expert in sports law, Swarbrick replaced former athletic director Kevin White, who left to take the same position at Duke University.

"I am confident that in Jack Swarbrick we have found a superb athletic director for the University of Notre Dame," Jenkins said in his introduction of Swarbrick. "In his career, Jack Swarbrick has gained and exhibited skills that include communications, marketing, negotiation and leadership at the highest level, all within the athletics arena."
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Grandpa and George**

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What are you most excited about in your first year?

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**FRESHMAN ORIENTATION SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, AUG 23**

10:15–11:45 am Introduction to Residence Hall Staff

1–2:15 pm Official Orientation Program for First-Year Students and Parents

Joyce Center

2:30–3:15 pm Official Welcome to Notre Dame

3:30–4:15 pm General session for all first-year students with advisors, Parent Orientation

8:00 pm Orientation with Rectors and Hall Staff for Students and Families

**SUNDAY, AUG 24**

8:30–9:00 am Continental Breakfast for Families

9:00 am–12:00 noon Eucharistic Liturgy

Joyce Center

12:00–1:00 pm Spirit of Notre Dame

Including a performance by the Notre Dame Marching Band. Joyce Center

2:30–5:00 pm Residence Hall Icebreakers

7:00–10:00 pm Residence Hall Programming

**MONDAY, AUG 25**

ongoing Mandatory computer security sessions. 101 & 102 DeBartolo Hall.

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Leighton Concert Hall—DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
Saint Mary’s welcomes accomplished freshman class

Smaller class of 2012 boasts high GPAs and SAT scores and an increased number of minority, international students

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary’s Editor

The incoming freshman class at Saint Mary’s has something to brag about this year. While the 460 students who will enroll at the College this week don’t measure up numerically to the 481 students in the class of 2011 — the largest incoming class in 17 years — they are one of the most academically talented classes in the history of the College.

"This is always a sensitive issue, but this year’s class is one of the best from an academic perspective," said vice president for enrollment management Dan Meyer. "Other classes don’t like to brag about this because of how it reflects on their accomplishments."

The applicant pool increased this year to 1,422 — a 10.9 percent increase from the previous year’s pool. More than 60 percent of the incoming students had an average high school GPA of 3.61 or higher with 64 students maintaining a perfect 4.0 throughout their entire high school career.

The larger class sizes of the past two years are a part of College president Carol Ann Mooney’s initiative to increase enrollment and boost Saint Mary’s national recognition. The College was recently named one of the best colleges in the Midwest by the Princeton Review for the sixth year in a row and ranked 104 out of the 248 Best Liberal Arts Colleges by the U.S. News and World Report.

In that speech, she said stabilizing enrollment was her "top priority." She took five years toward realizing that goal by creating the position of Vice President for Enrollment Management.

The College’s efforts to stabilize enrollment has financial relevance, as well. In 2005, Saint Mary’s faced a $1.5 million budget deficit due to small classes and fewer tuition dollars. "By hitting the enrollment mark at 1,600 or 1,700," Meyer said in an interview last year, "we are better equipped to deal with that problem."

Meanwhile, Mooney has started an initiative to double the College endowment fund, which would reduce dependence on enrollment for financial stability.

Enrolling freshman from 36 states and include five international students from China, Honduras, Myanmar, Japan and Vietnam, as well as five U.S. students who were living abroad in Switzerland, Kuwait, Korea, Bolivia and Italy.

The class of 2012 also saw an increase in the number of diverse students to 55 from last year’s 47 with the largest increase seen among Pacific Asian Islanders with 13 students up from last year’s six.

The number of Black students increased to six from last year’s five and the number of Hispanic students stayed constant at 33, Meyer said."

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Cadets adjust to military life
Orientation events introduce new recruits to Notre Dame, ROTC

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

He'd been on campus for only four days, but freshman Army ROTC cadet candidate Dan Mulligan was already leading one of his platoon mates through a minefield.

Mulligan called out directions Thursday afternoon, turning the rocky, tilted expanse toward me, stop, lift your leg— to his blindfolded partner as he navigated the mock minefield set up next to the Pasquerella Center. Mulligan directed his team through a two-minute tour around the 'mines'— plastic plates weighed down with rocks— as an upperclassman led him from the side.

The purpose of the event— one of six stations in the Notre Dame Army ROTC's Irish Race— is to build teamwork and trust among the new members of the platoon.

Last Monday, students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross, Beloit, Rensselaer and Valparaiso arrived at Notre Dame to take part in ROTC orientation. Each branch of the service has its own orientation schedule, but all involve team-building exercises and an introduction to a life in the military.

Senior Capt. Maj. Ryan Slaney, a junior at Notre Dame, said the Army ROTC's orientation program gets its candidates, most of whom are freshmen, integrated into the battalion. They introduce them to the various components of ROTC life at Notre Dame— getting in shape, wearing the uniform and intense exercising.

To join the ROTC program, candidates have to pass a physical fitness test, which consists of hitting certain benchmarks during two minutes of sit-ups, two minutes of push-ups and a two-mile run.

Mulligan passed his test Wednesday morning. "All the freshmen are in the same boat, so I've wanted to go into the military and since sixth grade, I've wanted to go here [Notre Dame], so it's the best of both worlds," he said.

Mulligan, and other cadets who pass the test, signed their contract with ROTC Friday for four years, with the option to leave after the first year.

Sophomore Christopher Brogan, also an Army cadet, said his freshman year ROTC orientation at the start of the semester was a good way to go for college. "It's an awesome way to pay for college," she said. "And a great way to serve God and my country."

The ROTC program has a lot of moving parts, and freshmen returning students will be socializing their Webmail accounts with the system.

"Google Apps has a lot of great features," she said. "For students who use BlackBerry devices, Windows Mobile devices, or iPhones, it has excellent support for mobile devices."

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OIT integrates Google Apps to Web system

by Becky Hogan
Web Writer

Notre Dame’s Office of Information Technologies (OIT) has been working on the same platform to provide a new e-mail system through Google Apps for the past few months. All incoming students now have an e-mail account through Google Apps, however migrating from the new system has required more time than anticipated.

"The migration process has been running smoothly—just slower than we expected," said Rose.

"Most of the incoming students' accounts were automatically created on Google Apps. We are a little further behind on the accounts for incoming freshmen, and we will be making an announcement next week about when the migration will take place," Rose said.

OIT originally planned to finish migrating students' existing accounts during the summer and have the system ready to use by the start of the fall semester.

"We have one or two small things to finish up on the accounts for existing students," Rose said.

"It's a shame that the University had to spend so much time implementing such an antiquated system for so long," Rose said. OIT has also been working with the University's Alumni Association to provide alumni with an e-mail account on Google Apps, however the association has yet to announce its plans to offer this service.

"We have been working with the Alumni Office for the past two months to try and figure out how to service the alumni's accounts on Google Apps," Rose said.

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Three new hall directors join St. Mary's College community

By MANDI STRIONE
Assistant News Editor

Most Saint Mary's students who live on campus will have new hall directors this year, as four of the five residence halls welcome new leaders.

Leslie Robinson, Kady Sheh and Terrie Paul have all recently joined the Saint Mary's community. Shea is the director for both McCandless hall and Opus Hall.

Robinson, the new hall director for LeMans Hall, is a recent graduate of Ohio State University. Though she had never heard of Saint Mary's before applying for the hall director position, she was looking for a small college where she could work, she said. Then she did a little online research. "It looked like a beautiful place based on the Web site," Robinson said.

She called assuming her position in LeMans, the largest dorm on campus, a "mix of emotions."

Not that students are starting to show up on campus, Robinson is getting a feel for the student body and the students she will be in charge of during the year.

"I think it's wonderful," she said. "It has a very unique student body that is so spiritually connected to the college. It's very awe-inspiring," she said.

She comes to Saint Mary's from Simmons College in Boston, another all-women's institution.

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McGreevy begins new role as dean

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

John McGreevy, a history professor who took over as I.A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters July 1, views his new job as one of servant-leadership.

"I'm not the boss of the faculty, I'm the leader," he said. He said his primary responsibility is to "put [the faculty] in the position to do great teaching and great scholarship."

McGreevy decided to accept the position as dean because of his loyalty to Notre Dame, the "great situation" left by his predecessor, Mark Roche, and the importance he places on the University's status as a "great Catholic research university," he said.

"I want to see Notre Dame succeed," said McGreevy, a Notre Dame alumnus whose father and two siblings also attended the University.

"We need a place in this country — and in this world — where thinking at the highest level goes on that includes theology and religion," he said. "Religion is a topic of universal concern, and it is important to bring it together with academics."

While McGreevy says being a Notre Dame alumnus gives him "no special qualities" for the dean position, his loyalty to the University was a significant factor in his decision to accept his new job.

"I am happy to try to make a difference here. I really want Notre Dame to be a great place," he said.

McGreevy plans to continue his teaching and research during his tenure as dean. He will teach one course at the graduate level this semester.

"I really like the idea of everyone in administration doing some teaching," he said.

Although McGreevy does not want to make dramatic changes in his first year on the job — planning instead to focus on learning about the many programs in the college — he does have long-term goals in mind. Some of these goals for the college include increasing ties with the College of Science, increasing student language acquisition, promoting the fine and performing arts on campus and encouraging more students to do senior theses.

McGreevy said senior theses can be an invaluable part of the undergraduate experience. He would like to see more students pursue them, but does not plan on making a thesis a graduation requirement.

"Being able to work one-on-one with a faculty member on a year-long project is a really good experience," he said.

We need a stronger thesis culture at Notre Dame, McGreevy acknowledged that grade inflation in the College of Arts and Letters is real and that it is a problem. However, he said there is "not an instant solution to the problem," but that his administration will continue to work on it.

"It's not fair to students to have grades so compressed, especially to the very best students," he said.

The new dean says the college has a lot of challenges, because "it is hard to be one of the very best." These challenges include faculty hiring and recruitment, which he described as one of the most important parts of his job, and the need to better financially support graduate students — including the need for a graduate student health insurance program.

"The good news is that I'm not a Notre Dame nostalgist," McGreevy said. He said he got a better education from Notre Dame than his father, who attended the University in the 1950s, did, but that students today are receiving a better education than he did twenty years ago.

"I'm encouraged by the progress," he said.

McGreevy would like to increase the promotion of academic life on campus. He wants to "get students to view their intellectual life with the same passion with which they view so many other things," he said. Increasing the number of Notre Dame graduates who go on to pursue a Ph.D. or other graduate study can follow as a result of a stronger intellectual campus, he said.

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Get Involved With Notre Dame Athletics

The Sports Information Office is looking for student assistants for the 2008-09 school year. Any students interested in becoming active in Irish athletics should come to an informational meeting on Mon., Aug. 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sports Information Office (Joyce Center second floor inside Gate 2) or call the Sports Information Office at 1-7516 for more information.

Saturday Scholar Series
to kick off fall season

Special to The Observer

The eighth annual Saturday Scholar Series at the University of Notre Dame will feature lectures by leading faculty members on each home football game weekend this fall. Founded by the College of Arts and Letters, the lectures add a scholarly dimension to a weekend roster of athletics, pageantry and fine arts performances.

The lectures will begin three and one-half hours before kickoff and take place in the Snite Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art.

Write News. Call 631-5323.
South Bend Common Council passes party ordinance, creates CCAC. Three students shot at Club 23.

Two Notre Dame seniors were shot on Tuesday, August 21, at approximately 3 a.m. outside of Club 23, Captain Phil Thiele of the South Bend Police Department said. The students, Matt Collins and Mitchell Depree were taken to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center where Depree was treated for a leg wound and released while Collins wounded to the abdomen was initially classified as life-threatening and he requested last rights.

The confrontation followed a "harsh conversation with the shooter, who returned several minutes later in an SUV and fired five shots at the students," Trent said.

The shooter was described as a short-haired black male of average build wearing a clean, white T-shirt. The shooter drove away northbound on Notre Dame Avenue after firing five shots — two shots at Collins and one at Depree — and shooting expletives at the students.

A bullet will remain in Collins' abdomen since any procedure to remove it would be too risky, hospital officials said.

Trent said, "Five people enrolled in the fall semester..."

In the weeks following the shooting, owner Mahmoud Hussein feared that Notre Dame students were "boycotting" the club, located on 744 N. Notre Dame Avenue due to safety issues. Business was in an initial decline for the Monday through Thursday season.

Four weeks after the incident, South Bend police were still searching for the shooter.

By December 2007, Club 23 was up for sale on Craigslist, however, Hussein claims the sale and the shootings were unrelated.

Hussein has owned 23 for more than 20 years. Club 23 was set at $695,000 and includes 2,500 square feet of space, the building, the 57-car parking lot, the furniture inside and the club's liquor license.

South Bend Common Council passes revised ordinance.

After months of deliberation over the South Bend City Ordinance regarding alcohol and party registration, the Community Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) was created as a forum for city and college representatives to discuss community relations. It was created in February and conducted its first meeting in mid-February.

The CCAC was formed after the South Bend Common Council decided not to implement regulations requiring students to pre-register for large gatherings with the city.

The ordinance was initially created in response to a disorderly student partying off campus and eventually passed with rules that would require party permits that could be enacted in the future — an option the Council was offered to take.

However, the main objective of the Council and the ordinance was to increase dialogue about problems between South Bend residents and off campus drinking.

Former student body president Liz Brown represented the student body during the CCAC hearings in the summer of 2007 and acted as a liaison between the Council and the student body throughout the fall.

Since the ordinance was passed with only minor provisions on large gatherings, the main goal of the Council was to serve as a forum that will facilitate discussion about important issues within the South Bend community.

The Council attributed its success of the revised ordinance to the efforts of Liz Brown and responsibilities she passed on to current student body president Bob Reisch in March. "I think she is being more of a second role to see how this meeting can help for future meetings next year."

The ordinance was the brainchild of College events coordinator Connor McGreal and he currently serves as CCAC chairman and Councilman-at-large.

The ordnance and its provisions are contingent on student off campus behavior and future relations in South Bend, Kiratsis said.

Three students pass away.

Three Notre Dame students died during the 2007-2008 school year. Sophomore Connor McGreal, junior student Timothy Aher and junior Andrew Buskis died in three separate and unrelated incidents throughout the academic year.

Diabetes may have contributed to two of the deaths. NCAA students "must" be tested for the disease, but no tests were done on the students that died.

AIDS..."

Gruscinski and Falvey take over at SMC.

"...after running unopposed for the highest position in student government, student body president Mike Gruscinski and vice president Sarah Falvey officially took office on April 1. They said they have been working towards the goals they laid out in their campaign platform such as extending the student hours at the student center and creating an online calendar of College events for students to access and get reliable wireless access in all of the dorms."

Reich and Schmidt win ND student body president and vice president.

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September on a platform that included seeking an interaction with the student body. As a way to better hear student requests, Reisch and Schmidt created a "Web site, bobandgrant.com, that allowed with suggestions.

"Part of the campaign was connecting to the students and trying to make sure that we're not any better than anyone else," Schmidt said after the election. The bobandgrant.com thing, a lot of students laughed at it, but it was something different — an informal way of presenting our ideas that was appealing." The election broke a trend through the last four administrations in which either the previous year's vice president or executive Marti to the George Chamblin became president the following year.

Law School Dean announces she will step down

"Law School Dean Patty O'Hara announced she will leave the school next June after 10 years of service. O'Hara joined the law school in 1991 and became dean in 1999. She said 10 years was "the optimal length of time to serve as dean," in a statement released on March 26. "The Law School has been fully committed to this Law School's being recognized as both a top five law school nationally and as one that, in the Catholic tradition, invites students and maintained consideration of the normative dimensions of the law," associate dean John Robinson said in April. "She has been an enormous amount of time and an equal amount of intelligence and imagination in achieving these results."

Some students questioned O'Hara's capabilities after the law school dropped from No. 22 to No. 28 last year in the U.S. News and World Report Law School rankings. This year, however, the school was back up to No. 22. "I think the primary reason the Law School would rebound, and we did, back to a very solid No. 22," she said in April. "I think that reaffirms the notion that no one person or dean was responsible for a temporary slump."

Clinton and Obama visit South Bend

Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton both visited South Bend as part of their campaign to win the Indiana primary. Obama spoke at Washington High School on April 9. He outlined his campaign plan for supporters and cited Martin Luther King's "I've been to the mountaintop" as the reason he decided to run for President.

"Saw a lot of the campaign at Copley Stadium, home of the South Bend Silver Hawks, on April 26. She said she was dis­appointed that she had only met Obama four times in one-on-one debates and called for a revision of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

South Bend mayor Stephen Loecke announced his support of Obama spoke to supporters. He outlined new higher-education financial aid plan and tax cuts to help keep jobs in America. Clinton said she would end the war in Iraq and allow uninsured Americans to buy into the Congressional health care plan. "It's good enough for members of Congress, it's good enough for every Hoosier and every American, and that you keep insurance if you have it, but if you don't you will be able to buy into it," Clinton said.

"Monologues" return to campus

Students performed Eve Ensler's con­troversial play "The Vagina Monologues" on campus after moving off-campus last year. Jenkins allowed the play to be performed two years ago provided the play received sponsorship from two academic department performances. The initiative was also included discussions after the play, analyzing the play from a Catholic perspective. Jenkins reaffirmed his decision this year.

Students report laptop thefts

Cavanaugh, Howard and Lyons halls announced his support of Obama. Scores of students broke into the top 25 national liberal arts colleges, securing the 91st spot last Fall. While the College was previously ranked the top liberal arts college in the region, it hadn't made the national rankings since 2008. The Princeton Review also recog­nized Saint Mary's as a "Best College in the Midwest for Women's Inter­Cultural Leadership."

The new tagline, "She's Saint Mary's," is now present on all College publications, ads, banners and Web pages. The tagline features the personal sto­ries of students and what their time at Saint Mary's means to them. "[The alumni] love the stories and they love the fact that we're telling stories about what they experienced once here," Vice President for College Relations Shari Rodriguez said. "We're focusing on the right details, the right personal experience and the relationships stu­dents have with each other and with faculty. Those are things that they felt really strongly about as they look back on their experience."

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Funding for the College's new academic building broke a record, was completed over the winter and the building is set to open for classes in the fall. The total cost of the project is $19.2 million, making it the most expensive construction project in College history. The new building was entirely paid for in donations, without putting to use any other college funds, said Saint Mary's spokesperson Gwen O'Brien. More than 600 donations came in from fac­ulty, staff, alumni, students and Friends of the College, she said.

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The Core Council
Welcomes the Class of 2012

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Freshmen

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Harvard. We respect those schools, but we’re trying to make Notre Dame a better place," Saracino, a Notre Dame alum, said. "I look at the classes that are coming in, and they make the value of my diploma appreciate." This year’s freshmen are from the top five percent of their high school classes. Their average SAT score is a combined 1405 in Critical Reading and Math. This marks roughly a 20-point increase from last year’s class — the biggest jump in recent history. "It really happens every year," he said. Twelve years ago, the average SAT score was 1301 over 100 points lower. However, Saracino said one couldn’t compare the applicants from one year to another. "It’s like apples and oranges," he said. "It varies every year. . . . each class has compelling reasons to be admitted," Saracino said.

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Saracino said. "That’s something I’m very proud of." The Class of 2012 was especially active in extra-curricular activities in high school that involved leadership positions:

- 10 percent were student government president
- 11 percent were editor of a school publication
- 90 percent participated in community service
- 64 percent lettered in a varsity sport
- 47 percent participated in music, art, drama or dance
- 7 percent participated in the Eagle or Gold Scouts.

The fire department and medics were called to the scene and responded immediately, Trent said. A brown purse was reported stolen after the attack.

A resident of Irish Crossings heard the disturbance and came outside. As he did, the assailants got back into the car and left the scene. As the car sped off, Crosby was able to get the license plate number. The police were able to trace the license plate to a 21-year-old St. Joseph County resident whose name was not released by the police. He was arrested for robbery and taken into custody.

Trent said the SBPD are still working on the case and looking for other suspects. Chesnick and Gargula were taken to a local hospital, where Chesnick received stitches on his lip and was treated for minor scrapes and bruises. His left eye was swollen shut. Gargula was treated for minor scrapes and bruises. Neither suffered serious injuries.

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shionships on the junior level.

"I had to stop with the piano lessons, but my teacher agreed that I could continue if I promise," he said.

Meinhardt was already considered to be one of the best younger fencers in the nation and had an experience at the Olympics will only make him better. He and Bednarski both said that the biggest advantage will be from a mental perspective.

"The Olympics can help you to deal with stress and cope with more difficult situations," Bednarski said.

An Associated Press story on the biggest stage in the world, the Joy Center, could see much less scoring.

Meinhardt said that along with the valuable fencing experience, Beijing also gave some memories he will never forget, including the most memorable moment of the entire U.S. fencing team.

"My greatest moment so far was probably one of the coolest things that happened to me over there," he said.

Meinhardt was eating lunch in the Olympic Village when Dwayne Wade sat down next to him. Pretty quick the rest of the team filed in and before he knew it, Meinhardt was talking with the Milwaukee Bucks' Michael Redd.

A few minutes later when Kobe Bryant arrived at the table he was followed by a mob of foreign athletes and fans wanting to "score" his picture and Redd.

Secured security guards surrounded the table and Meinhardt found himself circle a circle with the best basketball players in the world.

"It was two hours long, but I had a huge smile on my face the whole time. I couldn't help but laugh," Meinhardt said.

In a week, Meinhardt has gone from exclusive meals with Kobe Bryant to bargains on the quad. Nonetheless, the young freshman said he couldn't be more excited to be at school and is looking forward to a great hat year in fencing and around campus.

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media executives, and the leadership of the NCAA, as well as many others in pro-

fessional sports," Jenkins said in a July 16 press conference. "He has a breadth of vision of the landscape of collegiate athletics that my experience has not even approached. Jack is widely respected for his insight and integrity."

According to a press release, Swarbrick is responsible for bringing in a new vision and setting up a new five-year strategy for Notre Dame's Athletic Department.

Swarbrick described his time with the Irish as "an opportunity to challenge the "defined" rules and assumptions, and I was excited to assume control of the reins of one of the country's premiere collegiate athletics programs."

Swarbrick's vision included the "cool things" he would like to do and think of ideas with the future of all of the University's athletics. The challenges here are important, he said in a press conference "but they're challenges of the best kind."

Jack Swarbrick
Notre Dame Athletic Director

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Duncan

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things to fill up the room.”

Duncan has three floors, plus a basement. Every wing contains a social space and a study space. The chapel is on the second floor, a feature shared only by St. Edward’s Hall.

Some other highlights include “super quads” — two doubles connected by a common area, complete with bay windows, a bathroom and a shower; whiteboards built into the wall outside every room; a workout facility in the basement; an area in the kitchen where residents can do food sales and benches in the stairwells so people can socialize or read.

What the dorm is currently lacking, however, is its own identity. Duncan Hall does not yet have its own mascot, signature event or colors.

Shoup, who is in his 20th year at Notre Dame, has seen previous new dorms go through the process of forming their own identity.

“It kind of just takes shape on its own,” he said.

The residents will decide what their mascot, colors and signature event will be, Shoup said.

“That’s going to be up to the people in the community, and they are going to bring a lot of different viewpoints,” he said.

“There are people from every hall on campus that will go into this building, plus there are freshmen and there are transfer students that were placed there. That will be totally up to them; we won’t be a part of that. And I think that just develops as people live together.”

Father Tom Eckert is Duncan’s first rector. Eckert obtained a master’s degree in Iberian and Latin American Literature last May, and prior to that was the rector of St. Edward’s Hall for three years.

“I’m confident that the excitement of opening a new residence hall for the first time in 10 years will really bring the residents together,” he said. “There cannot help but be a great and unifying bond.”

Senior Rafael Diaz, who spoke to The Observer as he was driving from Las Vegas to South Bend, said he’d like to see Duncan take the dragon as its mascot. But, he said, he’s heard people joking that Duncan should be the Donuts, a reference to the nationwide coffee chain Dunkin’ Donuts.

Diaz, who studied abroad last semester, has seen his new dorm since it was basically Cinderblocks.

“People have been telling me that it’s real nice now,” he said.

Diaz left his former home in Morrisey in search of a bigger room, and will be living in one of Duncan’s “super quads” with three of his friends.

Most of the residents who are living in Duncan won their rooms through a lottery system held last year. Shoup said 350 people applied for spots in the 252-bed hall. Seniors make up 15 percent of the hall, juniors and sophomores 25 percent each, and freshmen 35 percent.

Duncan’s six resident assistants will be running Freshman Orientation, Eckert said, along with a team of students recruited by the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Duncan’s hall staff lived in O’Neill for a few days before the contractors turned the hall over to the University. They moved into their rooms last Saturday.

The hall will be dedicated in early October, and the residents will get to meet the Duncan family, Shoup said. The building was funded by 1952 Notre Dame graduate Raymond T. Duncan, president of Duncan Oil Inc. and owner of Silver Oak Cellars in Oakville, Calif.

It will be the University’s 28th dormitory and 15th for men. One of the reasons for building the new hall was to reduce crowding in other residence halls, as Notre Dame was at a 104 percent capacity in its residence halls last year. With the addition of more than 200 beds, the University was able to take beds out of other halls, in dorms like Morrissey, Alumni, Zahm and Dillon, as the on-campus population increased by only 20 over last year.

But overcrowding is still a problem in women’s dorms, and the on-campus percent capacity is still at 103, Shoup said. Construction on a new, currently unnamed women’s dorm began last March next to the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, and it is slated to open next August in time for the 2009-2010 school year, Shoup said.

Notre Dame also has long-term plans to build one more men’s and one more women’s hall.

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The sustaining violence by Islamic militants over Pakistan's Western border has already made its way to Islamabad, said the Observer. The government, military or police targeted the complaints, at least 110 militants were killed in the running mate with experience in defense or foreign policy — areas in which Obama performed relatively poorly in the polls compared with Republican Sen. John McCain.

Clinton's credentials were forged in the primaries and caucuses where she ran a close second to Obama in the battle for the nomination, but does not have a national perspective. There was no shortage of other speculation, ranging from McCain and Edwards, chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, is a nine-term moderate Democrat representative of 110 districts. Water several feet high still surrounded some neighborhoods, but most of the area drained by a half-inch layer of muck and mud. "This is a welcome sight," said Ron Salvatore, 69, who stood in his driveway Friday morning boiling coffee on a propane grill and pledged to try and attract those groups in the northwest, who along the border. Militant extremists, based on AP reporting.

Pakistan

Army-paid workers who viewed him as a symbol of the sleaze that tarnished the country's latest experiment with civilian rule in the 1990s. He won the nickname "Mr. 10 percent" for alleged corruption during his wife's terms as prime minister.

With the governing coalition that drove Musharraf to resign, a new one is being formed in the wake of his resignation. The coalition is being led by the leader of the other key party, former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, who is the former wife of slain former prime minister and military ruler of Bhutto.

The fickle storm that gave Obama the win swept through Florida, where tens of thousands of people from Melbourne to Jacksonville were still without electricity, and residents of Florida's storm-stricken Atlantic coast faced a weekend of cleanup after a hurricane. The official in charge of recovery, Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, who toured flooded communities this week, said the damage from the storm is a reminder that a tropical storm does not have to reach a hurricane level to cause significant damage, said Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, who toured flooded communities this week.

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Some of you might think of Notre Dame. You might have heard of it, the one that can light up the universe. Notre Dame has different nuances and idiocrasies that you won't find at other universities.

So even if you can't give your grandparents advice, here are some helpful hints for living at Notre Dame:

1. LaFortune (a.k.a. LaFun or The Hub) is an absolute must and can be rewarding depending on the time you spend in it. Have you heard much, but don't have time to go to the dining hall. Subway might be the healthiest option, but will have the longest lines at mealtime – I guarantee you that.

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There are numerous buildings that make sense. Fortunately there are maps in the buildings. Unfortunately, you will look like a tool if you use them.

There are maps of campus buildings online. Find them and use them to try to save some face.

To get people in your section, because they are the people you will see most often. Most people continue to make friends with people who lived with or near freshman year.

But don't just know the freshmen. The upperclassmen can help you settle in with professors and classes. More importantly, at least for this semester, only have cars to escape the Bubble.

The most important person to get to know yourself. It makes for many practical purposes. They can be your best friend or your worst enemy, depending on your relationship with them.

I just threw out a term that might have confused you – Bubble. What the Bubble means is an identity unto itself. We have our own offices, our own food depart­ment, our own police, etc. Most of what you need you can find here on campus.

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Dear Students:

With the beginning of a new academic year, I extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students of the University of Notre Dame. I want to congratulate you on your entrance into a new phase of your personal, professional, and spiritual development and to express my gratitude for your presence on our campus.

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The primary objective of Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, is to develop people who will be prepared to make positive contributions to the Church and the world and to confront the challenges of the future. We are confident that you possess the talent and desire to make meaningful and lasting contributions.

As you begin your journey here at Notre Dame, you may soon come to feel at home on campus, and to love this place, as do so many graduates of past years. I hope to meet you in person over the course of your time, and throughout that time, I will keep you in my prayers.

In Notre Dame,

Reverend John J. Jenkins, C.S.C.
University president
Aug. 22

Welcome Class of 2012!

On behalf of the Saint Mary's student body, we are excited for you to join our family. We hope that you will find your special place in this community and allow Saint Mary's to help you discover more truths about yourself.

This is a remarkable year for Saint Mary's. Along with becoming a part of our community and joining the tradition of excellence of Saint Mary's women, you are the first students in the new facility Spies Unica Hall, our new academic building. We know that you will treasurize myths, too, as alumni have before you.

Life at Saint Mary's is about discovering your passions. We encourage you to take advantage of your time both in and out of the classroom. You will learn about subjects that you are required to know — it will help you stay focused and interested. Form new, lasting friendships. Take new experiences to make the most of your experience. During Student Activities Night on Aug. 28, you will have the chance to join a number of our many clubs and organizations.

Every day you will be a part of a community that helps you adjust to college life! As you get to know your classmates, you will have an opportunity to know as many of you as possible in the months ahead.

Until I can greet you in person, please know that you have my very best wishes for a year filled with all God's blessings.

Father Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.
 Vice president for student affairs
Aug. 22

Mickey Grucinskas
Saint Mary's student body president
Sarah Fahey
Saint Mary's student body vice president
Aug. 22

Class of 2012, Welcome to Notre Dame! Hopefully by now you've been able to unpack, somewhat organize your room and get to know your roommate(s). Most likely, you've gotten lost at least once, seen a few new faces and are probably pretty overwhelmed with this new situation. All of these things will only last a few days, and in a week, you will know this place like the back of your hand. In a week, your room will look perfect (this may only last a few days). In a week, you will be able to know the back of your hand. In a week, you will become... home. The beauty of this campus, the friendliness and availability of professors, the time spent with your classmates and, of course, Fajitas Fridays and Wing Night Thursday, make sure you experience these!


Our job, as members of Student Government, is to serve you and to keep you constantly informed of the developments and improvements going on around campus. Keep an eye out for some pretty amazing additions and opportunities that we will be offering throughout the year. Coming up in the next few weeks, you will have an opportunity to join Freshman Class Council or the Flex Program. And if you ever have any questions, please let us know. Seriously, if there is something that frustrates you or you have an amazing idea that could make Notre Dame even better, just email us!

Good luck and go Irish!

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Notre Dame student body president
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Welcome to the bubble.
1. Start by unpacking your gear
2. Say goodbye to Mom and Dad
3. Get ready for the best four years of your life
4. But before the football games, SYRs and other campus antics begin, it helps to know your way around as you navigate the twists and turns of life in our corner of the Bend
5. Whether you're looking for an escape from dining hall fare, some peace and quiet to crack open those shiny new textbooks, or just want to check out something new, here are some of the better and lesser known nooks and crannies of campus
6. So here's the key: green flags stand for grub, blue flags stand for books, and gold flags stand for the unexpected side of campus life
7. Lastly—welcome home.

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Business students often hit up this café for soup, salad, sandwiches and a variety of drinks. Open Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Run, don't walk, to this hidden gem for an eclectic variety of global cuisine. Open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Hammes Bookstore**
Beyond the book and gear sales, there are readings, signings, and an expanded Café. Open Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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**WVFI**
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**Waddick's**
A quick stop on the way to class in O'Shaug. Try their breakfast sandwiches. Open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Hesburgh Library**
Check out the group study rooms that can be reserved, or find a cubicle on any floor. Open daily until 2 a.m.

**Café de Grasta**
Located in Grace Hall (not pictured), this café’s homemade sandwiches are well worth the trek. Open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Coleman-Morse Center**
The first floor has a great study space with popup and soda machines.

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“ay in Bond Hall, home of gré été” is a quiet spot with soups, baked goods, coffee. Tip: The Bond library best study spaces around.

**Additional venue to the DPAC featuring plays, musicals, shows and the Collegiate Jazz Festival.**

**Legends**
A full-scale restaurant and bar that serves Notre Dame-themed dinner fare. The attached club and performance space also hosts concerts, ranging from campus bands to big name acts. Past performers have included Ben Lee and the Plain White T's. Restaurant open Monday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Olympics

Investigation continues on Chinese gymnasts

IOC says no proof so far, asks International Gymnastics Federation to review documents of five athletes

Associated Press

BEIJING — China was asked to provide additional documents to prove that five of the six members of its gold medal women's gymnastics team were old enough to compete in the Beijing Olympics, in hopes of ending persistent questions about the girls' ages.

The International Olympic Committee said Friday there is still no proof anyone cheated, but it asked gymnastics officials to produce "what have been a number of questions and apparent discrepancies," spokeswoman Giselle Davies said.

The International Gymnastics Federation asked China to submit documents that will further substantiate the ages of He Kexin, Yang Yilin, Jiang Yuyuan, Deng Linlin and Wang Shanshan.

The federation said it would forward its conclusions to the IOC. If it finds evidence that the gymnasts were underage, it could affect four of China's six medals. In addition to the team's gold and He's gold on uneven bars, Yang has won one bronze medal in the all-around and bars.

"It is in the interests of all concerned, not least the gymnasts themselves, to resolve this issue once and for all," the FIG said in a statement.

So far, however, all the information the Chinese gymnastics federation has presented supports its assertion that its athletes were old enough to compete.

"We believe the matter will be put to rest...on the eligibility the information we have seen in the documents," Lin said.

The federation has said repeatedly that a passport is the "approved proof of a gymnast's eligibility," and that China's gymnastics federation has presented ones that show they are age eligible. The IOC also checked the girls' passports and deemed them valid before the games began.

Neither the IOC nor the FIG gave details on what new information prompted it to act now, three days after the gymnastics competition ended.

"With some questions still remaining, we asked the federation to take a closer look," Davies said.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said it sent a letter to the IOC and the FIG on Friday, asking that the matter be resolved.

"We certainly believe that it's important for the IOC and the international federation to review the issue and hopefully lay it to rest because the questions surrounding the age of some of the athletes have been out there for quite a while and it's unfair to them and unfair to the other athletes to continue to linger," USOC chief executive Jim Scherr said.

"So we have sent a letter to the IOC and to the international federation asking them to review the matter and see if they can't resolve it for the good of the competition, the integrity of the competition and all the athletes," he said.

The Chinese women won six medals, including the team gold and He's gold on uneven bars. Media reports include a Nov. 3 story by the Chinese government's news agency, China's Xinhua, that He is only 14. Asked again earlier this week about her age after winning the uneven bars title, beating Japanese Nastia Liukin in a tiebreak, she said "I was born in 1992, and I'm 16 years old now." He said "The FIG has proved that, if I'm under 16, I couldn't have been competing here.""

Earlier this month, the AP found registration lists previously posted on the Web site of the General Administration of Sport of China that showed women under 14 competing in 1999 and 2000, when they were too young to compete. He was born Jan. 1, 1994, according to the 2005, 2006 and 2007 registration lists. Yang was born Aug. 26, 1993, according to the 2004, 2005 and 2006 registration lists. In the 2007 registration list, however, her birthday has changed to Aug 26, 1992.

"We played fair at this Olympic Games," Liukin's father and coach, Valeri, said after they arrived back in the United States. "I know the Chinese are powerful, very strong in their program." He said he believed China's gymnastics federation officials were being honest and that the Chinese girls were old enough. He said he believed the federation officials told the truth and "showed us that they are very honest." He said his daughter was "very happy" and has no complaints about the team's performance in Beijing.

"All the gymnasts are very happy," he said. "We should have taken shifts. We were no strangers to long hours of training and competition." He said his daughter was "satisfied with the results." He said he would be "very happy to finally have closure on the controversy" and praised China.

The Chinese gymnastics team poses with their gold medals Friday. Five of the six members of the women's team are under investigation by the IOC and FIG for competing under the minimum age of 16. If they are found eligible, the results of the competition would be overturned.

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UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
Belles hope youth can replace Gray

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look to continue its upswing as a program without the most decorated runner in school history.

Megan Gray became the first Belles runner to qualify for the NCAA championships and was named a first-team All-MIAA selection — accomplishing each feat in both her junior and senior seasons.

"The team is definitely missing Megan," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. "It's always hard when someone as talented and influential as Megan graduates, but this should be a great year for us to develop our younger talent and maximize the potential in our upperclassmen."

Last year's standout freshman, Samantha Wieczorek, is currently out with a knee injury so Bauters will look for some new faces to lead a team that includes four freshmen.

"Unfortunately our No. 2, Sam Wieczorek, from last year is still recovering from an after-season injury, so we'll be looking for people to step up in many areas," Bauters said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how our freshman can contribute to the team. Next, I look for there are some sophomores and juniors that are still discovering their potential — Jake McVey, Clare McVey... the list goes on of sophomores that have so much more in them."

The Belles will have six seniors this season, including returning captains Caitlin Brohmkerl and Ailene Miller.

Saint Mary's will also host two upcoming events, the season-opening Alumni event on Aug. 30 and the MIAA Jamboree on Sept. 26.

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Cuba knocks out USA in baseball semifinals

BEIJING — The U.S. baseball team will find no gold in Beijing. And Cuba is back in a place it knows so well — playing for another Olympic title.

Alexei Bell hit a three-run homer in the eighth to put the punctuation mark on the Cubans' 10-2 rout of the United States on Friday night. He raised his hand to signal No. 1 while rounding the bases, then Ariel Pestano added his own three-run shot three batters later to seal it.

Alfredo Despaigne hit his second homer against the Americans this tournament and Freddy Cepeda also connected.

Anything less than gold will be considered a failure for the Cubans, who have won three of the previous four Olympic tournaments since baseball became a medal sport in 1992.

Cuba (7-3) will play Saturday night against unbeaten South Korea (8-0), and the U.S. (5-3) will face Japan for bronze in the first game of the South Korea past Japan 6-2 in Friday's first semifinal.

After the final out, the Cubans celebrated mildly on the mound. The Cuban team includes Antonio Castro, the team doctor and son of the country's former president.

Cuba finished runner-up to the U.S. in 2000 at the Sydney Olympics before winning again four years later in Athens. Winning gold in China might mean even more to the island, considering baseball will come off the Olympic program for the 2012 London Games and might not be back.

Wukesong Stadium was nearly full save for a few open seats in the outfield bleachers. Cuba's fans chanted "Let's go Cub"! in Chinese, standing and waving their country's flag. They even had their share of supporters from China.
Olympics

Bolt, Jamaica take gold in men's relay

“World’s fastest man” earns third gold medal; relay sets new world record with win

Associated Press

BEIJING — Yelling at his teammate after handing off the baton, Usain Bolt saw another world record in reach.

It was just a matter of time.

Asafa Powell took the baton from Bolt and did the honors in the anchor leg of the men’s 400-meter relay Friday, finishing the race in 37.10 seconds to shatter a 16-year-old mark and bring yet another gold medal home to Jamaica.

“It’s wonderful,” Bolt said. “You can’t explain the feeling you feel after the greatest Olympics ever.”

There’s no other way to define it for the 6-foot-5, 22-year-old sprinter, he likes of which the world has never seen.

Three races. Three gold medals. Three world records.

That’s never happened before.

Bolt also became only the fourth man, and the first since Carl Lewis in 1984, to win all three Olympic sprint events.

His three gold medals are exceeded in these games only by the record eight for American swimmer Michael Phelps. British cyclist Chris Hoy and Chinese gymnast Zou Kai of China also won three golds.

Bolt got to share his final chapter with Powell, who held the world record in the 400 for about three years before Bolt took it over in May — then broke it again last Saturday in a hot-dogging 9.69 seconds at the Bird’s Nest.

After finishing fifth in the last two Olympic 100s, Powell had the reputation as a great runner who couldn’t handle pressure.

By the time he took the handoff from Bolt, his first Olympic medal was secure. It was a only a matter of chasing history. Just as Bolt had done when he ran 19.30 in the 200 to break Michael Johnson’s mark.

Powell drove hard to the finish, leaning on the line, and then looked at the clock.

37.10.

That was 0.3 second better than the mark first set by an American team featuring Lewis and Leroy Burrell at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992 and tied at the world championships a year later.

“I pushed myself to help Usain and his quest for three gold medals,” Powell said.

Powell crossed 0.94 second ahead of Trinidad and Tobago’s Richard Thompson — the biggest margin in the Olympics since 1936. Japan took the bronze.

“We simply couldn’t compete,” said Thompson’s teammate, Marc Burns.

The United States didn’t qualify for the final after dropping the baton in qualifying.

America’s absence from this race because of the baton mishap eliminated any real competition for the Jamaicans. But even had Tyson Gay and Co. been on the track, it’s hard to imagine anyone beating a team with Bolt and Powell.

It was still a race after Nesta Carter and Michael Frater completed the first two legs. But moments after Frater handed off to Bolt, the race became a rout. And when Bolt handed off to Powell, Powell’s quest became very much like Bolt’s was two nights previous in the 200 — not simply to win, but to own a slice of history.

When the race ended, Bolt greeted Powell. They hugged and found some Jamaican flags to wear around their shoulders as the familiar reggae music filled the stadium.

While Bolt finished a perfect Olympics with the relay, the Jamaican women fell one race short of only the second 6-for-6 sweep by any country in Olympic sprint history — 1980. But they beat themselves.

Sherone Simpson and Kerren Stewart hitched the handoff between the second and third legs and Jamaica didn’t finish the race won by Russia. Still, nobody beat the Jamaicans in any sprint they finished at these games.

Counting a gold in the women’s 400 hurdles, Jamaica has six gold medals with one day left. That’s one more than the United States, which won its fifth when Bryan Clay wrapped up the decathlon title moments before the men’s relay.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles welcome new head coach, players

Crabbe, former assistant coach at Columbus State University, has high hopes for SMC

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

When Saint Mary's returns to the field this season, their sideline will feature some new faces. Ryan Crabbe will take over the reins of the program this season, replacing Caryn MacKenzie as the Belles' new head coach. Crabbe will become the Belles' first full-time soccer coach at Saint Mary's. "I think this is a great time for Saint Mary's and soccer," Crabbe said. "Having a full-time coach means having a full-time resource. It shows an even greater commitment to the students on behalf of the college." Crabbe will have a strong nucleus of 12 veterans and 12 newcomers to work with this season as he attempts to improve on last year's 7-5-3 record and fifth-place finish in the NCAA tournament. "My immediate goal will be bringing together our team of returning players and new players. Finding out their strengths and weaknesses and evaluating them as players will be the number one priority heading into the season," he said. "Long term, my goal for this team is to compete for and win the conference championship and ultimately play for a berth in the NCAA Tournament." Before being hired at Saint Mary's, Crabbe served as the assistant coach at Columbus State University for three seasons. During his tenure with the Cougars, he helped guide them to consecutive Peach Belt tournament championships in 2006 and 2007. In addition to their post-season success, Columbus State won their conference's regular season title during all three seasons he was there.

Crabbe is looking forward to this opportunity of becoming a first-time head coach. "In terms of transitioning from assistant to head coach, there is certainly a large increase in responsibilities both on and off the field. I am excited about the opportunity because I feel like the experience gained from my last program has prepared me for this challenge," he said.

Saint Mary's is coming off their fourth winning season in the past five years and will be returning their two top scorers from 2007, Senior forward Lauren Hinton and Junior midfielder Katy Durkin.

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OLYMPICS

Clay wins decathlon gold

Athlete becomes first American to win the event since Atlanta games

Associated Press

BEIJING — Bryan Clay sat on the track, then plopped on his back, chest heaving. The American's head was resting a couple of feet beyond the finish line he had just crossed as the Olympic decathlon gold medalist. Four years after setting a new world record in the Summer Games, Clay finished with 8,791 points to win the 10-discipline event.

Andrei Krauchanka of Belarus took the silver with 8,551, and Leonel Suarez of Cuba was third with 8,527.

Roman Sebule of the Czech Republic, the 2004 Olympic and 2005 world champion, finished sixth. The 5-foot-11, 185-pound Clay is the first American to win the decathlon since Dan O'Brien at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

The event began Thursday morning in the rain and finished on a muddy track at the Bird's Nest with the javelin and 1,500 meters.

Already holding a comfortable lead, Clay was able to take it relatively easy in the event-ending 1,500, finishing in 5 minutes, 59 seconds.

In his three events during Friday's daytime session, Clay was second-fastest in the 110 meter hurdles at 13.93 seconds, set an Olympic best in the discus at 176 feet, 5 inches (53.79 meters), then cleared 16-43/6 (5.00 meters) in the pole vault, tied for second-best in the competition.

Trey Hardee, NCAA champion for Texas in 2005 and runner-up to Clay at this year's U.S. trials, was a close fourth through seven events but failed to clear his opening height in the pole vault and did not finish. He missed three times at 15-5 (4.70 meters), spoiling a chance for the United States to win two medals in the decathlon for the first time since Mitt Campbell and Rafer Johnson won 1-2 at the 1956 Melbourne Games.

Clay led the decathlon overall standings since winning the first event, the 100 meters, in a driving rain.

Ukrainian's medal stripped

Associated Press

BEIJING — Lyudmila Blonska was stripped of her Olympic heptathlon silver medal Friday, the highest-profile athlete kicked out of the Beijing Games so far for doping.

The International Olympic Committee said Blonska tested positive for the steroid methyltestosterone after finishing second in the heptathlon last Saturday behind World record holder Nataliya Dobrynska.

Blonska was temporarily suspended by the IOC on Thursday, and her medal was officially removed Friday by the IOC executive board.

Blonska, who blamed her coach and husband for the positive test, also was dropped from Friday's long jump final after finishing third in qualifying earlier in the week. Nigeria's Blessing Okagbare advanced to the final in her place and won the bronze medal Friday.

The IOC also has asked the International Association of Athletics Federations to adjust the heptathlon results and consider further sanctions against Blonska.

The Ukrainian Olympic committee was ordered to return Blonska's medal "as soon as possible."

American Ilysean Fountain is in line to take the silver, with Russia's Tatiana Chernova moving from fourth to bronze. The IOC also reserved the right to take sanctions against Blonska's coach and husband, Sergii Blonsky.

The 30-year-old Blonska faces a lifetime ban for a second doping offense. She was suspended from 2003-05 for using the steroid stanozolol. Blonska's backup "B" sample came back positive Thursday.
REDEEM Team defeats Argentina in semifinals

Carmelo Anthony scores 21; United States wins 101-81, moves on to face Spain in the gold-medal game

Associated Press

BEIJING — The climb back to the top is nearly complete. One more win and U.S. basketball is golden again.

The Americans ended their streak of final four flops and Argentina's hopes of an Olympic gold-medal repeat, starting fast and finishing strong in a 101-81 semifinal victory Friday.

All that is left is what the U.S. players need for a gold medal.

The United States scored 21 of the first 25 points, got a big break when Argentina star Manu Ginobili reinjured his left ankle, and surged into its first gold-medal game in eight years.

There is still 40 minutes to go, but this U.S. team looks good as gold. All the Americans have to do now is beat Spain, who they elbowed by 37 points and 42, on Sunday to win their first gold in a major international event since the 2000 Olympics.

What followed was a frustrat­ing and embarrassing stretch in which they could not even make the podium in the 2002 world championships, then managed only bronze medals after losing in the semis of the 2004 Athens Games and 2006 worlds.

Carmelo Anthony and LeBron James were part of those bronze bunchs, and vowed they would leave China with gold.

Anthony scored 21 points and James added 15, 13 in the second half.

Luis Scola scored 28 points for Argentina, which did not relinquish its title without a fight. Even without Ginobili for the final three and half quarters, the Argentines cut a 21-point lead into single-digits and frustrated the Americans with their physical play, but not enough depth or firepower without their best players.

Lithuania and Argentina will meet Sunday for the bronze. Spain beat Lithuania 91-86 in the first semifinal.

When the Americans fell from the top of world basketball, it was Argentina as much as anyone who took their place — and hastened their fall.

The Argentines, with Ginobili's flair and Scola's force, won gold in 2004 and silver in the 2002 world championships, beating the United States in both tournaments.

The victory in Indianapolis was the first time a U.S. team lost with NBA players.

They knocked off the Americans again four years ago in the semis, and Bryant said two nights ago he wanted to face Argentina in this round.

Now Argentina's time has passed. The Americans want their spot back.

The U.S. lead was already 10 points when Ginobili, who came in leading the tournament with 20.3 points per game, went down in a play away from the ball, limped in the sideline and took off his left sneaker after reinjuring the same ankle that slowed him so badly in the Western Conference finals.

The Americans extended the lead to 21-4 and up by 21 early in the second quarter. But they went ice cold against Argentina's zone, committed some silly fouls that gave away free points at the line, and saw the lead trimmed all the way down to 46-40 on a basket by Scola in the final minute of the half.

James was not with his teammates when the starting line­ups were announced, having to sprint out from the back after his name was called. Then he was curiously absent in the first half, managing only two points.

He scored five quick ones in the third quarter, teaming with Dwight Howard to help the Americans break it open again. Anthony got mixed up in some choppy play with Scola and Andrea Nocioni, but kept his poise and scored eight points in a back-to-back win.

United States forward Chris Bosh, 12, puts up a shot against Argentina's Carlos Delfino during the semifinal game Friday.
ND VOLLEYBALL

Preseason hopes high despite last season’s results

Big East coaches ‘have not been in the gym’ with Irish; team won’t have superstars but will be balanced

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Coming off one of the most disappointing years in head coach Debbie Brown’s tenure, the Irish volleyball team is looking for vast improvement and a quick turnaround in the upcoming season.

“We are expecting a lot more from ourselves this year,” Brown said. “Last year was by far our worst finish since I have been here. We need to improve tremendously.”

The team has no shortage of expectations and goals this year, Brown said.

“We want to win the Big East and advance significantly in the NCAA tournament,” Brown said. “But those coaches have not been in the gym with us this summer and they do not know where we are at.”

Brown likes the underdog role, preferring the opportunity to move up the standings than having to worry about sliding down.

“That ranking is about where we deserve to be based on how we finished up last season,” Brown said. “But those coaches have not been in the gym with us this summer and they do not know where we are at.”

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Irish coach

Brown said this ranking is more indicative of last year’s results, a 15-13 record and a second-round exit from the Big East tournament, and not of the team’s current make-up.

“The Irish will have a tough time filling the shoes of graduated players Adrianna Stasiak and Ashley Tarutis, but Brown believes she has the team to do it.”

“Tremendous depth is where we are. The loss of two players like Adrianna and Ashley is hard to make up, but we will counter it with a very balanced and deep team,” Brown said.

Senior middle blocker Justine Stremick and junior outside hitter Serenity Phillips were both voted to the preseason all-Big East squad this year, improving on their second-team all-Big East honors last year.

Even with these accolades going to individual players, Brown said she doesn’t think they will have any players that stand out from the rest of the team. Instead she wants a more collective feel to the team, stressing balance and depth across the floor.

“I do not think we are going to have any superstars,” Brown said. “We are going to be balanced and deep.”

The new mantra for the team this year that Brown stresses is balance and depth. Brown wants to get contributions from everyone.

Joining the team will be a couple promising freshman looking to make some of those contributions. Setter Beth Wildermuth, defensive specialist Frenchy Silva, middle blocker Megan Barnicle, and outside hitter Kristen Dealy are mixing well into the team in their first season.

“The freshmen are all doing outstanding,” Brown said. “So far they are fitting in well with the team and responding to coaching. I expect them to do a lot of contributing in the upcoming season.”

This combination of experienced upperclassmen and new freshman who can make an impact early will contribute to Brown’s mantra of balance and depth.

The Irish also excel off the court in the classroom, as they received The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award. To earn this award, the Irish had to score over a 3.30 cumulative team GPA over the last year.

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The Irish blow this away with a 3.44 cumulative team GPA over the last year.

“This team is really disciplined and put all they have into their academics,” Brown said. “They are more serious about their academics than their volleyball.”

This discipline both on and off the court will be key if the Irish are to reclaim the top spot in the Big East.

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ND Women's Basketball

With Allen gone, Irish need others to step up

Talented freshman class, returning weapons will help fill the gap left by the starting guard and leading scorer.

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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When guard Charel Allen graduated from Notre Dame in the spring, she left a seemingly gaping hole in the Irish program. Allen's name is littered throughout the Notre Dame record book, and she will go down along with the best all-around players in Irish history, with 1,566 points, 666 rebounds, 273 assists and 206 steals in her career.

But Allen isn't the only major personnel loss for the Irish for the 2008-09 campaign. Point guard Tulyah Gaines also graduated, meaning both positions in the starting Irish backcourt will need a replacement.

Despite these two key losses, Irish coach Muffet McGraw is confident that her team can reload quickly for another strong performance in the upcoming season.

"When you lose your starting point guard and your leading scorer, it leaves a lot of holes," she said. "That leaves a lot of opportunities for the freshmen."

McGraw's rookies this season mark another strong recruiting class for the Irish coach. In her last 12 years, only Notre Dame, Connecticut and Tennessee have had a Top 25 recruiting class every season.

Notre Dame added four players this year: guards Natalie Novosel and Frederica Miller and forwards Kellie Watson and Erica Solomon.

The freshmen, with an average height of just over 6 feet, add a significant amount of height to the roster, but McGraw said she will not drastically change her gameplan for the season.

Another advantage the freshman class brings to the squad is its versatility. McGraw said Watson, who is listed as a forward, played guard and forward in high school, including some time at the point. Solomon will add depth to the post, along with junior center Erica Williamson and sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski.

"I think the freshmen alone can't account for all of the points this season, McGraw said. "She expects the veterans to continue to contribute to this season."

"We are going to need a lot of people doing a little bit more." McGraw said.

Specifically in the backcourt, McGraw said she will look for junior Ashley Barlow and senior Lindsay Schrader to continue scoring like they did last year. The women were second and third as scorers for the Irish last season with 12.1 points per game and 10.3 points per game, respectively.

McGraw also said she expects sophomores guard Britany Mallory to be the team's long-distance threat against The 5-foot-10 guard shot 38.2 percent from 3-point distance in conference play last season the team's second best shooter from that range. Allen led the team with 47 percent.

"When you lose your starting point guard and your leading scorer, it leaves a lot of holes. That leaves a lot of opportunities for the freshmen." - Muffet McGraw

Irish coach

One key component returning this year for the Irish is sophomore forward Devereaux Peters, who missed half of last season recovering from an tear in her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) against Pittsburgh on Feb. 10. Peters scored 9.0 points per game and led the team with 45 blocks last season.

"Melissa Lechlitner will be the starting point guard. I am confident in her, she is a great leader from the point guard position," McGraw said.

McGraw said the team's goals this year remain the same, even with losing Allen and Gaines.

"We went to the Sweet 16 last year and we want to get back," she said. "We would also like to do well in the Big East, which is something we did not do last year."

In the 2008 Big East tournament, the Irish came in as the No. 3 seed, but fell in the second round to Pittsburgh 64-53.

Notes:
- McGraw received a contract extension at the end of last season, guaranteeing her a place at Notre Dame through the 2014-15 season.
- McGraw has taken the Irish to 13 consecutive NCAA Tournaments and 15 overall in her previous 21 years at the helm.
- "It is an honor to represent Notre Dame," McGraw said. "I feel like I'm still in my first years with my emotions and my passion for coaching."
- Irish assistant coach Jonathan Tsipis was promoted to associate head coach earlier this summer. Tsipis will continue to coach the Irish wing players and is also the team's recruiting coordinator.
- "He has made major contributions to the program and is indispensable to me," McGraw said.

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to face national powers Santa Clara, North Carolina and Duke in early-season contests.
"We’re very excited. We’ve bit-
ten off a big, big schedule," Waldrum said.

Despite the daunting early schedule, the Irish return six seniors, and that Notre Dame men’s golf team got a big one on its recent trip.
"Nine returning members of the Notre Dame men’s golf team came back to South Bend last Saturday after a week-long trip to Ireland. The Irish opened the week in Killarney, Co. Kerry, a picturesque area in southern Ireland famous for the Wex-sa-sid golf courses in the town of Tralee. The team was accompanied by coaches Jim Kubinski and Steve Colnitis, as well as several guests, played several matches at the local clubs.
Head coach Kubinski kept a daily blog during the trip. In his concluding remarks, he offers a warm opinion of his stay in Ireland.
"It was an incredible week in so many ways," Kubinski wrote. "We ate well, stayed comfort-
ably, were treated exceptionally well and played some of the top golf courses in the world. We were truly blessed to have played in one of the best golf courses in the world. It will surely become a lifelong memory."

Despite rainy and blustery weather, Notre Dame golfers outscored the locals on their own courses, posting a 6-1 record against the Waterville and Tralee Junior Clubs. The golfers often battled heavy winds, which occasionally reached 40 miles per hour on the unforgiving links courses. The team had a particularly memorable trip, shoot-
ing a 67 at Ballybunion and a 70 at Tralee, two of the most demanding courses in the world.

Several weeks before the trip, Kubinski agreed to terms on a multi-year extension with the University. Kubinski, in his fourth year with the Irish, has guided the program to consecu-
tive Big East Conference titles in 2005 and 2006, as well as the top three single season scoring averages in Notre Dame his-
tory. "I’m absolutely thrilled to be continuing what we’ve started to build here at Notre Dame," Kubinski said. "When I was hired, I said that coaching at Notre Dame was a dream come true. This is where I want to be, and it couldn’t be at a better time... the future looks very bright."
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Bob Clark, Irish coach, also said that he believed Notre Dame had a good understanding of the current season. "This team is just as good as we were last season against them, I'm not sure our guys will have a lot of fun with the Irish this year."

Jackson said leading scorer Erik Condra, who missed the NCAA Tournament after breaking his knee in the CCHA playoffs, and Christian CliA both will be ready for the beginning of the season. T h o s e i n j u r i e s , Jackson said, are just a product of the aggressive, relentless style of play that made the Irish such a dangerous team.

"At the end of the season we had four players who had to have surgery and fairly substantial injuries," Jackson said. "When you're playing with the intensity level that we did in the NCAA Tournament, you get banged up, and that's the kind of price that you've got to pay to get back there."

Despite losing two of its strongest leaders from a year ago in captain Mark Van Guilder and hard-nosed defender Brock Sheahan, Notre Dame looks poised to build on the unprecedented successes of the past two seasons. "The things that made us successful [in the NCAA Tournament] against Michigan State and New Hampshire, we've got to remember what kind of price we paid to get to that point," Jackson said. "If we assume things will just fall in place, that's not how it works. We're going to have to play with that same kind of passion we played with in the NCAA Tournament just to get back there again."

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Since he was thinner than the coaching staff wanted him to be as a senior in high school, he underwent a rigorous off-season workout that helped him bulk up and add over 20 pounds of muscle.

With his added strength and size, Rudolph could be used in goal line situations, or even for short third downs when a reliable pass-catcher is essential. For this reason, he may be best as a fake punt forward, looking to set the field.

"It's very, very, very high on Kyle Rudolph," Weis said. "I mean, the kid is 255, but he's just grown a lot since he was 225. He still looks skinny at 255 because he's so big. But his straight-line speed, he can get down the field in a hurry and he's got great ball skills."

Rudolph is in coming in after being with the squad for a semester as an early enrollee. An offensive guard from Elkton Secondary School in Nebraska, Robinson's large frame and hands combined with explosive upper body strength could have him find the field early and often. When coupled with the struggles of the offensive line and the lack of depth along the unit, he could contribute early this season.

Notre Dame's most aggressive line coach, John Latina, likes how Robinson, a two-time academic all-state player in his first semester with the team.

"I think he has a great attitude," Latina said. "I think football is really important to him and obviously he's proven that he's going to make some mistakes along the way as a young guy, he does a good job of not making the same mistake over and I think that shows a lot of maturity on a player. Again, age will serve to how important it is to him."

In defense, there is a handful of freshman that could also see some serious playing time as well as in the middle in防护 and linebacker Steve Fisher and defensive tackle John Latina said.

Johnson is a defensive end out of Lincoln High School in Portland, Ore., who is already physically and emotionally prepared. Johnson missed his senior season because he had to undergo surgery simply to play football and Johnson had to basically build up a strength program on his own.

"Oh, me and Fleming are real close," Weis said. "We get along really well. We sit in the meeting room next to each other and I try to help him out with some things that he asks me of. He's got some real physical gifts. He's got great speed."

"He's got some sophomore tight end Mike Baglow had surgery to repair a torn ACL and is expected to miss the entire season.

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Regardless of who started both, saw upwards of 20 minutes of playing time, the Irish have an experienced goal keeper in senior Kyle Zeller who will give Clarke another option in net. While Clarke admitted that getting paid time playing would be tough, he gave his incoming freshmen a vote of confidence.

"I honestly feel that, if needed, every one of the freshmen could step in and play," Zeller said.

he's got that advantage over the other players," Clarke said.

"He's somebody who should always be looking for some serious time."

With injuries in the line that may force midfielders Michael Thomas and is expected to miss the entire season.

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**Horoscope**

Friday with Fran

*Horoscope*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Try not to look like a skank.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Use the word dingle in a sentence. Try not to say it to someone with a dingleberry; he or she will blush.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Wear those lederhosen, former gophers.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Anyone who relies on TMZ for news is an idiot. Sorry, their stories have been classified as news too often lately.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
If you wanna make that dollah or dem dollahs, call (713) 569-2690.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Dalmatian, you inscrutable.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)
Are you part of the J. Crew?

**ARIES** (March 21-Apr. 19)
Don't misbehave.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20-May 20)
Search "Bling Bling" on YouTube if you can handle having your life changed.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
Have an individual party.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)
Out of 300 million swimmers, how were you the fastest? -

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
Hey Leo... When the lion goes GRR! If you know what that means, stand up and remove the pole.
FOOTBALL

Let's try this again

Young talent, more experience provide a positive outlook after 3-9 season

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Despite Notre Dame's disappoint­
ing 2007 season, it can expect a bevy of freshmen to enter the full­
ready to compete. With one of the
top-ranked recruiting classes in the
nation, this could be exactly the
case.
On the offensive side of the ball, Michael Floyd, Kyle Rudolph and
Trevor Robinson have the best chance to see playing time early in the
season.
Floyd, from Minnesota's Cre­
tin-Hammurabi, is a slot/3rd wide
receiver with reliable hands and
consistent speed. He was ranked the
16th-best prospect in the nation by
Scout.com and largely consid­
ered the best football player in the
state of Minnesota.
Earlier this summer, Floyd had
the opportunity to work out with his
new teammates and participate in
7-on-7s. The results have the Irish
coaching staff excited.
"The feedback on Michael Floyd
from Jimmy [Clasien] has been
through the roof," Irish head coach
Charlie Weis said. "He's the first kid I've
seen that's been around a long time. You look at him and
tell me what he's talking about.
Floyd said the team had an exci­
ting and positive outlook towards the
season.
"I just feel like the team is fired
up," he said on freshmen media
day on Aug. 22. "They're just show­
ing a lot of emotion.
Rudolph was ranked the No. 1
tight end in the nation on
Scout.com and hailed from Elder
High School from Cincinnati, Ohio.
The first feature that strikes an
observer is his height — he's 6-foot-
6.

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HOCKEY

ND looking for Frozen
Four repeat

By MATT GAMBER
Assistant Sports Editor

After their remarkable NCAA
Tournament run ended in a 4-1
national championship game loss
to Boston College, the Irish have
officially relaunched.
Notre Dame returns 18 let­
ter winners, including eight of its
nine top scorers and all-CCHA
goaltender Jordan Pearce. Add to
that mix a heralded group of
seven freshmen, led by U.S.
Under-18 teammates Patrick
Gaudian and Sean Lorenz and the
Irish are among the nation's
favorites to return to the Frozen
Four.
"I think that seeing the
response from how last season

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish have high aspirations after returning all but one player

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

This year, there's no smoking
up anyone.
Two years ago, Notre Dame
was picked to finish 11th in the
Big East, the Irish finished
fourth. Last year, they were
picked ninth and finished tied
for seventh.
But this season, the Irish
return four starters from a team
that finished 25-8, including Big
East player of the year Luke
Harangoody and first-team Big
East selection Kyle McAlarney.
Many analysts have consistently
ranked the Irish among the top-
ten teams in the country in the
2008-09 preseason polls.
To get his team ready to face
such high expectations, coach
Mike Brey has changed the way
his team plays.
"It's also the first time sopho-

mores Tyrone Nash and Carleton
Scott have seen significant min­
utes as they compete to fill the
void in the rotation left by the
graduation of Rob Kui­
kirk.
Through Notre Dame's first
three games on the tour, Scott
has averaged 11.3 points, while
Nash has averaged 5.5 points
per game. The box score was
not available for Notre Dame's
fourth game, a 90-88 win over
Ireland.
Aside from Harangoody and
McAlarney, the Irish return jun­
ior point guard Tory Jackson, an
excellent rebounder given his
5-foot-11 height, who averaged
eight points, 5.1 rebounds and
2.5 assists. Sharpshooter Ryan
Ayers and versatile forward
Zach Hillesland also return.
The team had an exciting start
when sophomore forward
Yannick Dandu left last sea­
son — Ayers started most of
the first half of the year before
Hillesland took over — but

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MEN'S SOCCER

Team searching for scorers

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Early 1990s Buffalo Bills? Not
quite. But after two consecutive
FIFA eight exits, Notre Dame
coach Bobby Clark and his team
have hit a roadblock in the pro­
gram's progression towards its
first ever Final Four.
Last year, the Irish beat
Oakland and upset No. 10 Santa
Clara before an overtime loss to
eventual national champion
Wake Forest. In 2006, Notre
Dame upended Illinois-Chicago
and defending national champi­
on Maryland before falling at
Virginia. Despite the setbacks,
Clark isn't worried about his
team's psyche.
"I just want the team to play at
their full potential," Clark said.
"I always say that it was my
youngest team at Stanford
that went to the national cham­
opionship. You need a little bit of

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Early non-conference slate will test squad

By FRAN TOLAN
Assistant Sports Editor

After reaching the national
semifinals last year, Notre Dame
will have to overcome a difficult
schedule to duplicate that suc­
cess. But the Irish have the per­
sonnel to do it.
Nine freshmen join a stacked
crew that made it to the College
Cup before falling to Florida
State a year ago.
"We've got a very good group
of freshmen coming in," Irish
coach Randy Waldrum said.
"Four or five of them might step
in and play a lot right away.
"Among the newcomers, for­
ward Melissa Henderson adds to
the plethora of talent on Notre
Dame's roster.
"In most recruiting circles,
she's the player of the year,"
Waldrum said of Henderson, a
fellow Texan.
Waldrum said Kansas City
native Molly Campbell and Ellen
Jantseh should also put in mean­
tingful minutes for the Irish.
Campbell and Jantseh both hail
from St. Teresa's, the same high
school that sophomore Lauren
Fowlkes attended. Last season,
Fowlkes stopped in as a fresh­
man to help anchor Notre
Dame's defense. Waldrum said
he hopes that Campbell and
Jantseh can have the same type
of impact.
The coach said that several
other freshmen could slide right in
for us in the future as they get a little
more experience.
The freshmen will be intro­
duced to top-tier competition
right away as the Irish are slated

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