New dorm gets a name: Ryan Hall

Female residence will house 246 students, feature 'super quads,' classroom capabilities

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

"Both Duncan Hall, the men's dorm that opened this fall, and Ryan Hall, the women's dorm currently under construction, are the first dormitories at Notre Dame to include classrooms, which will help deepen this integration of academic and residential life," Jenkins said, according to his prepared remarks.

"I think the right to life is the underlying factor to consider on the abortion issue. Some people consider abortion to be the only issue of importance in the upcoming presidential election, Notre Dame Law School professor Gerard Bradley said Wednesday during a politics-centered Theology on Tap at Legends. The Catholic vote is important in the nation's swing states, said Bradley, who specializes in the study of law and religion. The night's topic was "Faith and Election: Voting with your Catholic Conscience," and during the talk Bradley explained two of the major Catholic perspectives on the abortion issue. Bradley said many Catholics think the right to life is the underlying factor to consider when voting because it is the precursor to all other human rights, an "indispensable core to a decent society." Another position on the subject, Bradley said, proposes that although human life does begin at conception, this belief is private and should not be imposed on others. Democratic vice presidential

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Students gather to weigh faith, politics

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Construction on Ryan Hall, the new women's residence, began last spring and should be completed by Aug. 2009.

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Sexual assault reported

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

Police are investigating an incident of sexual assault reported by a student, Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) said in an e-mail received by students Tuesday. The reported sexual assault was committed by an acquaintance of the student in a residence hall on campus Sunday, the e-mail said. Police were notified of the reported assault late on Monday, NDSP Assistant Oversight committee chair fan Secviar spent a great deal of time meeting with University officials to develop the amendment. "A lot of my work has been working on this amendment ... This is something for the 2008 election, and we wanted to get the ball rolling because it is already Sept. 17," Schmidt said. "I think this is a great step in the right direction for students to engage in this dialogue and not be stifled." The amendment also allows the three groups to use their funds to transport students to political rallies. see SENATE/page 6

Staff concerns addressed

Jenkins, Affleck-Graves discuss future plans

By JENN METZ
New Editor

Two of the University's top leaders shared their views on Notre Dame's progress toward achieving its central goals at a standing room-only town hall-style meeting for staff members Wednesday. Robert McQuade, associate vice president for Human Resources, introduced University President Father John Jenkins and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves to the audience in the packed Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

McQuade said the University hopes to host smaller sessions in the future so more people can have the opportunity to listen and ask their questions about the University.

Affleck-Graves emphasized the importance of the town-hall meeting sessions.

"This is where we think the University is going," he said. "And we want to hear from you.

He said the academic and the administrative/business sides of the University cannot

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By JOSEPH MCMAHON
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday allowing the College Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians to use University-allocated funds to support the nominated candidates of their respective parties.

While the groups cannot directly donate to any candidate and any appearance by a political speaker must follow the guidelines which apply to all speakers, the new resolution allows the clubs to hand out promotional materials such as T-shirts and bumper stickers, as well as post signs around campus.

"When student body president Bob Reish and I were campaigning, a lot of students said the campus wasn't political enough," student body vice president Grant Schmidt said. "We wanted there to be access to the candidates themselves." Schmidt said he and Senate Oversight committee chair fan Secviar spent a great deal of time meeting with University officials to develop the amendment. "A lot of my work has been working on this amendment ... This is something for the 2008 election, and we wanted to get the ball rolling because it is already Sept. 17," Schmidt said. "I think this is a great step in the right direction for students to engage in this dialogue and not be stifled." The amendment also allows the three groups to use their funds to transport students to political rallies.

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ND political groups receive funding

College Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians eligible for University allocations

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NEW DORM GETS A NAME: RYAN HALL
INSIDE COLUMN

Paradise found

Have you ever wanted something you couldn’t have? Something that just teased you from afar, seeming within your grasp but in reality remains just out of reach? Something that you desperately want but feel you will never get?

I had that feeling once. But, by the grace of God, I fulfilled my primal craving. I ended it four years ago.

I ate at White Castle. Ever since the epic, groundbreaking film “Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle” premiered in 2004 I have wanted a small, square, greasy, onion burger. This yearning intensified with each viewing until it finally faded into despair. I submitted that I will never get that sweet nectar of New Jersey onion burger.

And then it happened. For a job interview I recently traveled to Merced, Calif., a smallish city south of Gary. On my return, I noticed, out of the corner of my eye, a vaguely familiar fast-food sign. A second glance and I knew that my pursuit was almost complete. I had found a real-life, actual-factual White Castle.

When I walked into the restaurant, I knew immediately what I needed to order. Nothing fancy, no A-1 sauce or jalapeno cheese. Just the good-old-fashioned No. 1. Four dollars, one medium order of fries and one diet Coke.

I got the order “for here,” because I knew I could not focus on driving while undergoing such a rapturous experience as this. And it truly was.

Most of the time things can’t live up to the hype. “The Phantom Menace” could never compete with the original “Star Wars” trilogy in originality or creativity. Throw in 15 years of build-up and it never stood a chance. But White Castle transcends such earthly problems, maintaining its perfect meat-onion-grease-patty ration on every burger.

I loved it as much as Brett Favre loves football. And so, too, I now feel changed. I’m appreciating the film that started my yen for this sweet ambrosia.

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JAY FITZPATRICK

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE DO YOU WISH NOTRE DAME HAD A STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM AND WHY?

Mary Mahon
freshman
Welsh Family

Laura Wilczek
senior
Howard

Maria Antoniak
sophomore
Howard

Andy Renner
tenor
Stanford

Thomas Rivas
senior
off-campus

Mary Mahon: “Fiji, because it sounds exotic.”

Laura Wilczek: “Seoul, South Korea. Because I’m from there.”

Maria Antoniak: “Hogwarts. It’s self-explanatory.”

Andy Renner: “Green Bay, so I could go to the Packers’ games.”

Thomas Rivas: “Antarctica, because it’s colder than South Bend.”

OFFBEAT

Janitor receives plunger award

SAUGATUCK, Mich. — Steve Oswald isn’t getting back the $156.94 he charged the city for cleaning a public bathroom.

However, he did get the attention of city officials who promised to take better care of the bathroom — and honored his efforts Tuesday with the Golden Plunger Award.

Oswald, 45, said he didn’t expect to be reimbursed after billing the city for the work he did last month. But he did say he appreciated the award, a toilet plunger spray-painted gold and set on an oak stand.

Judge rules baggy pants law unconstitutional

RIVIERA BEACH, Fla. — A judge has decided a law banning sagging pants in this town is unconstitutional after a teenager spent a night in jail on accusations he exposed too much underwear.

Julius Hart, 17, was charged last week after an officer said he spotted the teenager riding his bicycle with 4 to 5 inches of blue-and-black boxer shorts revealed.

Hart’s public defender, Carol Bickerstaff, urged a judge Monday to strike down the sagging pants law, telling him: “Your honor, we now have the fashion police.”

Circuit Judge Paul Moyle ruled that the law was unconstitutional based on “the limited facts” of the case. Technically, however, the charge hasn’t been dropped yet: a new arraignment awaits Hart on Oct. 5.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Students learn about opportunities for research and language grants abroad

At the Reentry Open House Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

IN BRIEF

There will be a lecture entitled “How We Can End the Genocide in Sudan” given by John Prendergast in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium, today from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Lunch will be available prior to the lecture. It is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, and the Center for Social Concerns. This event is free and open to the public.

In “The Wonder Years” breathes film history, Pat Haefeli finds humor in the experience of growing up in America. This event is today, Fri., and Sat. at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, on the DeNiro Mainstage Theatre. Tickets are $40, $32 for students and $15 for seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the Ticket Office.

The annual Forum Film Festival will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets on sustainability will be shown. The event is open to the public. Tickets are $5 and must be reserved in advance at the Ticket Office.

The 25th annual Donor Run will take place Saturday at 9 a.m. The race will start on the west side of the Stadium. Runners must check in no later than 8:45 AM at the registration tables. Race day check-in will be held at Legends beginning at 8 a.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.ure@gmail.com

CORRECTIONS

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Panel observes Constitution Day

Speakers discuss role of country’s leaders, protections under law

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

For 2001 Notre Dame graduate Peter Gehred, his job as a field representative for Rep. Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.) means the United States Constitution plays a daily role in his life.

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field representative
Rep. Joe Donnelly

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Gehred spoke Wednesday on a panel in Haggard Parlor at Saint Mary's College to celebrate the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

He stressed the importance of having a democracy instead of divine right.

"We live in a land of unimaginable wealth, but our power flows from the bottom up," he said.

Gehred reminded the audience that much of the brilliance of the Constitution came from English philosopher John Locke and French political thinker Charles de Secondat, baron de Montesquieu.

"One of the geniuses of America is that we steal from everyone else," Gehred joked.

But that borrowing, he said, has produced "the best government we could possibly have."

Michael Kramer, a professor in Saint Mary's Communication Studies, Dance and Theatre department emceed the panel session. He reminded the audience that Constitution Day is a time for Americans to remember to continue the legacy of the Founding Fathers and develop habits of citizenship in a new generation of Americans.

Former St. Joseph County deputy prosecutor and current criminal defense attorney Brooks Grainger described the importance of the Constitution's Fifth Amendment.

"If you think person X committed a crime, you have to prove it," Grainger said.

But one of the problems with the United States government, he said, is that there are too many laws and regulations.

"We have over 10,000 laws but there are so many regulations under those laws that there is no way to tell how many crimes actually exist," he said.

Saint Mary's political science professor Amy Cavender spoke about the primacy of the freedom of religion in the Constitution.

"Religion is listed first in line. The national government cannot restrict religion," she said.

Cavender described court cases where the Supreme Court interpreted what the Constitutional framers meant by freedom of religion.

"The government can have some influence on religion, but it has to be in a non-discriminatory way," she said.

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exist without each other. Using Duncan Hall as an example, he emphasized the teamwork and coordination that the staff contributes to the University's vision and goals.

He mentioned custodial services, which are operated by the Office of Residence Life and Housing and academic department secretaries. Duncan Hall is the first residence hall with a classroom, as well as University Field, as a result of the union of several departments into the project.

The teamwork that goes into maintaining the University's physical life was continuously emphasized in Affleck-Graves' presentation, using services for undergraduate students and the facilities of Stinson-Remillard Hall as examples of the ways different departments work together.

A hallmark of Notre Dame is its Catholic character, Affleck-Graves said, and that can be seen in the University's forms of maintenance and services that help familiarize employees with Notre Dame. Campus Ministry and the Office of Sustainability with its many initiatives.

He said he encouraged all who comprise the campus community to "hustle responsibil­ly" in advancing the University's green recycling and turning off lights.

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Notre Dame is working to "provide a comprehensive employee experience," Affleck-Graves said, with commitments to going green within the campus, wellness programs, University-wide health and life insurance and em­ployee development and training. And a main focus of the University is creating a safe work environment, he added.

As an employer, the University is very serious about its need to offer benefits that fit its employees, Affleck-Graves said.

The University addressed several of the issues raised by the ND Voice survey administered to employees in 2008.

One such issue regarding pay and benefits that came up was the necessity to pay employees a living wage.

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Executive vice president

"better teachers," he said. The problem is also "trying to expand its undergrad­uate research opportunities, which would align more closely with the kind of teaching that occurs in classrooms."

"We learn best by under­taking our own inquiries," Jenkins said. At Notre Dame, we, he said, "do not need to know the mind, but the heart." Students are being trained to become a profes­sional in the University. Notre Dame is working to expand opportunities for research fund­ing and fellowships.

Great progress"

Jenkins thanked those in the audience who have hard work, dedication and service to the University.

The feeling of welcoming that the staff gives to people at the University is "what makes Notre Dame special," he said. "When someone vis­its a campus, meets one of you, they meet Notre Dame." He addressed three of the University's central goals in his portion of the pres­entation, namely: to offer an un­surpassed under­graduate educa­tion; to become a pro­minent re­search university; and to ensure that the University's Catholic character informs all its endeavors.

His presentation was "a summary of things we have done and things we have av­anced," Jenkins said. "We have far to go, but we have made some great progress."

Undergraduate education, Jenkins said, is "the core of Notre Dame."

He presented three striv­es for the University, making toward pursuing that goal: providing students with the best teachers possible; new opportunities for under­graduate research; and continued opportunities for service.

The recent changes to the course/instructor feedback system will allow for "ef­ficient, effective and informa­tive feedback," resulting in

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Seminarians can be found in a number of organizations in the Midwest Institute for the National Catholic Educational Network (MIND) and the National Ecological Observatory Network.

The planned Innovation Park, he said, will "help make more discoveries" and has the opportunity to help better the local economic situation.

The Catholic mission of Notre Dame should be seen as "a guide, not only making the University dis­tinctive," Jenkins said. He added that it is important for Catholic values to all employees.

"We should all embrace the dignity of individual voice in the world," he said.

Transitions

Using a PowerPoint, Jenkins introduced some of the newer faces in the University's central adminis­trative group, including: Janet Botz, the new vice president for Public Affairs and Communications; Marriane Corr, vice presi­dent for Marketing and Communications; Greg Crawford, dean of the College of Engineering; Erin Kibbey, dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Notre Dame; Peter Kilpatrick, dean of the College of Engineering; John McGroarty, dean of the College of Arts and Letters; Gregory Sterling, dean of the Graduate School; and Kevin Swarbrick, director of Corporate Relations.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Somechai tries to mend political rifts

BANGKOK - Thailand's new prime minister showed his determination to mend political rifts, quickly shaking hands with the opposition leader Wednesday. But the gesture didn't appease anti-government protesters, who called him unfit for the job because of ties to a disgraced former leader.

Many analysts said the negative reaction to Somechai Wongsawat's election by Parliament presaged further turnout from activism who voted the prime minister's office compound three weeks ago. Others, however, said the soft-spoken Somechai might help open the door to dialogue.

China faces life after the Olympics

BEIJING -- The Olympic flame is out, the smog is back, and traffic again clogs the streets.

Welcome to what commentators are calling China's "post-Olympic era." In which euphoria over the Beijing Games is slowly giving way to economic worries, new safety concerns and a future brimming with confidence and tinged with uncertainty.

So far, it's off to a rocky start. China received widespread praise for organizing the games, which formally ended Wednesday in the Paralympics' closing ceremony.

Even more, however, reality reassessed itself with the collapse earlier this month of the Illegally, the shi v's, the explosion that killed at least 250 people and forced the resignation of a provincial governor. Since then, a product safety scandal has roiled the nation, with contaminated milk powder causing the death of three infants and sickening more than 6,200 others.

ELECTION 2008

Candidates address economic anxiety

Mc Cain, Obama talk about ways that they will help financially struggling voters

Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- With economic anxiety rising, Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama scrambled Wednesday to adjust their messages to connect more directly with financially strapped voters.

Obama talks directly into the camera in a new, two-minute independent ad that will air as its campaign, with the nation's largest insurer as unfortunate but necessary to protect ordinary Americans.

"The shot that has been called by the Fed -- it's understandable but very, very disappointing that taxpayers are called upon to bail out another one," said McCain's running mate Sarah Palin on Wednesday.

McCain and Obama advocated cracking down on freewheeling Wall Street practices and for tough new regulations on financial institutions.

Obama ridiculed McCain's calls for more regulation as an "eleventh-hour conversion" for one who has long championed deregulation.

Too many in Washington and on Wall Street "weren't mind­ing the store. They sat on their hands until it was too late," Obama told a rally in Elko, Nev. He challenged McCain's vow to take on the "old boys' network." He has taken them on for the last 26 years.

The increased emphasis on the financial markets came a day when stocks resumed their downward plunge following Tuesday night's government takeover of American International Group, Inc., the company that has long been a focus of any such action for one who has long championed deregulation.

Traffic backed up for 20 miles along Interstate 15, two main thoroughfares in the city hit by Hurricane Ike five days ago.

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ATLANTA -- A long-awaited federal study of an X-ray alternative to the dreaded colonoscopy confirms its effectiveness in spotting most cancers, although it was far from

Medicare is already considering paying for this cheaper, less intrusive option that could persuade more people to get screened for colon cancer. And some experts believe the new method may boost the 50 percent screening rate for colon cancer that is the country's second biggest killer.

LOCAL NEWS

Projects to speed up Indiana travel

LAKEVILLE, Ind. -- Construction is under way on two projects to speed the trip between South Bend and Indianapolis.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Wednesday in Lakeville and Kokomo for projects to reroute I-31.

One project will create a new roadway between South Bend and Plymouth in northern Indiana. The more than $418 million project is expected to take more than six years to complete.

Officials also broke ground in a U.S. 31 bypass around Kokomo, one of the most congested parts of the highway.

Car bomb hits gate of U.S. embassy

WASHINGTON -- An explosion tore through a security barricade Wednesday at the American embassy in Yemen, one of the most congested parts of the highway.

Associated Press

SAVA, Yemen -- A car bomb targeting the U.S. Embassy hit the front gate of the compound Wednesday, a U.S. official said. A senior Yemeni security official said six Yemeni guards and four civilians were killed.

The Yemeni guards were assigned to security detail and were inside the embassy by the Interior Ministry. The civilians were three Yemenis and one Indian national, the Yemeni security official said.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Ryan Gilha, the embassy spokesman, told The Associated Press by telephone that there was a second explosion that followed the initial one, but did not know what it caused.

Another Yemeni security official said the embassy was hit by two car bombs and that heavy gunfire lasting about 10 minutes followed the blasts.

Several nearby homes were badly damaged by the blasts, he said, but had no information on whether the heavily guarded embassy sustained damage too.

A medical official, meanwhile, said at least seven Yemeni nationals were wounded and taken to the city's Republican Hospital. They are residents of a housing complex near the embassy and included children, he said.

Both the security and medical officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information to the media.

Explosions and heavy gunfire were heard near the embassy in the eastern section of Sana'a and police swiftly cordoned off the area, according to a U.S. security official and an AP reporter at the scene.
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This amendment comes soon after members of the College Republicans were forced to use their own money to attend a John McCiain-Sarah Palin rally in Northing Heights. Meit be said that, “I really agree with this,” Alumni Hall senator Zach Beaver said. “A lot of members of College Republicans approached me after the Student Activities Office (SAO) didn’t allow them to go to the rally using University funds. I think it’s just common sense.”

The amendment stipulates that only the three clubs directly associated with political parties may support a specific candidate, and other groups which may have political interests, including the campus’s Right to Life and NAMC clubs, cannot endorse anyone running for office.

Social Concerns committee chair Gav Gart said it made sense for only the three political clubs to have the right to endorse a candidate.

“Right to Life is not exclusively affiliated with the Republican Party,” said Gart. “We kind of had this laid out because their groups are based on the parties. Personally, I’m happy we’re going to have a more politically-aware campus.”

Schmidt said student government must give all three clubs the same funding, which is $2,666.44. “All three groups must have the same resources,” Schmidt said.

Senate Campus Technology Committee chair Devin Fee, who previously worked on the allocation of funding for clubs with the Club Coordination Council (CCC), said this new stipulation will affect how much money CCC chooses to allocate to the clubs in the future.

Not every senator was pleased with the idea that tuition money for campus organizations was going to be used to support candidates in Indiana. Carmel legislator Nick Ruoff said he thought the idea was great for the presidential election, but that he didn’t like the idea of tuition money being used to support local candidates.

“I feel like the student body is not all from Indiana and our money could be used for something greater on campus,” Ruoff said.

After passing the resolution, Schmidt briefly mentioned that the student government-sponsored Mock Election is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 8. But it may be pushed back until after Fall Break. Schmidt said student government needs to decide whether students would cast their votes online or at designated booths.

In other Senate news:

• Officials said he is working with Notre Dame Security Police (NDS) director Phil Johnson and has planned a meeting with South Bend Police Department (SBPD) spokesperson Capt. Phil Trem to discuss student safety during tailgates and while off campus. Schmidt said he wanted to make sure people understood policies regarding alcohol at tailgates.

• “We’re hoping to become more transparent regarding reporting of tailgates,” said Schmidt.

• Fee said in the past few weeks he has met with representatives from the Office of Information Technology (OIT) several times to discuss campus cell phone service. He said they were encouraging companies like Sprint and T-Mobile, who have not yet upgraded their service on campus, to do so. The OIT is also preparing a student survey to find out where service is weakest on campus, Fee said.

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University to disclose no further details beyond the name of the dorm.

“At this time, there is nothing to announce,” he said.

Construction on Ryan Hall began last spring and is on schedule to be completed in time for students to move into the hall next August, Office of Residence Life and Housing Director Jeff Shoup said Wednesday.

Crows are currently constructing the third floor, Shoup said, with the goal of getting the roof on the building before hard winter weather hits South Bend.

The new hall will house 246 students and will be 74,600 square feet. Ryan Hall will be similar in layout and look to Duncan Hall, Shoup said, with a few key differences. Ryan will have similar size rooms to Duncan, including “super quads” — two doubles connected by a common area, complete with bay windows, a bathroom and a shower. But there will be more single rooms, Ryan and fewer triples.

“When we talked with students when we first looked at this building a number of years ago, the thing we heard loud and clear was that women didn’t like being in triples,” Shoup said.

Duncan’s chapel is on its second floor, a featured shared by only one other Notre Dame residence, St. Edward’s Hall. Ryan’s chapel will be on its first floor, down a long corridor from the lobby, Shoup said.

Ryan Hall, like Duncan, will have an exercise room in the basement and a study area that is an extension of the lobby, Shoup said.

The process of filling Ryan Hall with female students will be very similar to the lottery system male students could enter last year for Duncan Hall.

In January, students can apply online to live in Ryan Hall, Shoup said. The lottery system for Duncan was supposed to be binding last year, but the University relaxed that rule, recognizing that people might want to back out if their friends were not admitted to the dorm. The lottery for Ryan will not be binding, Shoup said. If people decline the offer to live in Ryan, the University will hold a second lottery.

Shoup said he expects the number of applicants to live in Ryan to be akin to the number that applied to live in Duncan — about 350 students. But now that many have seen Duncan Hall, more female students might apply to Ryan.

“Duncan will be a little bit of an advertisement in itself,” Shoup said.

About 100 spots in Ryan Hall have been reserved for freshmen, he said.

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

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Unplanned Pregnancy?

Don’t go it alone.

If you or someone you love needs help getting through, please call Notre Dame’s Hello Services hotline at 631-4389.

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• Ann Fitch, Student Affairs, 631-2685
• Sr. Jean Lenz, OSF, Student Affairs, 631-7407
• Sylvia Dixon, Campus Ministry, 631-7163
• John Dillon, Campus Ministry, 631-7163
• Dr. Susan Smith-Paulish, Counseling Center, 631-4865
• Ann E. Rives, Health Services, 631-8390

South Bend Community Resources:

• Women’s Care Center: 204-0963
• Catholic Charities: 234-8111

Visit our website at: bsa.nd.edu/departments/pregnancy.html
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In Brief

Mayor warns against foreign entities

WASHINGTON — New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg warned Wednesday that a “next wave” of financial pain may come from overseas if foreign entities stop buying U.S. debt.

The billionaire mayor spoke before an audience at Georgetown University, telling them it’s not clear who is going to continue buying U.S. debt as financial firms try to cope with a crisis of confidence on Wall Street.

The mayor is scheduled to meet Thursday with Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson in Washington and Exchange Commission Chairman Chris Cox.

Before becoming mayor, Bloomberg made a fortune by launching a financial information company that bears his name, and he has more credibility than most politicians on economic matters.

But he was concerned that the credit crisis in the United States may scare off foreign investors that, until now, have been willing to buy debt that the U.S. uses to maintain a deficit.

“It’s not clear who’s going to be buying our debt,” said Bloomberg. “It may very well be that the next wave is going to come back and bite us.”

Company makes “fastest” camera lens

New York — Before camera manufacturers ONE camera manufacturer of high-end cameras and lenses, is going for the speed crown again. In fact, the world’s “fastest” lens for still cameras is still a camera. This week, Leica said it has created a new version of its Noctilux lens with an aperture number of 0.95, which in the inverted math of optics means it gathers 41 percent more light than the old version, which had an aperture of 1.

Associated Press

Ailing bank Washington Mutual Inc. appeared headed toward a sale Wednesday after a major investor removed a potential block to the bank's sale, and nervous banking regulators began approaching the most logical buyer.

The New York Times, citing unidentified sources, said that Washington Mutual's offer to sell 10 percent of its stock to the Federal Reserve and Wells Fargo & Co. and Citigroup Inc. expressed interest in taking the bank.

Wells Fargo and Citigroup both declined to comment.

A concession by investment firm TPG, which injected $7 billion into WaMu five months ago, may have opened the way to a sale — or, failing that, made it easier for the bank to attract another round of capital.

TPG could have stymied the process because of protection when it bought its stake in April. A clause in its agreement could have required a buyer or another major investor to pay TPG hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars in addition to whatever money was injected into WaMu. But TPG agreed to waive the clause after concluding WaMu needs all the help it can get.

“It became clear that it would be in the best interests of Washington Mutual and our investors to waive the provisions,” Fort Worth, Texas-based TPG said in a statement. “Our goal is to maximize the bank's flexibility in this difficult market environment.”

The efforts to find a buyer, though, were being complicated by uncertainty about the magnitude of losses still lurking in Washington Mutual’s home loan portfolio.

“Who knows what’s in their books,” said a person briefed on the talks between regulators and banks, speaking Wednesday on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

Wells unidentified sources, the New York Post said the potential buyers include JP Morgan Chase & Co. and HSBC Holdings PLC, as well as Wells Fargo. The banks all declined to comment.

Federal regulators would like to sell WaMu to a healthy bank, rather than risk a failure that would drain an already depleted deposit insurance fund. At some estimates, a WaMu failure could cost the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. fund more than $20 billion. At $45.2 billion, the fund is already at a five-year low.
Moving beyond the ‘us’ and ‘them’

When I biked back to my Student Club apartment last Monday afternoon, I caught a rare glimpse of South Bend. It was Labor Day; nobody was at work. For the first time since arriving, I saw my neighbors. We exchanged how- are-yous, as if either of us cared. The house with the bench press on the porch was the most crowded, five or six men and a woman lounging, plus another walking by the mailbox. Mailbox man was shirtless. The type with a Budweiser barrel. Spare, premature gray hair on his chest. Jean shorts that hung just long enough that I could see his lower middle class, if you know what I mean.

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I like to make fun of how much of a “Staff (Alumni) White People” kind I can be, as if jokingly turning myself into a stereotype mitigates my embarrassing “Staff White People” image. I’m not like those other kids from Connecticut because I know I’m one of those other kids from Connecticut. I can tell myself. I use words like “unfortunate” to describe myself. I’m not a Jedi.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I’m not so good with the advice... Can I interest you in a sacrificial context?"

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THE OBSERVER

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The real difficulty is that we are not always honest with one another, all things being equal, but it is limited. Everyone else sees from a limited viewpoint as well, though perhaps not everyone will recognize his or her own situation. No one knows the whole truth and nothing but the truth but God alone. Uniquely God does not observe the truth; God is the truth. Christ knew what he was talking about. We discover.

Propaganda, ideology, advocacy, special interests, advertising, and political rhetoric do not tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Such discourse tells what is good about their position and what is not good about their opponent or competitor. What is not good about their own position and what is good about their opponent or competitor is more complicated. I believe that God's viewpoint is where the truth is strongest about their authors and overlook what is weak. Sacramentals, Notions, Our sins are not alone but are our virtues. The whole truth and nothing but the truth may still be in the same, but the point is no longer the same.

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We believe that the whole truth is necessary to our independence. We believe that the whole truth is what we do not want to continue. We believe that the whole truth is necessary to our survival. We believe that the whole truth is necessary to our peace. We believe that the whole truth is necessary to our security. We believe that the whole truth is necessary to our faith.

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He may mean an increase in the percentage of minority and women faculty members without taking race and gender into consideration which would mean, for example, that the University cares more about, hiring faculty who will best be able to educate the majority of students. Certainly, an important discovery, or faculty that fit their preconceived notions?

If there had been a disproportionately high number of minorities, would the University turn away highly qualified minorities to hire white men? Surely not.

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The Wonderbread Guy Comes to Campus

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

He's one of Showtime's five funniest people. He's appeared on "Seinfeld" and is a veteran on Jay Leno. Thursday, he comes to campus with a bag of tricks so big you won't be able to help laughing.

Pat Hazell is the go-to guy for today's corporate comedy, as in, he will appear at your business awards show or convention and, given one night, turn it upside down. He has spent 25 years in the business writing, producing and performing. He hosts, emcees and speaks at events all over the country. His latest endeavor, a stage show entitled "The Wonderbread Years," was awarded Jerry Seinfeld's funny seal of approval.

Pat Hazell's self title is that of Boomer Humorist (with jokes that appeal to everyone from baby boomers to our crowd) and Culture Anthropologist. He taps into American humor and is always well-received for his take on American life that is not so much crude and dirty as is the majority of stand-up humor today, but rather funny for its verisimilitude. He puts a lens on life and manages to spin it into comedy without depraving or exaggerating it.

He manages to make people really look at themselves, their culture and the idiosyncrasies that contribute to their lifestyle, and that manages to be the one of the funniest things of all.

"The Wonderbread Years" lies somewhere between theatre and stand-up, with a sparse set and just enough props to hint at all the places we've ever been. Hazell not only looks at our lives and lifestyle, but also manages to relay a sense of wonder about ourselves that we have, over the years, lost.

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Pat Hazell wrote a comedic play about two brothers growing up called "Bunk Bed Brothers." It ran in Los Angeles and was optioned by Columbia Pictures, which turned it into a sitcom.

"The Wonderbread Years" is his latest work, and he's been taking it all over the country. The show presents a down-to-earth look at the American life we all know and love and has been playing to packed houses and garnering glowing reviews. It is a salute to baby boomers, but manages to appeal to all ages. Much of the humor crosses generations, and we can all laugh about dealing with trick-or-treaters on Halloween.

He majored in dramatic arts. After college he moved to Los Angeles and attempted to pursue a career as a magician. The jury is still out on whether his tricks were any good, but fellow comedians encouraged him to pursue stand-up and he got himself a gig opening for Mr. Seinfeld himself. He appeared on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson in 1989 and has since then appeared on it with Jay Leno six times.

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Spike will probably never be a great idea, even if the dining hall hands us. This week's column, always striving to create something new with what we have our first non-sandwich entree, so give it a try.

**Shepherd's Pie**

Full of vegetables, meat, and potatoes, this traditionally English dish is a meal all to itself. Since you have already covered most of the food groups it doesn't need much of a side, but is good with something like cornbread. Of course, get it in a pub and it will probably be matched with a good beer, but you won't find that in the dining hall.

Fill a bowl with ground beef from the Mexican bar. Shepherd's Pie is frequently done with turkey as well, you can try this on the occasions the dining hall offers it. Add in chopped onion (or sliced red onion, if that is all that is available, or you like the spicier flavor) and cooked vegetables. Carrots, peas and corn are the most common in this dish, but feel free to experiment with ingredients such as stewed tomatoes and red bell peppers. You can also choose things from the salad bar, but you might want to reheat the bowl if you don't think it will be hot enough for your tastes.

Mix together:

Top with mashed potatoes and gravy. Some recipes add cheese to the top as well, try it!

**Ice Cream Cookie**

How can we forget dessert? This recipe is so easy. I'd be surprised if half of you haven't figured it out already, but it's always a good idea to be sure to fulfill your sweet tooth. Select two of your favorite cookies from the dessert bar.

Fill a bowl with a good scoop of your favorite ice cream. Toss in some of your favorite mix-ins. Some good combinations: vanilla ice cream and caramel inside ice cream; chocolate chip cookies, chocolate-chip cookies with mint chocolate chip ice cream and hot fudge or peanut butter cookies with chocolate ice cream for that Reece's effect. Heat up the cookies in the microwave. Fill the two cookies with your ice cream mixture and take a messy bite! (Or if you're of the more delicate variety, go after it with a fork.)

**Quick Tip**

Don't forget to mix up your drinks as well! Plenty of students walking around the dining hall have strange concoctions in their hands that we at least hope are tasty. It's like when you were a kid making sundaes in McDonald's. Try mixing Sprite into your shushy to make it more fizzy, combining lemonade with cranberry juice or making a dining hall mocha by sweetening your coffee with hot chocolate.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu. Thank you to Diane Jones for providing inspiration for the Shepherd's Pie.
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"I've been remembering what it feels like to play baseball," Koshansky said. "I've played for 20-plus years.

Koshansky's 435-foot drive was the first pinch-hit home run in the majors this season. Koshansky was following a pitching staff. Starter Livian Hernandez and Glendon Rusch, Ryan Spier, Manny Corpas and Brian Fuentes shut down the Padres offense.

Hernandez (2-3) was named the majors' co-player of the week by the Players' Tribune after going 5-0 with a 0.66 earned run average in 39 innings. The Padres offense was held to five runs off a pitcher who had not allowed more than one earned run in any of his previous four starts.

"I didn't want to show my ability to nobody," he said. "The last start I didn't pitch that bad. The only bad games I've had are the first two games.

Geer (2-1) scattered five hits over five innings, struck out five and walked three. His only mistake was the pitch to Koshansky.

"He was hunting up there," Geer said. "I threw a fastball, and he was able to flip it up there, just over the center-field fence."
NCAA Football AP Poll

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KANSAS CITY — Tyler Thigpen, the first player from Coastal Carolina selected in the NFL draft, will be the first to start at quarterback. The 24-year-old Thigpen will be under center on Sunday for Kansas City when the Chiefs go to Atlanta. It will be exactly 11 months after the struggling young Chiefs 0-2-3 last won a game. A 23-8 loss to Oakland on Sunday, in which Thigpen came off the bench and finished 14-for-33, was their 11th straight regular-season defeat.

"For what we're trying to do, I think he can do a good job of it," coach Herm Edwards said. "He'll be limited in some things but we want to take a look at him." After coming in for Damon Huard against Oakland, Thigpen looked every bit like the inexperienced second-year pro that he is, and sent several pass defenders glancing off the hands of defensive backs. But he appeared to settle down, and eventually hit tight end Tony Gonzalez with a short touchdown pass and converted the 2-point conversion. He also threw an interception and finished 14-for-33 for 151 yards. "He's another young player, a quarterback we want to look at, see where he's at. If he struggles, obviously Damon comes in," Edwards said.

Brodie Gryge, the strong-armed but injury-prone young quarterback the Chiefs are hoping to build around, has a separated shoulder and will be out at least one more week and possibly more. Huard, a 12-year veteran and the only quarterback in Kansas City who has won in the NFL, made the start against the Raiders but came out in the first half with a sore knee. Now Huard is OK, but Thigpen will join several inexperienced young Chiefs who are getting a crash course in the NFL.

Kansas City Chiefs' quarterback Tyler Thigpen narrowly avoids being tackled by Oakland Raiders defensive end Derrick Burgess in the second quarter of the Chiefs' 23-8 loss Sunday.

Associated Press

IN BRIEF

Penn State players charged with possession of marijuana
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Two suspended Penn State football players were charged with one count each of possession of a small amount of marijuana. University police filed the misdemeanor charges Wednesday against defensive lineman Maurice Evans and Abe Koroma, who have been held out of the last two games by coach Joe Paterno.

Police said officers searched the players' apartment after responding to a call about loud noises on Sept. 2. Investigators said in court papers that they found "three small clear plastic baggies containing marijuana" and a "burnt roach" in Evans' room, and a "burnt roach" in Koroma's room. The cutoff for the charge of possession of a small amount of marijuana is 30 grams.

Kentucky Derby adds new qualifying race to schedule
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Kentucky Derby could have a more international feel next year.

Churchill Downs has partnered with Kempton Park Racecourse in England to create the $150,000 Kentucky Derby Challenge Stakes, a 1 1/8-mile race over Kempton's synthetic surface that will guarantee the winner a spot in next year's Derby.

The move is a departure from the usual Triple Crown nominating process. The entrants to the Derby have traditionally been selected on graded stakes earnings. The winner of the Kentucky Derby Challenge will get an automatic spot in the Derby if the owner agrees to pay the entry fee and shipping costs.

The only foreign-based horse to win the Derby was the 1971, and overseas challengers have been few and far between in recent years.

Hurricane's Williams tears tendon, to miss six months

RALEIGH — Carolina Hurricanes right wing Justin Williams might miss up to six months after tearing his Achilles tendon on Wednesday.

General manager Jim Rutherford said Williams will have surgery this week and is expected to be sidelined at least four months. Rutherford said Williams injured the tendon in his right leg while running during an off-season workout three days before the start of preseason camp.

The 26-year-old Williams — one of the team's most durable players, and a key member of the No. 1 line that also includes star center Eric Staal and left wing Ray Whitney — already was coming back from knee surgery that cost him 43 games last season.

"We're trying to look at young players, it's part of the process," Edwards said. "Is (Thigpen) a two? Is he a one? Is he always going to be a two? You don't know until they play. "Until the opportunity to play.""

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EVEN PHAIRIE, Minn. — Out with the new, in with the old.

With the passing offense sputtering in two losses to open the season, Minnesota coach Brad Childress decided the Vikings can no longer afford to let 23-year-old quarterback Tarvaris Jackson learn on the job.

On Wednesday, Childress turned to 15-year veteran Gus Frerotte to run the offense for the rest of the season.

"I'm just not seeing right now the aggressiveness from Tarvaris that I saw throughout the offseason, training camp, the two preseason games that he played in," Childress said. "And part of it may be experience, I know Gus will give us that. And I know his approach will also lend itself to that."

Jackson completed just 51 percent of his passes this season. He threw a game-ending interception at Green Bay that sealed the Packers victory and was partly responsible for the offense settling for five field goals and scoring no touchdowns in an 18-15 loss to the Colts.

"I know there's many other plays, there's a lot of other people that have to step up," Childress said. "But then when you go back through and look at the tape, and most importantly to be able to sit across from the young man and want to be able to verify what you're feeling — it's kind of like looking in your kids' eyes and saying one thing and feeling another.

It's an abrupt and drastic move for a team that entered the season with sky-high expectations after spending $60 million in guaranteed money to position itself as an NFC contender.

Only two weeks in, the Vikings already are two games behind NFC North-leading Green Bay with games against Carolina, at Tennessee and at New Orleans coming up.

"We're 0-2 right now, and the key thing, probably one of the reasons Coach made the decision, was maybe because we need to get something to get us over the hump to get us a win," the 37-year-old Frerotte said.

Jackson admitted to "incessent play to say the least," but also said he was surprised and upset by the move.

"I could easily hold my head low, keep my head down, you know, be a cancer to the team," Jackson said. "I'm still frustrated and mad about the situation, but I'm going to use that as motivation to try to get better and just better myself for the future."

The passing offense has struggled mightily through the first two weeks, not only with Jackson's accuracy, but also with receivers dropping passes and conservative play calling.

After the loss to the Colts on Sunday dropped the Vikings to 0-2, Childress said Jackson "is definitely our quarterback this week."

But that stance started to soften on Monday, when he said coaches were "chewing on a bunch of things right now and making sure that he's the best guy for us to go forward."

By Tuesday, the decision was made to give the job to Frerotte.

"I wish I had more time, but it's coach's decision," Jackson said. "I don't want all my work to go to waste. I felt like I've come this far and I've worked so hard to get to where I am now and I'm going to continue to work hard and keep trying to get better and take it one day at a time. Whatever happens, happens."

Childress said he still believes Jackson has a "bright future."

"While I know he doesn't like it, I'd worry about him if he did like it," Childress said. "I know he's worth the most of it."

Frerotte has played with seven teams, including Minnesota twice, in his 15 years in the league.

"I was very surprised," receiver Bobby Wade said. "I didn't anticipate that. Obviously it's the coach's decision and the administration's decision and we have to run with that."

Last season, Frerotte started three games with St. Louis and played in five others, completing 56.1 percent of his passes for 1,014 yards, seven touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

Frerotte showed in training camp this year that his 37-year-old arm still has plenty of juice in it. Wade said the playbook may open up with a veteran in there as opposed to a guy who has 16 total starts.
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Colts’ Bob Sanders out of action indefinitely

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy doesn’t doubt Bob Sanders will be back in the Colts lineup this season. He’s just not sure how long Sanders will be out.

The 2007 defensive player of the year could miss up to six weeks after spraining his right ankle last weekend at Minnesota, and team officials are contemplating whether Sanders may need arthroscopic surgery on his knee, too.

"It’s kind of similar to (receiver) Roy Hall’s injury," Dungy said. "He had his knee scoped, too, so he’s going to be out a while longer. If it’s going to be two or three weeks, then it makes sense to get it scoped. But (defensive tackle) Keyunta Dawson had the same kind of thing and he told me he was going to practice today, so we’re not really sure."

Team president Bill Polian was more definitive Tuesday night while taping a segment for his Saturday night television show on WISH-TV. Polian said Sanders would miss four to six weeks. Dungy has been wary of establishing timetables since he told reporters that tight end Dallas Clark was expected to go on injured reserve after tearing his ACL during the 2006 season. Two days later, the prognosis changed and while Clark missed four games, he played in the season finale and had a prominent role in the Colts’ Super Bowl run.

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Belles take down Albion

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After struggling in conference play early this season, Saint Mary's has bounced back, claiming its second consecutive MIAA victory Wednesday over Albion (6-6, 2-3 MIAA).

The Belles (6-3, 2-2 MIAA) moved into fifth in the conference standings with the four-set win (25-23, 23-25, 25-11, 25-17) at the Angelina Athletic Facility.

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Tomlinson sits out practice

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Maybe the fantasy gods should be worried after all.

With his toe injury lingering, LaDainian Tomlinson sat out Wednesday’s short practice as the winless San Diego Chargers began preparing for their home game against Brett Favre and the New York Jets on Monday night.

Tomlinson, who has yet to find his way into the end zone this season, said his jammed right big toe isn’t as sore as it has been, but he didn’t sound overly confident.

Well, with another day of rest and treatment, it’s feeling a little better today, so hopefully, I’m just going to play it by ear this week, see how it feels later in the week,” he said. “I’m hoping that it’s going to make big progress this week and by Monday night hopefully I’ll be as close to 100 percent as possible.”

Tomlinson was held to 26 yards on 10 carries in a 39-38 loss to Denver Sunday. In the second quarter, a team trainer was examining Tomlinson’s toe on the sideline.

“I feel better than last week,” Tomlinson said. “If I’m judging by last week, I should be able to play.”

Tomlinson hurt the toe on the Chargers’ last drive of 26-24 home loss to Carolina on opening day. He said he aggravated it against the AFC West rival Broncos.

“A little bit. But I expected that,” he said. “That’s going to happen, especially so much contact you take. I took a couple of shots on it. That’s the thing, when teams know you have a problem, they’re going to attack that certain area sometimes, to test it out, make sure you’re healthy.”

So that’s why NFL teams like to lie about injuries.

“Exactly,” Tomlinson said. “During the AFC championship game, the Chargers announced Tomlinson had a ‘sore knee’ and ‘calf area,’ even though he was sidelined as close to 100 percent as possible.”

O.J. Simpson Trial

Authenticity of tapes called into question

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — An FBI expert testified via video tape Wednesday in O.J. Simpson’s armed robbery trial that it’s impossible to tell whether an audio tape of the hotel room confrontation was altered, but the judge said he still might let jurors hear the recording.

FBI forensic audio examiner Kenneth Marr said in prerecorded testimony that the tiny digital recording secretly used by collectibles broker Thomas Riccio to record the alleged robbery last year didn’t have advanced features that would ensure the security of the information on it.

But Marr did authenticate another tape that Riccio said he obtained with a separate audio recorder at a pool at the Palms hotel and casino. That recording was made several hours before the conflict between the former football star and sports memorabilia dealer that resulted in the Palace Station hotel robbery.

Marr’s appearance was videotaped Aug. 25 because he was scheduled to be out of the country. Asked by Clark County District Judge Jerry Casper whether the digital recording contained edits or manipulations, Marr replied: “I could not determine if those files had been altered or not.”

A key question is whether any of the tapes contain mention of guns being used. Both Simpson and co-defendant Clarence “C.J.” Stewart say they saw no guns.

Stewart’s defense lawyer, Brent Bryson, lost a bid to have both recordings disqualified as evidence because of problems including whether the digital recording was kept from police for eight days while Riccio sold the tape to an Internet gossip site.

“The device itself is inherently untrustworthy,” Bryson said.

Glass said she would allow the poolside recording and let the recording from the hotel room be used if the voice on the tape could be individually verified.

Simpson’s lawyer, Yale Galanter, said the nine jurors to hear all 10 hours of Riccio’s recordings but has questions about a written transcript that will be given to jurors.

Simpson and Stewart have pleaded not guilty to 12 charges including armed robbery, kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and coercion.

A kidnapping conviction could result in a sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole. An armed robbery conviction could mean mandatory prison time.

Simpson maintains that he was trying to retrieve personal items that had been stolen from him.

The form-NFL star escaped prison time in the 1990s after his acquittal in Los Angeles on charges of murdering ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman. A civil jury later found him liable for $33.5 million in damages.

Riccio, who was waiting Wednesday to testify, has said that prosecutors told him to expect to be on the stand for as long as a day and a half.
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Johnson and Niall Fitzgerald all have good all-court skills, so we can throw a lot of looks at anyone.

The team is playing on brand new outdoor courts this season.

"The new courts have been great," Bayless said. "They are much slower, so our guys are being forced to learn how to construct points more methodically. Our guys are learning to use the width of the court as well as the length, and some have struggled early, but I believe they will make us a better team and make the transition to outdoors much easier this spring, when we go south in March." Crabbe was really special to me to be here that long, it's kind of one of those jobs that is the end-all job, it's what you worked hard at. I spent 19 years coaching before I really got this opportunity and it's one of those things you always aspire to get, it's a special place, and 10 years means a lot."

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contest, one more than Hope sophomore goalie Kelsey Boni.

Belles coach Ryan Crabbe was upset about the heartbreaking loss, but said he did see bright spots in the game.

"Overall I thought the team performed well against such a strong opponent," Crabbe said. "I have been pushing with the team over the last few days to finish games, and unfortunately that did not happen this afternoon. I take responsibility for not making some late adjustments in the match to protect our lead."

Despite the loss, Crabbe said the Belles walked away from the match with increased confidence.

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the Olympic Developmental Program, in part-time gigs with small college programs.

Waldrum spent six seasons coaching both the men and women's programs at the University of Texas, continuing to learn. From Tulsa, Waldrum went on to coach at Baylor, his last pit stop en route to Notre Dame.

And coaching at a program like Notre Dame is equivalent to gold for Waldrum. "I don't know when I first started (here) if I would have thought I would have made it 10 years or not," he said. "It's really special to me to be here that long, it's kind of one of those jobs (that is) the end-all job, it's what you worked hard at. I spent 19 years coaching before I really got this opportunity and it's one of those things you always aspire to get, it's a special place, and 10 years means a lot."

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**Horoscope**

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Wade Robbins, 26; Mark Benelli, 36; Kyle Chandler, 43; Cassandra Peterson, 58

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Taking on more than humanly possible will be your downfall. You put the work up to nothing everyday, accepting your own faults in the faces of your family. Love is on the rise and there will be plenty to celebrate in 3 stars

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Don't settle for less than what you want and deserve. An old friend will help you make the right choices by playing devil's advocate. A thing may be daunting but its worth looking at what's available in your field. 3 stars

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Make your house the place everyone congregates. Your name will be the talk of the town when others come to you, you are their friend, and they have a point to be made. 3 stars

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22): Someone will come to you with new ideas, plans and ideas. Position yourself with creative people, develop new friendships and you may find someone to partner with in a financial venture. 5 stars

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Make your home the place everyone congregates. Your name will be the talk of the town when others come to you, you are their friend, and they have a point to be made. 3 stars

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't get stuck into a deal because of the people involved. If you have a little extra money to play with, you are better off putting it into something that will enhance you personally, professionally or mentally. Do things for yourself today. 3 stars

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your next move will determine your future, so take your time and think matters through. If you let your emotions or partners in life decide for you, regrets will be the result. 3 stars

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It is time to be patient but don't let complacency slow your view of things. Working, saving really matters. A business associate will some you the money. Ask questions even if you know what you need to know. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If someone thinks you are being misleading, it will cause a showdown. Clear up your misunderstandings during your partner's speech. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Protect your heart and your energy by not letting your emotions guide you. Travel will lead to dissatisfaction with your life, causing you to make costly mistakes. A business associate will assume things are not what they seem. You have a little extra money to play with, you are better off putting it into something that will enhance you personally, professionally or mentally. Do things for yourself today. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Start thinking about your future and what you can do to improve your finances. A chance to make some extra money is upon you. Help someone out. Love and marriage will lead to a decision about a relationship you are in. 4 stars

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Start being proactive and personal stability. Discuss people choices that are not a positive influence in your life. Your emotions will lead you right into the direction, especially when partners are concerned. 3 stars

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Men's Tennis

Team depends on young talent to continue recent success

By KATE GRABAREK Spokes Writer

Notre Dame will try to continue its success of recent years despite losing two of their top three players from last season - Sheeva Parbhoo and Andrew Roth.

"This season, to revolve around many of our younger guys," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We lost significant experience with the graduation of Sheeva Parbhoo and Andrew Roth. The gap will, by necessity, be filled with players currently playing at No. 2-3, whether they be juniors who did not play much a year ago, or others who played in lower positions, and freshmen who are new to the scene entirely."

The Irish are coming off the second straight Big East championship and return last year's No. 1 Britt Helgeson, who will try to lead the squad to the title again this season.

Bayliss said his team is deeper than it was a year ago, but he cannot expect anyone to replace Parbhoo, who left with All-American credentials.

Bayliss, who signed a multi-year contract with the University earlier this month, is entering his 22 years as the helm of the Irish.

After completing its training regimen, the team is preparing to open the season with the Michigan Invitational on Sept. 19.

"This fall we have begun a weightlifting and conditioning program," Bayliss said. "The training is primarily to guarantee healthy bodies and has been very successful in the past. It combines strength work with running and stretching. Last week we began formal practice, which has combined match play, drilling, and tactical strategic dynamics."

Bayliss said many of the team's matches this season will be decided by the doubles matches, which were also crucial in many of the team's victories last season.

Bayliss feels his team has had a lot of good intra-squad competition early in the season.

"We have several great returners in Britt Helgeson, Dan Bredahl and David Anderson," Bayliss said. "On the other side, Tyler Davis and a few others are getting to the net well, so that makes for some interesting confrontations. Casey Watt, Matt Ward and Andrew Hoth.

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Waldrum enjoys 10th year with Irish

By DEIRDRE KIRASULA Sports Writer

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Waldrum grew up in Irving, Tex., at a time when soccer was far from a national game. He went on to play at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Tex. Waldrum played professionally in the American Soccer League a few years before the league folded. He realized the only way to stay with the game he loved was to take up coaching — and that's just what he did. Waldrum returned to Irving to teach political science and coach at his old high school. But moving to the sideline didn't come easy.

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SMC Soccer

Belles suffer defeat in heartbreaker to Hope

By MIKE GOTTIMER Spokes Writer

On Wednesday, Saint Mary's went up against a familiar foe in Hope and suffered a familiar fate, dropping a tightly contested 2-1 match to the Flying Dutch, a match that didn't count toward the teams' MIAA records.

The Belles were scoreless after the first half, but Saint Mary's was able to take the lead back of the net early in the second half. The Belles took the lead with a goal from senior co-captain Lauren Hinton in the 50th minute, assisted by freshman Julie Hamilton. The Belles held the lead until Hope sophomore Katie Lowsing tied the score at one with her goal in the 83rd minute.

The match appeared to be headed to overtime as the clock wound down. But with less than two minutes left in the match, Hope senior Allison Van Beek nailed a one-timer into the net to lift the Flying Dutch over the Belles by a score of 2-1.

The Saint Mary's defense, led by junior goalie Parry Duffy, helped keep the Belles in the game despite being out-shot by Hope 20-8. Duffy racked up six saves in the

JACC Renovations

Pavilion now being built

Purcell lead donor for $26.3 million facility due to open in 2009

By MATT GAMBER Associate Sport Editor

Sandwiched between the unveiling of Lou Holtz's statue and the wet, wild win over Michigan, groundbreaking ceremonies for the $26.3 million Purcell Pavilion were held Saturday.

According to a University press release, the entire project is scheduled for completion in Jan. 2010. The arena is expected to reopen mid-Oct. 2009, "in time for both the men's and women's basketball seasons.

The project's first phase will begin this month with exterior changes to the Joyce Center that include a three-story addition on the building's south end. The third-floor addition will include the stadium club and hospitality area.

The revamped first floor will include a 3,000 square-foot varsity shop and souvenir store and nearly 1,200 square feet for ticket offices, including four exterior and 10 interior ticket windows.

The arena's new main entrance, situated between Gates 8 and 10, will include displays that highlight Notre Dame's athletic programs. Renovations will affect the interior of the Joyce Center, including new, blue chair-back seating throughout the entire arena. The wooden bleachers in the upper bowl will be replaced by treath,

Rivers and permanent arena seats. New student seating options are being considered, according to the release.

Capacity will decrease from the current 11,418 to approximately 9,800, which includes the 800-person premium seating club located in new third-floor stadium club area.

The arena, which will be named Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center, is a part of the $65.5 million renovation that seeks to upgrade multiple facilities as a part of the Spirit of Notre Dame campaign.

Notre Dame alumni and trustee Philip J. Purcell III, the retired chairman and CEO of

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