ND, SMC recognized in rankings

U.S. News & World Report ranks University No. 20

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame fell two spots from No. 18 to No. 20 in U.S. News & World Report’s 2010 ranking of the top universities in the nation released on Aug. 20. Harvard and Princeton tied for first, while Yale took third. The ranking placed the California Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University and the University of Pennsylvania in a four-way tie for fourth.

Notre Dame dropped two spots this year because it received lower peer assessment ratings from other universities, which account for 25 percent of the ranking of the top universities in America’s Best Colleges.

For the third year in a row, the College has been named one of the nation’s Best Liberal Arts Colleges, according to an Aug. 20 press release. "It is wonderful to be nationally recognized for the academic excellence at Saint Mary's College," President Carol Ann Mooney said in the release. Saint Mary’s was ranked 97th out of 249 schools across the country. Students are excited about the rank-

College placed in top 100 of America’s Best Colleges

By ASHLEY CHARNELEY
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary’s College cracked U.S. News & World Report’s top 100 on their list of 2010 America’s Best Colleges.

Innovation Park will open in October

University seeks to expand its research impact, bring commercial enterprises to South Bend

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Innovation Park, a product development facility launched by the University, seeks to connect the private sector with the research arm of Notre Dame, according to Park President and Chief Executive Officer David Brenner.

After breaking ground last September, the Park is scheduled to open Oct. 23. The businesses that will occupy the Park’s offices will "help take innovative ideas ... to viable commercial enterprise," Brenner said. Work at Innovation Park will concentrate on "the step beyond research," as companies will develop practical uses for research performed by professors and students at the University.

Faculty members and graduate students are currently approaching Brenner with ideas for new businesses, he said. Many of the future clients of Innovation Park will be companies from the outside that are "looking to engage with the University," Brenner said.

A relationship with the University is critical for commercial enterprises, "especially those that are a lot harder than the others," he said.

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Student arrested, charged with rape

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The student was released from the St. Joseph County Jail after posting $5,000 bond, according to a WNDU report.

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Undergrads reflect on first week of classes

By JIM FERLMANN
News Writer

As the school year kicks off, some students report tough classes while others enjoy the relatively easy workload during the first week.

Catherine Russell, a sophomore, said the first week of classes went great.

"I have a few teachers that I already really like. I’m a new Business major, so it’s like a new world for me," she said. "There are some classes that are a lot harder than I thought they were going to be."

She said her schedule is centered on requirements.

"I’m taking four Business requirements and Italian and Theology, which is a requirement too."

Some students said they try to take advantage of the light workload to get acclimated to their classes.

"During introductory week, you just take it easy and get your feet wet," said Ryan Ripp, a senior Finance major.

"An easy second semester would be ideal, because four of the five classes I’m taking now are requirements. Hopefully I can cruise into graduation with some easier electives," said Christina McClain, a senior English major, said her first week of classes started off well.

"Senior Seminar is a little annoying, but other than that, everything else is good," she said.

Anthony Concini, a junior English major, said he always tries to strike a balance between electives and requirements when forming his schedule.

"I have five required electives in my major along with something in my minor. I try to keep it balanced so I can have the most fun," he said.

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Don't envy ND seniors

When I was a freshman here, I was kind of jealous of the seniors. They didn't have to worry about awkward Frosh-O events, finding their classrooms, or making friends. Their lives seemed so much more together than mine.

Now that I've reached senior year, I'm starting to rethink that. Not much has really changed.

Despite my best efforts, I still have really poor time management skills—which explains why I'm trying to write this column, finish up another Observer article, and do 66 pages of reading for class today all at the same time.

Rather than worrying about making friends, I now worry about not seeing the ones that live off-campus (luckily, until they learn how to shop for groceries and master the use of their shiny new ovens, it appears I'll be seeing my friends just as much as before, because they still come to the dining hall for every single meal).

I still don't pay attention to where my classes are, or which classes I'm even going to. Yesterday, not only did I go to the wrong class, I went to the wrong building.

Instead of worrying about what my major will be, now I'm worrying that all my major changes have pushed my GPA too low for me to get into law school.

Professors still can't pronounce my last name. Actually, some still can't even pronounce my first name. I also still lose my ID all the time. I recently dropped it into a chair in LaFortune and couldn't get it out. I don't even understand how that happens.

And I definitely still make poor life choices. But now I make them at bars instead of at dorm parties.

So yeah, it's just like freshman year. I'm actually jealous of freshmen now. Freshmen are secure in the knowledge that they have four years here. As a senior, I have one, and then I have to leave and everything goes. I'm reminded of this a lot thanks to a particularly emotional friend who bursts into tears at random times, like while DARTing last spring or looking through an entire life's worth of facebook pictures at the library during study days. She'd go on a rant about how it was our last time DARTing (it isn't) or how after we graduate, we won't have any friends to take pictures with.

So make the most of your time here, freshmen. It goes really quickly, so try not to waste it. Do as many fun things as possible and try not to freak out too much, because there are always things to worry about. And don't be jealous of the seniors, because we really don't have it as easy as you think.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Cattlin Ascher sophmore Le Mans

"I would be Snufalafagus just because."

Stefanie Schwab Freshman Regina

"I would be Big Bird because I always wanted to be tall!"

Emily Ehman Freshman Regina

"I would be Cookie Monster because I LOVE to eat!"

Sheilagh O'Brien Sophomore Regina

"I would be Grover because he is a lovable monster."

Alyssa Pinon Senior Holy Cross

"I would be Kermit because it's not easy being green!"

Christina Smotherman Senior Holy Cross

"I would be Bert and Ernie because I am being white and nerdy!"

INSIDE COLUMN

One of the lesser-known works of art on campus is staff member Daniel Crossen's 1967 Corvette Sting Ray.

IN BRIEF

The film "Summer Hours" will be shown today at 6:30 p.m. at The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available online at performingarts.nd.edu or by calling the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

Notre Dame Women's Volleyball will play Denver today at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse as part of a three day invitational. For ticket information, call 574-631-7336.

Notre Dame Women's Soccer will play Loyola-Chicago today at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field. For ticket information, call 574-631-7336.

Shakespeare at Notre Dame will present "Twelfth Night" today, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Performances will continue through August 30. Tickets are $12-35.

RecSports will conduct Swim Lesson Assessments today from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Rockne Pool for placement into full swim lessons. A pre-swim assessment will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

RecSports will hold a Biathlon at St. Joe's Beach on Saturday at 10 a.m. Registration is necessary, but the event is free. The biathlon will consist of a 1/2 mile swim and a 2 mile run. To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

NOTICE: The quality of the baseball field near the Student Center is particularly poor. The grounds crew is working on the field as much as possible and will continue to do so.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you could be any Sesame Street character, who would you be?

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By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

The Hydration Station, an alternative to a traditional drinking fountain, was installed last week between the men’s and women’s restrooms on the first floor of the LaFortune Student Center.

“It is essentially a touch-free water bottle filler,” Director of student activities facilities Ryan Willerton said. “It’s something unique.”

To operate the machine, the student places his or her water bottle in front a sensor, which activates a stream of water that pours into the bottle.

The Hydration Station replaced an older water fountain that was not consistently used and caused maintenance problems, Willerton said. Last June, he began to look at replacement options.

The Haws Corporation markets the Hydration Station as a cheap and environmentally friendly substitute for bottled water. According to the corporation’s Web site, the filter uses carbon to polish the water, and the sensor features a several second delay to allow the user to position their bottle under the spout.

Willerton said the new system is comparable to a traditional drinking fountain in its price and cost of maintenance. Like a water fountain, it connects to the main water line. Although the Haws Corporation has been producing the Hydration Station for less than one year, Willerton said Notre Dame joined a number of other colleges and universities that already have the system on campus. For example, University of California Berkeley has two units in its Rec Center and the University of Alabama has 15 units in its dorms and athletic department.

While considering the option of a Hydration Station, Willerton and the Student Activities Office contacted a former colleague who works at Penn State to ask about the Hydration Station on their campus. They also asked for feedback from student employees and student government representatives who were on campus this summer.

Sophomore Laura Philipp fills up a bottle of water at the new Hydration Station in LaFortune Student Center.

“IT's a nice new addition,” he said. “Every year we try to change the student center and add something new.”

Willerton said the Hydration Station is a great improvement to the LaFortune Student Center because students, professors, staff and visitors can all benefit from its installation.

Take a Film Course in the Browning Cinema!

Italian National Cinema

Professor John Welle
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Learn the history of one of the world’s most renowned national cinemas. Analyze great films by Pasatore, Rossellini, Fellini, Pasolini, Visconti and contemporary filmmakers. Understand the interaction between Italian history, film history, and national identity. Class meets in Browning Cinema in DEPAC. Fulfills university fine arts requirement, FTT international film requirement, and Italian Studies electives. Instructor is an internationally recognized scholar specializing in the history of Italian cinema.

If the system continues to receive positive feedback, Willerton said that additional units might be installed on other floors of LaFortune.

“Everyone we talk to kind of raises their eyebrow and says, ‘Wow, that’s really cool,’” he said.

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A back-to-school tradition for many, The Show, which brings well-known musicians to the Joyce Athletic Center, is not returning to campus this year.

Instead, Legends of Notre Dame will feature all-star high school baseball and football teams, and the Purple and Gold Game will be played at Notre Dame Stadium.

Mark Yusko is the founder, president, and chief investment officer of Morgan Creek Capital Management, a registered investment adviser that provides investment management and advisory services on the University endowment model of investing to wealthier families, individuals and institutions.

Mark Yusko is the director of the Chapel Hill-Garroux Meals on Wheels program and a member of Notre Dame's advisory council for the College of Arts and Letters.

I think Saturday will be unifying. In the past, The Show committee has struggled to get big names to work with the Block Party to work to make the venue a draw, as well as the artists, Schmidt said.

"We're excited about making a significant difference in the future of Notre Dame and building a program that will further enhance the University's ability to produce graduates who will make significant impact on our world," the Yusko said. "Notre Dame made a tremendous difference in our lives, and we are honored to have this opportunity to further enhance the educational and spiritual mission of Our Lady's University.

Twenty Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars will be selected annually by an advisory committee from a pool of qualified admitted students nominated by the network of approved high schools and the University's admissions staff. The students will be chosen based on distinguished academic accomplishments, exemplary integrity and mental character, demonstrable leadership abilities, and a commitment to service embracing the values of Catholic social tradition.

Each scholar will receive four years of merit scholarship awards which will cover tuition, fees, books, room and board. Other components of the program will include a comprehensive funded summer enrichment experience, seminars and service-learning projects during the academic year, career advising and alumni mentoring and networking.

This is more than just a scholarship program," Notre Dame Provost Thomas G. Burik said. "It is a comprehensive initiative designed to fully engage the select- ed scholars and enable them to fulfill their God-given talents. I join with Father Jenkins in thanking Mark Yusko and Stacey for this wonderful gift.

Mark Yusko earned a bachelor's degree in Biology and Chemistry from Notre Dame in 1985 and a master of business administration in accounting and finance from the University of Chicago. Prior to founding Morgan Creek Capital Management in 2004, he served for six years as president and investment officer of UNC Management Company, the endowment investment office for the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. From 1993 to 1998 he held a senior investment director position at Notre Dame. He is a director of California Meadows, the Weaver Foundation and MCN, a for-profit organization that advances education and economic development in North Carolina.

Mark Yusko earned a bachelor's degree in English from Notre Dame in 1985 and a master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has participated in local service and education programs in their community and is a director at the Cathedral Foundation for the North Carolina Museum of Art and the North Carolina Artisan Coalition.

Citing Saint Mary's strong reputation as an undergradu­ate institution as a draw in the area, Richard Speller takes on his new position as vice president for Finance and Administration at the College.

"I think the Block Party has been a wonderful thing for students over 21 - food vendors and a beer garden. But we need to accommodate a larger number of people," he said.

"We've never really had anything like this on campus."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Korea discusses reuniting families
Sen. Islam discuses reuniting families in North and South Korea. There are no major differences on resuming reunions of families separated by the Korean War, reports said Thursday, but are far away from the issue of South Korean prisoners of war and civilian abductees believed held in North Korea.

The dispute emerged on the second day of rare talks between the two sides on arranging reunions of families separated since the war ended in 1953 in a cease-fire, not a peace treaty, which the South Korean media accredited to cover the talks. The meeting, which took place in North Korea's Diamond Mountain resort on Wednesday, came as the communist regime adopts a more conciliatory stance toward South Korea and the U.S. after months of互宁rity over its nuclear and missile programs.

Iran revokes claims involving the U.S.
Tehran—Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Thursday said claims that opposition leaders were involved in a September assassination attempt on the former president were unfounded.

It also could spill over into the trials of more than 100 pre-revolution activists and politicians, including some who have offered statements saying foreign agents helped stoke Iran's worst internal unrest since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

NATIONAL NEWS
Mother in abduction hoax imprisoned
DOYLESTOWN, Pa. — A white suburban mother who placed a 911 call claiming two black men had carjacked her — but instead flew to Disney World with her child to escape a looming arrest — was sent to prison Thursday for nine to 23 months.

Bonnie Sweeten, 38, pleaded guilty in Bucks County Court to identity theft and filing a false police report, misdemeanor that typically brings probation.

But a judge offended by Sweeten's performance on a 911 tape said her hoax led to her daughter and, perhaps worst of all, tore open society's racial wounds.

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LOCAL NEWS
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PARKANIA
Bomber attacks Pakistani border crossing
Associated Press

BOSTON — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy began his final journey Thursday as a last past landmark after landmark bearing his family's famous name and reaching his brother's presidential library where mourners lined up by the thousands to bid farewell to him and an American political dynasty.

Crowds assembled along the 70-mile route that snaked from the family's compound in Hyannis Port, along the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, past the John F. Kennedy Presidential Building and by the JFK stop on the city's subway system.

Finally it came to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, where his body lay in repose. As many as 12,000 people walked in line to file past his closed casket and mark the end of national political chapter that was equal parts triumph and tragedy.

For many, it was hard to untangle Kennedy's lasting three-phase legacy as statesman from his role as neighbor and local community, whether he was taking a turn conducting the motorcade or throwing out the first pitch for the Red Sox.

"It was Teddy's home team. It just seemed appropriate to leave him the cap," said John F. Kennedy Jr., 28, throwing a Sox cap he was wearing near the entrance to the library. "It symbolizes everything that he loved about his home state and everything he was outside the Senate.

The motorcade started its trip in Hyannis Port, at the Cape Cod home where Kennedy's family held a private Mass. Eighty-five Kennedy relatives traveled with the motorcade to the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, where the Senate's third-longest-serving member will lie in repose political power.

Among those accompanying Kennedy were nieces Caroline, daughter of former President John F. Kennedy, and Maria Shriver, daughter of his late sister Eunice; and his son Patrick Kennedy, a Rhode Island congressman.

Before the motorcade departed, mourners crowd­ed the end of the barricaded road leading to the family compound.

Virginia Caín, 54, said she walked 2 miles from her summer home in Centerville so she could watch the pro­cession and witness history.

"I can remember where I was when President Kennedy died, and I'll remember where I was when the senator left Hyannis Port," she said.

A bouquet of white and yellow lilies lay on the lawn of David Nylan's vacation rental near the Kennedy home, where a U.S. flag flew at half-staff in Kennedy's memory.

"The Kennedys and Hyannis and the Cape, they just kind of go hand in hand," said Nolan, 38, who said people had been stop­ping near his house to leave flowers since Kennedy died late Tuesday.

On Main Street in downtown Hyannis, flags, flowers and personal notes lay at the base of a flagpole out­side the John F. Kennedy Museum, where about two dozen people gathered.

"There were relatively few people who had been to Boston," said someone who had placed an old Kennedy campaign sign with a new inscription: "God bless Ted, the last was first," referring to his ascension to political greatness after his two older brothers were assassinated.

Several enlarged photos showed events in Kennedy's life — meeting with Martin Luther King Jr., reading to a school girl. A rosary hung over a picture of Kennedy standing in his office.

Echoes of the Kennedy family were hard to miss as the motorcade traveled through the city.

Kennedy's wife, Vicki, put her hand over her heart as the procession rolled down Hanover Street in the North End neighborhood, past St. Stephen's Church, where his mother, Rose, was baptized and where Kennedy later eulogized her. The crowd applauded, and his niece Caroline and other family members acknowledged them with a wave from their cars.

PAKISTAN
Bomber attacks Pakistani border crossing

Associated Press

PESHAWAR — A suicide bomber attacked the main border crossing for convoys ferrying supplies to U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan, killing at least 19 security officers, officials said.

The strike Thursday raised fears that the Pakistani Taliban is reorganizing and said it puts on its word to carry out revenge attacks following the killing of Mullah Omar, the group's leader, Baitullah Mehsud, in a CIA missile strike earlier this month.

Also in the border region, two U.S. missiles hit a suspected militant compound, killing six people, the latest in a string of such attacks, intelligence officials said.

Pakistani's lawless border with Afghanistan is a main front in the battle against al-Qaida and the Taliban, who are destabilizing both countries. Under heavy U.S. pres­sure, the Pakistani military has launched ground offensives and air attacks on the insurgents in recent months, but much of the region remains under militant control.

The suicide attacker walked up to a group of border guards outside their barracks at the Torkham checkpoint in the Khyber region and detonated his explosives, local police officer Sadiq Khan said.

The victims were breaking their dawn fasting during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. The border had closed for the day a few hours earlier.

Ali Raza, an official in the admin­istration office, said he heard a huge explosion in the building next door.

"We rushed out and saw destruc­tion all around," Raza said.

He said several of the wounded told him the last thing they remem­bered was seeing a boy approaching carrying what they thought was water. It was unclear if the boy was the bomber.

At least 19 people were killed and 20 wounded, according to Faizal Akbar, the head doctor at Landi Kotal hospital, where all the victims were taken.

An honor guard carries the casket of Sen. Edward Kennedy from the hearse as it arrives at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston Thursday.
Innovation Park is located on the South end of Notre Dame on Angela Blvd.

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companies seeking to work in Innovation Park, according to Brenner.

“We want to ensure that every one of our clients have a point of engagement with the University,” he said.

He cited using Notre Dame-owned patents and research and hiring the University’s faculty and staff as possible points of engagement.

The University views Innovation Park as a way to “take its research impact on the world to a higher level,” Brenner said.

Other major research universities “have a place for their ideas to go develop,” he said. “We’re an ingredient for the University to get from where it is to where it wants to go.”

Currently, Notre Dame allows many of its innovative ideas to go elsewhere to develop, but Innovation Park should allow those ideas to stay in South Bend, according to Brenner.

Innovation Park looks to take companies to “a stage where they’re ready to grow,” Brenner said. It will help them build a support system and encourage them to stay in the South Bend area when they are ready to grow.

“We want to make them feel like putting their roots down in the area,” he said.

Brenner said a similar product development park established by Purdue more than 20 years ago has added between 2,000 and 3,000 jobs in West Lafayette.

Undergraduate students have a role to play in Innovation Park, according to Brenner.

“A lot of companies are asking if there’s a role for students to play as interns or part time employees,” he said. “We’re working with the Career Center and student employment as we start to bring in clients. We want students in there helping with the work.”

Brenner also said that students will be hired to help run the building, as is the case in other buildings across campus.

“Students can learn useful life lessons,” he said. “We were very excited to have students around as interns over the summer.”

Innovation Park is funded by multiple sources, including federal, state and local governments, the University and private donors.

The economy has not delayed the Park’s opening, Brenner said. Companies are still interested in moving into the Park, and while “the economy slowed them in putting the pieces together,” it hasn’t been a real problem.

Many companies are currently in final negotiations to move into Innovation Park. Brenner said he expects occupancy to steadily build throughout the remainder of the year.

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according to the charges.

The woman had a blood-alcohol level of 0.13 and, according to the charges, told police she did not remember much about the evening, except that she had been drinking in a dorm room and at a “swim house” party.

When police asked the woman if she remembered having sex with the student, she told officers she would never have consented to have sex with him, according to the charges.

University spokesman Dennis Brown could not be reached late Thursday for comment, but Brown told the Tribune that NDSP did investigate the incident.

The St. Joseph County Police and Prosecutor’s Offices could also not be reached late Thursday for comment.

Have you thought about teaching Religion and becoming a Catechist?

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Washington & Connecticut
WASHINGTON — Further evidence the recession is ending came in a report Thursday confirming that the worsened shrunk at an annual rate of just 1 percent in the spring. The report showed that growth likely returned in the current quarter and final three months of this year as businesses switch from trim­ming stockpiles to rebuilding inventories. It expects the GDP to jump to above 3 percent in the July-September quarter. But with unemployment still stubbornly high, Americans may benefit little from a recovery if jobs remain scarce and spending stays too low to fuel a strong rebound.

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overall rankings, said Dan Saracino, director of Undergraduate Admissions. The peer assessment portion distributes surveys to three officials at each university — the provost, president and chief of Admissions — and asks them to rate other schools on a 5-point scale. In addition to considering the opinions of other universities, the U.S. News & World Report ranking is also based on faculty strength and class size, graduation and retention rates, student selectivity, alumni giving rate and financial aid.

Saracino said that while the University takes note of the rankings, the administration does not base decisions on them. "We don't go about our business in admissions with a focus on the ranking or believe in gaming the system," he said. "We like to be recognized as one of the top universities in the country, so if we weren't in the top 20, that might be a concern. But we're in the top 20. It's a great deal of attention in our daily work? Not at all."

This year's lower ranking should not deter next year's applicants, according to Saracino. "There has been research done that shows students don't choose colleges because of rankings," he said. Saracino mentioned some positive aspects of Notre Dame that are not weighed by the ranking system, including financial stability and the percentage of students who graduate in four years. "I think there are other things that should be looked at," he said. "Given the economic situation in the country, I think it's reasonable for parents to know what the financial stability of the institution will be and how the economy continues to shape programs that have to be cut." Notre Dame is one of only several universities on the list that has been awarded a triple-A credit rating from Moody's Investors Service, Saracino said.

Saracino said the "Student Selectivity" criterion of the ranking system allows other universities to boost their scores in ways that do not enhance the quality of education they offer. Because this portion rewards a lower acceptance rate, universities can increase their point total by encouraging students who have test scores below the minimum threshold for consideration to apply, Saracino said. "This ranking system rewards those who act questionably," he said. University administrators also expressed criticism of how the rankings are calculated. "While we recognize that the U.S. News & World Report survey serves a useful function for some prospective students and their parents, we are on record for more than 15 years as having reservations about its methodology," University spokesman Dennis Brown said. "That said, by any measure, we believe Notre Dame belongs in the top 20 of any survey of undergraduate institutions."

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ings, but some say it wouldn't have affected their decision to come here. "I think it is cool and well-deserved, but it doesn't make a difference in how I feel about the school," junior Jennifer DeMarco said. "I'm glad we ranked in the top 100, but the only thing that would have had a real effect on my decision would be the top 10." These rankings do follow closely with Mooney's goals that she set at the beginning of her presidency with the College. She made a strategic plan for the College that the school has been working towards since she began in 2004. Mooney said in a press release that she realizes parents and high school students look to the rankings when choosing the best college or university for them. "We know that prospective students and their parents put value on these rankings and we are very pleased to be listed in the top 100 liberal arts colleges," Mooney said. According to the Report's Web site, they rank schools according to their category, which is determined by the size of the school, the major offerings and region. It then ranks colleges and universities within the categories and awards them points. Factors include admissions scores, selectivity, graduation rates, the commitment to undergraduate teaching and retention and graduation rates. After weighing all these aspects, Saint Mary's scored 51 out of a possible 100 points. Saint Mary's was also recognized by the Princeton Review earlier this year as Best in the Midwest, a title it has held for the past seven years, which is when the Review began its Best Regional College category.

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the general requirements," Conklin said. "I'm taking my last lecture requirement and all of my major electives as well. I'm still trying to figure out what to do with the rest of the year." Renae Barilar, a senior Business and Italian double-major, said after three years, she is used to the routine of the first week of classes. "It's going to be a hard semester but I'm excited for it and I like all of my professors," she said. "I'm getting close to graduation now so I have all required classes. Next semester, I'm going to have a lot more leeway in what I take."

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Tourist boom causes rifts

Associated Press  
ON THE RIVER CAM, England — On the surface, it is the stuff of English postcards — champagne-swilling tourists gliding down the River Cam and listening to the lore of Cambridge University. But a nasty undercurrent runs through this river, an otherwise placid waterway that snakes past Cambridge’s many gothic buildings.

Competition for the rich tourist trade has increased recently among operators of the historic wooden tourist boats called punts — a trade estimated at 2.5 million pounds ($4 million) a year. In some cases, the scramble for profits has turned ugly.

This month, two boats were cut to pieces with an electric saw — the apparent work of a man dangled a competitor over the railing at Magdalene Bridge.

"They’ve put an awful lot of staff time into dealing with this," said A. M. Roberts, the council's safer communities manager who said the body is now devoting more money to enforcing regulations governing and soliciting business. "It is a significant issue for the city."

There are more than 200 traditional punts and nearly 60 of the wider new-beam boats meant to carry a dozen tourists at a time, according to the Cam Conservancy. The number of boats has swollen in the last five years.

Conservancy deputy manager Jonathan Wakefield said that while overcrowding had become a problem in the past five years, his organization’s remit was limited to verifying a punt’s safety.

"Even in this past year it’s gotten more and more tense," said Dan Scott Lintott, 17, as he guided his punt down the river.

Although incidents are often hidden from tourists or observers, many say the tension is palpable.

"That guy gives me a lot of animosity," Scott Lintott said, jabbing his pole into the bottom and pausing to look at another punter — a blind man with an upturned collar.

Ann Turner, a 65-year-old from Saltire in northern England, said some of the promenaders bustling tourists on to the river were aggressive. She said she was approached four times.

"There does seem to be a hatred of them," she said. "Some of them are a little too much."

Checkpoint spending draws gov’t scrutiny

Associated Press

DALLAS — Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Thursday that politics did not influence the decision to spend millions of dollars in stimulus money on little-used border checkpoints while passing over higher-priority projects.

Members of Congress have asked for answers after The Associated Press showed that the Obama administration did not follow its internal priority list when handing out money to repair border stations nationwide.

Two Montana senators have taken credit for securing money for projects in their state, including $15 million for a border crossing that sees about three travelers a day. Democratic Sen. John Tester said he and colleague Max Baucus personally appealed to Napolitano to make that and other Montana projects happen.

At a Dallas news conference Thursday, Napolitano said the AP story "was just wrong and I’ll say that because there was no kind of political influence there."

The AP reviewed the department’s priority list, which showed that some low-priority projects were being funded ahead of more pressing needs. Officials would not allow AP to keep or publish the list and would not provide justifications for deviating from it.

On Thursday, the AP renewed its request for the department to release its justification for deviating from the list, which Congress requires to be updated annually.

A House oversight committee has added the checkpoint project to its investigation into how the stimulus money is being spent. The top Republican on that committee, California Rep. Darrell Issa, sent Napolitano a letter Wednesday, questioning why some projects leapfrogged others.

In promoting the stimulus, President Barack Obama banned "earmarks," which lawmakers routinely slip into bills to pay for pet projects, and he told agencies to "develop transparent, merit-based selection criteria" for spending.

But Customs and Border Protection, which sets the priorities for all border station projects nationwide, said it would not provide the priority list. Officials said the list was just a starting point and would be too easily misunderstood. Officials said they could select projects out of order for any number of reasons. Napolitano has acknowledged that politicians can influence an administration’s spending plans.

A busy border station in her home state, for instance, was ranked No. 34 on the master priority list. But as governor of Arizona, she lobbied hard to get it at the top of the Bush administration’s spending plan.

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China critical of Taiwan, Dalai Lama

Associated Press

TAIPEI — China on Thursday denounced Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou's decision to allow the Dalai Lama to visit the self-ruled island, casting a shadow over rapidly improving relations between Taipei and Beijing.

However, Beijing appeared to stop short of deliberately undermining the status quo, jeopardizing the budding ties across the 100-mile (160-kilometer) wide Taiwan Strait.

Ma's announcement — which follows an invitation to the Tibetan spiritual leader by officials from Taiwan's pro-independence opposition — surprised many. The China-friendly leader has made a priority of seeking better relations with the mainland and just last December nixed plans for a visit by the Dalai Lama in what was described as an attempt to placate Beijing.

China has long vilified the Dalai Lama for what they see as his attempts to fight for independence in Tibet, which has been under Communist control for decades.

This past Sunday he was approving the Dalai Lama's visit because it could help ease the island's pain after the devastating Typhoon Morakot, the storm that struck Taiwan earlier this month at the cost of an estimated 670 lives.

"The Dalai Lama's visit could come to Taiwan to help rest the souls of the dead and also provide for the well-being of the survivors," he said.

In its first official comment on Ma's decision, the state's Xinhua News Agency said "the Dalai Lama's visit is in whatever form and capacity.""This is not surprising as Beijing clamps down on the Dalai Lama's visit by the office of the President of China (Taiwan) as a bid to placate Beijing. The Dalai Lama is not a pure religious figure.

"Under the pretext of religion, he has all along been engaged in separatist activities," the official was quoted as saying.

Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council — the Cabinet-level body responsible for relations with China — declined to comment on the Xinhua report.

Xinhua did not mention Ma by name, placing the blame for the Dalai Lama's visit squarely on the opposition Democratic Progressive Party. The distinction appears to be a deliberate Chinese effort to make clear its displeasure with Ma's decision, without necessarily pushing him into a corner.

Such a move is understandable.

In his 15 months in office, Ma has turned the corner on his DPP predecessor's anti-China policies, bringing the Taiwanese and Chinese economies ever closer together, and seeking in favor of a peace treaty with Beijing.

The moves have reduced tension between the sides to their lowest point since they split amid civil war in 1949, and raised hopes for an eventual solution to one of the world's most enduring conflicts.

Ma's decision to approve the Dalai Lama's visit came a day after leaders of seven municipalities hard hit by Morakot: issued a joint statement inviting the Dalai Lama to visit storm victims from Aug. 31 to Sept. 4. The invitation from the leaders faced charges that he botched the government's response to the island's worst flooding in 50 years.

The invitation put Ma into a bind — either risk angering China, or give further ammunition to the opposition, which accuses him of hewing too closely to Beijing's line.

It also created great difficulties for Beijing. The communist leadership is trying to build on its historic rapprochement with Taiwan while playing down the visit might encourage other governments to extend similar invitations. Beijing has battled mightily to discourage Taiwan and Tibet share similar histories. Both are territories that Beijing believes should be under its rule.

Despite a failed 1959 uprising that sent the Dalai Lama into exile, China controls Tibet and has refused the Tibetan religious leader's request for greater autonomy.

Bernanke's identity stolen with wife's purse

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No one is safe from identity theft, not even the chairman of the Federal Reserve.

Ben Bernanke's personal checking account became entangled in an elaborate identity-theft scheme after his wife Anna's purse was stolen last August at a Capitol Hill Starbucks. According to a District of Columbia police report, it contained her Social Security card, checkbook, credit cards and $2 million in cash.

It's not been revealed how much money was stolen from the Bernankes' account. But someone started cashing checks on their bank account just days after the purse was stolen from her chair. The thief helped fuel an ongoing investigation into a sophisticated ring.

Losses from the fraud totaled more than $2.1 million and involved at least 10 financial institutions, court documents said. Clyde Austin Gray Jr. of Waldorf, Md., a suspected ring-leader in the scheme, pleaded guilty on July 22 in Alexandria, Va., federal court.

The banks bore primary responsibility for the losses and the victims' accounts, including the Bernankes, were most likely made whole.

"Identity theft is a serious crime that affects millions of Americans each year," Bernanke said in a statement. "Our family was but one of 500 separate instances traced, not even a crime ring. I am grateful for the law enforcement officers who patiently and diligently work to solve and prevent these financial crimes."

Prosecutors wrote that Gray hired pickpockets then made counterfeit IDs for the participants. The coconspirators conducted the bank transactions, and Gray took a cut of the proceeds.

At least one check from the Bernanke account for $900 was deposited Aug. 13, 2008, into the account of another identity theft victim at a Bank of America branch in suburban Maryland, according to an affidavit filed in D.C. Superior Court. Authorities alleged that George L. Boyd, 41, of Washington, cashed checks that day amounting to at least $9,000 in a string of transactions after the fake deposits inflated the related account balances.

Bank of America spokeswoman Tara Burke said Thursday, "We're looking into it. We're still gathering facts."

Brian Lapidas, an identity theft expert with Kroll Fraud Solutions, said it's not unusual to hear of high-ranking officials caught up by identity theft. His firm has worked with celebrities, senators and others who have been victims.

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Theatre Meet & Greet and Auditions

Wednesday September 2 6:00 pm

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Auditions for THE SUGAR WIFE by Elizabeth Kuti
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Catching up with the Ivies
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U.S. News & World Report announced its annual Best Colleges 2010 last week, and Notre Dame has fallen two spots in the rankings. After a tie with Emory and Vanderbilt for 18th among national universities in 2009, Notre Dame was passed by both southern schools and fell to 20th.

Though we are sure that this is cause for concern, and are pepping our transfer applications to top-19 schools as we write this, there’s a different set of rankings that we’d also like to bring to your attention. GQ Magazine recently put out its inaugural list of America’s 25 Doucheiest Colleges. The eclectic grouping of schools ranges from the obvious (Duke, No. 21) to the obscure (Deep Springs, No. 5). Notre Dame ranked No. 15, but we believe, just as in U.S. News & World Report, we again might be underrated.

As the home of the “moral douche,” GQ notes the favorite Notre Dame student pickup line: “You know, I thought about the seminary, but then I decided it wasn’t for me. I know what I mean.” It is this perception of Notre Dame as the home of the mere moral douche that left us at No. 15 in the rankings. We think we can do better. When it comes to douchiness, a unique convergence of athletics, legacy and Catholic guilt give Notre Dame a potential that no other university has.

When it comes to the U.S. News & World Report, we’d like to point out an interesting correlation between academic excellence and perceived douchiness — the four douchiest schools (Brown, Duke, Princeton, Harvard, respectively) all are ahead of Notre Dame in the Best Colleges ranking. Clearly this is no coincidence. We believe that if Notre Dame could just be recognized for being the douchiest college, it would find itself near the top of the list of Best Colleges in 2011.

Then again, no rankings tell the whole story. U.S. News & World Report may believe that there are 19 better places to be getting an education. GQ might think that there are only 14 larger collections of douches among the nation’s universities. But we know that neither number really says anything about the quality of this university, or the students who attend. Though it can be entertaining to attach numbers and assign rankings, it is missing the point. We are all at Notre Dame, and not any other school with any other ranking, because we know that this is a special place, and that number could ever encapsulate what Notre Dame means to each of us individually. At the dawn of the new school year, we say: Enjoy this place. Make the most of your time here. And try not to be a douche while doing it.
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By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Scene Writer

On Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m. Legends will host one of its biggest events to date — the B1 Block Party — in the B1 parking lot outside of Legends. The 6,000-person party will feature reggae-hop sensation Matisyahu, backed by pop band Eric Hutchinson and two student bands, Samantha Jim and the Pat McKilloin Band. There will also be appearances by DJ That’s Right, New Orleans’ New Wave Brass Band, the RhythmWorks Drum Team, BET’s DJ ProStyle and DJ Cartie live from the Legends rooftop.

How did Notre Dame go from having The Show the first weekend back to a huge outdoor party with some of the nation’s top performers? Says Legends General Manager Aaron Perri, “The idea arose from ... the confidence I had in the Legends team to pull something like this off. I can’t think of a better way to showcase what we do here at Legends week in and week out than to unleash the B1 Block Party right at the beginning of the year.”

The party is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students and will be complete with a huge Lollapalooza-style main stage, promotional giveaways, cornhole, a text to screen and LED video wall. The first 2000 through the door will receive free Chipotle chips and guac (that’s right, free guac). Popular food chains including Chick-Fil-A, Sonic, Papa Murphy’s Pizza, Kona Ice and ND Concessions will be stationed throughout the lot. Every food item will be affordably priced at $3 or below, and a beer garden will be available to the 21-and-over crowd.

The concert’s supporting act, singer-songwriter Eric Hutchinson, blurs the boundaries between rock, folk pop and powerpop, combining various influences to create a sound that is uniquely his. Hutchinson’s song “Rock and Roll” (“If he wanna rock he rocks, if he wanna roll he rolls”) reached No. 1 airplay in the U.S. and gained him wide publicity. Hutchinson has been touring with acts like The Shins and OK Go, and gained the confidence I had in the Legends team to pull something like this off. I can’t think of a better way to showcase what we do here at Legends week in and week out than to unleash the B1 Block Party right at the beginning of the year.”

The party still isn’t over when Matisyahu finishes up around 11. Head inside to the Legends Nightclub for an after party with New York City’s DJ ProStyle until the early hours of the morning.

According to Perri, a common reaction to the B1 Block Party is almost incredulity. He says, “In talking to people the continuous reaction is ‘I can’t believe you’re doing this! A party in the parking lot?’ A DJ on the roof? A beer garden? To say this will be an exciting event is an understatement.”

Don’t miss this one, because there won’t be another party like it right in Notre Dame’s backyard all year. The B1 Block Party will surely be the most packed place on campus Saturday from the early evening on. So start the year off right — catch up with friends, eat some good food and dance to good music. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the door or pre-ordered online. For more information check out www.blblockparty.com.

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The headlining Matisyahu will give a truly unique performance. The Hasidic Jewish reggae musician blends his passion for the Jewish faith with the cultural sounds of reggae, rap and hip hop. As a young teenager, Matisyahu was a self-proclaimed dreadlocks-bearing, Birkenstock-wearing “Deadhead.” However, after discovering a latent connection to God in the mountains of Colorado followed by taking a pilgrimage to Israel, Matisyahu ultimately decided to become a Hasidic Jew and abide by traditional Jewish law.

He released his first album in 2004 but his career really took off after doing a guest set for Phish at Bonnaroo in 2005. He has since released three studio albums — the latest, “LIGHT,” was released on Aug. 25. Matisyahu’s spirituality comes through his music clearly and powerfully, which makes for a riveting concert experience.

Matisyahu will perform Saturday at the Legends B1 Block Party. His latest album “Light” was released on Aug. 25.
Unrequited love hurts, but what hurts even worse is the kind of love that dies you in, like on and then drops you off the cliff with barely a moment's notice. Today's romantic comedies usually ignore that sometimes-inescapable sequence of events but this summer's best one delves into the stickiest mess of all in an ironic, funny, and bit­

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...everybodies eventually burns out and all that is left to do is make sense of events but this summer's best one delves into the film. The opening not only provokes curiosity about the film, the writers, Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber, print a vengeful but entertaining shout out to the woman who inspired (500) Days of Summer. The overt environmental messages don't solely lie in its artistic and unique compilation. In fact, the characterization and development of the characters by the actors is flawless and the movie's best asset. Many stories have found success in the shoes of Tom Hansen or Summer Finn, or maybe even both. However, what he meets in actually not only leaves his dreams unfulfilled, but also successfully crushed. This harsh shaking of any future Tom might have had with Summer reminds the audience that, as the Rolling Stones once sang, "You can't always get what you want."

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The overt environmental themes are no accident. Miyazaki, it would seem, is just as concerned with making a film about friendship as he is about making an eco-friendly one. That being said, his statement is sincere and an important message to send to his younger audience in particular. Miyazaki's films, which include "My Neighbor Totoro," "Princess Mononoke," "Howl's Moving Castle" and 2003's Oscar-winning Spirited Away, are never just cheesy and childish, but it is still worth seeing. Aided by a great cast of voices, including Tina Fey, Liam Neeson, Matt Damon, Betty White, Noah Cyrus and Frankie Jonas (those last two have some famous older siblings you might know), "Ponyo" is a wonderful adventure fit for kids of any age. Just sit back and enjoy its simplicity. If you can do that, you might be surprised.
Associated Press
BEREA, Ohio — Brady Quinn has a new home in the Browns' renovated locker room — behind a pillar in the far back corner.

It's in contrast to his role with the team, where he's front and center with Desean Anderson in Cleveland's quarterback race.

The saga will continue Saturday night in the Browns' third preseason game against Tennessee, when both Quinn and Anderson could play into the second half. Which player starts, however, will have little bearing on the ultimate winner of the competition.

"I wouldn't read anything into that at all," coach Eric Mangini said Thursday. "Somebody has to (start), but the goal is to get a balance.

That hasn't down in seven games. "Somebody has to (start), but

Mangini and Anderson equally share the rotation throughout training camp. Quinn started and played well in the preseason opener against Green Bay, while Anderson's moment came last week against Detroit, when he led the offense to its first touchdown.

If the rotation continues, Quinn would be in line to start against the Titans. Mangini plans to sit down with both quarterbacks Friday to inform them who will start. Both are expected to have significant time with the starters.

"When you're unsure if you're starting or not, you have to prepare as the starter," Quinn said Thursday. "If you're the No. 2, that's still the same way you prepare. If the No. 1 guy goes down, the No. 2 guy has to be ready to go. Otherwise, he's doing his team an incredible injustice."

Quinn replaced Anderson as the starter halfway through last season, but his year ended after just three starts because of a finger injury. Quinn is in line to receive hefty bonuses should he win the starting job.

"Obviously there's a financial side to everything we do with this guy," Quinn said. "But it's not something you think about. We're compensated well. We're just trying to play the game."

A day after the New York Jets, Mangini's old team, named rookie Mark Sanchez as the starting quarterback, the Browns' quarterback competition shows no sign of ending.

Mangini has never indicated when he plans to announce his starter for the Sept. 13 season opener against Minnesota, and this week he didn't dismiss the idea that the decision might not come until the day before kickoff. Still, the uncertainty might help quell debate on balance with how Anderson and Quinn have been competing.

"It's a credit to both of them," Mangini said. "Both have been competitive, both have worked hard at the things we've asked them to do. They've both been good teammates in the process, and I respect that. It's not going to be the team's decision as to who is going to be the starter."

"If we carry him active as one of the three, he would be eligible to come back at any time we wanted to dress him for the ballgame. He's, in effect, active but if he was unable to play, would not dress," he told ESPN Radio.

"Right now, I can't tell you what list would be most appropriate until we hear from Dr. Andrews and then see what kind of a timetable he's on. If you had the space to do this, obviously, you'd like to have him active and available, if not for the start of the season. If I mean if I had to guess, I'd say that list would be on.

But PUP is still available, if it's going to be longer than that. Then we could put him on that and bring him back for our sixth regular-season game.

"It's moving along quickly," Caldwell said, adding he does not expect any problems for Vinatieri working with a new holder. Rookie punter Pat McAfee has taken over that role from former Indianapolis punter Hunter Smith.

"You know how important that timing is. That is something that we are just going to have to work out. As (Vinatieri) gets used to the job, obviously, it's all start to work together at some point. By the time he takes over officially, it's a lot closer to where we want to be where there are those ironed out."
NCAA Football

Freshman Matt Barkley was selected by Southern California's head coach Pete Carroll to be the team's starting quarterback for the Trojan's season opener against San Jose State on Sept. 5.

Barkley named USC's starting quarterback

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Freshman Matt Barkley was named No. 4 Southern California's starting quarterback on Thursday. With an outstanding performance at training camp, Barkley beat out sophomore Aaron Corp to get the start in the Trojans' season opener against San Jose State at the Coliseum on Sept. 5.

Coach Pete Carroll unexpectedly announced his decision several hours before practice and two days before USC's mock game. He has exceeded all our expectations," Carroll said in a statement. "He has all the physical ability. He has the mentality and temperament to handle the position. His personality is very well received by all the players, and he's extremely talented. At this point, he's ready to be the guy for us." Barkley was perhaps the nation's most-sought-after football recruit last year at Orange County's Mater Dei High School, the alma mater of fellow USC quarterback Matt Leinart. After choosing the Trojans, Barkley graduated from high school one semester early to participate in spring practice.

Corp, in his third year at USC, was named the Trojans' starter out of spring ball, but Barkley took advantage when Corp missed two weeks of work due to breaking a small bone below his left knee Aug. 10. Barkley is thought to be the first non-redshirt freshman quarterback to be picked to start a season opener for the Trojans.

"He's the starting quarterback at USC—it's not a one-game deal," Carroll said. "He seized the opportunity that was in front of him and took control. He deserves all the credit in the world, and we expect nothing but great things from him." Barkley also beat out Mitch Mustain, the former Arkansas starter who played eight games as Mark Sanchez's backup last season. Sanchez, now the New York Jets' starting quarterback, left USC with a year of eligibility remaining, a decision that initially bothered Carroll and set off the three-way competition.

Now Barkley must shoulder the enormous expectations of his position at USC. He's following nearly a decade of outstanding college quarterbacks, including Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Leinart, along with John David Booty and Sanchez. USC opened the run for its eighth consecutive Pac-10 title next weekend against the Spartans before Carroll's ultimate early test: a trip to Columbus to face No. 6 Ohio State on Sept. 12.

Brian Baer

in Brief

Vick makes debut with Eagles, takes six snaps vs. TB

All eyes were on Michael Vick — for all of six plays.

Playing his first NFL game since his release from prison, the Eagles quarterback got a standing ovation in a half-empty stadium, avoided any ugly protests and completed four passes for 19 yards.

"It's been a long journey for me," Vick said. "I just want to do it right this time around."

Though his minutes were limited Thursday night, Vick was ready to take on any assignment. He played quarterback, ran the wildcat formation, even lined up at wide receiver and completed a pass right-handed.

Philadelphia even won the game, beating the Jacksonville Jaguars 33-32 on David Akers' 34-yard field goal in the final minute. Vick's return overshadowed a somewhat sloppy outing by Eagles teams that has Super Bowl aspirations.

T.O. returns to practice after suffering toe injury

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.— Bills wide receiver Terrell Owens took a step closer in recovering from a sprained toe after working out and catching passes in individuals drills during practice.

Coach Dick Jauron was encouraged by Owens' progress Thursday. He added it's possible the receiver will be cleared to start practicing fully next week. It was the third straight day Owens has worked out, and marked the most time he's practiced since jamming his foot in the Hall of Fame game on Aug. 9. Owens has been ruled out from playing in a preseason game at Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Jauron all but ruled out Fred Jackson from playing after the running back missed his second practice with a sprained wrist.

Rockies' new pitcher Padilla throws 3-2 win vs. Dodgers

DENVER— Vicente Padilla gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a shot in the arm and the Colorado Rockies a punch to the gut.

The right-hander, jettisoned by Texas earlier this month after angering the Rangers by throwing at hitters, returned to the National League on Thursday and pitched the Dodgers to a 3-2 win over the Rockies.

"I can do a lot for this team," said Padilla, who allowed two runs and six hits in five solid innings.

Rafael Furcal, in the game for his defense, delivered a tiebreaking RBI single in the sixth and Matt Kemp hit his career-high 19th homer as the Dodgers put the brakes on the surging Rockies by taking two of three at Coors Field. They also opened a four-game lead in the NL West over the wild-card leaders.
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Lawrenceburg police officer Michael Corley clocked Gillispie driving 63 mph in a 45 mph zone and pulled up behind him at a red light. When the light turned green, Gillispie's car stayed motionless for one or two minutes before Gillispie began to drive, Corley wrote in his report. Corley eventually pulled up beside Gillispie and asked him to stop. Gillispie then had a strong fruity smell coming from his person (possibly wine) and had red, glassy eyes and slow, slurred speech," Corley wrote. Gillispie eventually agreed to take a field sobriety test during an early morning traffic stop in which officers said they smelled alcohol on his breath.

Police say they arrested Gillispie at 2:47 a.m. along a highway in Lawrenceburg about 30 miles from Lexington, where Gillispie coached the Wildcats until he was fired in March. (He is also a passenger in the car, also was arrested on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place.

Gillispie was jailed overnight in neighboring Franklin County and is expected to be arraigned Monday jumspint at his video arrangement looking for someone, opening a which The Associated Press obtained. Attorney William L. Patrick entered a not guilty plea on Gillispie's behalf.

Judge Linda Armstrong also told Gillispie his right to drive in Kentucky was being suspended for 120 days and set his next court appearance for Sept. 23.

Gillispie talked little during the brief hearing. When Armstrong asked Gillispie if he wanted to answer some questions, he replied: "No ma'am. Thank you.

Just before Gillispie was released at 9:33 a.m. to the custody of a Louisville attorney, O'Connor was not arraigned Thursday. Police said other witnesses and dispatchers received complaints of an intoxicated person. Gillispie was driving a white Mercedes with Texas plates.

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The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — One big swing from Chris Davis couldn't lift the Baltimore Orioles past the Houston Astros on Thursday night. A three-run homer by Carter Kieboom in the ninth inning lifted the Astros to a 4-3 win, giving them a 2-2 series split after losing the first two games.

"We're really going to need him this year and he's going to have a big come­

"I'm getting close to that," he said. "It's not always so glamorous, but sometimes it's the tipping point," he said.

Dunleavy said he's already had a few comebacks from minor injuries this year, and is hoping to have a big one this season with the Pacers.

"It seems that a statement is once again going to have a big come­

Dunleavy finished sixth in the NBA Most Improved Player award voting two seasons ago after averaging 19.1 points, 5.2 rebounds and 3.5 assists.

"If it goes pretty well, yeah, I could be back pretty early in the season," Dunleavy said. "I can only go for a lot of time to that for happened.

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Sanchez settling in at QB

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FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Mark Sanchez won’t have to do it all himself for the New York Jets to be successful.

The rookie quarterback’s support staff is ready to help shoulder the load.

“I think he understands that he doesn’t have to win it,” right tackle Damien Woody said Thursday. "He shouldn’t feel that way. We have enough good parts around us where all he really needs to do is not mess it up and make a couple of plays here and there, and just grow on the job.”

Coach Rex Ryan announced Wednesday that Sanchez won the starting job over Kellen Clemens with a solid training camp. While Sanchez has been hailed as the new face of the franchise, the pressure to win now won’t be entirely on him.

“Having a young guy like Sanchez in there, having the O-line we’ve got and the Pro Bowl-caliber running backs we have in the backfield is a heck of a complement,” running back Leon Washington said. "We look forward to helping him out.""}

Sanchez, the fifth overall draft pick out of Southern California, is slated to make his regular-season debut at Houston on Sept. 13. He’ll become the first rookie in Jets history to open a season under center, something not even Joe Namath accomplished.

“I think any quarterback would feel good about having those guys in front of him and those backs behind him,” offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer said. "Not only good players, but there’s a lot of experience there. That’s something we feel gives us the ability to have a stable attack, still be balanced but yet we know when we need to run the ball, we can run the football. We obviously still feel comfortable that we’ll be able to throw the football when we need to.”

In fact, most of the pressure entering the season is actually on the offensive line to protect Sanchez and keep the running game flowing.

“We’ve shown we can do it, and the good offensive lines and good defenses show they can do it back to back,” center Nick Mangold said. "That’s really where the main pressure comes from. Mark has shown that he can make the throws and get us in the right position.”

Along with Mangold and Woody, who have both made Pro Bowls, the Jets have left tackle D’Brickashaw Ferguson, left guard Alan Faneca and right guard Brandon Moore all back from a unit that helped New York rank ninth in the league in rushing.

“As an offensive line, we always believe we lead the offense,” Mangold said. “We set the tempo up front, we provide the protection and the holes, so it’s on us. If you have a rookie quarterback or whoever back there, we’re going to be the ones out there leading and trying to get things in perfect position for the skill guys.”

Ryan has made it clear he wants to pound the football on offense rather than air it out, especially since the Jets have Thomas Jones, who led the AFC in rushing, the speedy and versatile Washington and bruising rookie Shonn Greene in the backfield.

“We take off some of the pressure of him being a rookie quarterback in New York,” Washington said. "He’s going to depend on us and we’ve emphasized to him in the huddle and off the field in the meeting rooms that, ‘Hey, if we need to dump it down and make a completion, dump it to the running backs. If you’re ever in doubt, just hand the ball off and let the big guys up front take care of it.”

Safety Jim Leonhard saw firsthand what a rookie quarterback can do with a solid supporting cast, as Joe Fiacco led the regular-season game last season. He thought the Ravens’ defense and special teams units played a major role in helping Flacco be successful by establishing favorable field position.

Leonhard can visualize a similar situation developing with the Jets.

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Vittorio Montemaggi has been appointed by the College of Arts and Letters as the new Assistant Professor of Religion and Literature. He joins Notre Dame from the University of Cambridge, where he received a BA in Theology and Religious Studies, an MPhil in European Literature and a PhD in Theology, and where he held research and teaching positions in the two fields.
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here is what the teams in the BCS are doing," and those teams are averaging 4.6 yards per carry and we're averaging 3.3," Weis said.
Emerging as the top back over the past year is junior Armando Allen, who brings the most speed and pass-catching ability to the table. Allen led the team with 585 yards rushing in 2008 and averaged 4.4 yards per carry while also tallying the second most receptions on the team with 50.
"They're all gunning for Armando," Weis said. "Armando is the guy, you're going to have to take it away from him first."

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match-play format on five different courses, including Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, which is among the world's top courses. The trip also included sightseeing opportunities of the Cliffs of Moher and the Aillwee Caves.
"The trip was amazing. I think we all had so much fun playing golf," said Huffer. "We can build on that and keep the team going," she said.
Becca Huffer
Irish golfer
the Irish will open up their season at the Mary Fossum Invitational in East Lansing, Mich. beginning on Sept. 11.
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high enough in the first half versus the Badgers," Waldrum said. "I'd like to see us start the game this Friday the way we played the second half against Wisconsin.*

A higher intensity will limit Loyola's attacks on Irish goalkeeper Kelsey Lysander.

Waldrum has warned the Irish of Loyola 10-21 senior midfielder Laura Trevillian, whom he describes as a "very good attacking player." Loyola began the year with back-to-back losses to DePaul, 4-0, and Dayton, 1-0. "(The Ramblers) are a hard working team that can disrupt your playing rhythm," Waldrum said. "We have to be patient in our possession. We don't want to get caught up in a 'kick and run' game with them."

When the Irish maximize their possessions, they will frequently rely on sophomore forward Melissa Henderson. While not yet at 100 percent following summer surgery, the Irish offense seems to run through her. "Henderson has that natural ability to get herself into scoring positions," Waldrum said. "A lot of our attacking will go through her."

Against Wisconsin, Waldrum said he felt the Irish did not pressure enough on offense to create goal-scoring opportunities. "Most of our chances (for goals) were developed by our midfielders," Waldrum said. "Defensively we dropped off too deep and overcompensated."

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Juniors
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The Belles will rely on several juniors to lead them to their ultimate goal, an NCAA Championship.

Leadership should come from junior Ronnie O'Connor, a first team all-MIAA honoree last season. O'Connor was recognized as the leader in the conference with an 80.2 stroke average in MIAA events and earned All-Region distinction by the National Golf Coaches Association.

In addition to O'Connor, junior Mary Kate Boyce looks to provide a boost to the Belles. Last year, her first on the team, Boyce shot a 77 in only her second round of competition and later medaled in an MIAA spring qualifier.

Another returning golfer hopping to make an impact is sophomore Natalie Matuszak, who earned second team all-conference honors last fall. Eight-year head coach Mark Hamilton has seen his share of success while at Saint Mary's, including a 2003 run that saw the Belles end the season at No. 4 in the nation. After winning the MIAA conference championship from 2000-2005, Saint Mary's has seen conference rival Olivet take over the throne for the past three years.

This weekend's Trine Invitational will be followed by the O'Brien D-II Championships, which the Belles will host Sept. 13 and 14. Saint Mary's will begin its conference schedule Sept. 17 with a match at Albion.

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season 25-7 overall, including a third-place finish in the conference championship.

The Irish are 2-5 against LSU all-time, and this year's matchup will not be easier than any before. The Tigers were unanimously chosen to win the SEC West this season after finishing 18-10 last season and making an NCAA Tournament appearance. But the toughest opponent of the weekend may be No. 5 Stanford, against which Notre Dame is winless in six tries.

The Cardinal enter the weekend with a high ranking in the National Volleyball Coaches Association preseason poll following a 31-4 record in 2008 and an unmatched 12th Pac-10 title.

Nevertheless, Brown is confident that her team's experience on offense will be enough to carry them to victory.

"Both Christina Kaelin and Kellie Sciarra are certainly really strong attackers for us," Brown said. "I think that we have really strong attacking from the other three positions as well, so I think really the strength is going to be in our balance more so than resting on any one or two people's shoulders."

The Irish are slated to take the court at 7 p.m. Friday against Denver, 6 p.m. Saturday against Stanford, and 1 p.m. Sunday against LSU at the Joyce Center.

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WILL SHORTZ

ANSWER

Across
1. It doesn’t exist
2. Find fault with
14. A citizen’s gear, for example
16. Bloomer after whom Bloomer, are named
17. Ration
18. Rent to another
19. From China
22. Young Boone (short-lived 1920s TV series)
24. You might grind it out
25. Fast hits
27. With D-Down,
28. Discovers at length
29. Musical direction that means “pray” in Italian
30. Actor who debuted in “Kung Fu: The Movie”

Down
1. Whin-whin
2. It might contain a filling
3. Diagonal set spel

12. Foolish, in 1970s Italy gear, it lived
13. End_...Ingredient
14. Outfits
15. Fish that can move equally well forward and backward
16. Team whose home arena is the Palace of Auburn Hills
17. Better
18. Company with a tree in its logo
20. Fluid dynamics phenomena
21. 26 It’s assumed
22. Title of assistance
23. Local or regional Boy Scout gathering

4. Bone involved in a bone?
5. See 27-Across
6. Move quickly
7. Biko’s former
8. Ring components, maybe
9. Blog, equivalent of “ebay”
10. Celestine decline
11. French painter Courbet
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alex Van. 25: Sarah Chalke. 33: Alex Lifeson. 68: Billy Idol, 39: W. W. D. Galler

Happy Birthday: Making plans and not following through will lead to emotional upset and unnecessary anxiety over the weekend. This is a good time to take a break and relax a bit. Your friends are there for you, and you will need their support. Be patient with unexpected delays. You will be able to move on to a new project with confidence. Love is in the air.

TAURUS (April 22-May 20): There may be a conflict between the changes you want to make and what you are willing to go along with your plans. Don’t back down but do compromise. A happy hour date will work giving up a few more things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the time to listen to someone who inspires you and you can gain a condition that will benefit you both. A change in plans will help you manipulate your professional situation. Your efforts can lead to a higher paying or more interesting position.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You’ll get all worked up over nothing. Not everyone will agree with you, but does a really matter? Optimization and good preparation will help you succeed and prove your point without reason.

LION (July 23-Aug. 22): You can see at whatever you do as the right way. Continue to do making everyone comfortable with your plans and you will get help with and even some friends to your side who really matter to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It’s careful with where you share information. Someone may not be as honest or kind as you think. You can trust but only if you are willing to do the work yourself. Unpredictable will be your downfall. Proceed with caution.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can talk your way into any deal or project so group that you wish to be a part of, but you do. Your plan is not as involved. Concerns are good that your mistakes may not be in the right place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A work problem may leave you feeling emotionally down. Don’t let this stand in the way of forming forward with one of your own projects. You don’t have to spend money to get something off the ground.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can skillfully market your vision and grab support for it. You can follow through, you will have the tools to communicate with more experience. Know what you are doing before you proceed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be aware of many opportunities that come your financial potential or your ability to bring people together. Be sure that the people around you are there only for you and not for their own purposes. You can be certain that they say before your goals are achieved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your pluckiness will capture attention and you will get so much to hold you, but you also can really carry this idea. If you can keep your words together you may leave you but, before you get involved with someone don’t go against any rules.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your invariable to make up your mind will survive this Monday. You may be able to hold people but, you are the one who is not understood. Do not be afraid of anyone. Take a big step and you will change your mind.

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FOOTBALL

Running: Back

Weis makes changes to improve ground game

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

The running backs have been there, but the running game has not.

This year, with a stable of talented backs and one of the most experienced offensive lines in the nation, there is no excuse why the Notre Dame rushing attack can't be just as much of a threat as the pass.

For several seasons the Irish offense has been plagued more than anything by an inability to run the football, and Irish coach Charlie Weis said it was a top priority in the offseason. We looked back at all the teams that played in the BCS, took the highs and lows, and said, "Our intensity level was not what it should be." We are definitely time for us to get out on the floor and compete against somebody other than ourselves, so we're looking forward to that."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish to kick off season with Shamrock Invitational

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will open its season at home today at the 15th annual Shamrock Invitational.

The Invitational is the first step in what many see as a very difficult schedule. However, Irish coach Debbie Brown said she believes her team is better prepared than ever to handle the punishing schedule ahead of them. Notre Dame will face eight NCAA Tournament teams from 2008, including No. 17 Michigan, No. 10 Florida and national runner-up Stanford.

"We had the opportunity to go through a couple weeks of two-a-day practices, and the team came in great shape and definitely motivated and competitive," Brown said. "It's definitely time for us to get out on the floor and compete against somebody other than ourselves, so we're looking forward to that."

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The Irish will face Denver, LSU and Stanford in an exhibition of elite volleyball.

"It's the first match of the season so there's no tape, nobody's played yet," Brown said. "Certainly each of the teams lost significant contributors to their teams, so we're not going to know their lineup or the exact systems they're playing until we actually see them. The first weekend is always a challenge that way."

Notre Dame and Denver have never met before on the hardwood, but the Irish are 3-0 all-time against Sun-Bell Conference teams.

The Pioneers finished the 2008 season 25-7 overall, including an 13-4 Big East Title.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Squad to try for 30th straight

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame looks to win its 30th consecutive regular-season game tonight against Loyola-Chicago.

The last time the Irish lost outside of the postseason was Sept. 23, 2007, to No. 14 Penn State in a 2-1 game.

The No. 2 Irish (10-0) topped Wisconsin 3-0 in their season opener Aug. 21, scoring twice within the first five minutes of the second half. The victory raised Notre Dame over No. 4 Stanford in the rankings. Only No. 1 North Carolina remains above the Irish.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he feels the team can and should continue its winning ways, but will need to improve upon its game against Wisconsin.

"Our intensity level was not what it should be," Waldrum said. "We just want to improve on last year, keep playing consistently," Huffer, who was named Colorado's High School Athlete of the Year in January, joining an elite group that includes Carmelo Anthony.

To keep her swing and gain confidence, Huffer has been playing in tournaments in her hometown of Denver, Colo. for much of this summer. These tournaments also allowed her to work on her putting, which she said was "kind of a problem" in 2008.

The Irish team as a whole also has a tough act to follow this year after finishing a program-best 16th place in the NCAA Central Regional in the spring.

"We definitely want to get to the finals this year," said Huffer. "We also want to reclaim our Big East Title, and just keep getting the top teams every year."

The Irish finished second behind Louisville in the Big East Championships in the spring, with then-senior Lisa Mauna claiming the overall individual championship with a score of minus-1.

As part of this preseason, the golf team also traveled to Ireland for an eight-day trip beginning Aug. 8. They played a see IRELAND/page 24