Jenkins aims to symbolize ND values in new presidency

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Since taking office on July 1, University President Father John Jenkins has assumed more than a new title — he has become the human embodiment of Notre Dame.

"The president has a symbolic role for the whole University," Jenkins said Tuesday. "You do things that are functional, you have meetings, you make decisions, and that's all important, but the whole dimension of playing that symbolic role ... even to the nation at large, the world at large, I think that is the thing that may be the most surprising and has been the biggest adjustment."

He says becoming "that presence" is a process. And just as he once applauded University President Emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy for skillfully setting the tone for the University, Jenkins too has been setting his own tone.

"I've spoken with the deans and chairs, I've spoken with various divisions in the University and really I've tried to articulate what I think is important at Notre Dame," Jenkins said.

For Jenkins the emphasis is focused on several ideas.

"We act with integrity, there's a sense of teamwork here," he said. "Notre Dame has a special mission, and everybody has a leadership role and has to understand that, and in a way that reflects that leadership and excellence."

Frosh-O gender tensions tackled

Suffers, student government officials work to foster healthier environment between sexes

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a periodic series examining gender relations at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

By KATE ANTONACCI and KAREN LANGLEY
News Writers

While Kyle Rocca enjoyed Freshman Orientation Weekend, something struck the Walsh Hall freshman as strange.

"Depending on whether Walsh was socializing with a men's dorm or women's dorm, she said, the mixer events took on a decidedly different tone."

"Any time that we were with a girls' dorm was in a sit-down activity. With the guys' dorms, it's always a physical, touching activity," Rocca said Sunday, pointing to the intertwined limbs of Walsh and Alumni Hall freshmen doing the "human knot."

"With girls it is not one-on-one, but with guys it's like, 'Here's your date,'" Rocca said. "I've had fun, but it's awkward. It's not normal social functioning.

Rocca's observations spell out the feelings of many Notre Dame students about Freshmen Orientation weekend, the University's annual activity-packed crash course in dorm life. Designed to allow new students to meet as many of their peers as possible while distracting them from homesickness, Frosh-O instead often becomes a source of lasting tensions between the sexes at Notre Dame, students and University officials said.

"Frosh-O is the time during which initial impressions of campus culture and gender norms at the University are established in the minds of freshmen," said Ali Wishon, chairperson of the Student Senate Gender Issues Committee. By encouraging events that reinforce typical gender stereotypes and the college "hook-up" culture, we are setting a dangerous precedent for freshmen to uphold."

Creating unhealthy relationships between the sexes is not the University's intended outcome for orientation weekend, said Ann Firth, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.

"Freshman Orientation is simply how we welcome the new students into the whole dimension of playing that role," she said. "At the same time we can't possibly keep students from forming relationships, but we can just do the best we can to try to help them make wise decisions." See also "Opening Mass marks new academic year" page 3

Burish named provost

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

The Board of Trustees elected 1972 Notre Dame graduate Thomas Burish to the position of University Provost on July 21, following the July 1 departure of Nathan Hatch, who held Notre Dame's second-ranking administrative post for nine years.

"The wonderful thing about Tom Burish is he brings a really remarkable resume including a set of experiences, as an academic and in the administration," University President Father John Jenkins said Tuesday.

Burish, formerly the president of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., is now the chief academic officer of Notre Dame, overseeing all academic programs and functions.

"His responsibilities see PROVOST page 9

London abroad program continues

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

The Notre Dame undergraduate London program will continue this fall as originally planned despite the coordinated terrorist attacks July 7 that killed 52 people and injured more than 700 in the British city, program officials said.

No students pulled out of the program in response to the four deadly explosions, three on underground trains and one on a bus, associate program director

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Notre Dame says ticket lottery goes smoothly

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

Students arriving at Notre Dame Stadium Monday and Tuesday to claim their lottery numbers and season football tickets — recently raised to $168 apiece for Notre Dame students and $225 for Saint Mary's students — discovered a lottery process that went smoothly, said Cappy Gagnon, coordinator of stadium operations.

Tickets were issued to 2,000 seniors in about two hours Tuesday, director of ticket operations Josh Berio said.

Implemented in 1999, the football ticket lottery system is designed to ensure student seating together. The lottery system requires students to travel to the stadium to receive a lottery number, then return to the stadium to retrieve their season ticket booklet. The lottery number 1561 was drawn Monday night and the student with that number received the
Another summer has come and gone, and so has the annual family trip up north to Little Glen Arbor in northern Michigan. Although the idea of “family time” usually makes me cringe, this summer’s trip caused me to see things a little differently.

When I was little, as our minivan crawled onto the freeway out of Milwaukee, the general mood was one of anticipation. But that youthful happiness was always disintegrated quickly. My brother, two years my junior, was quite tenacious in our backseat battles. Still, he couldn’t cope when I dug my fingernails into his skin. That move was a “no-no.”

But this grand plan began to go downhill once we hit torrential rains in Chicago that forced many drivers to put on their hazards and pull over. My brother was fast asleep, leaving me to fend for myself. Almost immediately after opening his eyes, he insisted I drive faster. Given my sub-par driving record — an incident where I rear-ended a car last summer prompted my parents to say, “You might want to lay low for a while” — I like to cruise at a safe nine miles per hour.

This year, however, marked a new milestone for our family. My brother and I drove together. It seemed like a better option than slowly going insane with my mother.

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“I said, Look at that dog, running around with helping get prompt medical attention for a woman who collapsed in her home during a diabetic-fainting spell. When Marlene Huffer painted Aug. 11, Danny — the Pomeranian mix she’s caring for — began barking loudly and racing back and forth inside.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Students gather for a barbeque on DeBartolo Quad Tuesday following the opening Mass in the Joyce Center, where Father John Jenkins gave his first homily as University President. A fireworks show followed the picnic.

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Opening Mass marks new academic year

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Thousands of Notre Dame faculty, staff and students flooded the Joyce Center Tuesday evening to celebrate the beginning of another school year at the Voice Mass led by University President Father John Jenkins.

Jenkins, who served as homiliist for the event, called on students to seek inspiration for "fresh insight, creative endeavors and moral and spiritual growth."

Citing the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit — wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, power, and fear of the Lord — the new president urged students to be more open to the inevitable difficulties that lie ahead in the coming school year.

"To receive these gifts we must become more receptive ... and aware of our own neediness," Jenkins said. "We may have to dismantle present understandings and comfortable charitities."

Questioning a career path, Questioning a career path, Jenkins reminded students to have open minds and hearts to hardships along the way which may later reap greater, more positive rewards.

Many students were excited about opening Mass, not only because it marks the beginning of another school year, but because of the tradition of the annual event.

"I love going to opening Mass. It brings me back to the first Mass I went to as a freshman, which always reminds me of how lucky I am to go to Notre Dame," said junior Claire McArdle. "You look around the JACC and see students sitting together, representing every dorm. I love that there is school unity and that faith is yet another factor that unites the student body. It is an inspiring way to start the school year.

"As part of the celebration honoring Notre Dame's third president in 53 years, he invited students to attend an academic convocation as well as the actual inauguration ceremony and ball."

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Fair caters to off-campus students

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Students living off-campus trickled into Notre Dame Stadium Monday afternoon to pick up football tickets and meal plans at the first ever off-campus fair, held Monday at Notre Dame Stadium.

"Security and safety is a priority," Kralovec said. "Plus, this fair is an opportunity to have a mini-orientation and to reconnect with who is and isn't living off-campus.

"At the South Bend Police Department table, Officer Aaron Cassel chatted with Officer Patrick Hechlinski behind stacks of safety pamphlets.

"Some kids feel okay approaching us," Hellinski said. "We have a lot of good information for students to be aware of."

Crowds gathered around the SupperShop.com table — where representatives were serving free lasagna and Mexican beef for lunch. Martin's Supermarket had sushi and cookie samples, as well.

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SMC tops ranking list again

College named No. 1 in its category

By JEN MALL
News Writer

Saint Mary's has been named the No. 1 Midwest comprehensive college for the 11th time in the past 11 years, according to the U.S. News and World Report's 2006 edition of "America's Best Colleges."

In the rankings released this week, Saint Mary's reigned above the other 107 colleges in its category, including Calvin College and Marietta College, achieving a perfect score of 100. Saint Mary's ranked at the top in all categories, which included student selectivity, graduation rates, retention rates and commitment to instruction.

Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney said the ranking did not surprise her.

"Saint Mary's educates women uncommonly well, and it's good to have our enduring quality reflected in these annual rankings," Mooney said in a press release. "But what the rankings don't show is that, after four years at Saint Mary's, our students become women who excel in business, the arts, medicine and academia. Our success as an institution comes from so much more than these rankings don't show is that, after four years at Saint Mary's, our students become women who excel in business, the arts, medicine and academia. Our success as an institution comes from so much more than these rankings.

Students also expressed excitement about the College's top ranking.

"It's awesome that Saint Mary's is No. 1," said senior Stephanie Mason. "I definitely think this is an added bonus for me in the future as I prepare to enter the job market."

The College's commitment to instruction is seen primarily in the small class sizes at Saint Mary's, Mooney said.

"The rank reflects the quality of student we enroll," Mooney said.

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Student reports attempted burglary in dorm

By LISA SCHULZ
News Writer

An Alumni Hall resident reported an attempted burglary last week, Assistant Director of the Notre Dame Security/Police Phillip Johnson said.

A man entered the men's dormitory and at approximately 9:40 a.m. Aug. 16 conversed briefly with the student, who, while walking to a neighboring room, became worried that he did not lock his door, Johnson said. When he returned to his own room, the student discovered the man taking DVDs and putting them into a bag.

Once the man was confronted, he fled without taking anything from the room. NDSP searched the area but did not find the suspect, Johnson said.

Though the suspect was not found, Johnson said a crime was still prevented because the student followed his instincts, a response Johnson said is necessary to maintain a safe campus environment.

This type of crime — an unforced attempted burglary — is the most common on campus, Johnson said. Despite their frequency, such incidents are easily preventable, he said.

"We could virtually eliminate crime on campus if people would lock their doors," Johnson said. "NDSP can't be in every dorm all the time."

Johnson also recommended that students program NDSP's phone number into their cellular phones as a speed dial number to report suspicious activity on or around campus.

Such an incident highlights the importance of people being responsible for others' safety when in a residence hall community, Johnson said.

He also added that propping open doors and not locking dorm room doors are dangerous to campus security.

"You do [lock your doors] everywhere else in the world, why not here?" Johnson said. "If people say ND is a safe campus, it is because people lock out for each other."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Peruvian airplane crashes in jungle

A Peruvian airline carrying 100 people crashed as it attempted an emergency landing on a jungle highway Tuesday, killing at least five people and injuring 20 others, officials and airline reports said.

Peruvian media said as many as 40 were killed, but there was no official confirmation.

The Boeing 737 went down near the Puracaca municipal airport at 3:12 p.m., Nenita Pasquier, a Puracaca airport receptionist, told The Associated Press by phone.

The pilot contacted the airport tower saying he could not land because of strong winds and a tormented downdraft, she said. The plane circled the airport until it tried to land on a nearby highway.

Iraqis resume charter talks

Baghdad, Iraq — Sunni Arab leaders showed some sign of compromise Tuesday as they prepared to resume talks in yet another bid by the Shiite-led government to win approval of Iraq's new constitution.

The U.S. ambassador said every effort must be made to reach a final agreement, but the chairman of the drafting committee doubted that differences could be resolved quickly and suggested parliament might submit the current draft to voters.

Fatality to win over the once-dominant minority would undercut the U.S. strategy of using the constitution to lure Sunni Arabs from the insurgency. So long as no American and other foreign troops could start to leave, Washington was relying on the group to rush through a charter by Aug. 15.

"I think those who advocate immediate withdrawal from our country, the Middle East are advocating a policy that would allow Saddam Hussein to take over the United States," Bush said.

The president said U.S. troops in Iraq are keeping Americans safe and that Iraqis are making progress toward democracy. He urged political officials to try to move Baghdad struggle to complete a constitution.

"The fact that they're even writing a constitution is vastly different from living under the iron hand of a dictator," Bush said.

Bush also said Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had made a tough and courageous decision to withdraw Jewish settlements from Gaza that resists to the Palestinian people.

Bush arrived in blue jeans and a fleece jacket, underwent the tall pine trees at the Tamarack Mountain getaway came to".

Obesity grows in nearly every state

WASHINGTON — Like a lot of people, the nation's weight problem is settling below its waistline. The states with the highest percentages of obese adults are mostly in the South: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, West Virginia, Louisiana and Tennessee.

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Some 22.7 percent of American adults were obese in the 2002-04 period, up slightly from 22.2 percent for 2001-03, says the trust group Trust for America's Health, citing data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

LOCAL NEWS

State debt reaches decade high

DONNELLY, Idaho — Two Wal-Mart employees who were gathering shopping carts were shot to death Tuesday in the parking lot of one of the retail stores in suburban Phoenix.

The shootings occurred in the middle of the parking lot, about 75 yards from the store entrance. A body could be seen in one of the cars used for collecting carts.

Police said authorities were searching for the gunman. He said there were several witnesses to the shootings but would not identify them.

There was no immediate word on what might have motivated the attacks.

Delia Garcia, a Wal-Mart spokeswoman on the scene, said the two victims were collecting shopping carts when the gunman broke out.

Garcia said, "It was just a shot, out of nowhere.

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Associated Press

CARACAS — Pat Robertson's call for American agents to assassinate President Hugo Chavez is a "terrorist" act that was investigated by U.S. authorities, Venezuela said Tuesday. The Bush administration quickly distanced itself from the religious broadcaster.

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"Chavez can be reached and neutralized," Peten, a Venezuelan oil tycoon, said in response to questions from reporters at Havana's airport that he did not have information about Robertson's comments.

"I haven't read anything. We haven't heard anything about him," Chavez said. "I don't even know who that person is."

But Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel said the U.S. response to Robertson would be a test of its anti-terrorist policy and that Venezuela was studying its legal options.

"The ball is in the U.S. court, after this criminal statement by a citizen of that country," Rangel said. "It's a huge hypocrisy to maintain this discourse against terrorism and at the same time, in the heart of that country, there are entire terrorist statements like those."".

Rangel called Robertson "a man who seems to have quite a bit of influence in that country," adding sarcastically that his words were "very Christian." He said the comments "reveal that religious fundamentalism is one of the great problems facing humanity in these times."

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A supporter of President Bush holds a sign backing the troops Tuesday in front of Camp Casey, Cindy Sheehan's anti-war camp in Crawford, Texas.
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Terri Bays said. The 128 participants left for London Aug. 17.

Bays did receive a number of phone calls from students in the days after the attacks, but most were "overwhelmingly supportive" of the program continuing, Bays said.

"I came back to campus (after the attacks), and then we sent out a note via e-mail to the parents of the full students reassuring them that we were continuing the program," Bays said. "There would have to be some information that there was a significant growing danger to the students such as the outbreak of war or specific terrorist attacks for the program to be canceled."

Notre Dame students participating in the summer engineering program were in London when the attacks occurred, but all were already in class the morning of July 7.

Robert Dunn, director of the London engineering program, went to the classroom to reassure students.

"Unfortunately, something like the July 7 attacks can happen at any time and anywhere," Wons said. "I didn't consider pulling out of the program but the July 7 attacks did make me wonder of riding the Tube."

Wons' mother Karen did consider asking her daughter not to go to London and has been watching the news very closely.

"[Terrorism] certainly is a concern," Karen Wons said. "At the same time, I think it is just an incredible opportunity to do the study abroad experience."

Her older daughter participated in the London programs three years ago, and Karen Wons and her husband still plan on visiting their daughter for Thanksgiving.

"I do have faith in the Notre Dame program that if they felt the situation was worsening they would send them home," Karen Wons said.

Philip O'Brien, whose daughter Kathleen O'Brien is studying in London this semester, said while he was concerned about the attacks, he did not ask his daughter to go.

"We had some trepidation but we figured it part of life those days," O'Brien said. "The upside outweighs the risk."

Meghan Wons admitted that going to school in London after the July 7 attacks would be very different than living on campus in South Bend, and said she had received lots of advice from students who had gone in past semesters.

"I think I will try to travel in groups and avoid taking the Tube as much as possible," Meghan Wons said. "I know a lot of my classmates and friends here said that their parents did not want them taking the tube either, so we all be doing a lot of walking together."

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Dish receiver offers free service

DENVER — The nation's No. 2 satellite television provider wants to dish out free service to any town wishing to rename itself "Dish." EschoStar Communications Corp., which operates the Dish Network, said Tuesday it will pay towns $1 million worth of free satellite television service for every house in a U.S. town that legally makes the change.

The offer will include a receiver, standard installation and a programming package for every household.

In exchange, the municipality must change its name permanently, including on buildings and signs.

The service would cost about $4 million for 1,000 houses, the network said. The two satellite television provider estimated interested cities have until Nov. 1 to submit a proposal.

"It's an exciting concept and we hope it will become a buzz of any town," EchoStar spokesman Mark Ciacca said.

The promotion comes on the heels of EschoStar's newest advertising campaign and a contest that will allow anyone who named EchoStar's next satellite receiver.

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A commitment to excellence should pervade everything we do," Jenkins said.

Along with establishing a particular mindset, Jenkins has been developing specific goals for his term. Although he said his Sept. 23 inaugural address and Oct. 11 "Day by Day" address would further articulate his plans, he said his general thoughts on the future of the University under his leadership should not be terribly surprising.

"I don't think Notre Dame needs a radically new direction," Jenkins said. "I think it needs an understanding it has a distinctive role to play in American education, and it's got to realize that and play it in the best possible way."

In order to progress and play its role, Notre Dame must focus on undergraduate research, elected standards for faculty and a greater promotion and understanding of diversity, Jenkins said.

"Diversity is a big challenge. Until we have made progress on and need to continue to make progress on," Jenkins said. "I think that implies the fact of increasing the number of women, and across the University to increase diversity and reflect on diversity so that we can understand that and get the greatest value from the diversity that is present at Notre Dame."

Jenkins also said he would like Notre Dame to become "the world center for reflection" on issues such as religious conflict, expressing enthusiasm for an upcoming forum on the subject moderated by former NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw.

"We're the major university in this country that has a religious character that is among the top 20 universities or so," Jenkins said. "And we can take that on."

For now, however, the new president often finds himself tied up in meetings, citing time as his biggest challenge.

"It's been very busy," Jenkins said. "We're the first of the school year there's an enormous number of meetings to go to, groups to form."

Luckily for Jenkins, Hillary Clinton, vice president for public affairs and communications, and Father James McDonald, senior executive assistant and counselor to the president, are busily planning his inauguration. He expressed excitement for the two-day event, which will begin Sept. 22 and be attended by Jenkins' extended family coming from overseas, and "It's a time to celebrate John Jenkins, but to celebrate Notre Dame — to celebrate this wonderful faculty, students, alumni and its great potential for the future," Jenkins said. "And I hope our visitors come and walk away just thinking, 'What a great place.'"

And how does he feel about his term as it approaches the two-month mark? "It's been very busy," Jenkins said with a smile.

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Get Involved in Irish Athletics!

The Sports Information Office is looking for student assistants for the 2004-05 school year. Any student interested in becoming active in Irish athletics should come to an informational meeting on Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sports Information Office, (Joyce Center, second floor inside Gate 2). For more information, call Bernie Cafarelli at 1-7516.
Oil firm to acquire major producer

BEIJING — China's biggest state-owned oil firm has reached an agreement to buy a major oil producer in neighboring Kazakhstan for $4.2 billion — a victory in Beijing's campaign to secure foreign energy supplies for its booming economy.

The acquisition of PetroKazakhstan Inc., a Canada-based company, by a unit of China National Petroleum Corp., comes just three weeks after Hong Kong-based CNOC Ltd. dropped its bid for Unocal Corp. following opposition from U.S. politicians.

The deal, which still requires the approval of PetroKazakhstan's shareholders, would be the biggest foreign takeovers by Chinese corporate takeovers overseas.

CNPC International Ltd. agreed to pay $55 per share, or about $3.8 billion, or $13.3 billion in revenue this year, with about $3.8 billion, or 18 percent, to close at $53.75 Monday on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock's strongest level of the day was $54.52, well above its previous 52-week high of $46.12.

Stocks fall as traders wait for data

NEW YORK — Stocks fell Tuesday as traders waited for data on existing home sales and oil prices rose again.

Wall Street has been closely watching home sales, worried that the housing boom is nearing its end. The National Association of Realtors is expected to report later in the session that July existing home sales fell slightly compared to June. Analysts expected a strong Chinese corporate takeovers overseas.

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The contract is the largest military engine deal awarded in more than a decade, the government's first contract to develop an engine for the military's next-generation stealth jet fighter. The contract is the largest military development-contract awarded in recent years.

The government has already produced a prototype of the plane, expected to cost between $28 million and $40 million. The first planes are expected to go into U.S. service in two years using the Pratt & Whitney engine. GE Aircraft Engines is expected to earn $13.3 billion in revenue this year, with about $3.8 billion, or 28.6 percent, coming from military contracts.

GE and Rolls-Royce win contract for jet engine

Associated Press

EVENDALE, Ohio — A joint venture between General Electric Co. and Rolls-Royce PLC won a $2.47 billion contract to develop an engine for the military's next-generation stealth jet fighter.

The contract is the largest military development-contract awarded in recent years. GE Aircraft Engines, a unit of General Electric Co., gained an advantage in this Cincinnati suburb and employs about 6,800. Under the terms of the contract, Rolls-Royce's Indianapolis operations will share in about $500 million of the work on the engine, ensuring several new years of employment for about 4,000 employees already hired in the past year to ramp up the project.

"We're excited. This is a big deal," said Dennis Jarvi, president of the National Association of Realtors. "It is the largest opportunity to help our security, economy and environment."
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groups of orientation activities that it labeled them "juvenile and hypersexualized" in its April report to the University's Board of Trustees.

Student body president Dave Baron, former president Adam Istan and former vice presi
dent Karis Bell told the trustees that activities requiring male and female freshmen to pair off should be eliminated and replaced with events between many students of the same sex.

"I received a lot of feedback (from the focus groups) that students were concerned that some men's and women's dorms incorporated icebreakers that paired freshmen by birth- 
days and hometowns to reduce awkwardness. Side activities, like inflatable games, were also set up to distract those who felt uncomfortable with forced interaction."

"At the end of my Frosh-O, I felt like I had met all the girls in the world but didn't know any girls in my own dorm," said Jonathan Farley, an 87 Freshman Orientation Comman. "I think that the ways the events take place much more pressure on meet-
ing the opposite sex than if people in your own dorm, which for some may create ten-

sion and discomfort for more shy people and possibly unhealthy gender relations."

Across South Quad, Howard Hall tried this year to branch out from the stereotype of orientation activities between same-gender dorms and one men's dorm, instead holding activities with neighboring men's and women's dorms Pangborn and Lyons, sophomore orientation staff member Pia Mauro said.

"We want to facilitate activi-
ties that encourage girls to approach guys and vice versa," Mauro said, "but not to force them into relationships."

Pauquerilla West rector Sister Sue Bruno said she supports the inclusion of same-sex inter-

hall events in Frosh-O weekend. "I think it's healthy," she said. "We are trying to set up a good relationship with our neighbors."

We can have friendly bantering and allegiance to our own dorm, but we need to find a way to interact in a respectful, friendly manner."

In her years at Notre Dame, Bruno said she has seen great efforts made to encourage bal-
nanced interaction between the sexes.

"In terms of Frosh-O, they've done a tremendous job of mak-
ing it more comfortable," she said.

Also changed this year was the annual "Football to Finals" presentation, designed to inform first-year students about how to stay safe at Notre Dame.

A work in progress

But even with this year's adjustments, Frosh-O remains a work in progress, and not everyone agrees that the cur-ent orientation format is flawed. While support exists for same-sex interhall activities, not all such events went smoothly last weekend.

"Saturday night our event with Farley didn't go very well," said sophomore Megan O'Hara, a Campus Orientation Commissioner for Leavey of a same-sex interhall event that was encouraged but not required by the university.

"There were groups of Lewis girls and Farley girls standing around separately," she said. "It's a good idea in theory, but there are some things they and they don't even know each other's names yet. They don't feel as obligated to reach out to other girls. They want to meet people in their own dorm, but we need to be able to reach out to the other dorms."

O'Hara said that if her dorm were to hold a similar event in the future, she would have rec-

ommended that students drop the dorm shirts that broadcast their hall affiliation and often become an immediate source of division.

"I would have had them wear normal clothes so girls would have just looked for other girls who looked nice and talked to them," she said.

Same-sex interhall events might be more successful if they were not just confined to orientation weeks, she said.

"I think the key is planting seeds and doing fol-

los up. I would like to see our freshmen do follow-up a few months later with girls from [Breen-Phillips] and Cavanaugh."

And what the freshmen sensed was a lack of consistency. "I think students might form better relationships on the weekends," she said. "It's possible that a guy has a painful separation from his girlfriend and does not feel like running around and meeting girls on Frosh-O weekend," Gaaghan said. "It's most important to have activities that people find fun, comfortable, welcoming. The problem comes when people are forced or pres-

ured into anything."

Seeing through the 'gender lens'

Notre Dame recognizes that ses
tion activities are not the only culprit for negative gender relations, said Rakoczy.

"It's possible that a guy has a painful separation from his girlfriend and does not feel like running around and meeting girls on Frosh-O weekend," Gaaghan said. "It's most important to have activities that people find fun, comfortable, welcoming. The problem comes when people are forced or pres-

ured into anything."

Fitch praised students for tak-

ing on a leading role in bringing about this year's changes.

"These were positive first steps and certainly steps for-
ward," she said. "I think our goals are to welcome people, and to welcome them into a community that is comfortable with dialogue and welcomes all aspects of healthy atti-
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PROVOST continued from page 1 range from appointing and promoting faculty to setting the budgets for academic departments, colleges and institutes," Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs said.

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Land giveaways draw newcomers

Free plots in the heartland spark a traditional pattern of homesteading

Associated Press

ELLIWORTH, Kan. — Here in the heartland, the prairie homesteading tradition lives again. And — that coveted, crowded, pricey possession in America's hot spots — can be had these days for nothing in a growing number of Great Plains communities.

Slogging populations prompted land giveaways in the mid- to late 1800s. And so, in the middle of Kansas, Maribel Juarez has rediscovered the town of her El Salvadoran childhood.

"I found a place exactly like my hometown and it's in America," Juarez says with a broad smile. "In us, this is our promised land. We don't need anywhere else." Lured by an offer of free property, Juarez, 44, and her husband, Marcelarde, 46, came to Kansas from Vallejo, Calif., two months ago. They went from an apartment where they feared letting their daughter out on her bicycle to a nearly new dream home.

"To us, this is our hometown and it's in America," says Maribel Juarez, landholder from El Salvador.

The town now has 10 free lots available, each about one-third of an acre, and four more elsewhere in the county. Local families are eligible for one lot, and two have built on them. The down-payment aid is for newcomers only.

"If we come to give to the community, you will be received. If you come to take, you won't," said Amy Eck, 31, came from Philadelphia 7 miles away to take a job as managing editor of the weekly. weekly.

"They have literally stuck their hands in the hornet's nest," said Dr. Kanwaljeet Anand, a fetal pain researcher.

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Scott Wagner

Live and Let Live or Die

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So what exactly do libertarians believe? I've heard this question too many times. I'm going to ignore the inanity of it, in deference to the truly curious, and attempt to answer it briefly because there is no other way—that is, short of writing several volumes of political philosophy, which is something I am not planning on doing. Maybe you have heard of libertarianism, or maybe you have it. It is a political philosophy that is not new, and it has its roots in the earliest forms of capitalism. The Libertarian Party was only founded within the last 35 years, but boasts more members elected to public office than any other third party.

So...what exactly do libertarians believe?

The core principle of libertarianism is simple, and if one wishes to join the Libertarian Party one must sign a pledge to uphold it, the principle of non-aggression. Therein lies the most striking difference between libertarianism and the other political philosophies currently wrestling for power in the United States. Non-aggression simply states that your freedom to engage in violence ends with another human being begins, except in cases of self-defense. Thus, your inherent authority extends only to your own body—"the property you own, or your own body — and nowhere else. Authority is an artificial construct that is morally valid if and only if the consent of the subordinated is clearly established.

The rule applies to all individuals, corporations and yes— even governments.

It is from this foundation that all libertarian positions derive. The government, at any level, is an exercise in authority that is not necessarily intrinsic to its existence. As Murray Rothbard, one of the greatest political thinkers you've never heard of, said, "If you wish to know how libertarians regard the State and any of its acts, simply think of the State as a criminal band, and all of the libertarian attitudes will logically fall into place."

Unlike Rothbard, however, most libertarians are not anarchists. Most are disillusioned Republicans or Democrats who have seen the national debt grow, who have watched civil liberties be curtailed, who have seen the machinery of state aggression, who have recognized that the root of oppression is the usurpation of authority and who have had enough.

Libertarians reject authority that does not rest on the explicit consent of the governed. We believe that neither you nor any politician has a right to our money. We believe that no one has the right to interfere in our private lives. We believe that self-defense is inalienable right to interfere in our private lives. We believe that neither you nor any politician has a right to our money.

We believe that the best way to a better society is not through more laws, smaller government and more enforcement of charity and morality, and we believe that the best way to a better society is not through more laws, smaller government and more enforcement. Hence the difficulty in classifying libertarians on the left-right-wing scale. Like the right, we believe that the government on the left-right-wing scale. Like the right, we believe that the government has no right to interfere in our personal lives. Like the right, we believe that the government has no right to interfere in our personal lives. Libertarians are thus both simultaneously left and right, and most will say they are neither.

The bumper sticker on the back of my car states it clearly enough: Libertarians are "pro-choice on everything."

Unfortunately, the left has commanded the word "tolerance" and now throws it around carelessly. Tolerance is, simply, tolerance. You may not like my opinions. You may not like the Vagina Monologues; you may complain and whine and ignore all of those things, but you're going to tolerate all of them because you have no right to do anything otherwise. You are not freer to decide what is best than anyone else.

That is libertarianism. It is based entirely on negative rights, in that people are free from coercion. In opposition to today's big-government socialists and neoconservatives who believe his positive rights: that is, you have the right to a government-funded retirement, the right to a permanent foreign-free society, or any other "right" that can be invented. Libertarianism is not about what you have a "right to." It is about what you have the right to be "free from."

Fundamentally, you do not have the right to coerce anyone, just as you have the right to be free from coercion.

Hopefully this column will serve as a forum in which I can detail out some libertarian solutions to government-created problems. If you find that the idea of fewer laws, smaller government and freedom of speech, religion and the press appeals to you, keep reading and investigate the matter further. It's going to be an interesting year.

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Several weeks ago, Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari called for the United States to begin winding down American forces from Iraq by as early as 2006. President Bush, with the support of the Prime Minister's statement, is refusing to set a time table for the American disengagement from the war-terrains such an action would give the terrorists a clear cut date to plan an organized effort to create public anxiety and fear by taking American citizens hostage in the United States or_family and friends to seek the terrorists' downfall. The main issue that President Bush fails to address is not his diplomatic tightrope over Iraq is that the terrorists exist in an organized infrastructure of a greater extent than the terrorists in Iraq, are maintained within the mainstream of Palestinian society and have legitimate political influence. Also, the organization's popularity in Gaza and threat of overthrow to Palestinian Authority control in Gaza once the disengagement is over. Already, the organization's members have clashed with Palestinian police only a month ago, shooting a top Palestinian official and overturning and burning Palestinian Authority police cars in Northern Gaza. Why? Because the Palestinian police stopped an attempt to bomb Hamas rockets at Israeli settlements in the region. Such a tactic of intimidation could become extremely successful and will show Palestinian Authority police cars in Northern Gaza. Why? Because the Palestinian police stopped an attempt to bomb Hamas rockets at Israeli settlements in the region. Such a tactic of intimidation could become extremely successful and will show Hamas is showing strength independent of the centralized PA government. Their leaders have been holding their own news conferences before the Israeli withdrawal, claiming victory in ending the occupation in Gaza and promising to continue the struggle against the Israelis. What is the Hamas definition of armed struggle? Unfortunately, the organization has historically attacked the vulnerable and innocent, murdering in cold blood without regard for human life. The worst and most frightening prospect is that Hamas is threatening to secure a victory in control Gaza legitimately and through elections and illegitimately, if necessary, through intimidation and violence. With the settlements and military outcomes removed from Gaza and the possibility of a Gaza state, Gaza could be the major center of operation for Hamas and other terrorist organizations in all of the Palestinian territories. After all, it appears that its brand of violence has caused the Israelis to give up a major bloc of territory worth its weight in gold, which the terrorists are claiming as justification for suicide bombings and their other methods of murder. The Iraq War's parallel to the Israeli Gaza withdrawal would be what President Bush has been preaching against all along: no withdrawal until the Iraqi government can control the terrorism situation. The Palestinian government cannot yet handle its own extremists, and many terrorists are actually in the government itself. The Gaza Strip is being given to the Palestinians as a prize for the Second Intifada for nothing in return, when it could have been used in future negotiations as a bargaining chip for the disarming of terror groups and the future security of Israel. President Bush has supported Israel's disengagement as he attempts to show solidarity with Prime Minister Sharon in his bid for peace. However, when a plan is weak and shortsighted, a strong leader would not support it, even as the expense of a friend. As a passive accomplice to PM Sharon's biggest gamble, President Bush has forgotten his values. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Don't just take the professor's word

I know this will shock you, but your professors are not always right. Nah, this is not some secret society that reveals the lies we have all been told. When you realized mom and dad got it wrong about eating your teeth and your face getting stuck like that? You saw how intelligent people doing research with their PowerPoint presentations and those fancy Ph.D.s are after their rating to show solidarity with Prime Minister Sharon. This is probably because they are. However, professors are also intelligent people. They come in the classroom with their own set of experiences, opinions and biases.

In fact, some may be more biased on their area of specialty than just your average smart-guy. They have spent your years immersed in a specific area of study, so it is pretty easy to form strong opinions about certain aspects of the subject. Just think, you might know more about your favorite sport than your mom, but you probably have some preconceived notions that are debatable among other sports fans. Likewise, you walk out of your women's studies class and don't feel oppressed by the evil male patriarchal society that dominates females. If you have your own door or pull out your chair and try to assume that the more authority they have, the more they sacrifice their own. Don't cast those questions aside too quickly. There is more to what shapes a person's political views than his or her history.

Maybe that avant-garde piece of artwork that the professor gushes over is just that: what you think it is — for lack of a better word, really artistic crap. If you are all engaged with your class work, you will invariably come across some inconsistencies with your professor's book and you own your class work. Don't cast those doubts aside too quickly. Learning to think is more difficult than just memorizing and reciting from a book.

In the classroom, respecting your professors is essential. The difference between the two types of students is expected. Truly processing the information you pass on to you and making educated conclusions on your own ideas. Of course, the first step for you is staying awake.

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Hypocrisy rampant in Gaza Strip policies

If, as some have suggested, American schools teachers present plugging scientific theories like Intelligent design alongside Darwin's theory of evolution, it would make the line between science and religion not to mention church and state dangerously indis-
Summer movie roundup: A recap of the season's

Batman Begins

The gauntlet had been thrown down by Nolan. Each of the last four summers, the "X-Men" and "Spider-Man".LocalDate

..."Fantastic Four"

the other well-reviewed and popular summer blockbusters. The relative failures of "Cinderella Man," which fell short of recouping its more than $80 million budget and smaller films such as "Deathproof" and "Trick 'r Treat," directed by "Mallard Dollar Baby" writer Paul Haggis, ended up being the best and most interesting in a summer largely devoid of originality.

Aside from these brighter blips, there were far more disasters than usual. Stars and directors alike stumbled, resulting in films that were either wildly disappointing ("Fantastic Four") or should never have been made in the first place ("Deuce Coupe"). The general climate of the entire season was alarmingly indistinct and lacking in many truly worthwhile films. Sequels and remakes seemed to be the trend, even for high-profile and beloved films ("The Lord of the Rings," "Star Wars"). The rest of the cast is equally consistent, from Halle Berry's tough on character, which helps underscore the brutal nature of the sport itself. In that regard, "Cinderella Man" is at once a hip of real-life heavyweight champion James Braddock and a spot-on depiction of Depression difficulties.

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While the topic of race is difficult to discuss in a film that has faced so much controversy and backlash, "Cinderella Man" is a highly entertaining film. The ensemble cast is brilliant, and includes a somewhat unusual group of actors, such as Sandra Bullock, Brendan Fraser, Don Cheadle, and Meryl Streep. Some of the most notable performances include Sandra Bullock with the role of the film's heroine, "Cinderella Man." Russell Crowe is reliable as ever, playing one of the genuinely nicest protagonists in recent memory. The rest of the cast is equally consistent, from Halle Berry's tough on character, which helps underscore the brutal nature of the sport itself. In that regard, "Cinderella Man" is at once a hip of real-life heavyweight champion James Braddock and a spot-on depiction of Depression difficulties.

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The second is with Johnny Depp's portrayal of Willy Wonka. Depp and Burton have teamed up before, often to glorious results ("Edward Scissorhands" and especially "Ed Wood"). But in "Charlie," his bizarre mannerisms and child-like tendencies are far creepier and less effective than his performances in either of those other two films. For an actor of Depp's caliber, this is disheartening, though it does demonstrate just how good Gene Wilder's performance as Wonka was in the original.

Comparisons to the pseudo-psychedelic 1971 original are inevitable, and while the 2005 version is far more stylized and visually arresting, it's not nearly as effective as the original. What's stranger is that the title of this version is "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," while the original was entitled "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." Yet the removal of the Everlasting Gobstopper subplot and addition of Wonka's backstory actually de-emphasizes Charlie and focuses on Wonka himself.
triumphs, disappointments and downright unwatchable films

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo

Some films are made to have sequels, such as "The Lord of the Rings," while others are bad but not awful, like "Miss Congeniality 2." Finally, there are the sequels that simply make you cringe, like "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo."

The original film, "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo," was bad to say the least, but it had a few inappropriately funny moments that made it possible to sit through. The first film was really nothing more than a one-joke movie, and attempting to stretch the already weak concept to fill another movie makes the sequel dull and tedious to watch. The sequel's plot centers around Deuce's return to work as a male prostitute while his fellow workers are being mysteriously murdered.

All of the tasteless jokes that you would expect are included, and moving the action to Europe doesn't really change much except that stale jokes about different nationalities can be exchanged to fit the new continent.

Rob Schneider and Eddie Griffin could potentially be funny as a team with the right material, but the predictability of this movie gives them nothing substantial to work with. This film is truly a testament to the lack of original ideas and taste in Hollywood.

Dukes of Hazzard

Movies based on defunct television shows are rarely any good, but "The Dukes of Hazzard" manages to sink to a new low. This film is nothing more than a lame excuse to blow things up, have car chases and bring Jessica Simpson out in a bikini.

While the television show was anything close to critically acclaimed, it was still popular and possessed some sort of charm and energy that made it a successful and beloved legion of fans. The film version merely appropriates the show's name and characters and repackages them for a younger generation, an odd strategy because it ignores the fans of the series who never watched the original.

The casting is squarely aimed at attracting a younger audience, with Sean William Scott ("American Pie") and Johnny Knoxville ("Jackass") filling in as Bo and Luke Duke. Scott and Knoxville are normally entertaining regardless of how bad the show is, but even they get bogged down in the dull and meandering plot. Jessica Simpson relies entirely on her ability to wear a bikini, which is probably for the best because her acting skills are nonexistent. She is completely overwhelmed by what is going on around her.

The presence of notable cameos like Burt Reynolds, Willie Nelson and Linda Blair helps, but it isn't enough to save this film and it raises questions as to why they are there in the first place.

"The Dukes of Hazzard" is simply bad boring and nearly unwatchable.

Stealth

There is an odd trend of recent Academy Award winners going on to make subpar films, from Denzel Washington making "Man On Fire" to Halle Berry making "Catwoman" to Gwyneth Paltrow making "Shallow Hall." Jamie Foxx joins that Hall of Shame with his latest, "Stealth."

What's sad is that Foxx's performance isn't terrible at all, but it seems terrible because the dialogue and plot are so poor. "Stealth" might qualify as a popcorn picture, except that a popcorn picture is designed to be enjoyable. The logic of the film is questionable at best and egregious at worst, and the pacing is much slower than might be expected. The cast ranges in quality, from extremely good (Sam Shepard, whose echoes of "The Right Stuff" are much more depressing than thrilling) to extremely poor (Jessica Biel), who is straddled with such bad dialogue that one is almost tempted to forgive her. There are actually a surprising amount of quality actors on display here, which is ultimately a shame since they are stuck in a movie with such poor dialogue and plotting.

The special effects and charisma of its lead star help carry "Stealth," but not by much. Director Rob Cohen, whose previous credits include "The Fast and the Furious" and "XXX," is often regarded as a subpar popcorn moviemaker, but at least those films were enjoyable in a mindless sort of way. "Stealth" doesn't even grant that guilty pleasure.

The film didn't do well at the box office despite show and star power, which bodes well as it demonstrates that audiences expect a lot more than special effects and star power to carry a picture. It's something that Jamie Foxx ought to remember as he chooses roles, especially since it served him so well in "Collateral" and "Ray.

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Anticipation builds for The Show 2005

Rock quartet Cake and R&B artist Akon headline year’s biggest concert

By BOB COSTA  Scene Writer

Deciding which performers to bring to The Show, Notre Dame’s largest campus concert, can be a daunting task.

This year, numerous acts were considered as possible performers, from bands to rap impresarios. After much deliberation, The Show 2005 committee, which consists of 17 members of the student body, settled on a few months.

A diverse group of bands, including Las Vegas act, Toxic Audio. They are a unique one-night performance by the chief of September 2004, an amorous play of subtle melodies and multi-layered songwriting that contrasted nicely with the previously-wide-held perception of Cake as a deadpan rock band that consistently delivered three-minute indie rock riffs on life and laugh.

"For Cake, we are more about turning the volume down a bit, and not being entirely overt about emotion. Every song shouldn't be a soap opera, straight role," said Agnus Smutz, the student chairperson of The Show 2005 committee.

"Our paradigm is contradiction," McCrea said. "That is true rebellion. It's more rock and roll to not wear a leather jacket than to wear one.

Akon, who hails from Senegal, is respected by both critics and fans as a serious lyricist and raucous performer. Akon's current radio hit with Baby Bash, "Baby, I'm Back" is being played often on rap radio, and Notre Dame students may have been inspired by his hit album "Pressure," which featured his appearance on MTV's "Punk'd" or could have seen him on MTV2, where he has become popular through heavy promotion of his hits "Bananaz (Belly Dancing)" and "Lonely." McCrea was recently nominated for an MTV2 Music Video Award at the 2005 VMAs — which will incidentally be held the next two days after The Show — and has become known for a signature music style that combines his unique West African vocals with hip-hop rhythms that ponder the ways of the streets instead of indulging in male rap fantasies.

For Da Natural, whose real name is Jeff Stephens, The Show 2005 will be a huge watermark in his burgeoning career. As seen and performed at Notre Dame, a junior, will deliver his already popular original tracks like "Dedication" and "I Have A Dream" in an arena setting for the first time.

Past performers at The Show, which started as Flipstock in 2001, have included Jason Mraz, Guster, Black Eyed Peas, Better Than Ezra, George Clinton, and They Might Be Giants.

The Joyce Center Fieldhouse doors open at 7 p.m. Friday and the concert begins at 9 p.m. The Show, which is open only to Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students, is selling tickets for $10 at the LaFortune Box Office.

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Originally from Senegal, R&B artist Akon is touring to support his first album, "Trouble," a hybrid of rap lyrics and West African-styled vocals.

Performing Arts Center strengthens sophomore schedule

By LIZ BYRUM  Scene Editor

More than 10,000 people walked through the doors of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts (DPAC) during its open house weekend last September. And while the DPAC is only in its second year, its inaugural success has raised hopes and expectations for the center.

"The Performing Arts Center is still defining what its greatest strengths are," said Laura Moran, director of marketing at the DPAC.

Already some of those strengths are becoming clear, even as the venue is in transition.

The top three focuses for entertainment shows continue to be classical, world and jazz performances. Notre Dame will also feature groups focused on modern dance, touring theatre, bluegrass and popular music over the next few months.

On Sept. 2, the season will open with a unique one-night performance by the Las Vegas act, Toxic Audio. They are currently performing a long-standing show at the Luxor Las Vegas Hotel and have been described as the "vocal equivalent of STOMP." As winner of New York's 2004 Drama Desk Award, Toxic Audio is beginning to reach the level of fame that Blue Man Group enjoyed five years ago.

In the coming year, Notre Dame will welcome several of the great modern dance companies in the United States, including Merce Cunningham Dance Company.

"Merce Cunningham Dance Company has performed to [musical compositions] scored specifically for them by Radiohead and John Cage," Moran said.

Notre Dame also extends its Irish tradition to the performing arts again this year with a returning performance by the Chieftains next March and Dainger Irish lyrical musician Tom Mack and his sons, the Macken Brothers, in late September, or saddles, or humor," McCrea said.

In the field of cinema, DPAC is "doing a great job at showing films that relate to who we are as a school and a community," Moran said.

This year, Browning Cinema will feature several films making their premieres in Northern Indiana, including "Murderball" on Sept. 2 and Sept. 3, as well as "Rize" and "Last Days" later in September.

The PAC Classic 100 film series, a collection of films deemed essential and noteworthy over the course of the medium's existence, will also continue into the fall.

The performing arts center has also made it a mission to help build strong connections between the university and the surrounding South Bend community.

"Notre Dame is trying to partner with different organizations that will help us develop the relationship with the South Bend community," Moran said.

University President Father John Jenkins has been instrumental to this effort because through his personal involvement with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, Moran said. The orchestra will be presenting the June 2, Edwards Chamber Series within DPAC, with the hope that it will create more personal ties between the university and the surrounding areas, Moran said.

Hoping to connect to the community outside Notre Dame, the DPAC has been undergoing changes to its physical location, including construction to the surrounding area and the newly constructed south entrance to Notre Dame Avenue. Moran believes that the new walking paths and a possible outdoor amphitheater will serve as "a space students will enjoy spending time in and a great meeting place with people in the community.

Another welcomed improvement DPAC has made for this season is the addition of a brand new Web site and the ability to purchase tickets online for many of the upcoming shows. With the convenience of a click of a button and a short walk, there are more reasons than ever for students to attend the performing arts center in its second season, Moran said.

"We would like to get to the point where arts are an inescapable part of a Notre Dame student's experience at school," she said.

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Welcome, Students! We've Got a Year of Great Performances Ahead at Notre Dame's DeBartolo Performing Arts Center!

**DPAC PRESENTS: THE 2005–2006 SEASON**

9/2  A cappella quintet TOXIC AUDIO, described in rave reviews as "the audio equivalent of STOMP," weaves together harmony, improvised sound effects and eye candy to create a unique, interactive stage show... DON'T MISS IT!  8 pm

9/9  Classical musicians ENSEMBLE GALILEI and NPR's "Talk of the Nation" host NEAL COHN in a multimedia performance that includes images from the Hubble Space Telescope.  8 pm

9/16  An evening with BRUCE HORNSBY, former Grateful Dead band member and versatile rock pianist.  9 pm

9/30  Legendary Irish musician, the "Bard of Armagh" TOMMY MAKEM in concert with his sons, THE MAKEM BROTHERS.  8 pm

10/6  Opera VERDI EUGENE GALA NIGHT: An evening of opera's greatest hits.  7:30 pm

10/13  Traditional jazz with the world-famous PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND.  9 pm

10/14  Academy Award-winning composer and conductor MARVIN HAMLisch.  9 pm

10/21  A celebration of Gypsy song and traditional Spanish dance with BALLET FLAMENCO JOSÉ PORCEL.  9 pm

10/27  Atlanta's 7 Stages Theatre performs Athol Fugard's groundbreaking play about apartheid "MASTER HAROLD... AND THE BOYS."  8 pm AND THE BOYS.  7:30 pm

10/29  Internationally celebrated mezzo-soprano DAWN UPSHAW and contemporary ensemble EIGHTH BLACKBIRD perform Osvaldo Golijov's "Ayre."  8 pm

11/1–11/2  Modern dance with the renowned MERCE CUNNINGHAM DANCE COMPANY.  7:30 pm (both nights)

11/6  Grammy Award-winning Senegalese pop musician YOUSOU N'DOUR — "The Voice of Africa."  8 pm

11/8  Contemporary jazz from Mexico with the ETHOS TRIO.  7:30 pm

11/9  Classical pianist KRYSTIAN ZIMERMAN in concert.  7:30 pm

11/12  Austria's world-famous VIENNA CHOIR BOYS in concert;  3 pm

11/16  The PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, conducted by Hans Graf with violinist Sarah Chang.  7:30 pm

11/18  Premiere classical flautist SIR JAMES GALLWAY, LADY JEANNE GALLWAY, and the POLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA in concert;  7:30 pm

11/21  Ireland's most recognized name in traditional music THE CHEFTAINS in concert.  7:30 pm

11/29  Classical guitarist ROBERT BLUESTONE and bass-baritone JU BILANT SYKES perform a special Christmas show;  8 pm

11/30  Grammy-award winning musician EDGAR MEYER (standup bass) and MIKE MARSHALL (mandolin, guitar) perform bluegrass with classical influences;  7:30 pm

2/18  THE SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR, world-famous African inspirational musicians, in concert.  8 pm

2/26  Premiere classical flautist SIR JAMES GALLWAY, LADY JEANNE GALLWAY, and the POLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA in concert;  7:30 pm

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3/22  Student tickets range from $10-$20, depending on performance.

3/23  Operatic lead soprano ANGELA HEWITT in concert;  7:30 pm

3/25  Contemporary Irish instrumental band FLOOK.  8 pm

4/1  The world-famous KIROV ORCHESTRA, conducted by Valery Gergiev.  7:30 pm

4/21  Bill Charlap Trio in concert, built around the phenomenal jazz piano of Bill Charlap.  8 pm

4/23  Classical pianist ANGELA HEWITT in concert;  7:30 pm

For details about these shows, keep an eye on our Web site:
http://performingarts.nd.edu

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STUDENTS CAN PURCHASE TICKETS WITH DOME DOLLARS, PACFUNDS, CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT!

TOXIC AUDIO
Friday, September 2, 8 pm
Leighton Concert Hall
Student Tickets: $15

"TOXIC AUDIO" weaves together harmony, improv, comedy, vocalized sounds and good eye candy to create a unique, interactive stage show... DON'T MISS IT!"

—Tene Out New York

This outrageous a cappella quintet uses no instruments other than their voices to create rich, complex sonic textures, including rhythmic drumbeats, Trumping bass lines, and searing guitar-like solos in their renditions of contemporary pop songs, classics, and original compositions. Critics frequently compare TOXIC AUDIO to the productions of STOMP and BLUE MAN GROUP, and the group's vocal virtuosos, delightfully goofy humor, and improvisational prowess have made them a huge hit with audiences.
Jacc Jones’ homer ends no-hit bid and wins game for Minnesota Tuesday night and sole possession of the ninth time in 12 games and over the Toronto Blue Jays on bases-loaded single with two runs and six hits.

Towers needed to get the same innings. The left-hander threw five strikeouts in seven-plus innings with his 20th homer, a Jays wasted a strong start by the final four innings to win for reach 14 games over .500 for Yankees and Indians stay tied in race for AL wild card.

Twins beat the Chicago White Sox before Wells hit his 23rd with two runs and nine hits, with two walks and three strikeouts.

Then David Ortiz doubled for a 2-run triple in his first and second and issued for his 32nd save and extended his record against Kansas City to not lost to Kansas City since May 16-3.

At the plate, Williams was 2-4 with a walk and a home run for Boston, which didn’t lead until the final hit, had been tied for the wild-card lead with the Blue Jays Tuesday night, snapping the fifth straight year.

New York Yankees’ infielder Felix Escalona celebrates after driving in the winning run against the Toronto Blue Jays Tuesday.

Jacc Jones’ home run was the bases loaded in the ninth inning.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Felix Escalona’s bloop single with three out in the ninth inning gave the New York Yankees a 4-3 victory over the Blue Jays Tuesday night and sole possession of the ninth time in 12 games and over the Toronto Blue Jays on bases-loaded single with two runs and six hits.

The Rays snapped the 19-game losing streak on Saturday night at Oakland and beat the Rockies 2-1.

Wells worked out of jams in the first and second and issued for only the third time this season. The left-hander has not lost to Kansas City since May 5, 1993, while with Detroit.

Zack Greinke (3-15) became the major league pitcher with 15 losses as the Red Sox beat the Royals for the fourth time in as many games this season. Since 2001, the Red Sox are 20-8 against Kansas City and have guaranteed themselves of the second series for the fifth straight year.

Greinke, in his first appearance since the red-hairs pitching did not go it alone. If you or someone together. Dave 248-761-1767

Sox pitcher Joel Peralta intentionally walked the Pirates’ at-bat in 2 1/2 months. The charge is 5 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without making refunds.

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Toя Wigginton had a three-run triple in his first Pirates’ at-bat in 2 1/2 months. Chris Duffy and Ryan Doumit, the other two rookies, each reached base three times and scored a combined five runs.

Pirates second baseman Jose Castillo was lost for the rest of the season Monday when he sprained a ligament in his left knee turning a double play.

While the Pirates finally did something right against the division-leading Cardinals, who had won 15 of 17 against them, Duke’s injury was a discouraging note on an otherwise promising night for a team bruised for its 11th consecutive losing season.

With the Pirates up 4-0, Duke (1-3, 4.94 ERA) singled to start the second inning for his second home run and advanced on a flyout. Duke was trapped off second on McLouth’s line drive that shortstop David Eckstein intentionally dropped and, trying to decide whether to head for third or go back to second, was tagged out scrambling back to the bag.
**Major League Baseball**

### American League East

- **Boston** 71-51 .571 6-5 3.5
- **New York** 68-53 .553 6-5 9
- **Toronto** 64-51 .553 6-5 9
- **Baltimore** 60-63 .488 5-5 11.5
- **Tampa Bay** 53-74 .424 4-6 21.5

### American League Central

- **Chicago** 75-46 .620 3-7
- **Cleveland** 69-58 .527 6-4 6
- **Minnesota** 63-51 .527 6-5 19.5
- **Detroit** 61-62 .496 7-3 15
- **Kansas City** 60-65 .480 5-5 19

### American League West

- **Los Angeles** 71-53 .573 6-4
- **Oakland** 68-56 .538 5-5 3
- **San Diego** 61-63 492 5-5 14
- **Seattle** 52-70 .431 4-6 17.5
- **Tampa Bay** 51-74 .408 8-2 21.5

### National League East

- **Atlanta** 98-66 .596 9-4
- **Florida** 66-44 .606 7-3 7
- **Philadelphia** 67-59 .532 6-4 4.5
- **Washington** 65-59 .532 6-4 4.5
- **New York** 64-90 .616 6-4 6.5

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- **St. Louis** 79-45 .632 6-4
- **Houston** 67-54 .536 6-4 12
- **Milwaukee** 61-94 408 5-5 18
- **Chicago** 64-90 492 5-5 14
- **Cincinnati** 57-87 400 5-5 21.5
- **Pittsburgh** 52-72 .424 6-4 26

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- **San Diego** 61-63 492 5-5 14
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TORONTO (AP) - The Antonio Gates saga took another surprising turn Tuesday when the All-Pro tight end agreed to a six-year contract with the San Diego Chargers.

**Associated Press**

**Dany Heatley, center, talks with teammates at Team Canada’s orientation camp on Aug. 15. Heatley was dealt a blockbuster deal by the Ottawa Senators for Marian Hossa on Tuesday, a Woolrich deal requested by Heatley less than two years after he was blamed for a week that killed a teammate.**

**ARTLA - The Atlanta Thrashers traded former NHL rookie of the year Dany Heatley to the Ottawa Senators for Marian Hossa on Tuesday, a blockbustar deal requested by Heatley less than two years after he was blamed for a week that killed a teammate.**

**The teams swapped high-scoring right wingers on the same day Hossa agreed to a three-year, $18 million contract with the Senators, avoiding salary arbitration.**

**San Diego — The Antonio Gates saga took another surprising turn Tuesday when the All-Pro tight end agreed to a six-year contract with the San Diego Chargers.**

**Despite getting the long-term deal he wanted, Gates still has to sit out the final two exhibition games and the season-opener against Dallas on Sept. 11, his punishment for missing a team-imposed deadline for reporting to training camp.**

**Financial details weren't immediately available, but it appeared that Gates' side had to make concessions. Gates wanted to be paid among the top tight ends in the league and was seeking a deal worth between $4 million and $5 million a season.**

**At one point, his agent reportedly was seeking a three-year deal, which would have allowed him to become an unrestricted free agent quicker. The Chargers balked at giving him the chance to do so.**

**The 24-year-old Heatley combined with Ilya Kovalchuk to give the Thrashers two of the NHL's most prized young players. Hossa led the Senators with 36 goals and 46 assists in 2003-04, the last season before the breakout. The Thrashers also received defenceman Greg de Vries.**

**Heatley's best season was 2002-03, when he had 41 goals and 48 assists. He has been plagued by misfortune since then, most tragically when he was driving a car involved in a high-speed crash that killed a teammate Dan Snyder.**

**Heatley went to the Senators a couple of weeks ago and requested the trade.**

**"Over the course of time, we experienced some unfortunate incidents and encountered some challenging issues," his agent, Stacey McAlpine, said in a telephone interview from Calgary. "I think it was a combination of several things that slowly, over time, led us to the decision that it might be in everybody's best interests to work together to try to find a new opportunity, a new home, a new place to play."**

**Thrashers general manager Don Waddell said he could understand Heatley's desire to play in another city.**

**"The emotions that went with the accident ... driving by the place where the accident happened and being reminded of it," said Waddell. "Obviously we have 37, Dan Snyder's number, in our building, All of that led to Dany believing he needed a fresh start."**

**McAlpine said the contract negotiations were not a major factor. Heatley, a restricted free agent, promptly signed a new three-year contract with Ottawa.**

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With this spring's chart-topping hit Lonely, Akon is a familiar name in the music world. His hits include Locked Up, Ghetto, the current hit with Baby Bash Baby, I'm Back, and his new single Bananza (Belly Dancer). Akon has also been nominated for a MTV2 Video Award at the 2005 VMAs.

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Holtz and Bradshaw headline Harris voters

Former Irish coach among 114 members of BCS ranking poll

Associated Press

Terry Bradshaw, Lou Holtz, Steve Largent and Anthony Munoz are among the 114 panelists voting in a new poll the Bowl Championship Series will use this season to determine which teams play in college football's four major bowls, including the national title game.

The Harris Interactive College Football Poll panel is comprised of former college football players, coaches and administrators, plus some media members. The names of its voters were released Monday.

"Harris Interactive has been diligent in creating a voting panel that is balanced, statistically valid, and representative of all 1-A conferences and independents," BCS coordinator and Big 12 Conference commissioner Kevin Weisberger said in a statement.

The Harris poll replaces The Associated Press Top 25 media poll as one of three components in the BCS standings. The USA Today coaches' poll and a compilation of six computer rankings make up the other two-thirds of the BCS grade.

The AP poll had been used by the BCS since its inception in 1998, but after last season the publication of six computer rankings in the BCS standings. The USA Today poll as one of three components all 1-A conferences and independents, "was also a Harris poll voter. The 114-member panel was selected by Harris Interactive Inc., a marketing firm hired by the Division I-A conferences and Notre Dame. The voters were chosen to give equal representation to all 11 conferences.

The first Harris poll will be released Sept. 25, four weeks into the college football regular season. Harris poll voters will not be required to make their ballots public until the final poll Dec. 5.

"Weis also raved about Harris, who came to Notre Dame on a partial music scholarship and participated in the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra. He told [Harris] he can take that partial music scholarship and throw that baby away because I'm picking up the tab this year," Weis said. "I thought he would be the right type of guy, the Notre Dame type of guy that earns his way into a scholarship."
The NCAA will allow Florida State to use its Seminoles nickname in postseason play, removing the school from a list of colleges with American Indian nicknames that were restricted by an NCAA decision earlier this month.

The NCAA said it was recognizing the relationship Florida State has long enjoyed with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, which assists the university with its pageantry and celebration of its culture and supports the school's use of its name.

"The staff review committee noted the unique relationship between the university and the Seminole Tribe of Florida as a significant factor," NCAA senior vice president Bernard Franklin said in a statement released Tuesday. "The decision of a namesake sovereign tribe, regarding when and how its name and imagery can be used, must be respected even when others may not agree."

"They came to the right conclusion ... the Seminole mascot and the tradition at Florida State are not offensive to anyone," said Jeb Bush, Florida Governor.

"The NCAA remains committed to ensuring an atmosphere of respect and sensitivity for all who participate in and attend our championships," Franklin said in the statement. "We felt all along that we would get a favorable ruling."

"We want to do it as fast as possible, but we want to do everything thorough," Hill said. "We want to do it as fast as possible, but we want to do everything thorough."

Under the NCAA restrictions, teams with American Indian nicknames would not be able to display them on uniforms or have their mascots perform in postseason tournaments.

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French paper accuses Armstrong of using EPO

American cyclist vehemently denies report, calling it a "witch hunt"

PARIS — Faced with yet another report that he cheated his way in a Tour de France victory, Lance Armstrong responded Tuesday the same way he has since the doping whispers began during the first of his seven straight wins: "I never took performance-enhancing drugs."

In a four-page article headlined "The Armstrong Lie," the French sports daily L'Equipe printed copies of documents suggesting six urine samples he provided during his first championship in 1999 tested positive for the red blood cell-booster erythropoietin, or EPO.

The drug was on the list of banned substances during those years, though it was banned in 1990. Armstrong angrily appeared at a news conference that year to explain that trace amounts of cortisone found in his system were from prescription skin cream to treat saddle sores.

The following year, Armstrong and his U.S. Postal Service team became the subject of a French investigation into whether they used banned substances during the 2000 race. The probe was closed in 2002 for lack of evidence.

L'Equipe, whose parent company is closely linked to the Tour, often questioned Armstrong's clean record and frequently took jabs at him — portraying him as too arrogant, too corporate and too good to be true.

"Never to such an extent, probably, has the departure of a champion been welcomed with such widespread relief," the paper griped the day after Armstrong's record seventh straight win.

A former L'Equipe journalist, Pierre Ballot, was co-author of a book published last year that contained doping allegations against Armstrong. He wrote "Lance Armstrong: The Secrets of Lance Armstrong" with The Sunday Times sports-writer David Walsh.

In the book, one of Armstrong's former assistants claimed that the American once asked her to dispose of used syringes and give him makeup to conceal needle marks on his arm.


Armstrong's personal assistant said the French were bad losers who could never accept his superior on the Tour.
The porch outside the Guglielmino Athletics Complex is coach Charlie Weis' personal grilling area — both for players and food.

"I think going from facilities like staff bonding, for example. And as the new coaching staff gets aclimated to improved facilities for training, conditioning and coaching, areas like Weis' balcony can serve other purposes — like staff bonding, for example. "The first day back there I had all the staff out there, they got mad at me and I said, I'm having a staff meeting, be in my office at noon," Weis said. "They walked in at noon and there were some burgers and dogs out on the grill. They didn't dislike me too much at that time." The center was underwritten with a gift from the late Don F. Guglielmino and his wife, Flora. Guglielmino attended Notre Dame in the 1939-40 academic year and has been a longtime contributor to the University. He was recognized as an honorary alumnus in 1996 and inducted into the Notre Dame National Monogram Club after his death on May 31, 2001. The University broke ground on construction of the Guglielmino Athletics Complex in November 2003.

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Irish stars lead skilled team

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish have concerns. They must recover from the loss of a stellar defense, but Notre Dame also has veterans who — as they showed on Sunday — can lead the team.

Leading the pack are Greg Dalby and Ian Etherington, two of the men's soccer team's most visible players. Both were named preseason All-Big East players, with Dalby garnering an additional nod as a second-team preseason All-American.

But both players are quick to redirect attention from themselves to the team. From focus on preseason awards to the team's goals for the season.

"I think we showed tonight we have a great team," Dalby said after Sunday's preseason exhibition match against No. 6 New Mexico, which ended in a 1-1 tie. "It just shows that there's lots to be excited about this year."

If Dalby won't say it, his accomplishments speak for themselves. An integral part of the team's excitement for the year is fueled by Dalby's play. One of three unanimous picks to the preseason team and a returning Second Team All-Big East player, Dalby helped lead the team as it was capturing the national Under-20 team in international play.

Hearts stopped at Alumni Field on Sunday when the defensive center midfielder went down with an injury, although preliminary X-rays showed no damage.

"What he contributes, he contributes in so many other ways," coach Bobby Clark said. "He's a class kid, he's just such a mature leader ... hopefully he's going to be fit and flowing time due to injury isn't a question, hopefully we got him as a player and as a leader."

The team views Dalby as a leader and voted him one of their three captains for the coming season. "I think I'm a leader on the team that I lead by example, bringing experience to the table — I'm a simple player," he said.

In addition, he values the importance of attitude and the way the team's attitude reflects his own. Etherington was named to the third team All-Big East after the 2004 Irish campaign, which culminated in the regular-season conference championship. Although the offense struggled at times, he tied for the honor of team-points leader with eleven, including a team-high five assists.

"My attitude is I only have two years left and I'm going to take every ounce of it," Etherington said. "My attitude goes along with our teams attitude, we're going to work hard every practice, we go there and we're going to work our butts off... we're going to try our best in every game, in every practice and we're going to try to be a more tougher team this year."

The team-first attitude is reflected in Etherington's take on his preseason honors. "It was a big accomplishment this year for me. I thought to get announced as First Team Big East," he said. "I gotta give my teammates credit, I wouldn't be there if my team didn't do well. If your team does well other players get rewarded for that.

Despite Dalby leaving Sunday's game on crutches and the uncertainty that lies ahead, the Irish are optimistic with their chances for this season, and no one knows better than their preseason honorees.

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three cornerbacks in this class. The Mocksville, N.C. product garnered three out of a possible five stars by Scout.com. Clocked at 4.40 in the forty-yard dash, McNeil intercepted five passes and tallied 60 tackles in his junior sea­son at Davie County High School. "He’s a true cor­ner, a big forty-yard dash, burst in the return game," Frank said. "Notre Dame has more recruits right now than the vast majority of schools," Frank said. "But they also have a lot to get this year. (The large number of verbal offers) means they’re landing the top guys they’re recruiting. These players are very high on their list." One such highly-touted recruit is quarterback Demetrius Jones. The 6-foot-3, 190-pound prospect out of Morgan Park High School in Chicago chose the Irish over Illinois. Last season as a junior he threw for 2,300 yards and 25 touchdowns, with a rebound goal off Bock's final shot. "He’s got that kind of ability and he’s working hard in the return game." The Irish intend to sign 25 players in West's first full recruiting class, and with 12 committed before the first game of the 2005 season, Notre Dame is off to a good start, Frank said. "Notre Dame has more recruits right now than the vast majority of schools," Frank said. "But they also have a lot to get this year. (The large number of verbal offers) means they’re landing the top guys they’re recruiting. These players are very high on their list." One such highly-touted recruit is quarterback Demetrius Jones. The 6-foot-3, 190-pound prospect out of Morgan Park High School in Chicago chose the Irish over Illinois. Last season as a junior he threw for 2,300 yards and 25 touchdowns, but that proved to be the only offense the Bulldogs could mount. The Irish played a exception­al defense, surrender­ ing just three shots on goal in 90 min­utes of action. The Irish retook the lead in the sec­ond period, as sophomore Susan Finnin­ner marked a goal in the lower left corner. Hanks finished the scoring at 89:30 with a rebound goal off Bock’s final shot. "It wasn’t the best game all of us played," she said, "but it was good to get out there and get a game under our belts." Notre Dame 2, Virginia 0 Irish forward Kerry Hanks served a pass to the right side of the box, where Thorlakson received and shot to the lower left corner. "I'm glad we got to play Virginia because I think that was the best exhibition game there was all year," she said. And they played up to the competi­tion. "We were much better than we were against Butler," Hanks said. Now, though, Hanks, Thorlakson, Bock and the rest of the Irish have to hone their skills for the first regular-sea­son match of the year. On Friday, the Irish travel to Vermont to face New Hampshire to begin their quest of a repeat. While "it's on our minds — we want to repeat," Hanks said, the team "cannot [look] at the big pic­ture. They just take it "one game at a time." For the first two, so far so good.
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ND ATHLETICS

`Gug' gives Notre Dame new look
Irish sports facility brings fresh luxuries to football team, coaching staff

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

It's pronounced "Goog," it's spelled "Gug" and it's short for the largest upgrade of athletic facilities at Notre Dame in years.

The Don F. and Flora Guglielmino Athletics Complex, a $21.25 million project, is receiving its finishing touches as the 2005 football season approaches. The football team recently moved in to the new 95,840-square-foot facility that features state-of-the-art locker rooms, training equipment, greeting and meeting rooms and coaches' offices.

And head coach Charlie Weis already feels at home.

"Absolutely," Weis said after Tuesday's practice. "I'd wave to you from my patio."

Weis' second-floor office opens onto a balcony that overlooks Cartier Field, where the team practices. Add that to the long list of amenities and upgrades that are making the "Gug" the talk of all Notre Dame sports, not just football. You could see how moving into a facility like this... is a really big plus for the University of Notre Dame," Weis said on the team's media day Aug. 8. "It's a big plus for the whole athletic department."

Located behind the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center and connected in the back to the Loftus Sports Center, the Guglielmino Complex will serve as the new official location of the football offices — moving from the east of campus from their previous location in the Joyce Center.

With big-name college football programs upgrading facilities across the country — Sports Illustrated once reported Oregon had plasma screens in its locker room — the Don F. and Flora Guglielmino Athletics Complex provides the Notre Dame varsity athletic programs with a new facility that features offices, locker rooms and training equipment.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Bock aids Irish for two wins

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

New season, same results.

That's been the story of the top-ranked and defending national champion Notre Dame women's soccer team in the last 10 days, as freshmen Brittany Bock and Kerri Hanks and senior Katie Thorlakson propelled the Irish to two wins in exhibition matchups.

Though Hanks said the team was a little out of sync, the Irish topped Butler and Virginia in the team's two pre-season games. "It all came down team effort," she said. "And the coaches prepared us very well."

Notre Dame 8, Butler 1

The Don F. and Flora Guglielmino Athletics Complex routed the Bulldogs in Indianapolis, 8-1, scoring eight goals on 26 shots. Bock made a tremendous first impression, scoring two goals and adding an assist.

Senior forward Katie Thorlakson started the Irish on the right foot, netting her goal just 90 seconds after kickoff. Junior defender Kim Lorenzen scored the other two goals of the first half.

Notre Dame 8, Butler 1

"Lately Notre Dame had seemed to miss out on their very top cornerback prospects," said Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com. "But they got McNeill and will probably try to sign at least two and probably

Men's Soccer

Aggressive play benefits Irish

Notre Dame ties New Mexico 1-1 after a challenging first half

By KEVIN BRENnan
Sports Writer

What a difference a half makes.

In the opening exhibition game of the year, the Notre Dame men's soccer team fell behind 1-0 in a first half controlled by visiting New Mexico on Monday. The second half, however, proved to be quite a different story.

The Irish came out of the break much more aggressively and confidently and stole the momentum from the Lobos. Notre Dame tied the score in the 56th minute of play with a goal from junior defender Ryan Miller. The two teams fought to a standstill for the rest of regulation and two overtime periods, and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Coach Bobby Clark was pleased with his team's play.

FOOTBALL

Jones, Webb top list of ND recruits

Weis, Irish ink six star players over the summer season

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

This summer was a busy one for Charlie Weis and his Notre Dame coaching staff as six recruits gave their verbal commitment to the Irish,-upping the total number of recruits who intend to sign with Notre Dame this year to 12.

The six verbal commitments received since May 27 are cornerback Rusheon McNeill, offensive lineman Bartley Webb, running back Luke Schmidt, wide receiver Robarris, defensive end John Ryan and quarterback Demetrious Jones.

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