Bars, satellites prohibited in dorms
du Lac changes anger, confuse University students who take issue with new restrictions

By KELLY MEEHAN

The scenery surrounding Saint Mary's campus will soon be altered as plans for the construction of a Hilton Garden Inn immediately northeast of the campus are already underway. The 100 to 125 room hotel and 400 to 500 person conference plans with the Congregation on Holladay Corporation and the Indiana Toll Road to Saint Mary's College to lease land bordered by the current Inn at Saint Mary's, Madeleva Drive, Brother Andre Drive and the Indiana Toll Road to construct a 100-unit Hilton Garden Inn Hotel and a 350-

Hilton Garden Inn to debut at Saint Mary's

By KELLY MEEHAN

Hotel expected to open to public next autumn

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, which owns the land surrounding the campus, Sister Joy O' Grady, president of the Congregation, said she first discussed the construction plans with the Congregation on Jan. 16, 2006.

She informed the Congregation would be "entering into an agreement with the Holladay Corporation and Saint Mary's College to lease land bordered by the current Inn at Saint Mary's, Madeleva Drive, Brother Andre Drive and the Indiana Toll Road to construct a 100-unit Hilton Garden Inn Hotel and a 350-

Some College students fear the new hotel will be as separated from campus as the Inn at Saint Mary's.

Latinist defends language in talk

By KIM ABEEL

Latin is very much alive, said Father Reginald Foster in a Thursday discussion at Notre Dame that emphasized the importance of continuing to preserve the language. "Latin is not dead and it never will be," he said. "It does die, it is no one's fault but our own."

Foster's passion is spreading the joy of Latin, and he will teach Latin to just about anyone who wants to learn it. The Rome-based priest prefers to be called "Ruggie" and is known to students and scholars around the world as one of the most dynamic and most gifted Latinists of his time.

Throughout his talk, which looking at it you can't assume it's being used for drinking.

"I don't see how it encourages drinking in the room any more than someone who just has a party in their room with a table."

But bars do just that, according to Keenan rector Father Mark Thesing. He described bar structures, along with alcoholic signs, as "items that glorify drinking, especially abusive drinking." And Father Dan Parrish, rector of Zahm Hall, said he believes bar structures interfere with the goals of the university.

"Notre Dame is a Christian community and our job is creating citizens for heaven," Parrish said, quoting the University welcomes six new hall rectors

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL

While leading the center of the Notre Dame community seems a daunting task to many people, six new rectors are embracing the opportunity this fall.

Deacon Msgr. of Lyons, Sister Denise Lyon of Badin, Linda Cirillo of Lewis, Mark DeMott of Keough, Breyan Tornifol of Pasquerilla East and Father Ralph Haag of St. Edward's Hall join the 21 returning rectors this academic year.

Sister Jean Lenz, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, is enthusiastic about the new rectors. Fifty-five hopefuls applied for the six
INSIDE COLUMN

Off-campus growing pains

In the few days since freshman orientation, it seems as if Notre Dame has been full of advice for our newest students. This week, as freshmen attend their first leg classes and begin to socialize with people they barely know, our community stands ready to help them adjust to life away from family and friends. That is one of Notre Dame's greatest strengths.

As it turns out, though, life is full of adjustments — and it isn't just freshmen who occasionally feel the weight of change.

Two weeks ago I moved into my first apartment, and since then I've had the chance to rediscover that intense feeling of newness. I've also learned a great deal about independence.

I've learned that it is possible to dangerously undercook a variety of foods — from salmon steaks to chicken chunks — in the microwave. I don't know whether I've only ever used bar soap, and I don't understand the directions on the bottle. But all of these small-time tribulations, I've also learned a great deal about independence.

I've learned to keep the screen door shut in the evening, after swatting at obscenely large insects. Somehow, though, despite these small-time tribulations, I've also discovered a new strength in myself. As I swing my keychain around my finger on the walk to the mailbox, I breathe deeply and enjoy that surge of confidence that comes with the experience of living on your own.

Yes, I may only live a quarter mile from campus. And it's true, I may only be in my own run of my own shirts. And of course, I had to ask my friend how to use body wash because I've only ever used bar soap, and I don't understand the directions on the bottle. But all of that wisdom will come in time.

For now, I'm happy that, just like when I was a freshman, I'm bluing a trail through a brave new world of self management. And just like our freshmen today, I suddenly feel like such a grown up.

But that doesn't mean I wouldn't appreciate some free advice.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE PERFORM AT THE SHOW?

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Off-camp

"Guns n' Roses and The Darkness."

"Charlie Weis."

"Snow Patrol."

"The Village People."

"Raff."

"Spice Girls."

Career Center assistant director Rose Kopeck, left, and sophomore Notre Dame student Ailsa Rocha meet at the Arts and Letters Fall Kick-Off at Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Thursday.

OFFBEAT

Cows moo with accents, farmers believe

LONDON — Cows have regional accents, a group of British farmers claims, and phoneticians experts say the idea is not as far-fetched as it sounds.

Lloyd Green, from south-west England, was one of a group of farmers who first noticed the phenomenon. "I spend a lot of time with my Friesians and they definitely ‘moo’ with a Somerset drawl," he said, referring to the breed of dairy cow he owns.

"I've spoken to the other farmers in the West Country group and they have noticed a similar development in their own herds. I think it works the same as with dogs — the closer a farmer’s bond is with his animals, the easier it is for them to pick up his accent."

300 pound nude fountain bather defies police

BERLIN — A homeless woman refuses to stop bathing naked in Munich's public fountains despite being repeatedly fined for breaking public nudity laws. Still newspaper reported Thursday the 44-year-old woman named "Bille" who weighs more than 300 pounds, can be seen almost every day with her bottles of soap and shampoo bathing in one of the Bavarian capital's 183 public fountains.

"She's already been charged on 21 occasions for such things as causing public disturbance as well as breaking and entering," a Munich police spokesman said.

A social worker told Bild that Bille keeps rejecting a room in a homeless center. "We can't force her," he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Tonight at 8 p.m., The Show 2006 presents artists Third Eye Blind and Hanson in concert in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The performance is limited to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with valid student IDs. Tickets are $10.

Multicultural Student Programs and Services will hold their annual Welcome Back Picnic today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Fieldhouse Mall. The event will include free food, music and performances by PASO Voices, Hawaii Club and First Class Ladies Stoppers.

The Snite Museum of Art will showcase Mexican migration to the U.S. through a multimedia exhibit that includes Chicano and Mexican visual arts beginning Sunday, Sept. 3 in the museum’s O’Shaughnessy Galleries, Mestrovic Studio Gallery and the entrance atrium.

The sixth annual Saturday Scholar Series will feature six lectures and a performance by leading faculty members on each home football game weekend this fall. The first lecture, "More Than a Movie: Assessing ‘The Da Vinci Code’" will be held on Sept. 9 in DeBartoli 101.

The sixth annual Higgins Center Labor History Film Series will begin Monday, Sept. 11 with the presentation of "Meeting Face to Face: The Iraq-U.S. Labor Solidarity Tour" at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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Physics professor awarded medal

**SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVER**

**Albert-Laszlo Barabasi**, Hofman Professor of Physics at the University of Notre Dame, has been named the recipient of a major computing award from a leading Hungarian information technology society and is the co-editor of a new book on networks.

Barabasi is a pioneer in the field of networking as a unified scientific theory and the author of *Linked: The New Science of Networks*. His early research led to significant findings on how networks are structured and how they operate. Of late, he has begun examining how people behave in networks.

Barabasi is the 2006 recipient of the John von Neumann Medal, which is presented by the Hungarian-based John von Neumann Computer Society for outstanding achievements in computer-related science and technology. The award has been presented since 1976 to a maximum of three individuals who have gained distinction in the dissemination of computer culture. Previous recipients of the award include Microsoft founder Bill Gates, former IBM chairman Louis Gerstner and Intel Corporation board chair Andrew Grove.

The von Neumann Society is dedicated to preserving the values that should be included in today's knowledge-based society, setting new directions that meet the requirements of the age and actively forming the information sciences world of the future.

John von Neumann was an eminent mathematician whose work at Princeton University's Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) led to the building of the IAS binary stored-program computer in 1952.

**Scholar studies life satisfaction in society**

People who live in countries with more expansive welfare programs are more satisfied with their lives than those who do not, according to University of Notre Dame political scientist Benjamin Radcliff, who studies how political, economic and social factors affect quality of life.

The same pattern, he says, applies to geographical differences within the United States: people are happier in states with the most liberal public policies.

"Critically, 'big government' promotes happiness, not merely for those toward the bottom or middle of the income distribution, but for everyone—rich and poor," Radcliff says.

Scholars have developed the intellectual infrastructure necessary to measure life satisfaction in large, representative samples and to test hypotheses about the real world conditions that promote greater levels of well-being. Therefore, Radcliff explained, happiness can be studied with the same precision as the study of public opinion or voting behavior.

"We know that liberal policies are more conducive to a satisfying life with the same certainty—and using the same research methods—that allow us to know what causes people to vote," Radcliff said.

The same pattern that emerges cross-nationally is also seen across the US: Americans who live in states with higher welfare spending, more liberal state governments, more regulation of business, and a greater recent history of control by the Democratic party are more satisfied with their lives, regardless of income, age or marital status," Radcliff.

The reasons liberalism promotes happiness are complex, according to Radcliff.
Welcome Center and Madeleva

Angel Drive to the sharp bend in Madeleva.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Western powers may rebuke Iran — and the six nations offering to talk to Iran to halt its nuclear program was unsatisfactory — a possible pathway to nuclear arms.

NATIONAL NEWS

Explosion rocks Louisiana plant

In Plaquemine, La. — More than 10 explosions rocked a bomb recycling plant in northwestern Louisiana on Thursday, forcing the evacuation of the entire town and more than 400 prisoners from a nearby jail, authorities said. No injuries or deaths were reported. A fire at the Plaquemine Environmental Systems site at the Louisiana Army National Guard's Camp Minden triggered a major explosion involving more than 2,400 pounds of explosives about 8:30 a.m., state police said. In the ensuing hours, more than 10 explosions — some intense, some distant — were reported as smoke filled the air from the fire continued to burn and thick smoke billowed from the plant, authorities said.

Iran still has time to avoid sanctions

WASHINGTON — The United States is awaiting a formal U.N. deadline before seeking any new measures to coerce or punish Iran over its disputed nuclear program, the State Department says.

"We're looking at the Aug. 31 date and I think once we get there, we'll begin to take action," State Department spokesman Gonzalo Gallegos said Thursday. The U.N. Security Council is set to take up the Iran case on Aug. 31, and could soon consider a new resolution to impose economic or other sanctions on Tehran. The U.S. has long favored sanctions.

LOCAL NEWS

Judge reprimands cell phone users

CROWN POINT, Ind. — A judge detained and questioned a row of spectators when a phone rang during a hearing Thursday in the city where 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey was slain to face charges in the 1996 slaying of her toddler case. The judge said investigators didn't learn of Karr's name until Aug. 11, five days after his arrest in Thailand.

Karr's flight lands in Colorado

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Israel deters Iran with purchase

Country's leaders buy two submarines capable of carrying nuclear weapons

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IN BRIEF

Fannie Mae avoids criminal charges
WASHINGTON — The end of a criminal investigation brought no charges leveled against Fannie Mae, its executives or its auditors, in what the Securities and Exchange Commission called "a significant case involving alleged accounting fraud at mortgage finance giant Fannie Mae that doesn't necessarily mean its execu­tives are free and clear."

The Securities and Exchange Commission still could bring civil action against individuals, with the wording of proof less stringent than in criminal prosecutions.

Fannie Mae avoided criminal prosecution over its alleged multibillion-dollar accounting fraud, the latest twist in a saga of intrigue involving a publicly traded company's largest stockholder.

The decision, announced Thursday by the gov­ernment-sponsored company, marks one more break in the succession of high-profile financial prosecutions in recent years.

Federal prosecutors in Washington confirmed they had shut down their investigation of Fannie Mae's faulty accounting after two years. But the SEC could still act, and the federal agency that regulates the company and its smaller sibling, Freddie Mac, is considering possible administr­ative action against former Fannie Mae executives.

Nippon Steel denies Mittal venture
TOKYO — Steel giants Mittal Steel Co. and Nippon Steel denied in a statement Thursday they did not expect to have problems with their joint venture in Japan's top steelmaker Nippon Steel said in a report last month. Nippon Steel's management put a stop to the plans and requested a review of the venture.

Mittal Steel said that it is "not true that we are in talks to build a new automotive steel sheet plant at their U.S. joint venture."

Japanese top steelmaker Nippon Steel said in a news release that while it was considering boosting capacity in North America, it was not currently in talks with Mittal, the world's largest steelmaker.

"We do not have a project going on," said Dave Allen, a spokesman for Mittal Steel USA at its headquarters in Chicago.

Both Nippon Steel and Mittal have announced plans to boost sales and durable goods factories for big-ticket appliances, which can cause computers to crash and catch fire.

Dell and Apple batteries were config­ured in slightly different ways. In a statement, Sony said the problems arise "in rare occasions" when micro­scopic metal particles hit other parts of the battery cell and lead to a short circuit.

Apple said it has received nine reports of lithium-ion battery packs overheat­ing, including two cases in which users suffered minor burns and some involving minor property damage. The Apple recall only applies to older notebooks — not the just-released Macbook Pro and MacBook Air.

Nebraska-based appliance maker said Wednesday that the company's latest production of a $72 barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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The market was down for most of the day after reports of sluggish home­selling and durable goods orders, but stocks turned higher at mid-afternoon as traders shrugging to rebound after losses this week on concerns the Federal Reserve's cam­paign of rate hikes has hurt the economy and that a soft landing might be harder to achieve.

The gods bolstered views the Fed will remain on the sidelines for the time being. However, slowing economic indicators also mean con­sumer spending is slowing — a key factor that drives the economy and corporate earnings.

"Looking beyond just the numbers the trend is un­favorably toward slowing housing demand," said Elisabeth Denison, a U.S. economist with the securities firm Dresdner Kleinwort. "The Fed has been banking on this to help cap inflation as we go through the year, but it also calls into question that maybe things have gone too far.

The Commerce Department reported sales of new homes fell 4.3 percent in July, the biggest drop since February. The report came one day after the National Association of Realtors reported sales of previ­ously owned homes had a big­ger-than-expected decline, prompting a market selloff.

Meanwhile, the depart­ment also reported sales of man­ufacturing for high-ticket items such as cars and appliances were weak.

And the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing claims for unemployment benefits last week was up by 3,100 to 313,000.

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founder of the Holy Cross Brownings, the Michael Magnan "... don't think bars really add a lot to that mission." "The remaining rectors and the Office of Residence Life and Housing agreed with Parrish. Thesing said that the spring, ultimately will depend if bars are necessary. "The grumpy officials would like to see a bar. This week's vote last year and brought in $3000 in funding for the club. After contacting a core group of students, Carter went to the Office of Student Activities to apply for official club status and seek permission to operate radio equipment. The club currently operates through the assistance of a faculty member, who will be paid by the club. The School Club Roundup was held to encourage contacts "with and among radio school clubs, according to an article in the January 2006 edition of 'QST.' The contest was judged using a point system. When contacting a group at a time, participants received a higher number of points than when they made contact with individual amateur radio operators. Participants could not operate more than six hours a day and could only count 24 hours of operation to be scored over a one-week period. Elementary, middle and high schools — as well as universities — were scored in separate categories.

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Radio

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club again," he said. As a result, a core group of interested professors and students, Carter said, "we looked at the issue of bars, to affect the radio equipment. The club currently operates out of the offices of this student organization. "I don't think it's too hard," Parrish said. "If we see a bar, we take it out. I don't anticipate there being any problems." Contact Eileen Denny at edenny@nd.edu

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CAMPUS NEWS

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ROMAN STATESMAN, LEGISLATOR, AND LETTER-WRITER

Jeannette Frohna

The ancient Romans were divided into three main groups: patricians, plebeians, and freedmen. The patricians were the aristocratic class, and they held the majority of government positions. The plebeians were the commoners, and they made up the majority of the population. The freedmen were former slaves who had been granted freedom by their masters. The Roman Republic was a constitutional monarchy, with power divided among three branches: the Senate, the Assembly, and the Magistrates. The Senate was composed of two hundred members, elected for life, who served as the council of state. The Assembly was composed of all male citizens, who voted on laws and declared war. The Magistrates were elected annually and were responsible for the administration of justice. The Roman Republic was a constitutional monarchy, with power divided among three branches: the Senate, the Assembly, and the Magistrates. The Senate was composed of two hundred members, elected for life, who served as the council of state. The Assembly was composed of all male citizens, who voted on laws and declared war. The Magistrates were elected annually and were responsible for the administration of justice.

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drew more than 200 students, faculty and alumni from across the nation. Foster compared the perserverance of Latin to that of classical music.
"Latin is no deadener than Bach's canons or Handel's concertos — and they're not dead," he said. "And it's our fault if we lose either of these things — not the fault of the early Latin writers or of Handel."

While Foster agreed that Latin demands and cannot be learned in a weekend or even a week, he said more needs to be done in secular and religiously affiliated schools to teach people Latin and to promote the language's significance.

"Foster and his colleagues are convinced Latin will not die because "simply too much of Western civilization is based upon it," referring to present-day cultures, history and languages.

M. Cathleen Kaveny, Notre Dame law and theology professor and a colleague of Foster, said there is a "tremendous untapped interest" in Latin at the University.

"I think it's important that Latin is not looked at as the study of a dead language, especially for us as Catholics who claim to still be communicating with some of these people who were writing in only Latin," Kaveny said.

Kaveny said she thinks people are interested in studying Latin, and much can be done to encourage students to continue exploring the language, such as sponsorship programs for students who would like to study more in-depth or on-site.

"Latin is not just Cicero or the Mass," she said. "It touches every aspect of daily culture — humor, low culture, Augustine, Benedict XVI and Plautus. It's something that we need to continue to pursue."

Foster lives in Rome and works at the Department of Latin Letters of the Secretariat of State at the Vatican. He has been there for 37 years, including nine years with Paul VI and the presidency of John Paul II's papacy. He now works with Pope Benedict XVI.

At his Carmelli monastery on the Janicum Hill, Foster wakes every morning at 3:40 a.m. — just in time to turn on the radio and catch the nighttime news in his hometown of Milwaukee.

After Morning Prayer and Mass in Latin, Foster prepares for the day's work, which for him is anything but a minor undertaking. He works with documents and translations and carries out Vatican correspondence in the mornings, and then after lunch makes his way across the city to the Pontifical Gregorian University where he has been teaching Latin for more than 30 years.

Even at the age of 67, Foster continues.

The Department of Classics, the Medieval Institute, the Department of Theology and the Law School sponsored Foster's discussion.

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AUSTRIA

Kidnapped girl found 8 years later

Captor kills self after victim flees cellar

Associated Press

STRAUSSHOFF - Natascha Kampusch vanished on her way to school on March 2, 1998, when she was 10. Police said Thursday they were "quite sure" she is the young woman who turned up this week claiming she had been a captive, confined much of the time in a small cellar.

The man who allegedly held the woman killed herself Wednesday a few hours after she sought help at a home near the quiet, small-town street where she says she was held.

While expressing confidence in the woman's identity, investigators said they were still waiting for DNA verification of the identity claim by the young woman, who turned up in a garden near the man's house.

But the missing girl's parents met with the woman and said they also were sure she is the daughter who disappeared on her way to school in nearby Vienna 10 years ago. Police said she had a surgery scar like Natascha and reported finding the missing girl's passport in the house.

"We confirmed the identity of the alleged kidnapper as Wolfgang Priklupl, a 44-year-old communications technician, said he killed himself by throwing himself in front of a commuter train in Vienna. They cordoned off the street where Priklupl lived in Strausshof, less than 10 miles northeast of Vienna, and released photos of the hiding place in his house where the young woman purportedly was held.

One photograph appeared to show a small, clustered room and narrow concrete stairs leading down to it from an entrance so small it would have to be crawled through. Another photo showed a metal hatch that sealed the windowless, underground room.

Federal police spokesman Armin Haim said there was a bed and a toilet in the cramped space. Images on TV showed a small television in the room, which also had a sink and was littered with piles of books. Police said the woman was occasionally allowed to watch videos.

A female police officer, Sabine Freudenberg, said the young woman told of spending her days with her captor and even doing gardening. She described the woman as "quite chatty."

Freudenberg, one of the first officers to have contact with the woman Wednesday, told Austrian television the man apparently threatened her, saying that was probably the reason she didn't try to flee sooner.

Police said the young woman had been examined by a doctor and did not have signs of injuries, but added that her condition was still being studied.

Freudenberg said she believed the young woman had been sexually abused but didn't realize it. "It won't become clear to her... She did everything voluntarily, she said," Freudenberg said.

In most cases, The Associated Press does not name victims or alleged victims of sexual assault. In this case, however, the name of the missing girl has been widely reported because of the circumstances of her abduction.

Kampusch's mother, Brigitta Slipy, said on Austrian TV she was very proud of her daughter.

"She said 'mamma mause' to me," Sirny said, recalling the emotional moment she met with the young woman and embraced. Meaul — literally "little mouse" — is a pet name some Austrians use in addressing their loved ones.

Kampusch's father, Ludwig Koch, his eyes glistening and voice wobbling, said he never thought he'd live to see his daughter again.

"Honestly, I didn't think that I'd still experience this," Koch said on Austrian television.

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Cult leader sentenced to die
Ohio Supreme Court rules against convicted murderer of five in 1989

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A relig­ious cult leader convicted of killing a family of five in 1989 was released from prison Friday to serve "pruning the vineyard," will be executed on Oct. 18, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

Jeffrey Lundgren, 56, was convicted of shooting to death a man, his wife and three daughters who had moved from Missouri in 1987 to fol­low Lundgren's teachings.

Lundgren formed a relig­ious cult after he was dis­missed in 1987 as a lay minis­ter of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He had attracted a follow­ing, and several people moved with him to a rented farm house about 30 miles east of Cleveland, where they called him "Dad" and contributed money for group expenses.

The victims were Dennis Avery, 49; his wife, Cheryl, 46; and daughters Trina, 15, Rebecca, 13, and Karen, 7.

On April 17, 1989, the Avery family was invited to dinner, then led to a barn. There they were bound and placed into the pit, where Lundgren shot each one. The pit was filled with dirt.

Kirtland police found Dennis Avery's body Jan. 3, 1990, leading to Lundgren's arrest days later in California.

A jury convicted him of five counts of aggravated murder and five counts of kidnapping.

In an unwritten statement at his 1990 trial, Lundgren told the jury that he and his cult were preparing for the second coming of Jesus Christ, which they believed would occur at the Reorganized Church's temple in Kirtland. He said the spiritually uncleared had to be dealt with.

Lundgren said a combina­tion of messages from the state told him to kill the Averys. Cult members had testified that although the Averys were members of the sect, Lundgren considered them less enthusiastic.

Lundgren, his wife and son were among 13 cult members arrested in the case. Most lived at the Kirtland farm, and some pleaded guilty to reduced charges.

Alice Lundgren was sen­tenced to five terms of life in prison for conspiracy, com­plicity and kidnapping. Damon Lundgren was sen­tenced to life in prison for murder and kidnapping in four of the slayings.

Jeffery Lundgren has exhausted all his appeals, said Bob Beasley, spokesman for Attorney General Jim Petro.

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In this case, the outside threat lies a little too close to home — literally. The 100 to 125-unit Hilton Garden Inn Hotel planned to be built just northeast of campus has stirred debate among Saint Mary's students and the majority of the Editor in Chief, Managing Editor, and additional mailing offices. The idea of a hotel in close proximity to Saint Mary's campus is not unprecedented. After all, the Inn at Saint Mary's takes in thousands of guests each football season. But given its nearness to the popular on-campus Ops and the Vincennes huddle hotel is one too many. Keeping students safe is an issue that will be difficult for the College to closely monitor if the 100-plus rooms overflow with guests.

In addition to the safety concerns the hotel will raise, there is also the physical campus to consider. The beauty of Saint Mary's is striking. The idea of a Hilton planted in that idyllic setting is off-putting.

College President Carol Ann Mooney defends the right of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross to manage the affairs of the Congregation to advance its mission while keeping students in mind.

The College is grounded in 162 years of tradition, tradition that stems from its foundresses, the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Those sisters envisioned a serene campus to allow women from all over the world to grow intellectually and spiritually, but a piece of this dream is lost with the construction of a chain hotel on campus borders.

Anyone who has attended the College — or simply set foot on campus — knows the beauty associated with Saint Mary's. If that far exceeds the benefits of a Hilton Garden Inn Hotel.

With the advent of each new school year comes the worn-out, age-old question, "What did you do this summer?" As a columnist, that question doggs me each fall as I prepare for my initial writing of the new year. Last fall, during the autumn, I reviewed my four-month summer federal policy service in which we convicted 73 counts that included murder and resulted in the sentencing to serve several life terms. For me, that summer experience was the pinnacle event of my life, ranking just above a summer during my student days at Notre Dame when I volunteered to work in a New York City congressional campaign. That is, until this summer.

This summer was born last April on The Daily Show after sending text messages to friends while watching the 12-0 softball tournament seeding process etched the likeness appeared on the front page of The Wall Street Journal. The story waspc's entire season, not just the four-game series. But rather than simply playing games and promoting the new league, the upstart leaders called their casual league "communist" in ESPN The Magazine and walked out on the taping of The Daily Show after sending text messages that coverage would be negligible for the GHC. They choose to selectively speak with Fox News, but refuse other inquiries.

The lesson learned is that those whose profession depends upon competition need to learn how to relax in a casual league that does not operate on any uniform set of rules. For those who want more serious play, create and promote a competitive league rather than demonize those who make the informal games fun for every team, including such casual teams as those who do not allow anyone to strike out. Life is an interesting venture, and ironic at every turn. For elected members of congress who covet their titles and are often sitting on the front page of the Wall Street Journal, but for whom it has eluded them, my image stands alone on an April day. That may be why the clock has ticked longer than 15 minutes for me. It may also be a reason for voters this fall to abandon Republicans not so much over policy as for the character flaws exposed by the "softball wars."
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The biggest concert of the year has arrived.

Headliners Common and Third Eye Blind will play at The Show 2006 tonight at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Since its debut five years ago, The Show has grown into one of the best-attended events during the first weeks of classes.

"Everyone has been excited and the general consensus is that this is one of the biggest events at Notre Dame in a long time," said senior Patrick Vassel, chair of The Show 2006 Committee.

The Show bills itself as the University’s largest student-run event, and it has been produced with the support of the Student Activities Office since 2002. Although The Show is student-run, it receives some financial and logistical support from the University.

In the past two years, The Show has grown into the largest concert held on the Notre Dame campus, and a committee of students that forms during the spring semester plans it each year. Its members oversee all aspects of The Show’s production, from finances and budgeting to marketing and graphics. The Committee includes Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross liaison.

This year, as in past years, students’ artist preferences were gauged from responses to an all-campus survey sent in March. However, it can be a difficult date to book.

"(The Show) is right in between the summer touring season and the fall touring season, so it’s a time when a lot of the bands take time off or go to Europe," Vassel said. "It’s a difficult date to book and we were fortunate enough to bring in two solid headliners.

He also noted that some bands were just too expensive. "Common and Third Eye Blind were the highest choices we were able to work out and, to be honest, we were very lucky to be able to bring them both," Vassel said. "When we were able to secure our headliners, we knew we had the best lineup possible."

Since its inception, as an event sponsored by FlipSide and the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, The Show has been able to draw higher-profile artists each year, alternating between popular newcomers and veteran musicians. It has grown into an on student committee recognized by the Office of Student Affairs.

In 2006 incarnation continues the tradition of juxtaposing hip-hop and rock artists, which provides a varied cross-section of musical styles.

♦ Last year, Cake, a mainstay of alternative rock, played alongside breakout hip-hop singer and songwriter Akon.

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♦ Three years ago, in 2003, Black Eyed Peas, fresh from the success of their first major hit album "Elephunk," performed with alternative rock band Gusto, who had recently released its fourth studio album "Keep It Together." Black Eyed Peas came to the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

Common will play at The Show 2006 on Friday at the Joyce Center.

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Rapper Common's musical career has already stretched over 15 years and several albums. He will be featured at The Show 2006 on Friday at the Joyce Center.

Third Eye Blind headlines The Show. The band had several hits in the 1990s, including "Semi-Charmed Life" one of the decade's most recognizable songs.
The curse of the post-grunge scene was plaguing a plethora of bands from the late 1990s — they had their moment in the spotlight, some reaching the outer stratosphere of America’s pop music kingdom, but quickly succumbing to success and fade into nostalgia for their generation.

Harvey Danger and Hootie and the Blowfish, two examples of such bands, are known when heard every so often on the radio but are also almost instantly forgettable.

The Third Eye Blind, who is playing at the Joyce Center Friday, went through such a journey. Beginning in San Francisco, frontman Stephan Jenkins began playing solo shows after graduating from the University of California with an English degree. After playing with various local bands for four years and trying his hand at a solo act, Jenkins joined with Arion Salazar, former bassist for Fungo Mungo. This was the point where the band became known as Third Eye Blind, but the group was not complete and more shows were played.

As luck would have it, a student of famed guitarist Joe Satriani named Kevin Cadogan saw Jenkins and Salazar play a gig in San Francisco. He joined Third Eye Blind as a guitarist and immediately brought a drummer with him, Brad Hargreaves, the former drummer for Counting Crows, who completed the line-up. At this point, a viable mixture of personality and talent had come together and Third Eye Blind set their sights higher than the local scene they had known for the last five years.

However, the constant playing in the Bay Area was not all wasted effort. By playing the Bay Area frequently, Third Eye Blind cultivated a dedicated fan base, and the group’s original 14-song demo attracted the attention of major labels, said critic Stephen Thomas Erlewine.

The band nurtured its image and sound and developed a dedicated fan base, but its big break was still to come. Oasis was scheduled to play at San Francisco’s Civic Auditorium in April 1996 and Third Eye Blind managed to acquire a spot in the line-up as the opening band. This concert was the watershed event for the up-and-coming band. They were able to play to a huge crowd, but more importantly, they were able to get the ear of record executives that were looking for new talent in the late 1990s, post-grunge scene.

A bidding war broke out after the show and when a guitar sectional in 1996 had been signed with Elektra/Asylum due to the fact that this label promised the most artistic freedom. Jenkins had also set some hurdles to be the producer, which allowed the band to work completely within itself and make the music they wanted.

Their major label debut came in the spring of 1997 in the form of the self-titled ‘Third Eye Blind.’ The now ubiquitous single, “Semi-Charmed Life,” had jazz sounds. It also went well past what albums release and pushed the album into the Billboard Top 200 where it stayed for over a year.

Other hits included “Jumper” and “How’s It Going to Be.” This was the beginning of the bands popularity, however, it was also somewhat of an end. Third Eye Blind has never quite written a song as popular as “Semi-Charmed Life.”

Granted, their second album, “Blue,” (released in 1999) did sell over two million copies, though it did not quite bring the critical success of their self-titled debut. However, Jenkins admitted that on “Blue,” we succumbed to the studio more than we should have, which perhaps indicates that the spontaneity of their debut was lost on this sophomore effort.

After “Blue,” the band decided to take some time off and take on some humanitarian work. Shows were performed for the Tiger Woods Foundation and, after Jenkins’ mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, the Breathe Benefit Concert in Los Angeles, an event organized by Jenkins to bring attention to and fund for breast cancer research and treatment.

Following this, Cadogan left the band and was replaced by Tony Fredianelli. As a result of the change, Jenkins found that the band had lost its edge and this, along with the release date of the third album, was the point where the band was almost impossible to forget. The group’s major label debut, was 2000’s “Like You Will Never Know” which was the No. 2 position on the R&B/Hip-Hop chart.

His next most successful album, also his major label debut, was 2000’s “Like Water for Chocolate” which reached No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart and No. 5 on the R&B/Hip-Hop chart and was produced by Roots’ drummer Questlove. His 2002 “Electric Circus” proved to be a disappointment after Common experimented with new sounds that fans did not respond to.

However, “Be” has proven to be his comeback. He strayed away from the rock experiments on his previous album and shifted to a more 70s soul and soul-jazz sound. He also knew best — being a b-boy. Kanye West’s involvement in the project garnered Common even more interest and popularity. West is actually featured on the album, along with John Mayer, John Legend, Bilal and The Last Poets.

Although looking bright right now, Common’s career path has not come without controversy. Early on he was branded as his first album under Common to Common after an L.A. ska band with the same name sued him.

As a threatening dispute came when Common released “I Used to Love Her.” He mentioned that the path hip-hop was taking by speaking out against the degradation of women in West Coast G-Funk rap, sparking a feud with rapper Ice Cube. The two eventual­ly resolved their conflict, but not before adding sparks to the East Coast-West Coast rap feud. Whether his acting ventures are successful or not, Common will always have his music. His socially-conscious songs remain applicable day in and day out. Common brings legitimate issues to hip-hop music, and he’ll certainly bring them to The Show.

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By CASSIE BELEK Assistant Scene Editor

While the majority of Notre Dame students are buzzing about Third Eye Blind performing on “The Show” tonight at the Joyce Center, they’re in for another pleasant surprise.

Thirty-four-year-old rapper Common, (born Rashid Lonnie Lynn), has not achieved as much mainstream success as Third Eye Blind, but has actually been on the music scene longer. Not only has Common released more albums, but he’s garnered more Grammy nominations, including four from his 2005 album “Be.”

Common’s latest success can be largely attributed to not only his own talent, but to the help of the popular Grammy-winning group, The Roots, who produced much of “Be” under the G.O.O.D. Music label.

Common himself was nominated this year for Best Rap Album, Best Rap Song by a Duo or Group, Best Rap/Sung Collaboration and Best Rap Song. He formerly won a Grammy with Erykah Badu in 2003 for the track “Love of My Life.”

“Be” has been his most successful project to date and the currently persecuted, Common has established a reputation of exploring social issues with his music. His songs are more poetry than anything else. This alienated many mainstream rap fans at first.

“A substantial underground movement had set about revising the bohemian sensibility of alternative rap, and Common finally started to receive wider recognition as a creative force,” said critic Steve Huey.

He raps about everything from what the corner meant in his neighborhood to finding love to conscientious political commentary.


Common is also currently working on a seventh album entitled “Finding Forever,” though a release date has yet to be determined.

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Brewers pitcher Tomo Ohka hits an RBI single in the fifth inning Thursday and extended the south side elementary school, Thursday and extended the

"It's just one game," Ohka said. "But I'm going to keep doing that." Ohka (4-3), a right-handed pitcher, drove in runs in his three plate appearances. After sitting for the fences on the first pitch of his first at-bat and doing a pinecone, he hit the mitt of catcher Danny Ardonin on his next swing, and Geoff Jenkins

"I was so glad he hit the catcher's glove his first time up," Yost said. "I was just hoping that he wouldn't hit the ball because I figured he'd hit into a double play, so I was just actually just hoping he would strike out there."

Ohka, who has been tinkerin with swinging left-handed in his past practice, had a two-run single in the third, a slow roller on an 0-2 count that got past shortstop Clint Barmes and put the Brewers about 7-0. Ohka added an RBI single to center in the fifth for an 8-3 lead.

Hitting right-handed, Ohka is a 130 batter in his career (30-23) with 11 RBIs. He raised his batting average on the season to .202. "I just tried to hit it up the middle," Ohka said. "Bockes manager Clint Hurdle praised Ohka's effort to make himself more comfortable at the plate.

"Give him a little credit," Hurdle said. "He's doing it for a reason. He thinks he's better." Dating to his previous start, Ohka retired 21 straight batters before Jamey Carroll's single started the fourth. Ohka wound up allowing six runs and seven hits in 3-3 innings. He gave up Todd Helton's two-run home run in the fourth, Josh Fogg's RBI double in the fifth and Brad Hawpe's three-run homer in the sixth.

"It was my best day for my system out for the pitching," Ohka said.

Fogg (9-8), pitching on seven days' rest, gave up eight runs and eight hits in two 4-2 innings. "We need better performances than I gave," he said.

Brewers catcher Gabe Hinske and Gabe Gross hit a two-run double as the Pirates took too-4 lead in the second. Fielder homered in the seventh against Manuel Alvarez following Brady Clark's RBI single.

Cubs 11, Phillies 2

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"When you have that type of command, you feel like Greg Maddux," a grinning Zambrano said, referring to the retired NL Cy Young Award winner who was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

When Nevin looks at Zambrano, he sees a young Randy Johnson with better control.

"If I were to pick one guy right now to start my rotation, that would be my guy," Nevin said. "He reminds me a lot of Randy when he was young. He didn't control the strike zone very well, although Carlos does better than Randy did at this age. Once he learns to command the strike zone and cut down on walks, there are a lot of things he's going to do in this game — hit lefties, hit righties, perfect games, Cy Young." Nevin also had good things to say about Hamels, who had won four of his previous five starts.

This time, he gave up a season-high nine runs — five earned and nine hits, which matched his season high, in two-plus innings.

"He's one of the better young left-handed arms I've seen in a long time," Nevin said.

Phillies 5, Astros 3

The fasting Houston Astros lost for the 10th time in 13 games, falling to Jason Bay and the Pittsburgh Pirates on Thursday night.

Willy Tavares extended his club-record hitting streak to 27 games and Carlos Beltran homered for the Astros, which is in fourth place in the NL Central.

Paul Maholm worked his way through a shaky first inning before his three-run drive, and Ramirez wond­­ers what might have been if he had gotten off to a better start, if Derrek Lee had stayed healthy and if Mark Prior and Kerry Wood hadn't broken down. "It would be different," Ramirez said.

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Phillies center fielder Shane Victorino drives and misses at Aramis Ramirez's two-run triple in the first inning Thursday.

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Chicago stays in division race with win at Detroit

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DETROIT — The Chicago White Sox could have left Detroit barely trailing in the AL wild-card race. Central or back in a huge hole. Instead, it was the first two games of a four-game series, the World Series champions were pleased a split kept them in the division race.

Garland pitched a six-hit-and-Jermaine Dye hit two home runs to lift Chicago to a 10-0 win over the Tigers on Thursday.

"That was huge," Garland acknowledged. "After losing the first two, we had to salvage these two. Now, we've still got a chance."

Garland struck out five of his six hits before turning the game into a batter in the fifth, but an error by the second baseman Casey after two hits and a walk, a double, three RBIs and four runs.

"The first two, we had to salvage these two. Now, we've still got a chance."

Garland was not upset with "What to me is not a fan." Leyland said. "That's probably never happened before," he said.

"That's the best lineup in baseball, even without Thome," Robertson said.

Rangers 4, Devil Rays 3

Robinson Tejeda won his second consecutive start since being called up from minor leagues and Carlos Lee hit a solo homer, helping the Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays Thursday night and avoid a four-game sweep.

Tejeda (3-3) gave up four runs and five hits in 7 2-3 innings. He had walked Royconstruction hit hitter Jim Thome, who strained his left hamstring in the fourth inning, throwing 3-2 in innings in a 3-1 win over Detroit.

Wood finished 3-for-3 with a hard single down the right field line.

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Chicago trails Detroit by 5 1/2 games in the division race.

Chicago scored one run in the first and third innings before turning the game into a rout. Chris Janssen hit an RBI double to Brandon Fahey.

Three of the first four batters to face Benson got hits, including a two-out double by Brandon Fahey. Minnesota added four runs in the eighth.

Twins 11, Orioles 2

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Rod Ronson hit two-run home runs in the seventh off a tiring Bonser, who was pulled after allowing a two-out double to Brandon Fahey. Minnesota added four runs in the eighth.
Sato leads Japan past Saudi Arabia

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Associated Press

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Rice formally retires in San Francisco

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. - Jerry Rice spent some of his favorite days on the green practice fields next to the railroad tracks that run behind the San Francisco 49ers training complex.

That's where Rice honed his game over countless hours as he became the NFL's most prolific receiver — and that's why he felt those fields were an appropriate place to say his latest goodbye to the sport he revolutionized.

Rice signed a one-day contract to retire with the San Francisco 49ers on Thursday, officially ending the receiver's matchless career back where it began.

Rice, who scored more touchdowns than anyone in league history, shed no tears during a short signing ceremony on the fields at the training complex opened in 1988 by the 49ers, his team for the first 16 of his 20 seasons.

The receiver wore his uniform on and ran on the current 49ers were career back where it began.

"I feel welcome here. I feel like this is my home, and this is something I'll never forget," Rice said, gesturing to the railroad tracks that run behind the San Francisco 49ers' training complex.

"He played with a burning passion that the NFL had never seen before," York said. "It's great to see him back with the 49ers."

Rice became a vagabond in his final years, still searching for another chance to prove he hadn't lost a step in his 40s. But San Francisco fans still remember Rice in his incredible prime, when he made most of his 197 touchdown receptions while playing for several powerhouse teams and three Super Bowl winners.

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In Brief

Owens misses practice after reinjuring his hamstring

IRVING, Texas — Terrell Owens missed practice again Thursday, virtually assuring he will miss his third straight preseason game for the Dallas Cowboys this weekend — and may not play until the regular-season opener.

Whatever Terrell Owens did for training didn't prevent him from pulling a hamstring. Owens' comment was that he was on the field too long running too many routes last week was a clear shot at coach Bill Parcells. That's what leave for Parcells? He can hold back playing time and a starting job if he doesn't see Owens on the field. Ah, the drama.

Owens said Wednesday that he's not concerned about the possibility of not playing in the preseason.

"I don't really have any doubts about if I'm going to perform or not," he said.

Belle receives jail sentence for stalking his ex-girlfriend

PHOENIX — Former major-league slugger Albert Belle was sentenced to 90 days in jail and five years' supervised probation Thursday in a case in which he admitted stalking his former girlfriend.

Belle, 39, pleaded guilty in July to one felony stalking count. He was arrested again May 17 at his Scottsdale home after he again contacted the victim. He has been incarcerated in his final years, still searching for another chance to prove he hadn't lost a step in his 40s. But San Francisco fans still remember Rice in his incredible prime, when he made most of his 197 touchdown receptions while playing for several powerhouse teams and three Super Bowl winners.

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After perfect group record, US ready for knockout stage

SAFFORD, Japan — Now comes the hard part. The U.S. closed a perfect week of group play Friday night by routing Senegal 103-58, but with more demanding games ahead, one stumble and this young but talented team will be out of the hunt for the country's first FIBA world championship title since 1994.

"We came over here to win the gold," center Dwight Howard said. "The first game is Sunday, and we can start off on the right note."

The reward for winning Group D is substantial: The Americans won't have to face Argentina or Spain until the final. But there's a lot of basketball to be played before then.

The U.S. faced only one tough test during the tournament and the competition will improve dramatically, although some teams aren't familiar to the Americans.
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Scott leads by two after first day at Bridgestone

Woods, Donald shoot 67; Gore two behind

Scott made his charge too late Sunday at Medinah to have any shot in the PGA Championship, where he tied for third.

Just his luck, they don’t award the trophy on Thursday. But the 26-year-old American appears headed in that direction, especially the way he kept his tee shots in the short grass at Firestone South, which enabled him to fire at the flags.

“Was my hope coming into this week, to keep playing like I did last week,” Scott said. “I just tried to keep working on the same stuff and got it going a little today. I hit a lot of good iron shots and really took the pressure off my putting by hitting them so close.”

Gore, who got into this World Golf Championship by winning the 84 Lumber Classic last year, played with an old friend from his junior golf days in California — Woods — and settled in quickly with a birdie-eagle-birdie start. The highlight was a 4-wood that he aimed toward the center of the green on the par-5 second hole. He pulled it slightly left, and it wound up 2 feet from the hole.

It was the first time Gore has played with Woods on the PGA Tour.

“It’s the first time I’ve played with him since he’s been Tiger,” Gore said. “Last time I played with him, he was still Eldrick.”

Woods didn’t look nearly as sharp as he was four days ago in Medinah, where he captured his 12th career major with a four-shot victory. He struggled with his irons and birdies and bogeys until finishing strong with wedges into 8 feet of birdie putts at Nos. 15 and 16. He shot 71 for an 8-under 288 and No. 18 for a 67.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish face Bowling Green in opener

Ranked No. 21, Notre Dame starts journey toward its 10th conference championship tonight

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Observer

The quest for a tenth Big East title and another deep run into the NCAA Tournament starts Saturday night at the Joyce Center for No. 21 Notre Dame in its season opener against Bowling Green.

The Irish are set to host their MAC opponents at 7 p.m. in the team’s first match since a 3-2 loss to Wisconsin in Round of 16 on Dec. 9.

The Falcons finished their 2005 season with an 18-14 record and concluded their year with a 3-1 loss to Eastern Michigan in the quarterfinals of the MAC tournament. It will also be the first match of the year for Bowling Green.

“I do know that they have a lot of their players back, so they’re bringing an experienced team,” Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. “They’re a strong team within the MAC, and I’m looking at it saying we got to come out and play well.”

Bowling Green boasts a lone senior in Chrissy Gothke — as does Notre Dame, with senior captain Danielle Herndon — and five returning junior starters.

Gothke spent the majority of her time as a freshman at the libero position where she recorded a school record 497 digs. For the previous two seasons she has worked as a setter and outside hitter everywhere but in the middle slot.

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The 6-2 formation puts two setters at opposite ends of the rotation and creates a situation in which the front three are always in an attacking position. The 5-1 includes only one setter at any one time in the rotation, providing two attackers on the front line when the setter is positioned there and three attackers when she moves to the back.

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Men's Tennis

Notre Dame victorious in Europe

Bass unbeaten on tour; Irish add new coach

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

After much-needed rest following their return from a European summer tour, the Irish hit the courts again Monday.

The three-country, four-city tour concluded with a 9-2 victory over the Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club in downtown Dublin.

The grass courts were just one of the different surfaces the players had to adjust to while playing in Europe.

"On the clay courts in Austria, the guys had to be more patient," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "In Ireland, we had to be more aggressive and play more up in the [grass] courts."

The opportunity to play at Fitzwilliam's facility was largely made possible by senior Barry King, a Dublin native who was the 18-and-under Irish champion and is a member of the Fitzwilliam club. The team also got a special tour of Dublin from the local teams.

"I treated it as more of an education, cultural experience than a tennis experience," Bayliss said. "We tried to make sure we saw everything of importance in cultural and historical value."

Notre Dame took its first six matches against the Fitzwilliam club Aug. 18. Senior captain Stephen Bass concluded his unbeaten tour with a win over Yale's Rury Green 6-4, 1-6, 1-0 (10-7). Bass also paired with sophomore Brett Helgeson at the No. 6 doubles spot and clinched another win for Notre Dame.

"The match Stephen played against the Austrian team was a playing highlight," Bayliss said.

Junior Sheeva Parbhu clinched a 7-5, 6-1 win in the No. 2 singles role. Helgeson and senior Vienna native Tracxi Ablheidian both won in the three and four singles positions.

King went undefeated on his native turf as he took No. 1 doubles with senior Ryan Keeley 6-0 and 6-3. King paired with Parbhu at the No. 4 doubles position to give the Irish a 7-6, (9-7), 6-3 victory.

Fitzwillians saw a slight glimmer of hope when it took the No. 3 and No. 7 doubles matches. Notre Dame will look to carry its success on the European tour into the fall season.

The Irish lost two seniors but retained five of their six returning starters. The Irish also have four new freshmen — Sean Corrigan from Long Island, Daniel Schafer from Kentucky, Takshi Yoshii from Tokyo and Graham King, brother of senior Barry, from Dublin.

"That's a part of the process, people graduate and move on and you pick up the slack," Bayliss said. "We still have the nucleus of a strong team."

Notre Dame also added a new assistant coach, 2000 Notre Dame graduate Ryan Sachire. Sachire left the ATP a year ago and became assistant coach at Baylor in the 2005-06 season.

Sachire replaces Todd Doebler, who was named the head coach at Penn State July 27.

Bayliss said he is very excited to have Sachire and the new class as members of the Irish team.

"Every year someone jumps out of the pack and surprises me," Bayliss said. "Hopefully it will be a pleasant surprise."

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Irish head coach Bobby Clark is pleased the team is being challenged right away. "It takes things up a little bit from our exhibition games and gives us a feeling of where we are and what we've got to do," he said. "It's also very important this early stage of the season to see where the team is both individually and collectively."

Notre Dame returns nine of 11 starters from last year's team, but Clark cautioned that the team must still perform on game days to be successful. "As I always say to a team, just because they're a year older doesn't mean they're a year better," he said. "I do believe we have become quite a lot better because we've been working very hard, [and] we worked very hard the winter and spring."

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The Irish also welcome a group of talented freshmen. Forward/midfielder Justin Morrow and Midfielder/defender Michael Thomas were both named to the College Soccer News list of "100 Freshmen to Watch," while forwards Tamba Samba and Dave Donahue have been impressive in Notre Dame's two preseason games. Samba scored the only goal in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Drake.

"All four boys did well [in the preseason]," Clark said. "Obviously there's a strong group to break in in front of, but they give you that nice depth. They're usually very excited and that can bring a special dynamic to the team."

Perhaps the biggest question mark for the Irish entering the season will be at goalie, where senior Chris Cahill and sophomore Andrew Quinn have split time in each of the team's preseason games. Clark, however, sees the team's goalie-keeper situation as a positive rather than a negative.

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out of this weekend’s contests due to pulled leg muscles. "Their injuries are just little pulls, but they’re nagging enough that they’re going to be very limited this weekend," Waldrum said of Lorenzen and Hanks. "We can’t risk them with Santa Clara and USC coming in next week." Also out for the Irish are sophomore defender Kerry Inglis, who had foot surgery and will miss the next few weeks, freshman midfielder Courtney Rosen and senior goalkeeper Nikki Westfall. Westfall was supposed to compete for the starting goalie position left vacant by four-year starter Erika Bohn, but with her sidelined the job has come down to junior Lauren Karas and freshman Kelsey Lysander. Waldrum said Karas and Lysander will both see significant playing time against the Cyclones and Rebels. "We’re waiting to see whether one of those two completely separates from the other," Waldrum said. "It’s great that the competition’s close, but at the same time, after we’ve been going for a few weeks you’d like to see one separate." With so many injuries, young players have been forced into starting spots, especially at defense, where Dew, Lorenzen and Inglis will all be significant contributors when they return. Waldrum said his back wall for this weekend will likely feature junior Ashley Jones and senior Christie Shaver along with two freshmen Amanda Clark and Haley Ford. Clark and Ford’s only collegiate experience has been in Notre Dame’s two exhibition games — a 3-0 win over Virginia Aug. 16 and a 5-0 win over Xavier Aug. 17. Waldrum said the upside to young players being thrown in so quickly is they will provide experienced depth when the upperclassmen return. "It’s time for those kids to step up and hopefully do that job for us," Waldrum said. "It certainly gives them an opportunity to show us that they should be playing more." Iowa State, who will also be playing its first game Saturday, went 11-7-3 last year — the team’s best record in four years under coach Rebecca Hornbacher. The Cyclones’ 6-3-1 conference record was good enough to earn them a tie for second in the Big 12 and the school’s first-ever NCAA tournament berth. Ole Miss, who opens its season with Sunday’s game against the Irish, finished last season 14-5-2, losing to Pepperdine 1-0 in the first round of the NCAs. Notes: ♦ This weekend marks the only time during the regular season that the Irish will compete in back-to-back days. Waldrum said the scheduling is worrisome given the number of the Notre Dame injuries and the potential for hot, muggy weather in Oxford. "I’m really, really concerned about (playing on back to back days)," he said. "It’s difficult. We have to play Saturday and then turn around and fly to Mississippi where it’s going to be about 100 degrees." ♦ The Iowa State game will kick off at 1 p.m. Saturday at Alumni Field. The Ole Miss game in Oxford will begin at noon. Contact Chris Khorey at ckhorey@nd.edu

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Football

Fiesta Bowl funds go to academic priorities

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

The season hasn’t started yet, but Notre Dame has already been bitten by the injury bug.

Already missing sophomores Carrie Dew and Brittany Bock, who are in Moscow competing in the U-20 World Championships, No. 5 Notre Dame will be without two other starters and several other players as it opens the regular season Saturday against Iowa State at Alumni Field before traveling to Oxford, Miss., to play No. 24 Ole Miss Sunday.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said senior defender Kim Lorenzen and sophomore forward Kerri Hanks will be held out of Saturday’s game.

Offensive lineman Bob Morton, an integral part of an Irish offensive line that returns four starters from last season, will be the team Saturday through Tuesday when he travels home for his father’s funeral in Texas.

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FOOTBALL

Lineman’s father passes; squad mourns for Morton family

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

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"Coach Weis blessed me with the opportunity to fly home and see my family," Morton said after practice Thursday. "I was able to fly home and spent a lot of quality time with my dad.”

Morton remained positive after Weis introduced him to the media Thursday despite how quickly his father’s illness progressed. He thanked his friends, family, teammates and Notre Dame for its support and God for not letting his father suffer for a long time.

"My faith in Christ continues to give me hope," Morton said. "Hope that my father is no longer in pain, which I know. Hope that there is a meaning to everything that he went through. And hope that there is meaning in every step I take.

"So the word right there — hope — is the biggest thing I continue to derive from that.”

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Strained at the start

Despite four key injuries, the Irish have a positive outlook as they begin the 2006 season

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

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MEN’S TENNIS
Irish return from Europe victorious

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Arabia 1

Adam Scott leads the Bridgestone Invitational after shooting a first-day score of 63.

LLWS

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Jon Garland had his fourth complete-game shutout and Jermaine Dye homered twice in a win over the Tigers.

MLB — AL

Milwaukee 12
Colorado 6

Tomo Ohka and first baseman Prince Fielder combined for six RBIs in the win for Milwaukee.

MLB — NL

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Back to Basics

The sure way for Notre Dame to win big in 2006 is to focus on the little things.

Defensive backs coach Bill Lewis instructs senior cornerback Ambrose Wooden on Cartier Field Thursday.
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Freshmen take lessons from veterans on Irish squad with high hopes

By KATE GALES
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With some players ready out of high school and one contending for the Heisman, there is quite a range of ability on the practice field.

But Irish coach Charlie Weis hasn't let anyon e off easy.

Although returning players have become more comfortable in Weis' high-powered offense, the defense is adjusting as well — adding Travis Thomas as a linebacker and featuring a slimmed-down Chinedum Nwokolo at safety.

Returning players going beyond last year

Although most of the personnel is the same, fall camp had a different feel than last year.

"I think [the players] were more ready for camp," Weis said. "There are fewer surprises for them. They know what's going to get me mad."

Every one of the guys who was here involved last year is now moved past a stage where the first thing they have to do is learn what to do," Weis said. "Now they can actually work on doing it better.

And doing it better without having to think of how to do it.

"If a receiver knows what route to run, now he's not thinking 'how do I run this route; now he's thinking about how to run the route, what route to run," Weis said. "They're on a higher level.

Along with increasing the comfort level with the offense, Weis offered the following suggestions to the defense.

Last year, he recommended this former-Irish wide receiver Maurice Stovall trim down. In 2005, Stovall caught 69 passes for 1,149 yards and 11 touchdowns, capping his career with a selection by Tampa Bay in the third round of April's NFL Draft.

Nwokolo is hoping for comparable results on the other side of the ball.

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2006 Season Predictions

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ND Prediction: 12-1

Bowl Win, National Championship

If Darius Walker can continue to pick up the blitz like he has in the past, Notre Dame will have a season to remember. Protecting Brady Quinn will be at a premium this season, as Irish hopes rest on the right arm of the Dublin, Ohio, product.

Quinn delivered unimprovable performances in 2005, throwing 32 touchdown passes to just seven interceptions, and coach Charlie Weis was quick to note this.

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As expected, Brady Quinn will win the Heisman Trophy by a wide margin.

And unlike last season's fiasco against Ohio State, this year's Gators in Arizona.

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Three simple, shorter steps work for Price

On Price's part to see his labor finally come to fruition. Price needed to shorten his strides and kick the ball quicker after receiving the snap to increase his length, consistency and trajectory.

So he used a simple mechanism to implement the idea. "I would put a towel on the ground and take three steps back like a kicker taking a field goal," Price said. "Then I had to get the ball off before I got [to the towel]."

Price's problem before this spring was that he had taken long steps throughout his punting career, and that routine became a "bad habit." And for the past three seasons, Price's bad habit had the luxury of hiding behind the usually consistent punting of D.J. Fitzpatrick, who delivered all but one of Notre Dame's punts during the 2005-06 season. (Brady Quinn's 43-yard boot against Stanford was the lone kick Fitzpatrick did not attempt.)

But now the senior Price is front and center in the punting game. The "bad habit" became a serious problem.

There was a technical flaw that needed to get fixed," special-teams coach Brian Polian said.

So Polian used a familiar face to help deliver Price the message that he had to change. Polian contacted Hunter Smith, a former Notre Dame standout and now a Pro Bowl punter with the Indianapolis Colts. Because of NCAA rules, Smith cannot work directly with Price, but the two had several conversations on punting techniques.

"It's not that Hunter shared any great secret with him, that Hunter unshielded the key to any door," Polian said. "I think sometimes it's just very effective to hear it from another voice because I just became noise once in a while. And to have somebody who was a Domer and does it in the NFL, that is a source — and worked through countless repetitions but has paid off. Special teams captain Travis Thomas thinks so. "He's been averaging about forty-eight yards a punt during all of camp," Thomas said after Notre Dame's practice Tuesday. "The thing with Geoff is, when he's relaxed, he's much better."

Thomas said Price's confidence in his new delivery has allowed him to relax and kick better. One of the other jobs as special teams captain, Thomas said, is to keep Price in the right state of mind so he can kick his best. Price thinks he can stay in a comfortable zone.

One person who tested that was Irish head coach Charlie Weis. "Him just standing back there talking to me while I'm trying to kick, that's worse than anything," Price said. "With Georgia Tech coming up, I'm not scared of 80,000 people [on national television]. I'm scared of Weis two yards behind me just chirping in my ear, saying all the things he can, trying to get me to mess up."

Geoff Price
Irish punter

Senior punter Geoff Price practices during Notre Dame's session Wednesday afternoon on Cartier Field. Price will take over punting duties this season from D.J. Fitzpatrick.