University to renovate Joyce Center

South dome to be renamed Purcell Pavilion after donor

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Notre Dame's basketball arena will get both a new look and a new name, thanks to an upcoming $25 million renovation — but a significant number of questions remained unanswered after the University's announcement Thursday.

The University will renovate the south dome of the Joyce Center and rename it Purcell Pavilion to the Joyce Center in honor of Philip J. Purcell II, Notre Dame Trustee and lead donor for the project, athletic director Kevin White said.

However, neither White nor University architect Doug Marsh could name a start date for the project. Renovation guidelines require 100 percent of construction costs to be confirmed and 7.5 percent cash in hand before the University breaks ground.

Currently, the University has more than $22 million of the $24.7 million dollar project confirmed — $12.5 million from Purcell, and approximately $10 million more from "a handful" of donors, White said.

Marsh did say once construction begins, the project should take somewhere over a year.

The project will be the first major renovation of the 35-year-old basketball arena. The last significant addition to the Joyce Center was the 1985 addition to the Student Center.

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's campus will once again Thursday in rooms throughout the two-day meeting of the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees.

Previously coincided with the university's quarterly meeting, as they flooded campus for their excitement.

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College breaks ground on academic building

New facility boasts updated technology

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

Saint Mary's broke ground on a new, state-of-the-art academic building Thursday afternoon. The building, part of the College's renovation and construction plan, will make new technology accessible to students and faculty.

The ceremony took place at the corner of Brother Andre Drive and Madeleva Drive. Parents, alumni and friends were in attendance to celebrate what the Saint Mary's website called an "exciting"

Construction could create traffic jams

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Commutors to the Saint Mary's College campus may want to allow for extra travel time in upcoming months.

That's because Brother Andre Drive at the College will be closed with heavy construction equipment for the remainder of the year as sewer lines are installed by the city of South Bend and a new academic building and hotel are built on the southern side of campus.

Saint Mary's Board returns for meetings

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

While Saint Mary's campus was abuzz with anticipation of the groundbreaking of the new academic building, approximately 30 Trustees joined in the excitement as they floated campus for their quarterly meeting Thursday.

Thursday's groundbreaking ceremony was coincided with the two-day meeting of the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees.

Executive Assistant to the President Susan Dampier said, "The Board's meetings began Thursday in rooms throughout campus and will once again remain closed to the public [with] the agenda not made public."

Dampier said, "The meetings remain extremely private, the Chair of the Board will issue a report to the community about a week or two after the meeting."

The Trustees partook in committee meetings throughout the day Thursday and will hold their formal meeting today at the Saint Mary's Lounge in the Student Center.

The Board elected seven and appointed three Trustees to serve for three years during their April 2006 meeting, all of whom will be present at Friday's meeting.

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

The Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees received a lesson on Facebook.com Thursday when a six-person student panel explained the purpose and prevalence of the popular social networking Web site.

Student body president Lizzi Shappell, student body vice president Bill Andrzejek, chief executive assistant Liz Brown, senior Sheldon Dutes, sophomore Glen Water and freshman Kate McClelland sat in a row before the Student Affairs committee for 20 minutes, answering questions about digital student communication.

"I think the topic for the meeting, which was the first of three scheduled for this school year," Before the question and answer session, Kathy Brannock, assistant director in the Office of Residence Life and Housing, gave a brief overview of the Facebook Web site using a PowerPoint presentation.

One Board member said he was "shivering," after viewing a very detailed profile during Brannock's presentation. The Observer has a policy of not attributing information or quotes to specific members of the Board.

"It's a beautiful day and a terrible topic," he said, referring to the weather outside and the thorny theme of his lecture.

Straus analyzed the developments in the field of genocide

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

The study of genocide has been in constant flux. From the term's definition to research approaches, Scott Straus, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin, said in a lecture at the Hesburgh Center on Thursday.

"It's a beautiful day and a terrible topic," he said, referring to the contrast between the weather outside and the thorny theme of his lecture.

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A happy medium

During the meetings of intellectuals, wherever the topic of television comes up, one earnest, erudite, bright-eyed scholar never fails to quickly dismiss the subject with "there's nothing good on television," almost immediately followed by the proud declaration of "I haven't watched television in forever." The logical inconsistencies in these two statements are enough to make even the most casual philosophy student scratch his head in confusion.

If you flick through the channels at any time during the day, you will obviously find some terrible programming. But is that so different from the multitude of irredeemable movies or poorly-written books released each year? Those that do look down on television love to compare garish reality programming to the best of literature, film, and art, which seems rather unfair. All mediums have their masterpieces, just as all mediums have their duds.

I don't mean to debase literature or film, as we all know the sensational feeling one achieves when finishing up the last few pages of a great book or the sense of wonder permeating a packed theater when the opening credits roll for a highly-anticipated movie. I simply wish more well-educated students would open their mind to the merits of television.

In Robert Putnam's book "Bowling Alone," Malcolm argues that mass media is somehow driving our culture apart, when that position couldn't be further from the truth. How often do you watch a television show you truly enjoy alone? To the time before "Grey's Anatomy" was broadcast, "The O.C," crowded 24-hour to the very last night. I can only hope everyone has experienced the joy of sitting around with a group of close friends and watching " Arrested Development."

In my time here, DVD epidemics of "Lost," "House," "Tosurance," "Gilmore Girls," "Sex and the City," "Friends," "Dawson's Creek" and "24" have infected both male and female dorms. You don't watch those shows just because they're more addictive than most illegal drugs—you watch them because you love to both experience and discuss with friends, enjoying the marathon visits to that Hole, Sunnydale or Scranton together.

I could write these papers on the various virtues of "Veronica Mars" or how " The Office" defines art in its truest form. But, in my exploration of this subject, I've realized an important concept to television at its highest level can be as successful as other forms of "high art" in representing the human experience. Real Sunnyside, Dutch Scoops, listen to Springsteen and visit the Smith, but please don't dismiss television as some form of lesser art form just because it's conveniently beamed directly into your dorm room.

Next time the prudish person in your seminar disagrees the merits of TV when you stunningly manage to tie the French Revolution to the episode of "Entourage" where Art aerials the agency coup, don't get angry with them. Smile, lend them season two on DVD and just bug it out.

Contact Chris Wilson at cwilson89@nd.edu

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** WHAT NON-ACADEMIC SUBJECT DO YOU WISH YOU COULD MAJOR IN?

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**IN BRIEF**

Justice Diann M. O'Scanlon of the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th circuit will present a lecture entitled "The Federal Judiciary Today" at noon today in the courtroom of the Notre Dame Law School.

This event is open to the public.

The Marching Band will perform its traditional step- off at 4:30 today marching from the front of the Main Building to the Joyce Center parking lot.

The limited general public ticket distribution for tonight's pep rally will be held at the Stadium Ticket Office on the east side of Notre Dame Stadium at 5 p.m.

Tonight's pep rally will be held at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena. Students may enter from 3:15 to 5:45 through gate 8.

On Sunday at 4 p.m., the film "The Wild Bunch" will be shown in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Admission for the 1969 film, directed by Sam Peckinpah, is $3 for students and $6 for the general public.

The concert "Fleur de Lys: Two Flutes in Paris" will be performed at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the Heyes Organ and Choral Hall of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Admission is $5 for students and $13 for the general public.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer regarding an event for observenews@nd.edu.

**Today's pep rally**

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Fonda lectures on life, poverty

By RYAN SYDLIK

In between lengthy personal anedotes, actress, writer, activist and workout video star Jane Fonda spoke about poverty and women Thursday night in DeBartolo auditorium.

While her lecture was titled "The Feminization of Poverty," her speech was focused more on child psychology processes and her own family experiences. The visit was sponsored by the Mendoza College of Business Microventuring Program, which gives students the skills and opportunities to help people in extreme poverty in several poor nations form small businesses, said Gigot Center director Jim Davis.

Fonda started by talking about her excitement for the Microventuring Program—which includes internships that send students to countries like Haiti and Mexico—and hoping for its success.

"I've been to these countries...I have seen how communities change when girls are educated and microloans are made to the poorest of the poor which are women and how it transforms the family, the community and hopefully...the world," she said. "There's never been a course like this anywhere." Fonda praised the fact that students in the program also put these tools to use and actually go out and secure loans and other benefits for the impoverished.

Delving into the hefty personal portion of her address, Fonda then talked about the impact of her father's death on her life.

"This experience was a very important one for me...I learned that I wasn't afraid of dying," she said. "I realized that what I am afraid of instead of death is that I am afraid of getting to the end of life with regrets where I couldn't do anything about it."

"I knew he had regrets and that he couldn't do anything about it and I felt had for him." Her crumbling marriage to multi-billionaire Ted Turner, Fonda said, brought newfound independence and self-discovery.

"I began to feel myself changing...but I knew that I made the right decision," she said. "I was becoming who I was when I was a little girl." If she had experienced hardships even with her good fortune, Fonda said, then women struggling in countries where they have no legal or social status must be far worse.

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Facebook

"What I found interesting is that you talk about the Facebook world and the real world... you say in real life you have 20 friends and in your Facebook world you have 500," said one Trustee. "What does Facebook provide that your real friends don't provide? What need does it fulfill?"

The concept of a Facebook "friend" continued to perplex some Board members, who struggled to understand the motivation for having so many.

Andrichik clarified the meaning of "friend" on Facebook, explaining that the word is "too strong of a term," since most Facebook friends are merely acquaintances, if that.

At Shappell's urging, Dutes admitted he has roughly 900 Facebook friends, and after being pressed by a Board member, he said he rejects friend requests from people he has never met.

"Usually it's people from other schools... If I don't know them or haven't met them, I reject the request," Dutes said.

Facebook, the students said, is both a way to keep in touch with high school friends and a means to establish one's individuality.

"But if it went away, would that be a great loss? Second, what's next? Where does it go from here?" one Trustee said.

Brown answered that it would be "really bad" if Facebook disappeared, since it is a way to keep in touch with high school acquaintances she might have otherwise lost contact with.

But perhaps Facebook's capacity to connect high school friends takes away from "landing and really getting into college," one Trustee said.

McClelland said that was not true in her case, noting that Facebook made the college adjustment easier by keeping Notre Dame friends easily accessible before she came to college as well as keeping high school friends close once she arrived.

"I think it improves your Notre Dame relationships as well as your high school relationships," McClelland said.

But privacy issues are certainly a concern, Shappell said, noting that most students only allow their profile to be seen by their Facebook friends, and no one else.

"We joke that Facebook is a stalker's dream," Shappell said.

"But it really is a stalker's meeting. Safety concerns aside, Trustees also expressed concern about the quality of communication between young people.

A Student Affairs representative brought up the absence of "real cues" in students' communication and another spoke about information that is "left out" when students use text messaging and phone calls instead of letters.

Though some students admitted that instant messaging and text messaging can keep identities hidden, no student expressed resentment of that fact.

At the end of the discussion, one trustee warned the students that virtually any digital communication is "within the purview of the courtroom" and subject to discovery.

"All of this is captured and no longer private," the Trustee said.

The Student Affairs committee is made up largely of younger Trustees and Trustees who hold positions at institutions of higher learning — making them an ideal group for a discussion like this, Shappell said after the meeting.

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RECIPIES NEEDED!

North Dining Hall is requesting your home town recipes to be considered for the annual ND Student Christmas Dinner.

Recipes may be submitted via e-mail to hernandez.46@nd.edu

Deadline for recipe submission is October 31st.

For more information, contact Joe at 1-5775

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Take a Break!

"It is no unusual thing for a businessman to say casually, 'Well, let's go and get a cup of coffee,' as a visitor in his office is making ready to depart. It is a little thing perhaps, this drinking of coffee at odd times, but it is very characteristic of the city itself" - F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Georgians vote as crisis continues

TBLISI, Georgia — Georgians voted Thursday in municipal elections that could serve as a bellwether for President Mikhail Saakashvili’s pro-Western policies amid a deepening crisis with Russia.

The U.S.-educated Saakashvili faces an election increasingly disenchanted and impatient with the slow pace of economic reforms nearly three years after the Rose Revolution protests propelled him to power.

Georgia’s recent arrest of four Russian military officers on espionage charges also has sent relations with Moscow plummeting.

However, bread-and-butter issues such as the rising cost of living and persistent corruption may ultimately determine how much support Saakashvili has in his drive to modernize the country and integrate with the West.

NATO takes over Afghan security

KABUL, Afghanistan — NATO extended its security mission Thursday to all of Afghanistan 10 years after the West began its war to defeat the Taliban, taking command of 12,000 U.S. troops in the war-torn country’s east.

The handover diminishes the Pentagon’s role in extracting and gives the Europe-based military alliance its biggest test yet.

The handover comes after an enduring commitment of NATO and its international partners to the future of this great country,” said British Gen. David Richards.

He was promoted to the military’s top rank however, here a lower ceremony at the NATO compound in Kabul attended by President Hamid Karzai and U.S. Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry.

FBI searches for contamination

Agents look for negligence at spinach companies; producers could be held liable

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In opening a criminal investigation into two produce companies involved in the contaminated spinach outbreak, federal agents are following a script first written a decade ago to hold companies responsible for mass food poisoning.

In 1996, authorities secured the first criminal conviction in a food poisoning case when judge-maker Odwalla Inc. was heavily fined for tainted apple juice that killed a baby. That was followed by a case against Sara Lee Corp. five years later, which led to a fine for tainted hot dogs and lunch meats that killed 15 people.

Federal officials do not think anyone deliberately contaminated the spinach with E. coli, which has killed two and sickened at least 190 others. Instead, the probe is focused on whether the companies took appropriate steps to make sure their products were safe to eat.

FBI and Food and Drug Administration agents spent 11 hours Wednesday searching Brown and North Carolina's Natural Selection Foods LLC and Growers Express, sifting through records for evidence indicating the spinach producers failed to adopt proper food-handling procedures.

“We are looking more toward the food-safety issue at this point,” FBI spokesman Joseph Schidler said Thursday, adding that the investigation was in its early stages and may or may not lead to criminal charges. It could also spread to other spinach producers, he said.

Also Thursday, health officials in Idaho confirmed that the death of a 2-year-old boy was caused by tainted spinach. Test results showed that Kyle Allgood was infected with the same E. coli strain that killed an elderly Wisconsin woman.

Legal experts say the companies do not need to have known that their products were contaminated to be convicted of criminal charges, only negligent in their duties to keep tainted foods from the market.

Lawyers involved in previous food-poisoning cases said the government will likely try to charge the companies under the 1998 Federal Food Drug and Cosmetics Act, which makes it a crime to sell or distribute "adulterated" products — any item deemed unsafe for human or animal consumption.

"This is one of the select few that the government can use to make a felony if authorities find evidence that company officials knowingly took action to compromise the safety of the food supply. Penalties can include jail time," he said.

That would be hard to prove in this case, said Fred Pritzker, a food safety lawyer in Minneapolis who represents several victims in the recent spinach scare.

The Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act is unusual because simply allowing contaminated foods into interstate commerce could result in criminal charges, even if there was no intent to violate the law, said Eric Greenberg, a food safety lawyer.

"The result of prosecution under this statute is that you can be considered a criminal, and you may even go to jail, and it may simply be because you made a mistake, or one of your employees made a mistake," he said.

Tests on spinach recalled from grocers point to nine spinach farms that supplied Natural Selection, one of the nation’s largest distributors of bagged salads. The company issued a statement Wednesday saying it was confident in the cleanliness of its plant and pointing the finger at growers. A spokeswoman said it had no further comment Thursday.

Growers Express operates a food-safety program in which small-scale farmers pay the company to provide health and safety inspections and maintain databases of audit reports. The company turned over those audit reports to the FDA and FBI on Wednesday.

IRAQ

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Associated Press

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LOCAL NEWS

Teacher faces 23 criminal counts

SCOTTSDALE, Ind. — A high school teacher engaged in sexual misconduct with a girl who was a student, where he was a youth minister, state police said Wednesday.

John A Watts, 27, is a teacher at South Bend's Scottsdale High School in Hanover and was a volunteer coach of the girl's track team and Catholic Youth Commission's Austin High School, where the girl was a student.

The girl was 14 and 15 years old when the encounters occurred between 2002 and 2004 in various locations in Scott County, police said.

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"This is going to be a wonderful building that fulfills our dream of having a class academic facility," Mooney said.

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College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said traffic will be affected by the congestion the various projects will create, but none of the roads on campus are expected to be closed.

The first of the three construction projects on campus was begun by the South Bend Waste Water Department. This venture is part of a long-term plan to reduce combination sewer overflows in compliance with federal and state regulations. "It's intended to decrease the amount of raw sewage entering local rivers and streams during periods of heavy rainfall," according to the Department Web site.

McDonald said this project — as well as the installation of a new storm sewer — is expected to be completed by January.

The second project to reach completion — and the last of the three current construction projects — will be the Hilton Hotel and conference center. "If the Board of Trustees approves, renovation of Madeleva Hall will begin that fall," she said. "The College will begin working on a renovation design for (the building) this summer."
In Brief

Tribune Co. ousts LA Times publisher

Chicaco — Tribune Co. ousted Jeffrey M. Johnson, the publisher of its largest newspaper, the Los Angeles Times, on Thursday after Johnson had refused to make what he considered potentially damaging staff cuts ordered by the media conglomerate.

The parent company named David D. Hiller, who has been publisher of the Chicago Tribune, to succeed Johnson.

The move follows a highly publicized showdown last month by Johnson and Times Editor Dean Baquet against the latest proposed Tribune cuts, which drew the ire of not only Times staffers and audience, but also the world’s third-biggest tire maker.

Goodyear said the union refused to agree to help it remain competitive in a global economy. The union said the company’s latest proposal would have included two plant closings and other concessions.

“Closing more plants would not only cause additional job losses and devastate the communities where the operations would cease, but it would also threaten the long-term viability of Goodyear,” said Hiller in an e-mail to The Associated Press.
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studies, highlighting how the "second generation of scholar-
ship on genocide" differs from the first, as well as discuss the
limitations of those new develop-
ments in his lecture entitled
"New Directions in the
Comparative Study of Genocide."

He noted that there has been a "three-fold increase" in recent
years of books published on
genocide, attributing this increase
to events in the
1990s, namely
genocides in Rwanda and
Bosnia, which
generated
terest in human
rights.

"This field is moving in
many different
directions at once... even though
the topic of genocide has a
very narrow focus," he
said.

In demonstrating the different
directions of genocidal research,
Straus cited six books by various
authors which he referred to as the "core of second-generation
literature" — those that under-
score the values of the newer
perspective on genocide.

While he discussed individual
merits of each book, Straus argued
that the core literature
illuminated problems faced by the
genocide researcher, including:
"conceptualization, case
selection and hypothesis testing."

The problem of conceptualiza-
tion in genocide research lies in the
fact that "not one of these authors
[of the core of second-
generation literature] uses the
same definition of
genocide," he
said.

Straus said the lack of a con-
crete definition
leads to problems in
case selections, as one definition
may apply to the Rwandan case
but not the Holocaust and vice
versa. Furthermore, because of the
difficulty in defining genocide
and pinpointing examples, Straus said it becomes difficult to
comparatively study genocide
using different cases.

"If you only think there are
only four cases or six cases of
[genocide]... it's very difficult
to do a quantitative study on the
topic," he said. "This field does
not lend itself to cross-quantita-
tive work."

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lems in hypothesis testing, Straus said, as "people are looking
at the same cases and coming up with various
explanations.

To combat the problems of
studying genocide, Straus sug-
gested that studies be focused on
"negative cases" — that is, cases
in which genocide does not
result.

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Schwarzenegger won't
release infamous tape

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov.
Arnold Schwarzenegger's
office on Wednesday rejected
a request that it release sev-
everal hours of audio tape that
contains the governor's now
infamous comments about the
mangling of "black blood" and
"Latino blood."

The letter from Schwarzenegger
Legal Affairs Secretary Andrea
Lynn Hoch came in response to
a demand from the Republican
governor's Democratic opponent
in the November election, state
Treasurer Phil Angelides.

Hoch said the audio files
were obtained without author-
ization from a
word-processed area of the
governor's Web site. She also
said they "were accessed in a
way that would suggest to any
reasonable person that the
files had not been posted for
public distribution."

Angelides has acknowledged
that members of his campaign
staff downloaded the audio
files from the Web site and
leaked a small portion of them to a Los Angeles Times
reporter.

The recordings were from a
speechwriting meeting in the
governor's office last March
that included Schwarzenegger
and his chief of staff.

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Sudan threatens peacekeepers; U.N. calls crisis catastrophic

Government says any mediating troops sent to Darfur will be considered hostiles; Security Council to discuss response

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Darfur is creeping ever closer to catastrophe, with rape and violence on the rise, the U.N. chief said in a report Thursday, as Sudan warned that any nation offering troops for a future peacekeeping force in its vast western region would be committing a "hostile act.

In the report to the Security Council, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said a May peace deal was not being followed, and that humanitarian access is at its lowest level since 2004. Sudan’s armed forces, as well as rebel factions and the militias, continue to violate international human rights law and humanitarian law with impunity, he said.

"It has now been three months since the Darfur peace agreement was signed," Annan wrote.

"However, instead of reconciliation and building of trust, we are witnessing intensified violence and deeper polarization. The region is again on the brink of a catastrophic situation."

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A key stumbling block to the peace so far has been President Omar al-Bashir’s rejection of an August Security Council resolution that would allow the United Nations to take control of and significantly expand a peacekeeping force in Darfur, run so far by the African Union.

In a letter sent to several nations on Tuesday but disclosed Thursday, al-Bashir’s government took aim at any country that might be considering troops for a potential force. The Sudan government criticized a Sept. 22 note sent by the U.N. asking nations to nominate police personnel who would be sent to Sudan to support the African Union mission.

"In the absence of Sudan’s consent to the deployment of U.N. troops, any volunteering to provide peacekeeping troops to Darfur will be considered as a hostile act, a prelude to an invasion of a member country of the U.N.,” the letter said.

That response was puzzling because the Sept. 22 note made clear the police would be sent to support the African Union mission, not as a separate force. The sharp words in the letter prompted the United States to convene an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to consider a response. U.S. Ambassador John Bolton called the document an unprecedented "hostile act, a prelude to an invasion of a member country of the U.N.,” the letter said.

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"This is a direct challenge to the authority of the Security Council in its efforts to alleviate the tragedy in Darfur and clearly requires a strong response by the Security Council," Bolton said.

"We warned darkly that people should ask if "other possibilities are going to have to be pursued" if the U.N. cannot address the Sudan issue effectively, though he did not specify or go as far as President Bush, who said this week that the United Nations should not wait any longer to approve a force for Darfur.

The council broke in the afternoon, and Japan’s ambassador, the U.N. Security Council president for October, said he would approach Sudanese officials for clarification.

The United States later circulated a draft presidential statement that would deplore and express regret about Sudan’s attempts to "intimidate" potential troop contributors, and call the letter an "aggressive gesture."

It was unclear how willing other nations will be to support the U.S. draft. Several diplomats clearly did not share his outrage. One Security Council diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity because discussions were private, said the council must not allow Sudan to lure it into a confrontation. The focus must be on getting troops into Sudan, the diplomat said.

Tanzania’s U.N. Ambassador Augustine Mahiga called the tough U.S. stance unhelpful to breaking the deadlock in Darfur. He said more time was needed to persuade al-Bashir to allow U.N. troops in.

"At this time we should be focused on the positive aspects and try to avoid any kind of confrontation approach," Mahiga said. "It’s much more healthy and productive to capitalize on the positive aspects of this whole problem."

In a separate letter to Annan on Thursday, al-Bashir himself repeated his position that the government would allow the U.N. to help support the African Union peacekeepers.

"Cooperation and consultations between the United Nations, the African Union and the Government of National Unity would speed up finding a solution to the question of Darfur and help stabilize a permanent peace in Sudan," al-Bashir said in his message, according to the official Sudan News Agency.
Pilots deny turning off communication device before crash

Associated Press:

SAO PAULO — The American pilots of an executive jet involved in a deadly high-altitude collision with a Boeing 737 have denied they turned off the transponder that signaled their location, authorities said Thursday.

Pilots Joseph Lepore, of Bay Shore, N.Y., and Jan Paladino, of Westhampton Beach, N.Y., repeatedly told investigators they never turned off the device that transmits a plane's location and believed that it was working just before the collision, said Denise Niederauer, a spokes­woman for the Mato Grossso do Sul State Public Safety Department.

Brazilian authorities suggested a day earlier that the pilots may have turned off the device.

Authorities did not say why they believed that may have happened, but said a nonfunctioning transponder was a possible cause of the collision with Gol Airlines Flight 907, which plunged into the Amazon jungle Friday, killing all 154 aboard in Brazil's worst air disaster.

The airline said a name had appeared twice on the list.

The Brazilian-made Embraer Legacy 600 executive jet was damaged, but landed safely at an air force base.

The air force said both jets were equipped with a modern traffic collision avoidance system that monitors other planes and sets off an alarm if they get too close, but the system only works if the transponders are working properly.

If the American pilots are found to be responsible for turning off the transponder, which is illegal under Brazilian law, prosecutors said they could be charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Authorities said, however, that there was not enough evidence to accuse anybody.

"We don't have elements to talk about that," Federal Police Investigator Renato Sayao told the official government news service Agencia Brasil.

The pilots' passports were seized Wednesday, but they were not arrested.

Authorities also were investigating why the small plane apparently was not flying at its authorized altitude of 36,000 feet. The collision took place at 37,000, where the Boeing 737-800 was authorized to be.

Defense Minister Waldir Pires said: "Why was this jet taken to that altitude? Was it a voluntary act by the pilot? Was it because of wrong information he received?" Sayao said, "That's the key question: What made the plane fly at 37,000 feet when it was supposed to be at 36,000 feet.

U.S. journalist Joe Sharkey, who was on the Legacy, wrote in The New York Times that shortly before the crash he saw an altitude display reading 37,000 feet.

The report also criticized air traffic control in Brazil, prompting an irate response from local authorities.

"It was an affirmation absolutely unfair and insane," Jose Carlos Pereira, the president of Brazil's airport authority, told GloboNews.

Pires called it "irresponsible to say something like that." Brazil's air force said it investigated air traffic controllers' procedures on the day of the crash and found no irregularities.

The Legacy was making its inaugural flight from the southern Brazilian city of Sao Jose dos Campos to the United States, where it had been purchased by ExcelAire Service Inc., based in Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

On Thursday, the New York newspaper Newsday quoted ExcelAire chief executive Bob Sherfy as saying he was seeking the return home of Lepore, 42, and Paladino, 34.

He declined to comment on the crash, but said, "Our pilots have been treated well.

Nearly 40 bodies had been recovered from the crash site by Thursday, but federal authorities were having difficulties identifying the bodies and said that DNA testing may be needed to complete a process that could take weeks.
Mexico

Government, people upset by lack of immigration reform

Federal officials reject U.S. legislation to increase security at the border, disagree on appropriate response

Associated Press

TIJUANA — Mexico lobbied for six years for a comprehensive immigration reform that would allow millions to cross into the United States legally. Instead, they’re getting a fence.

Mexicans — from leading politicians to migrants preparing to cross illegally — consider the U.S. plan to fence off much of the border shameful, offensive and ill-conceived.

President Bush on Wednesday signed a bill that would allow $1.2 billion for hundreds of miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexican border and for more vehicle barriers, lighting and infrared cameras.

But migrants resting at a Tijuana shelter after being deported from the United States said more walls wouldn’t deter them. Alfonso Martinez, a 32-year-old from southern Mexico, had been working as a farmhand for six months in Vista, Calif., when he was arrested and deported last week.

"Wall or no wall, I will try at least three times," said Martinez, who said he would try to cross by himself through Tepate, a mountain town about 35 miles east of Tijuana. "I have three girls that I have to support, and in Mexico there is no work."

Mexican immigrants in the United States and the Mexican government had lobbied lawmakers for more ways to cross the border and work legally.

While Bush had proposed a temporary worker program, it didn’t garner enough support in Congress for passage. The idea has been dropped by Washington, at least until after the November congressional elections.

Congress focused on security over immigration, arguing that the porous border could be used by terrorists who want to sneak into the U.S. undetected.

"There is no evidence that has happened, however," the Mexican government this week sent a diplomatic note to Washington criticizing the plan for 700 miles of new fencing along the border. Foreign Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez called it an "offense" and said Wednesday his office was considering taking the issue to the United Nations.

But Ruben Aguilar, the spokesman for President Vicente Fox, said Thursday that Mexico had ruled out that possibility. He added he was "confident" the additional fencing would not become a reality because an immigration accord would eventually replace it.

President-elect Felipe Calderon Thursday criticized the U.S. plan, but said the case is a bilateral issue that should not be taken to any international organization.

"I think it is a deplorable decision that has been made by the United States Congress for the construction of this wall, and it does not solve our common problem," which is "emigration," Calderon told a news conference in Santiago, Chile.

Guillermo Alonzo, a migration expert at the Tijuana-based Colegio De La Frontera Norte, said fences instead will force migrants to look for new ways to sneak into the United States and find new routes through deadlier terrain.

"When migrants are determined to cross, they find a way to jump the fences," Alonzo said. "Walls don’t stop anything."

Alonzo cited the construction of a fence between Tijuana and San Diego, known in Mexico as "the tortilla wall." It was completed in the 1990s and forced migrants into the sparsely populated and dangerous Arizona desert.

While there are walls at various points along the border, the one in Tijuana is the longest stretch, running 14 miles west from the Otay border crossing and plunging into the Pacific Ocean.

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Defending my right to disagree

Gary Caruso
Capitol Comments

Many Americans believe that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Yet, when the discourse shifts to the politics of life and death issues such as war or abortion, they turn a deaf ear to those who express differing points of view.

On September 11, 2001, every American was suddenly plunged into action, individually called to better our national defense of democracy abroad and to improve our own domestic safety. I personally know the call to serve my country, having first worn a U.S. Air Force uniform as a Notre Dame freshman during the height of the Vietnam War’s unpopularity. How dare anyone, especially another Notre Dame alumus who is a military officer and Marine captain, denigrate the service of a National Guardman as a mere “maintenance worker” in Iraq. How dare that same sworn defender of liberty and justice label this column’s description of military command failures that caused Marine deaths as “spurious allegations” and “lies” when American soldiers died in Iraq.

Since the attacks of 9/11, the only man in this nation who is supposed to inspire us has purposely portrayed some Americans as good and others as bad. Our President has divided this nation into those whom he believes a right to join him and others who do not until they agree with him. My father did not fight for three years in World War II against the Nazis for that type of distinction.

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ND keeps character

My wife and I attended the Purdue game last week, and attended a Mass at the Basilica. We are getting a tad long in the tooth, but didn’t think we looked “old.” However, the church was crowded, and we were directed to seats in the rear of the sanctuary. As it turned out, there were none available at that venue. However, almost immediately a student came to inform us that there were two seats on the other side of the sanctuary — actually, seats he and his colleague surrendered to us. As Mass proceeded, we were quite impressed by the demeanor of the students surrounding us, and commend Notre Dame for keeping the students involved in worship. This experience brought home to me that the present Notre Dame is the same as the old Notre Dame I attended for four years.

Paul A. Fisher
sister
Class of 1963
Oct. 5

Profits to veterans?

In response to “Shirts Sold to Recognize Soldiers” (Oct. 4) — my family has been fighting in Vietnam for generations. I infinitely want to recognize and express concern for our troops! But I am confused by the promise to give “20 percent of the profits” to veteran’s charities. Profits? Most new businesses take a long time to start making profits. These shirts have received a lot of publicity on the web, but nobody, including Take Pride’s website, mentions any group domain — or profits, for that matter. But everybody mentions the company’s pledge to donate 20 percent. Does 20 percent of “no profits yet” add up to no donations? If l buy a regular (non-logo) shirt, can I count on any money going to actual Iraq or Afghanistan veterans? Am I being too cynical? Perhaps. But I do look for a lot more comfortable buying a shirt if I knew how much money the company is donating. I have bought my $20 if any — would actually go to veterans’ charities.

Gail Bederman
sister president
Oct. 5

U-Wire

Next Facebook stalkers: parents?

This weekend, I was confronted with every college freshman’s nightmare: No, not the freshman 15. My mom asked me, “Blessing, can’t you please call me ‘Blessing’?”

A few months ago I would have laughed at her. But now, as my classmate and I begin to fully understand the meaning of ‘college,’ the concept of independence becomes more and more apparent. This is further complicated by the idea that the parents still have the power to look in on Facebook.

Two months ago I would have laughed at her still. I’m not sure, but ever since class of 2009 started talking about the Facebook generation, Facebook has become a serious issue.

On Saturday night I went to a party at a fraternity. When I got there, I discovered my parents were expected to check out the party on Facebook. I was prepared for this: they’re not really studying on the weekends. But they’re not really studying on the weekends.

My parents are Facebook stalkers.

Blessing Wung
USC Daily Trojan

The Observer

Abortion display examined

‘Cemetery’ reminder

On Thursday and Friday, Notre Dame Right to Life will be displaying what is known as the “Cemetery of the Innocents” on South Quad. This memorializes the over 47 million children who have been killed through surgical abortion in the United States since the Roe v. Wade court decision in 1973.

This year we are erecting 600 white crosses to represent the number of abortions performed in the United States in only four hours, the length of a Notre Dame football game. In addition, there will be 3,600 pink and blue flags representing the approximate number of surgical abortions that occur each day in the United States.

This cemetery is meant to serve as a reminder of what is in fact occurring when each abortion is performed. We hope that it makes clear what is being “chosen” and challenges the idea that abortion is a matter of “choice.”

Finally, we wish to remember also the millions of women who have been sterilized, both physically and psychologically, through the horror of abortion. They are remembered with a display of red roses, and we recall their pain and the pain of all those who have suffered because of abortion with a large wooden cross.

We pray that the hearts of all men and women will be inspired to acknowledge the dignity of life from the moment of conception to natural death. Let us take these days of Respect Life Month to reflect on the gift of life and the tragedy of a culture that often fails to recognize the value and dignity of every human person.

Adam Hook
co-vice president
Notre Dame Right to Life
Oct. 5

Dear Visitors to Notre Dame: By now, you may have noticed the crosses represent the problem of abortion in society. Perhaps you are happy that this Catholic university is holding true to its principles in such a public fashion. Perhaps you weren’t being confronted by something so grave as abortion as you make your usual seminar trip to see your son or daughter. Or perhaps you are deeply offended that one campus group is proselytizing in such a manner. This letter is addressed to you.

No one can deny that the debate surrounding abortion is very serious. For women who are Catholic, like myself, it is doubly so, for it calls into question issues relating to my gender and my religion, both of which I hold as the core of my identity. The nuances of the abortion question — and anyone who denies at least that there are nuances is criminally oversimplifying — are too numerous to cover in this letter. But in order to do what we wish to address is the means by which every member of the Notre Dame family can make a personal decision.

I believe that the best way to begin is by facing head on the question this weekend. I recognize the purpose that the crosses serve and accept that raising awareness of this very serious issue is a legitimate goal. But more problematic, though, is the prospect of kids who normally throw footballs around on the same quad on Saturday mornings asking their parents what these crosses mean, and their parents being put in the position of explaining that these represent graves for children killed in abortions.

I think that everyone should engage the issue of abortion at some point, but can’t we let a four-year-old live in blissful ignorance of such serious moral and political issues for a couple of years? Instead, this four-year-old is exposed to one side of the debate with a dramatic, powerful image, when he cannot yet comprehend the idea of a victim of rape or incest who has been impregnated or any of the other individual cases where the hard line some opponents of abortion draw must fail. This will undoubtedly instill memories of how the child is not to blame for the crime of his father. This is a legitimate point. I do not argue one way or the other about morality of abortion in this letter. I simply wish to point out that the crosses represent one side of the debate.

Why do you assume that visitors to this college have not already engaged the issue of abortion on their own? Many families of students, like mine, have been Catholic for generations. For more personal and problematic reasons, I have a question with this question both on their own and in Church. Others are not religious, but have considered the issue on constitutional grounds. Many may say that I cannot assume that is the case for most visitors. But is it your intention to assume that people aren’t thinking enough about this?

Finally, though members of Notre Dame Right to Life, the group responsible for the crosses, are no doubt aware of this, it bears repeating. Your actions have consequences, both for your cause and the image of this University on a football weekend highly attended by large numbers of curious students. Your opposition is strengthened but such an emotional, dramatic representation of your point of view, and Notre Dame — I have heard this opinion over and over after year after year. It appears not Catholic but, patrimonizing. So, members of the Notre Dame Family, on behalf of the many Catholic students who disagree with this display, I’m not sorry that this is a Catholic university with Catholic principles. But I am sorry for tarnishing this weekend of joy with a serious political issue that you presumably have an opinion about already.

Meghan O’Connell
Notre Dame Dagger

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Walt Disney 2-D animation has risen, fallen, risen and fallen again. The promising rebirth of animation that “The Little Mermaid” made possible in 1989 lasted only a decade. Walt Disney Feature Animation made its last traditionally animated feature in 2004 with the easily forgettable “Home on the Range,” a movie that elicits zero Disney magic but does evoke amazement because it was created by the same company who crafted the masterful 1950 classic “Cinderella.”

Traditional Disney animation has not recovered from this dark period that began in the late 1990s. “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” was the first animated feature film in English and Technicolor. The wild success of this 1937 masterpiece—what the company’s golden age of animation that, despite a few bumps during World War II, continued until Disney’s death from lung cancer in 1966. Before Disney’s death, Walt Disney Feature Animation had completed 18 animated films.

During his tenure, Disney looked for new ways to experiment in animation. His third animated feature was the 1937 masterpiece “ Fantasia”—a beautiful synthesis of classical music and mesmerizing animation. The result of this synthesis was an instant critical success, but only slowly gained a public following over the years.

1950’s “Sleeping Beauty” — the last of the fairy tale features until “The Little Mermaid.” In 1989, Walt Disney Feature Animation produced only nine animated features, the most memorable being “The Jungle Book” — released the year after Disney’s death — and “Bambi.”

After years of honing the craft of young, new animators, the animation studio finally found a new life in the animated musical “The Little Mermaid.” Returning to Disney’s successful musical format, “Mermaid” won the Academy Awards for Best Original Score and Best Original Song for “Under the Sea.” The film was a box-office success and ushered in a new era of Disney musical animated features. The success of this film was soon followed by the landmark “Aladdin” in 1991.

“Beauty and the Beast,” released in 1991 and “The Lion King” in 1994, showed even more potential. Although extremely popular among young viewers, these films were disowned by adults who felt the films had moved away from the original Disney princess-and-prince stories.

1998’s “Mulan” and 1999’s “Tarzan” were Disney’s last two traditionally animated successes. Since then, Disney has produced flops that lack the beautiful animation details of its predecessors. Disney’s recent lack of quality in its feature films has been coupled with its shameful direct-to-DVD animated sequels. Instead of producing well-thought out and well-animated feature sequels, Disney distributes hackneyed shadows of its original animated masterpieces in order to make a buck. These recent inferior features and sequels do not evoke the same enchantment that Disney boggles the mind.

“Sleeping Beauty” has been on the shelf for years. “Magical” is the only way to describe a beloved Disney animated feature. With former CEO Michael Eisner gone, Walt Disney Feature Animation has announced plans to return to the traditional animation that it abandoned with “Chicken Little.” Disney is currently developing “The Frog Princess,” which will return to the traditional animation that it abandoned in the early 1990s. Like “The Little Mermaid,” the public will look to this feature for the Disney animation that we know Disney is looking for a quick buck off its loved memories.

Walt Disney struck animation gold in the early 1990s with the introduction of Mickey Mouse and later, his pals. It may have worked for “Star Wars” — into the film. Who do they think is going to buy the DVD? They’d realize who wants to buy the DVD and “love this film, they could make so much more — and wouldn’t come across as jerks.

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Assistant Scene Editor

Disney has dropped a pack of shrink-wrapped nostalgias into the collective lap of our generation. Now, the question arises — what is the House of Mouse going to do with that nostalgia in their marketing strategies? With the recent release of “The Little Mermaid” on DVD, this pertinent question is at the forefront of the current college generation — and their wallets.

“Under the Sea” was the first Disney song to ever win an Academy Award in the Best Original Song category. It lost to “Silence of the Lambs,” but won the Academy Awards for Best Original Score and Best Original Song for the titular song. “Aladdin” followed in 1992 and “The Lion King” in 1994. Although extremely popular among young viewers, these films were disowned by adults who felt the films had moved away from the original Disney princess-and-prince stories. “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” in 1996, which featured the songs of Disney’s “the easily forgettable “Hom e on the Lambs,” but won the Academy Awards for Best Original Score and Best Original Song for the titular song.

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**DVD Review**

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Before there was "Finding Nemo," before there was "Shark Tale," there was a little movie under the sea about a mermaid named Ariel. In 1989, Disney's "The Little Mermaid" began the so-called "second golden age" of Disney animation, which then led to blockbuster hits that included "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Lion King." "The Little Mermaid" has recently been released in a two-disc special edition DVD in Disney's Platinum collection, which includes first-generation Disney classics such as "Sleeping Beauty," "Cinderella" and "Bambi" along with second generation hits in the vein of "The Lion King" and "Aladdin."

This release, as Disney has now done for many of its most beloved films, gives "The Little Mermaid" the deluxe treatment in terms of film restoration and a wide assortment of special features that cater to casual and ardent fans alike.

Loosely based on a story by Hans Christian Andersen, the movie follows the mermaid Ariel (voiced superbly by Pat Carroll), Ursula in far more developed than her foil and Ariel’s father, King Triton. Her cephalopod-like body is beautifully and evilly animated along with her eel lackeys. Evil, vain and tragic all at the same time, she is a centerpiece of the film, showcased in spectacular fashion by her song, "Poor Unfortunate Souls." The swirling colors and well-written lyrics provided the benchmark for another well-remembered Disney villain’s song — Scuttle’s nefarious "Be Prepared."

Several other memorable musical numbers — including "Kiss the Girl" and Academy Award-winning "Under the Sea" — transform this from a mediocre film into a Disney classic, as they are instantly recognizable songs to millions of people. Such music — composed by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman — quickly reemerged as a staple of Disney films as the pair also contributed the music for "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin."

After the success of "The Little Mermaid," Disney produced a string of hits — culminating with "The Lion King" — using mostly the same formula where a headstrong teenager causes conflict with authority, allowing the villain to take power, forcing the teenager and a colorful cast of friends to set things right with a plentiful assortment of catchy, memorable songs along the way.

There is no question this formula practically gave Disney a printing press in their basement and "The Little Mermaid" is without a doubt the catalyst that jump-started the whole process — although the mediocre "Pocahontas" and "Mulan" used the same formula. As such, the treatment it receives on this DVD is well deserved, but the overall product falls just short of what it could be.

The film itself has been digitally restored, as has nearly every other Platinum Disney DVD release, a process that results in more vibrant colors and a sharper image than ever before seen on a home release. While on other DVD releases this has been a good thing, here the job seems haphazardly done. The central characters look stunning, but the smaller roles and backgrounds themselves seem neglected and the juxtaposition between the two is jarring and unsettling. The sound, also remastered, seems unnatural at times with loud sound effects often overshadowing dialogue or music. While the film presentation is disappointing, the special features on the second disc are impressive and show the time and effort that went into producing this DVD.

Seven deleted/alternate scenes give an indication of what the film might have been like and an hour-long "Making of" special gives an idea of the obstacles faced in creating the movie. Additionally, there is a feature devoted to a sidelines "Little Mermaid" theme park ride that never surmounted the planning stages, including a virtual ride of the proposed attraction.

With such comprehensive special features and a treasured story and film, the "Little Mermaid" DVD, in spite of the presentation quality, is enjoyable and worthwhile. While not on the level of "Aladdin" or "The Lion King," "The Little Mermaid" makes it fun to relive childhood and enjoy a life that’s better, down where it’s wetter, under the sea.

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**The Little Mermaid**

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**NASCAR**

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Haynesworth escapes charges

NASVILLA, Tenn. — A repentant Albert Haynesworth won’t be charged with assault for bashing his cleat into the bare head of Dallas Cowboys center Andre Gurode. An unprecedented five-game suspension may not be the end of his punishment, however.

After consulting his family all week, Gurude said Thursday he’s decided not to press charges against the Tennessee Titans defensive tackle. But while Haynesworth himself surely won’t seek charges against his former protege in the Titans’ locker room once his suspension ends.

The five-year veteran has already been shown on count-le TV replays, laminated by national comedians and unanimously criticized — even overused. Haynesworth stepped up damage control with a news conference Thursday in which he apologized to all who watched what he did Sunday in a 45-14 loss to the Dallas Cowboys. He admitted he was an emotional player who is starting counseling and will work with Nashville children to share the lessons he has learned.

He got welcome news shortly before his news conference, when Gurude announced through his agent that he would not seek charges despite still having 30 stitches in his head and headaches.

A lawsuit remains a possibility.

"It’s agonzied and he’s deliberated back and forth on this, and he has no desire to pursue any criminal charges at this time," said his agent, Kennard McIlroy. "But I think in going forward this young man just wants answers."

**In Brief**

Bonds’ trainer released from prison

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge ordered Barry Bonds’ personal trainer released from prison Thursday, blaming a legal “snafu.”

U.S. District Judge William Alsup said Greg Anderson must be freed because a federal appeals court had not affirmed the contempt order within the required 30 days after Anderson was jailed.

Anderson, 40, could be returned to prison if the appeals court affirms the Aug. 25 contempt citation.

The trainer has been imprisoned twice for refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating whether the Giants slugger committed perjury when he said he never knowingly used steroids.

Bonds told a 2003 grand jury investigating BALCO that Anderson gave him what he believed to be a flaxseed oil and arthritic balm. Anderson later pleaded guilty to distributing steroids and money laundering, serving three months in prison and three months’ home detention.

Carlisle signs extension, becomes team executive

INDIANAPOLIS — Any Indiana Pacers players talking back this season to coach Rick Carlisle will also be mouthing off to a team executive.

Carlisle signed a multi-year contract extension and added a new title as executive vice president of basketball operations. The new position puts him directly below CEO Donnie Walsh and president Larry Bird and gives him more clout in disciplinary matters.

"I think it shows we’ve got a common goal," said Bird.

"It lets the players know that there’s a front-office position associated with the head coach," Walsh said. "He’s not just hanging around. He’s part of what we do up here."

Terms were not disclosed in Thursday’s announcement.

"I was confident that we’d come to some kind of an agreement," said Carlisle, who has a 14-100 record going into his fourth season with the Pacers. "Things worked out well. I think it shows we’ve got a common vision for the team, not only this year but for the future of the franchise."

French goalkeeper Barthez announces retirement

PARIS — Goalkeeper Fabien Barthez announced his retirement from soccer Thursday, three months after helping France reach its second World Cup final.

"I am starting a new life," Barthez said. "I will continue to enjoy myself but without soccer."

Some goalkeepers continue until 37 or 38," the 35-year-old Barthez added. "But I needed a human adventure, something like that."

Barthez, who helped France win the 1998 World Cup and 2000 European Championship, isn’t attached to a club and hasn’t played since July 9, when the French lost a shootout to Italy in the World Cup final.

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Back to Earth: A Backpacker’s Journey into Self and Soul

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Olivet hasn't won a match all season. But that doesn't mean the Belles have a freebie this weekend.

The Belles (12-6, 5-4 MIAA), who are fifth in the MIAA conference, will take on Olivet tonight. Olivet (0-17, 0-8 MIAA) is last in the conference and the only team without a win this season.

Saint Mary's hopes to recover from its recent loss against MIAA leader No. 19 Calvin. The Knights, who are 10-0 in the conference and 17-0 overall, swept the Belles in straight games 30-19, 30-19, 30-19 on Wednesday.

With Olivet on the other side of the MIAA conference standings, the Belles hope to improve their fortunes and keep the Comets at the bottom of the MIAA pile.

Saint Mary's head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek says the team is ready.

"We have had some ups and downs over the past week, but I am looking forward to our Olivet match."

Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach

By DEIVY PRESTON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame comes back to the Joyce Center this weekend for a pair of home matches against Marquette and Syracuse — the first time the team will play on familiar ground in over a month. Its last appearance at home was a 3-0 loss to then-No. 6 Santa Clara Sept. 3.

"It's so nice to be back in the Joyce Center," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "Not having to deal with delays and long travel is (fantastic). I don't think any of our flights have been on time this season."

The Irish (9-5, 3-0 Big East), who are set to play Marquette today at 4 p.m. and Syracuse Sunday at 1 p.m., will look to continue their dominant winning streak amongst Big East opponents and advance to the top of the conference. Having beaten Rutgers, Villanova and Seton Hall, Notre Dame is one of two teams in the Big East that has won all of its conference games so far this season.

Big East rival Marquette (7-8, 3-1 Big East) is confident coming into the match. Like Notre Dame, it has won five of its last six matches. While Brown has now totaled 500 career wins, the Golden Eagles are one win away from that milestone number as a program.

Marquette has strong offensive players that have been putting up solid numbers. Junior Kimberly Todd averages 4.84 kills per game and senior Jamie Mueller has posted 3.98 kills per game this season.

The Irish offense, however, has been equally as potent. Posting 15.6 kills per game — the same average as Marquette. Freshman outside hitter Christina Kaulein leads the team with 3.93 kills per game. Notre Dame has also hit with more consistency than the Golden Eagles, hitting a conference best .355 in Big East matches compared to Marquette's .246.

Both Marquette and Notre Dame are very formidable teams defensively. Ranked second and third in the Big East, respectively, in digs per game. The Irish defense averages 17.35 digs each game. Mueller leads Marquette with 5.32 digs per game. Senior libero Danielle Herndon leads Notre Dame with 5.14 per game.

Hoping to gain an advantage over their opponents this weekend, the Irish have been working to improve their defense even further.

"We worked a lot this week on defensive positioning and individual digging drills, trying to work on our blocking and defending," Brown said.

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Syracuse has managed to put together a three-game winning streak this past week, improving its overall record to 6-16 (1-3 Big East). Led by junior Cheryl Cohnina, who has 4.18 kills per game, the Orange hope to improve at the middle hitter position. The Orange defense averages 15.44 digs per game, led by Josie Kaupp's 5.32 average. Historically, Notre Dame has had success over both opponents. Since entering the Big East, the Irish have only dropped two games to each team and have won a combined 60 games against Marquette and Syracuse. Regardless, the Irish understand the importance and intensity of this weekend's matches.

"The Big East is really wide open this year," Brown said. "It's a really competitive season, making each match that much more important. It's like we're playing a championship match every week."

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**Playoff berths, seeds on the line this weekend**

**By MATT HOPKE and BILL BRINK**

Sports Writers

Alumni and Dillon have opposite intentions but the same motivation for Sunday’s 1 p.m. game at Riehle West.

The Dawgs, who at 1-1 are in the middle of a playoff run, are playing high over the weekend. The 0-3 Big Red are playing win-or-go-home to avoid a winless season.

Both teams, however, know exactly how important the game is.

"We're always motivated," Alumni captain Richard Dancy said. "The rivalry exists no matter what the record is. Last year we were 0-2-1, and we beat them in the last game of the season."

Although Dillon is winless, Alumni has prepared for the game like any other.

"Dillon has a talented quarterback," Dancy said. "They were expected and fast. We’ve worked this week to be able to contain him."

Alumni also needs to get its offense on track after falling to score in its last game, an 18-0 loss to Morrissey two weeks ago.

"We got a different front from Morrissey," Dancy said. "We went back over the basics. We worked with the line and backs on remembering assignments."

Dillon will have an extra momentum boost heading into the game. Every year, former residents of Dillon come back and practice with the team for a day.

That includes Joe "Chewy" Parker — a nickname referring to his affinity for breaking plates over his head during the annual Dillon Pep Rally.

Figuredore stressed the importance of these practices for the team's motivation and morale.

"It's Alumni," said Figuredore, referring to the importance of the game. "It'll be a fun one.

Zahm vs. Siegfried

Last year's reigning champ Zahm is still looking for its first win heading into Week 4 of the season, meeting up with the Siegfried Ramblers at 1 p.m. on Richie West field Sunday.

But a playoff-ready Siegfried squad isn't ready to let Zahm get the best of them.

The Ramblers (2-1) have looked strong this season, posting early wins over St. Ed's and Knott but dropping their most recent game against Alumni.

Zahm (0-2) hasn't started the season off with much success. The Ramblers have yet to score a point.

Zahm captain and quarterback Steve Thiamsteter expressed the team's new attitude toward the game against Siegfried.

"Obviously it's important for us to win," he said. "Our playoff spot is kind of in jeopardy so we're just going to go out there, have some fun and play some football.

Knott vs. Carroll

Sunday's 2 p.m. Knott-Carroll matchup on Richie West field is looking like the favorite heading into another quick touchdown. At the end of the half — and what the rest of the game — Farley led 19-2.

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Runners confident after last week's solid performance in Chicago

By BECKI DORNOR
Sports Writer

The Belle runners head into the Eagle Invitational today in perhaps the best shape they have been in all season. Many Belles coming off personal bests last weekend at the Sean Earl Invitational, hosted by Loyola University Chicago. Megan Gray was the top individual for the Belles, breaking 20 minutes for the first time this year with a recorded 19:27. Sara Otto was just shy of the 20-minute mark, finishing the 5K with a 20:10.

Saint Mary's came in 17th out of 13 teams, with Case Western University taking the overall team crown. "Many of the girls stepped up," said Belles head coach Jackie Bauters, who led her runners to victory in the Invitational. "Megan Gray has been a consistent leader for us, and is on top of her game right now. I was excited to see Alleen Miller and Caitlin Stevenson race well, I think we'll see a lot more out of them in the next few weeks which will help close our scores distance."

Bauters and the other Belles pushed themselves especially hard this week in practice, with local storms and changing weather conditions making training a little bit complicated. Bauters, however, was pleased that the team managed to log some good hours on the course. "We were trying to put a little more quietness in the team, incorporating some more speed rather than strength training," she said.

Last year at the Eagle Invitational, hosted by Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill., the best times out of the current roster came from Ott with a 20:20, Katie White with a 20:28, Kelly Bierdon with a 21:20, and Stevenson with a 21:25 and Miller with a 21:50.

"Things are starting to pick up for the team, and this past weekend's success has really boosted the confidence of the team," Bauters said.

"The course has a tight start going into the first mile with hill and bridge at the bottom," Bauters said. "It's flat besides the hill just before the mile mark. ... It's typically a good race for me."

However, wet conditions from recent storms could make the course run slower than usual.

With the MIAA Championships looming in the near future — to be held at Alma on Oct. 28 — the Belles hope to peak during these next few races. The Belles hope to better last year's fifth place league finish, and Bauters is confident with the state of the team's prospects.

"I feel like the team is in a good place right now for the MIAA a month away from now," Bauters said. "Things are starting to pick up for the team, and this past weekend's success has really boosted the confidence of the team — they're excited to compete. "Our competition is doing well too, it's going to be tough, but I feel like we're on the right track to really peak at the championships, which is our goal."

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Hockey
Irish take ice in exhibition game

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame had only six days to prepare with its coaching staff for tonight’s exhibition game against Windsor, but the team spent the off-season in the weight room to get bigger and jumpstart an offense that frequently lagged last season.

The first day the Irish could officially hold practice was Sept. 30. The 7:30 p.m. game in the Joyce Center against Windsor will be the only exhibition match-up of the season, as the Irish open the regular season Thursday night at home against Minnesota State-Mankato.

But the short amount of preparation time does not compare to the struggles the team faced last year when it had to learn new systems and a new coaching style under then-first-year head coach Jeff Jackson.

“As far as learning the systems and what not, you think it would be a little easier and a little less growing pains, because we’ve had a year under Coach [Jackson] and we know how he works,” captain T.J. Redin said.

Jackson said that the pick-up hockey and shinny—a free-for-all fight over control of one or more pucks—that the team played over the summer has led to a decrease in turnovers and better puck protection in practice.

Players have also devoted the off-season to putting on muscle mass.

“We’ve been in the weight room an awful lot,” Jindra said. “We’re just trying to get bigger and stronger, a lot of guys have put on some weight. That’s what coach wanted.”

The Irish players that returned this season averaged 190.2 pounds each in 2005, while this year those same players weigh in at 200.2 pounds per man.

The Irish hope that their offense that finished 10th out of twelve teams in the CCHA in goals scored per game—2.47—and 11th in shots per game—25.61—will benefit and that the extra weight will cause more worries in corner battles.

And although Notre Dame finished with middle-of-the-pack numbers in CCHA defense, the additional pounds could gum up the opposition’s ability to move within the Irish zone and add physically to a penalty-kill unit that was third-worst in the league in kill percentage.

“Some of the younger returning guys have shown great improvement in the weight room,” Jackson said. “And right now it looks like they may carry that over onto the ice.”

The team has carried its unity onto the ice as well and wears it on their backs—literally. Every Irish practice jersey has the No. 7 sewn onto it, and it holds a special meaning to the players and coaches—a meaning that they won’t say beyond the locker room.

“Lucky number seven,” Jindra joked about the number’s significance.

Notes:
♦ Jindra was named team captain Monday by Jackson, and it is the second year that the senior has held that role. Jindra was joined by senior alternate captains Jason Paige—also in his second year as alternate captain—and Wes O’Neill and Tom Sowatske.

Jackson said he and Jindra had to learn to trust each other early last season, but were soon able to establish a common bond.

“The one thing about him is he wears his heart on his sleeve and he’s very sincere,” Jackson said. “I talk about ownership, and he was the first guy that really bought in and said that he was going to stand up for this program and make sure things are done in the right way.”

♦ Sophomore forward Erik Condra was selected by the Ottawa Senators in the seventh round, 211th overall, of the NHL Draft June 24. Condra led the Irish in scoring in his rookie season, the first freshman to do so since Jamie Ling did it in 1992.

♦ Irish defenseman Luke Lucyk has left the program for a year to spend a season at the junior level. Lucyk will return to the Tri-City Storm, his former team in the United States Hockey League, but will re-join the Irish next season. Jackson said that Lucyk’s age allowed him to make the switch in order to gain more experience and his scholarship will still be there upon his return.

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ND BASEBALL

Players take field in fall scrimmage

By KEN FOWLER
Sport Editor

Notre Dame will have its first games under new coach Dave Schrage this weekend — and Schrage is guaranteed three wins.

The annual Blue-Gold intrasquad series kicked off Thursday with sophomore righty David Pitches squaring off with junior right-hander Joey Williamson.

"We're trying to play it as close to a spring game as we can," Schrage said. "It's kind of the culmination of the fall.

Each game is a seven-inning contest, with Game 2 and 3 coming Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at noon. Schrage said he is looking for "crisp" defensive play, even if the offenses play well.

"It's high scoring and we're hitting the ball all over the place, that's fine," Schrage said. "Saturday's game features starting pitchers Wade Korpi, a junior left-hander, and fellow southpaw Sam Elam, a sophomore.

"The guys have thrown well this fall," Schrage said. "They've had a great fall and I think the biggest thing is looking for consistency out of them during practices.

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"We're looking for three wins.

Sophomore right-hander Kyle Welland, who has worked with the starting pitchers this fall, will be in his usual role of closer for the series. Welland had 16 saves last season with a 2.37 ERA in 49 1-3 innings pitched. Schrage expects he will pitch and hitters are to be on par after four weeks of fall practices.

"Guys have competed really hard this fall for some positions," Schrage said. "What we're looking for is to see how our guys have progressed."

Notes:

- Schrage brought in some help to coach the series.
- Irish pitching coach Sherard Clinckscales will manage the Blue team with the help of Colin Burns of Irisheyes.com in Game 1, Irish Illustrated's Tim Primer in Game 2 and Michiana celebrity Jeff Jeffers of WNIO-TV in Game 3.
- For the gold team, volunteer assistant John Fitzgerald will have the support of WSBT-TV's Pete Byrne in Game 1, Blue and Gold Illustrated's Bayern O'Leary in Game 2 and Sean Stires of ESPN Radio in Game 3.
- "It's something that I did at Evansville," Schrage said. "One thing involves the people that cover us. We have some ammunition with those guys in the spring when they get on us.

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Men's Swimming

Stark Relays mark start of season

Swimmers attempt to 3-peat as Big East Championship begins Friday

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Defending two straight titles is hard. Defending two straight titles after losing ten seniors from last year's championship team is even harder.

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving teams will start down the road to defending their previous two Big East Titles this weekend at Relia Atlantic Center in the Dennis Stark Relays.

The Irish will compete against five other schools in the 13-event meet.

"Our expectations are very simple, but very demanding," head coach Tim Welsh said. "All we expect is for the team to improve in every event. We're not worried about the scoreboard. If we improve, the scoreboard will read how we want it to read."

Associate head coach Matt Tallman was also optimistic about Notre Dame's chances.

"We really look good. The guys are swimming well. Even the guys who are returning this year have looked better than they normally have," Tallman said.

The Irish will be led by senior tri-captain Ted Burns of Irisheyes.com in Game 1, Blue and Gold Illustrated's Bayern O'Leary in Game 2 and Sean Stires of ESPN Radio in Game 3.

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Sophomore Michael Buffin, who qualified for the NCAA nationals, will dive for the Irish, along with junior Sam Stoner.

Stoner and Kegeleman said the Irish shouldn't miss a beat after graduating 10 seniors.

"Our senior class last year was big and quick, but I could say the same thing about our entering freshman class," Stoner said. "There are a few guys who have cuts for the Olympic trials already, so it will be exciting to see how they do in the meet.

The team's upperclassmen have liked what they've seen so far from the younger members of the swimming corps.

"Two sophomores are racing for us for the first time," Sam Pendergast and Jeff Wood, both of whom bring a lot of speed to the team, Kegeleman said. "Having the new guys has increased the level of the practices, which will benefit us all this year.

The event is named in honor of longtime head coach Dennis Stark, who was the program's first head coach from 1958 until 1985, the year Welsh took over the program.

"Stark has been great," Welsh said. "This is the 42nd year in a row we've begun a season where he's either coached or been the meet referee. He'll be the meet referee again this year."

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the program ... Certainly it’s a recruiting jolt,” Brey said after White’s press conference Thursday. “I think it clearly says, ‘We’re going for it.’”

Like Brey, Brown — whose teams finished 30-4 last season with only one loss coming at home — understands the importance of having an attractive facility to recruit when they visit campus.

“Every improvement that we have helps,” Brown said. “When kids come into the arena and go, ‘Oh wow,’ it’s a good thing. Every little thing added to the arena will help. Even having video on the scoreboard will help.”

White said specific changes will include new seating in the entire arena — including the replacement of the upper-level bleachers with individual chair back seats. With that change, the arena will be able to fit approximately 9,800 people — down from the 11,418 it currently holds.

It will also feature a 16,500 square foot stadium club/hospitality area in the south end of the arena, as well as premium club seating and a separate entrance from the rest of the arena. The premium club seating will also have private bathrooms and food stands.

McGraw hopes the addition of seat back chairs in the upper level will affect the number of fans the team draws — especially from a season ticket sale standpoint.

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Irish men’s basketball coach

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Irish women’s basketball coach

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“I’ve always been a recruiting nut since I got here,” Castellan said. “What we’re trying to do is something that’s completely legal to get the Notre Dame fan base together.”

Lemming said this weekend is the perfect time for Notre Dame to make some noise with the recruits because of the quality of defensive prospects on official and unofficial visits.

“It’s probably Notre Dame’s most important weekend of recruiting,” Lemming said. “It’s some of the top defensive players in the country. It’s guys that it’s imperative to get.”

That’s not lost on Castellan.

“This week is a huge weekend,” Castellan said. “This weekend, especially, we have a really good shot at beating Stanford. With a win and a good experience — they see the crowd really into it — that could really help.”

Castellan said he’s tried to stay updated with NCAA regulations on contact with recruits so that his group doesn’t court advantage.” Brey said.

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According to the statement released Thursday by the Notre Dame athletic department, “work on the renovation will begin after the project is fully funded and designed. The University is actively seeking additional contributions. But for Brey, regardless of construction, the arena’s redesign is already being used for recruiting purposes. The coach said he has copies of the rendering in his office to show recruits and their families on football weekends to display the “new look that they will play in one day.”

“Big time commitment comes across,” Brey said. “I want the place to become a tough ticket.”

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(F. Bonaventure High School) will be in attendance Saturday. Lemming said. Both are considered top-10 prospects at their position.

Lemming said Martin is choosing between Ohio State and Notre Dame. But the recruits in town are not just limited to the defensive side of the ball.

A high profile offensive recruit, though, isn’t out of the ordinary for Notre Dame. Lemming said.

More than five months after Westlake Village, Calif., quarterback Jimmy Chausen (Oaks Christian) committed to the Irish and coach Charlie Weis on national television, Lemming says some of Notre Dame’s best offensive recruiting tools are far off campus.

“Chausen himself has become one of Notre Dame’s best recruiters,” Lemming said. “But he calls the offensive kids mainly.”

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Notre Dame forward Molly Iarocca dribbles past Pittsburgh Contact Tim Dougherty at midfieider Megan Watson during Sunday's 5-0 Irish win. tdougher@nd.edu

 Ranked No. 22 by Soccer Buzz magazine, the Scarlet Knights are used to giving the Irish stiff competition. The Knights fell to the Irish 1-0 in overtime last year in Piscataway when forward Kerri Hanks drilled midfielder Brittany Bock's pass into the net in the 96th minute. In 2004, the last time Rutgers visited South Bend, it played Notre Dame to a scoreless draw, marking the last time the Irish lost or tied a game at home.

Given the history of the matchup, captain senior defender Kim Lorenzen says the Irish are prepared for a battle.

"Rutgers is always a very well organized team," Lorenzen said. "They usually have an all around solid team. All around the field they're consistently good and I think our styles of play go together, and it's always a good game."

The Knights enter the weekend seventh nationally in goals against average (.356), allowing seven shots per game in a defense that hopes to test the nation's third best scoring offense that outshot Pittsburgh 31-1 last Sunday. Irish freshman forward Michele Weissenhofer will look to continue breaking down Big East defenses.

Weissenhofer was named conference offensive player of the week and Top Drawer Soccer national player of the week following her three goals and assist last weekend in wins against then-No. 6 West Virginia and Pittsburgh.

But the Irish can't get caught up in Sunday's matchup, Lorenzen said, because they still have to take care of business against Seton Hall Friday night. The Irish spend most of the week working on their own games, but Lorenzen said Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum makes it a point at practice to focus on the first foe of each weekend.

"We talk about our own team and improve our style of play," Lorenzen said. "To improve the way we're playing the past couple of weeks is usually our main concern. (But) generally during the week we focus a little bit more on the team we're playing Friday night."

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held back by forces it cannot control when it should be on its way to the NCAA tournament and a national title.

Jackson turned a five-win team the season before into a contender for the CCHA crown, and in the off-season compiled a 2007 recruiting class that many college hockey analysts say is the best in the country. The longer the team goes without a new arena, the longer it's development toward the goal of a national championship is delayed.

And yet Jackson still convinced the best 14-year-old defenseman in North America, Cam Fowler, to choose Notre Dame over Michigan and Ohio State — both prominent programs with prominent arenas. Handshackle and downtrod­den are both more apt descriptions of Notre Dame's ice facilities. Jackson and his coaches must duck in half to avoid ramming into steel supports in the equipment room after games just to have a private post-game meeting.

That same equipment room floods under several inches of water in February when the ice is removed to accommodate Junior Parents' Weekend.

The ice frequently melts under the intense body heat and sweat conditions of the players. The team has already used a skate dump that doubles as a trash can to avoid having a hockey puck roll under the stands to make its way into the locker room.

Clark anticipated that any new arena, and has shown a dedicated effort during his tenure to improve every sport's situation. The one obstacle that remains is to gain monetary backing by benefac­ tors. With that in place, it is fair to say that architectural plans will follow shortly thereafter.

If Jackson has accomplished this much without facilities on par with his CCHA peers, imagine what he could do with a new arena.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Analyst: Students can have recruiting impact

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

There's a new push in town — and it's for getting the Notre Dame student body more involved in the recruiting process.

National recruiting analyst Tom Lemming said he has seen students at other schools — from Georgia and Ole Miss to Tennessee and Ohio State — work as active participants in the recruiting war.

"The one thing I could notice at other schools is that the fans could let the recruits know they're there," Lemming told The Observer Thursday. "A lot of the students [at other schools] know who these recruits are. But the Notre Dame student body, from what I noticed, are all on caffeine. They're bouncing like crazy. And I think that energy could help a lot if they make more noise towards the recruits.

At least some students, though, are trying to change the perception Lemming put forward. Notre Dame seniors Chris Castellan and Matt Wharton have started a group on Facebook.com, "ND Students Today for Continued Excellence Tomorrow," that promotes what recruits are coming to campus each weekend and encourages students to recognize by name each recruit in cheers at pep rallies and games.

NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

Home remodeling

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White announced the $24.7 million renovation on the current Joyce Center arena Thursday, there were three particularly satisfied faces present to absorb the news.

Because for Irish men's basketball coach Mike Brey, women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw and volleyball coach Debbie Brown — all three whose teams use the facility for home games — the improvements will not only provide a better atmosphere for fans, but also an additional allure for high school recruits.

"It's great in recruiting and with some of your young guys in.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Squad aims to protect rank

Seton Hall, Rutgers to test Notre Dame

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

No. 1 Notre Dame welcomes a pair of New Jersey schools to South Bend this weekend with the top spot of both national and Big East rankings on the line. The Irish (11-0-0, 4-0-0 Big East) take on Seton Hall tonight and Rutgers Sunday afternoon at Alumni Field.

And if Rutgers (10-1-1, 4-0-1) posts by DePaul tonight in Chicago, it will enter Sunday's match undefeated.

MEN'S SOCCER

Former Irish assistant returns as opponent

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Georgetown's first-year head coach Brian Wiese has a mentor who is well known in South Bend — Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark. Before taking over the Hoyas' program, Wiese had spent 10 years as an assistant under Clark, at Stanford and five at Notre Dame.

Clark said Wiese will come into Saturday's noon matchup with Notre Dame with a far superior knowledge of the Irish roster than any other Notre Dame opponent.

"If anyone knows the way we play and our players, it's Brian Weise," Clark said. "That's going to be something we'll have to deal with. He'll know us better than anyone else in the country except our own staff."

Clark, however, said that No. 8 Notre Dame won't be changing its game plan.

"We always just play the way we play," he said. "Our players have got to be mentally tough. We're going to do what we do, but we've just got to be able to do it well."

The Irish (8-3-2, 5-2-0 Big East) will be led by standout striker Joseph Lapira. Lapira has been the main focus of the Notre Dame offense the last few weeks scoring two goals in each of the last four games —

HOCKEY

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MLB

Tigers 4, Yankees 3

Alex Rodriguez strikes out three times as New York loses at home.
Irish coach Charlie Weis and quarterback Brady Quinn's success in running the no-huddle offense — a throwback to Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly's K-Gun attack — has left opposing defenses on their heels.
Why Notre Dame needs a blowout

Now we know — Notre Dame can win games. But can they win blowouts?

The Irish are used to being favorites by now. They know that anything can happen, that the Vegas line doesn’t mean anything at the end of the game except a few dollars have changed hands.

In five games, they have one win by a clean margin (Penny State), lost one game by much more than expected (Michigan), and had two one-score victories (Michigan State and Georgia Tech).

But the Irish should have blown Purdue out of the water, and they didn’t. They gave up too many plays on defense. They left too many offensive point opportunities on the board.

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This team is not invincible.

To Stanford, it should be.

Stanford is 0-5 and has scored just six touchdowns in five games, while giving up 18. Its opponents have outscored the Cardinal by 124 points this season.

The Irish carry a slim point differential of 19 points in their favor, a very different story than last season.

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By BOB GRIFFIN
Special Writer

Irish coach Charlie Weis arrived at Notre Dame with a playbook thick as an encyclopedia, four gulf-ball sized rings and about 30 years of coaching experience at the professional level. And given his background, it's no surprise he introduced the Irish to his version of the no-huddle offense — an instrument part of his success in New England and something that's already been a catalyst in the past two seasons in South Bend.

So far in 2006, Notre Dame has used the no-huddle, or hurry-up offense, as part of their offensive repertoire. The offense has been equally productive, with memorable drives by teams such as Stanford and USC in 2005, and when you're not looking for a timeout, a key factor in the offense's favor.

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COACHING

Irish experts
Mike Gillison
Editor in Chief

Stanford limps into South Bend without its best receivers, strongest running back and an 0-5 record. The Cardinal is a wounded . . . well, . . . tree and the Irish will get Harris and G's best shot. Expect Quinn to succeed through the air, but the Cardinal offense exploits a struggling Notre Dame secondary to make this game closer than most expect. Look for Zbikowski to keep Notre Dame in the lead with a timely interception, but this one will go down to the final five minutes.

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ANALYSIS

Stanford has absolutely nothing to lose in this game. The team is winless at 0-5 and is missing Moore and Bradford. Expect the Cardinal to come out fired up, maybe scoring on its first possession. Unfortunately for Walt Harris, it could be his last. Notre Dame needs a big defensive game after three weeks of allowing more points than it anticipated. The Irish won't disappoint heading into their bye week, and the offense will continue to click against Stanford's 3-4 defense.

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FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 45
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**Cardinal Rushing**

Harris has said he thinks Anthony Kimble, his starting tailback, could be ready to play at Notre Dame. Stanford's rushing attack has been anemic this season — total less than 500 yards in five games. The team has gotten just two rushing touchdowns.

An injury-depleted Stanford passing attack should be no match for the Irish. But Notre Dame has proven itself again in big games by being able to adjust on the fly, and a few of those key players — McNeil, Chappell, Heslop, and the linebackers and the secondary will need to be consistent in pass coverage.

**Special Teams**

Notre Dame's special teams have been up and down, but played well against Purdue. Weiss has run a fake punt and a fake field goal, gaining two touchdowns. David Grimes has a long kick return of 46 yards and Zbikowski's longest punt return is 25 yards.

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**Intangibles**

It's the game before a bye week, and the Irish have to come out strong to make a statement before taking a week off before UCLA. Winless Stanford is the perfect game to put up big numbers and make noise nationally. The biggest problem is focus.

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**Roster**

- **Notre Dame**
  - **Linebackers**: Dane Fletcher (6-3, 225), Manti Te'o (5-11, 215), Manti Te'o (5-11, 215), Manti Te'o (5-11, 215)
  - **Defensive Ends**: Stephon Tuitt (6-5, 280), Stephon Tuitt (6-5, 280), Stephon Tuitt (6-5, 280)
  - **Defensive Tackles**: Louis Nix (6-4, 320), Louis Nix (6-4, 320), Louis Nix (6-4, 320)
  - **Cornerbacks**: KeiVarae Russell (5-10, 190), KeiVarae Russell (5-10, 190), KeiVarae Russell (5-10, 190)
  - **Safety**: Matthias Farley (5-11, 200), Matthias Farley (5-11, 200), Matthias Farley (5-11, 200)
  - **Kicker**: Kyle Brindamour (6-1, 200), Kyle Brindamour (6-1, 200), Kyle Brindamour (6-1, 200)

- **Stanford**
  - **Quarterback**: Kevin Hogan (5-10, 200), Kevin Hogan (5-10, 200), Kevin Hogan (5-10, 200)
  - **Wide Receiver**: Marquess Wilson (6-3, 220), Marquess Wilson (6-3, 220), Marquess Wilson (6-3, 220)
  - **Defensive Tackles**: David Fales (6-3, 210), David Fales (6-3, 210), David Fales (6-3, 210)
  - **Defensive Ends**: Tony Montana (6-6, 290), Tony Montana (6-6, 290), Tony Montana (6-6, 290)
  - **Running Back**: Tyler Gaffney (5-10, 200), Tyler Gaffney (5-10, 200), Tyler Gaffney (5-10, 200)
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Sizing up the Irish and Cardinal

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Stanford's front seven has proved to be vulnerable against every running back it has faced. In fact, Stanford has given up 282.80 yards per game on the ground—the most in the nation. If the Cardinal can slow down Darius Walker, they can focus on Brady Quinn and the Irish air attack, which will play to its defensive strength. The key for Stanford will be containing the outside runs, where Walker excels. If it can do that, Stanford could have a chance to hang in the game with the explosive Irish offense.

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Brockington confident after first start last weekend

With Thomas out, senior linebacker nearly intercepted a pass against Purdue, recorded three tackles

By KEN FOWLER
Sport Editor

Notre Dame senior linebacker Joe Brockington made his first start last Saturday against Purdue. He just might make his second against Stanford.

With starting outside linebacker Travis Thomas "iffy" for Saturday's game as he recovers from a rib injury suffered in the loss to Michigan State, Weis said he is considering keeping Thomas off the field for a second straight week. That decision might be easier to make after Brockington's performance against Purdue.

"I thought Joe was fairly solid," Weis said. "I definitely wasn't impressed with Brockington's mentality about there last year, thinking this was one of the best offensive coordinators ... in the game," Zbikowski said.

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"Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards, right, is sacked by UCLA defensive end Justin Hickman in the first half of the Cardinal's 31-0 loss to the Bruins Sept. 30. Brockington collected three tackles against Purdue last week.

Stanford offense looks for spark against ND

Cardinal confident despite losing streak

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

It doesn't look pretty on paper.

Because when sizing Stanford's seven-game losing string against Notre Dame, a Brady Quinn-led offense, it looks like the Irish are ready to unleash a flurry of points on the Cardinal. That may be true if Notre Dame can meet national experts' blowout predictions of a blowout — not statistics that Zbikowski wants to walk away from Saturday night. Painter stroked through the Irish defensive backfield for two touchdowns and 398 yards — not statistics that Zbikowski wants to walk away from Saturday night.

"I was somewhat happy, I would say, with my performance [against the Boilermakers]," he said. "But when I watched the tape on Sunday, I knew there was still a lot of work to do."

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