An updated ‘Loyal Daughters’ to add ‘sons’

By JENN METZ
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This year’s production of “Loyal Daughters,” now called “Loyal Daughters and Sons,” will examine issues of sexuality and sexual assault from both sides of the story when it opens next week, director Megan O’Donoghue said.

“The title has changed, and that’s really indicative of the overall feeling of the production,” she said.

“Loyal Daughters and Sons,” which runs Monday through Friday in Washington Hall, was written by senior Sarah Van Mill, who conducted interviews to create new material to add to last year’s collection of skits and monologues.

“We changed the name to get more men involved,” Van Mill said. “Why should they go next to ‘Loyal Daughters?’ It’s about women...well, that’s reason alone to go.”

The two hope the change will create more dialogue about the issues of sexuality and sexual assault on campus.

Sexual violence and sexuality are not single-gender issues,” Van Mill said. “No reconciliation can happen when we’re only talking about women.”

O’Donoghue stressed the importance of examining these issues from both male and female points of view.

“We’re trying to paint a picture in as honest a way as possible,” she said.

Van Mill said the male and female perspectives should help drive the message home that these are issues both sexes should be concerned about, “especially...”

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Alumni Association takes online prayer requests

Weekly candle-lighting service brings ‘the Grotto to the people’

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

More than 3,500 members of the extended Notre Dame community have prayed at the Grotto in the past 10 months without ever stepping foot on campus. They’ve made those visits through online prayer requests courtesy of pray.nd.edu.

Kathleen Sullivan, the senior director of Service and Spirituality for the Alumni Association, said the Web site began as an Alumni Association initiative to connect graduates with one of the school’s most spiritual traditions — praying at the Grotto.

“We asked ourselves how is it that we could bring the Grotto to the people,” Sullivan said. “We decided to be the feet for the people and go to the Grotto for them.”

The Web site began through Sullivan’s department in the Alumni Association, the recently created Service and Spirituality division.

“We wanted to think of new ways to spread spirituality to alumni across the world,” she said.

Under the leadership of Sullivan, pray.nd.edu launched last February. Since then, the site has received more than 50,000 hits.

The Web site is updated every weekday with a new prayer, gospel reading and video titled “Sacred Spaces of Notre Dame,” which highlights a particular place of worship on campus.

Perhaps the most innovative section of the Web site is the Grotto request page, where people can send requests to have their names prayed at the Grotto.

On Thursdays, a representative from the Alumni Association takes the electronic prayer requests to the Grotto and prays. Marian Appleton, an administrative assistant for the Alumni Association, said that’s really indicative of the overall feeling of the production.

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For people who can’t make the trip to the Grotto, the Alumni Association now takes prayer requests online.

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Professor: Moral bystanders required

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An ensemble performs in last year’s production of “Loyal Daughters.” The show’s title has changed to reflect perspectives from both genders.

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By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Cadets from all four branches of the Notre Dame ROTC program will join forces today for their annual Veterans Day ceremony to honor the nation’s fallen veterans.

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh will speak at the ceremony, which will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Clarke Memorial Fountain, more commonly known as Stonehenge. It will be preceded by a 24-hour vigil kept over the memorial by cadets.

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By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

“Genocides like the Holocaust cannot be reduced to perpetrators and victims, genocide scholar Ernesto Verdeja said at Saint Mary’s Thursday.

Moral bystanders play a large role in the “most heinous crimes of human history,” said Verdeja, a government professor at Wesleyan University. “Through their inaction, these bystanders facilitated the crimes, although they did not have dirt on their hands.”

Verdeja spoke at an event hosted by Saint Mary’s Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the “Night of Broken Glass.”

Although bystanders are not legally responsible, they have the obligation to recognize suffering and plead as human beings, Verdeja said. This indifference and inaction occurs when we “decide to close one’s eyes to what’s going on in the world.”

In terms of the Holocaust, the extermination of six million people resulted from a relatively small number of legal perpetrators compared to the extensive group of moral bystanders who failed to recognize the humanity of the victims and who facilitated genocide, he said.

Verdeja said the atrocity in Darfur mirrors 20th-century genocides in Rwanda, Bosnia and the Congo. The professor encouraged possible solutions..."
A Sadie surprise

Today is the anniversary of the first-ever Sadie Hawkins Day Dance at Morris Harvey College in 1938. A dance to which, traditionally, girls ask boys.

Now I've been at a single-sex educational facility for seven years. It's an amazing atmosphere but, like all things, it has its perks and its drawbacks.

Sadie Hawkins Day is one of its drawbacks — if only because every day is Sadie Hawkins Day when it comes to finding dates to dances, forms and every-thing else.

Sadie Hawkins Day has been on the books since 1937 when Al Capp ran a 'Lil' Abner' comic strip in which Sadie Hawkins, the unattractive daughter of Hekeshuh Hawkins, one of the residents of the town of Dogpatch, participated in the town's first-ever race where girls pursued the town's bachelors in hopes of literally catching a husband.

If a girl were to drag one of the bachelors across the finish line by the end of the race, that man would then have to marry the girl.

The overwhelming positive feedback that Capp received from the comic was so great that he decided to run the strip annually in November.

There is some contention as to whether Sadie Hawkins Day actually occurs on Nov. 9, as some say that it occurs on Nov. 13, and others say that it is Nov. 17.

Capp actually weighed in on the controversy in 1952, saying that it had become his responsibility to put Sadie Hawkins Day in the comic strip annually.

"It doesn't happen on any set day in November," Capp said. "It happens on the day I say it happens."

Therefore, I can choose which one of those days I would like to celebrate the holiday. And because I'm writing the Inside Column for today, I choose today. Since 1938, many schools and organizations have held Sadie Hawkins dances.

Unfortunately, my single-sex institutions were not two of them.

I have always wanted to actually participate in Sadie Hawkins Day but have never had an event to ask a guy to.

This year, Sadie Hawkins Day and the Saint Mary's junior formal fall relatively close to each other. Close enough, that I can actually participate in the day's events without it being a fair amount of worrying to make plans for the dance.

So I'm going to do it.

I'm going to get caught up in the spirit of the day.

No, I'm not going to go out and find myself a bachelor to drag across a finish line and force him to marry me.

Instead, I'm going to do one of the greatest things I've ever done in my life.

Hopefully I don't fall flat on my face while trying to do this and I'll be able to plant a kiss on the cheek of the guy I choose to kiss.

No Matt of the saxophones, will you go with me to the Saint Mary's junior formal?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Liz Harter at eharter@smu.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to reporter errors, the Nov. 8 article titled "Band members plan trip abroad" contained errors. Katie Putz does not play saxophone. She will be playing the bass clarinet in China and Japan. The marching band will not be traveling to the New Dome concert heads. The Observer regrets these errors.
Le Cercle français celebrates culture

By LINDSAY SENA
News Writer

Le Cercle français, Notre Dame’s student French club, hosted a series of events in honor of National French Week or La semaine du français, this week.

It was started seven years ago by the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) to foster an appreciation for French culture in schools and communities, according to the AATF Website.

Le Cercle’s events followed the nationally-coordinated themes as designated by the AATF. They began Monday with a French food giveaway in LaFortune Student Center. The club offered popular French foods such as baguettes, brie and croissants to students passing through LaFortune.

On Tuesday, club members passed out French phrases and fans handouts in LaFortune. Le Cercle met that evening at Heckers for “Mardi Café,” where club members enjoyed French conversation.

The club’s president, senior Laura Chamma, said she was pleased with the turnout of these events, especially with the notion of raising student awareness of French culture and National French Week.

Thursday night the club sponsored a performance by singer Tangi Colombel, along with the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, the Nanovic Institute for European Studies and the Arts and Letters Beyond the Classroom Initiative. Students and faculty gathered in LaFortune ballroom to attend Colombel’s cabaret-style show.

The French-native performed an array of comedic songs about romance, Paris, several sad songs and a French rendition of “I Did It My Way.

During the show’s intermission, Colombel walked around the ballroom and spoke with several faculty members. He actively engaged the audience and encouraged participation and dancing.

Bode credited French professor Catherine Perry for recruiting Colombel, who currently lives in Florida, to perform. National French Week will conclude with an international dance party called “Eurodance” at Legends tonight at midnight. Le Cercle collaborated with the Italian Club to host the event.

Le Cercle officer Pia Mauro said the two cultural clubs’ events followed the notion of raising student awareness of French culture and fostering an awareness of French culture and the Vander Vennet Theatre, while they listened to six karaoke renditions of hits by groups like the Backstreet Boys.

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often goes to the Grotto on behalf of who submit requests. "When we visit the Grotto every Thursday, we pray and relight the Alumni Association's Green Candle, which was made specifically for the prayer requests," Appleton said. "We also accept requests to light a separate candle for those who ask." The service is available to any alumnae, family or friends of the University. Many of those who submit prayers have the option of staying anonymous. If they provide a name and e-mail address, the Alumni Association will reply to their request with a note confirming their visit.

"We've gotten a lot of positive feedback from people who feel as if they're back at the Grotto because they know we're down there for them," Sullivan said. "Most often people will ask us to pray for their family and friends, she added. "There are a lot of requests concerning health issues, jobs, kids, people nearing death and people facing addition. Having someone go to the Grotto for them seems to help with these problems in a tangible way."

The Web site also accepts requests for Masses given by Holy Cross priests for those who are deceased or for special intentions. The requested Mass stipend is $10, and the Mass takes place within three months of the request. Although the Web site is fairly new, Sullivan said, she's "not really surprised" by its popularity. "People who are at Notre Dame or who used to be here are so connected to their faith," she said.

Sullivan said the Web site will be redesigned in December to add a more extensive archive of prayers and videos, an RSS feed and the capability to access the site by cellphone. For more information, visit pray.nd.edu

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charges through pressure on congressmen, active participation in organizations seeking to stop genocide and divesting from economic institutions that do business with Sudanese government.

In addition to the power of the purse, "it is imperative to educate ourselves so we don't end up in situations where we dehumanize others," Verdeja said.

Verdeja also addressed the United Nations' past responses to genocide. Often, national interests of Security Council members prevent coherent efforts and interventions. China's massive economic boom calls for a cheap energy source. As a result, its investment in Darfur's oil economy and other African countries facilitates these violent militias, he said. China has veined and prevented the passage of UN action targeting the ethnic cleansing in the Sudanian country.

Genocide is defined as the "intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, religious or political group." Consequently, past atrocities have not been deemed genocide, he said.

Looking to the future, Verdeja said the U.S. government is not likely to intensify action against the Khartoum government. "We have lost our credibility and leverage in places such as Darfur," he said. Taking action "would be seen as imperial pressure against a Middle Eastern ally.

If the situation in Iraq became genocidal, Verdeja questioned whether the U.S. would maintain a troop presence.

Verdeja is currently authoring a book.

Saint Mary's history professor David Stefancic began the evening with the history behind Kristallnacht. Stefancic said the shock of World War II triggered a search for scapegoat and the necessity to define a German identity. Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was seen in a prophetic solution, calling for the removal of "subhumans," he said. The Nazi propaganda campaign found its cause when a Jewish student living in Paris learned of his parents' deportation from Germany, marched into a German embassy and shot a secretary.

Soon afterward, the "Night of Broken Glass" began "organized, spontaneous riots" with the rampant destruction of Jewish homes, businesses and synagogues, Stefancic said.

The discussion followed a screening of the Holocaust film, "Life is Beautiful." It took place in Carroll Auditorium.

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who have paid the ultimate price and made the ultimate sacrifice," said Lt. Col. Lowen Braun, assistant professor of aerospace studies. The 24-hour vigil, which began at 4 p.m. Thursday, is divided into half-hour shifts. Four cadets, one from each branch of the ROTC program, will man each shift. A total of 152 cadets are scheduled to participate in the vigil.

Today's ceremony will be led by the Air Force ROTC and will begin with an invocation in memory of veterans of past and present wars. Father Peter Borea, the Basilian rector and the campus military chaplain, will lead the invocation.

Leaders from the ROTC program, and Hesburgh, the ceremony's guest speaker, will be introduced following the ceremony.

The ceremony will also feature a playing of "Taps" to "remember our fallen heroes," Braun said.

The ceremony will last approximately 30 minutes and will conclude with a benediction delivered by Borea.

The Veterans Day ceremony is an annual ROTC tradition at Notre Dame. In case of rain, it will be moved from the Clarke Memorial to the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library and will begin at the same time.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ancient piece of bible discovered

JERUSALEM — For six decades, Sam Sabbagh carried a good luck charm — a piece of parchment believed to be from a place in the Old Testament where the Bible begins, on the site of a burned synagogue.

Turns out parchment likely is more than 1,000 years old, a fragment of the most authoritative manuscript of the Hebrew Bible, his family plans to present it to a Jerusalem institute next week, officials said Thursday.

The parchment, about "the size of a credit card," is believed to be part of the Aleppo Codex, the manuscript of the Hebrew Bible, said Michael Glazer, academic secretary of the Yad Bein Zvi institute.

It is a verse from the Book of Exodus describing the plagues in Egypt, including the words of Moses to Pharaoh, "Let my people go, that they may serve me."

North Korea thanks U.S. for naval aid

SEOUL, North Korea's capital — As he took to the stage Thursday for his first presidential news conference after his election a week ago, President Bush, who is expected to make his first trip abroad as president just a month after he takes office, said he would confront North Korea over its "aggressive" nuclear program.

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Pakistan

President Musharraf to hold delayed elections

Military leader bows to U.S. pressure, but continues to arrest political foes

Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf announces Thursday that parliamentary elections will be held in February, a month later than planned.

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Police officer guilty of drug trafficking

SACRAMENTO — California sued Thursday the federal government on Thursday to force a decision about whether the state can impose the nation's first greenhouse gas emission stan­
dards for cars and light trucks.

The announcement came as "vague" and "indefinite" because Musharraf give up his second post as army chief within a week. She said the mass protest would go ahead despite warnings Musharraf could be tar­geted by suicide bombers.

Butturo is leader of Pakistan's biggest party and her decision to join in anti-government protests was another blow for Musharraf, who has seen his popularity slide this year amid growing resent­ment of military policy.

Musharraf has been under international pressure to hold elections and resign as army com­mander since he suspended the con­stitution Saturday. He said emer­gency measures were needed to calm political instability he claims is hampering the fight with Talibain and al-Qaeda-linked militants.

Pakistan's biggest party, the Pakistan Muslim League, on Friday announced it would hold an emergency meeting to formulate its position and taking legal action.

President Bush, who counts the Pakistani leader as a key ally in the war against terrorism, personally got involved Wednesday, telling Musharraf in a phone con­servation that "the United States wants you to have the elections as scheduled and take your uniform of power.

Some Pakistani officials said earlier the elec­tion could be delayed by up to a year, but Musharraf went on state­run TV to announce the ballot would "be held before Feb. 15." He wore a blue business suit rather than his general's uniform.

"We can’t do everything, but we’re going to do our best," Uberti said. During his own survey aboard a boat, Uberti said he had observed "a shorn with small little globules — something that’s not too difficult to clean up."

Oil leak stretches along California coast

SAN FRANCISCO — Oil leaking from a cargo ship that struck the San Francisco Bay Bridge last week has spread throughout the bay and is threatening a marine life area south of the Golden Gate Bridge. The heavy fuel has closed at least eight beach­es.

The California Environmental Protection Agency has called the spill "a significant threat to the environment and public health."
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when men are the perpetrators.

"You can't expect women to not make mistakes in judgment that leave them susceptible to being raped," she said. "This idea of victim blaming, you can't do that by the pure definition of the word."

Sixty percent of the material used in this year's show has been carried over from last year, and Van Mill's new round of interviews was used for the other skits and monologues.

"We want to represent the interviews that we got, but this is also about getting a holistic play ... if one of last year's skits or monologues had a very important topic to address, we kept it in," she said.

The interviews, O'Donoghue said, helped the pair realize "there were a lot more male stories out there it needed to be given just as much weight." And so, "Loyal Daughters and Sons" will contain male monologues.

"These are based on the true stories of Notre Dame students coming to terms with sex on campus, Catholic values, homosexuality," she said. "We're examining sexual assault from all levels and in all different ways."

The roughly 30-member cast contains representatives from all undergraduate classes at Notre Dame. They have been around for a month and a half working on the show, O'Donoghue said.

"They are all actors. No one is doing their own story," she said. "We only have one day of technical rehearsal, but the actors are ready, it should go well," Van Mill said.

This is both O'Donoghue's and Van Mill's first time being involved with "Loyal Daughters and Sons." "I got involved primarily because Madison Eddy, who directed last year, asked me to take over for her," O'Donoghue said.

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"This is a play that has a big influence here and whether students are aware of it or not, they could be listening to the story of their best friend." O'Donoghue said.

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"The performances will be held at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale for $5 at the LaFortune Box Office."

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"I think it's important for two reasons. Rape does happen here, and we don't really talk about it. That's problematic. If this is a way to fix that problem, we have to do it," she said.

Van Mill went to "Loyal Daughters" rehearsals last year while doing ethnographic research for her thesis. After asking last year's author Emily Weisbecker for an interview, she was surprised by getting asked a question herself.

"She asked me if I was interested [in taking over] and I still tell her I'm not so sure why you chose me," she said. "This is Van Mill's 'first bout of creative writing.'"

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"The production of "Loyal Daughters and Sons," is not a substitute for "The Vagina Monologues," which created controversy over its place on campus, O'Donoghue said.

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High oil rates will cause inflation

Berneranke predicts slow economic growth, but expects rebound by mid-2008

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Thursday that eco­nomists could hit a wall of problems facing the econ­omy, from a deeper-than-expected housing slump to a lingering credit crunch. New ways of raising oil prices and a falling value of the dollar, both of which are increasing inflation threats.

Bernanke said the central bank, which has cut a key interest rate twice over the past two months, was closely watching developments and would be prepared to respond as needed. However, he stressed that the central bank believes economic risks are roughly balanced at present between the threat of weaker growth and high­er inflation.

That was the stance the Fed took last week when it trimmed its federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other, by a quarter-point to 4.5 percent following a bolder half-point cut in September.

The Fed sent a clear signal that last week's rate cut was all that is needed to deal with the economy's problems, a disbelief that has sent corpor­ate markets into a slump that has deepened as a number of corporate giants — including General Motors, Citicorp and Merrill Lynch — have announced huge losses in the past few months.

That decline followed a 360.92-point plunge on Wednesday, which had been the third drop of more than 300 points in the past month.

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In Brief

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It was the third straight weekly decline after rates hit 6.40 percent. Analysts attributed the decreases to mounting evidence that the econ­omy is cooling down.

"Reports of weaker consumer spending in September and a decline in manufacturing activity could signal that mort­gages are sliding toward 6 percent, " said Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac.

The Federal Reserve last week cut a key interest rate by a quarter-rate, marking the sec­ond rate reduction in the past six weeks. Fed officials, however, disappointed investors by sig­naling that there may be further rate cuts, given their worries about higher inflation from surging energy prices and a weaker dollar.

Investors choose gold over dollar

NEW YORK — Gold prices rose for the fifth day in a row Thursday to their highest level in more than 27 years, as investors again turned to the precious metal as an alternative to the weakening dollar.

The dollar fell versus the euro and the British pound after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Thursday that eco­nomists could hit a wall of problems facing the econ­omy, from a deeper-than-expected housing slump to a lingering credit crunch. New ways of raising oil prices and a falling value of the dollar, both of which are increasing inflation threats.

Bernanke said the central bank, which has cut a key interest rate twice over the past two months, was closely watching developments and would be prepared to respond as needed. However, he stressed that the central bank believes economic risks are roughly balanced at present between the threat of weaker growth and high­er inflation.

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**Russia**

Court rules that czar, family were not political victims

Says execution of Nicholas II in 1918 by Bolsheviks was premeditated murder, not revolutionary reaction

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia’s highest court on Thursday refused to recognize the executed last czar Nicholas II and his family as victims of political repression — a ruling Kremlin critics said was dictated by the government’s reluctance to condemn the bloodiest chapters of the country’s Communist past.

The Supreme Court upheld repeated rulings by lower courts and prosecutors that the 1918 slaying of the czar, his wife and their five children by a Bolshevik firing squad was premeditated murder, not a political reprisal, said German Lukyanov, a lawyer for the royal family’s descendants.

“This is an illegal decision,” Lukyanov told The Associated Press. “It states that the Bolsheviks did not violate the rights and freedoms of the czar and his family by killing them up and then executing them.”

Nicholas II abdicated in 1917 as revolutionary fervor swept Russia, and he and his family were detained. The czar, his wife Alexandra and their son and four daughters were fatally shot on July 17, 1918, in a basement room of a merchant’s house where they were held in the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg.

Prosecutors have consistently refused a petition by descendants of the royal family to recognize the killings as political, and a Moscow court earlier this year declined to order them to do so. After its latest decision, in September, the Prosecutor General’s Office said an investigation found that no court or extrajudicial body had issued any sort of execution or repression order ahead of the killings.

The remains of Nicholas, the empress Alexandra and three of their daughters were unearthed in Yekaterinburg in 1991, while the Soviet Union was collapsing. After genetic tests convinced forensics experts of their authenticity, the remains were buried in 1998 in a cathedral in the imperial capital of St. Petersburg. This summer, archeologists found what they say are likely the remains of Crown Prince Alexei, the 13-year-old Romanov dynasty heir, and his sister Maria.

The Russian Orthodox Church canonized Nicholas and his family in 2000.

But descendants have been seeking their “rehabilitation” — recognition that they were victims of political repression by the country’s Communist-era authorities. Many of the people who were shot or sent to prison camps under Soviet rule have been rehabilitated, exonerating them of the crimes they were accused of at the time.

Human rights activists said the ruling fits in with what they said was reluctance by President Vladimir Putin and his government to confront Russia’s Soviet past.

Putin, who has stressed the need for patriotism and pride, has restored Soviet-era symbols, such as the music for the national anthem, and said Western portrayals of the Soviet era were too negative.

Declaring Nicholas a political victim “would be same as recognizing that the history of our state is based on violence and crime,” said Arseny Roginsky, a historian and member of the human rights group Memorial.

Roginsky said a document showing that the execution of the czar’s family had been ordered by the Bolshevik authority in Yekaterinburg could be found in state archives. In a further indication of political motives, he said, the slayings were carried out to prevent Nicholas from becoming a symbol of resistance against Bolshevism.

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IEW Speech

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Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall, 12:00-1:00 pm

**Careers in International Diplomacy**

Vander Vennet Theatre, Student Center, 4:30-5:30 pm

Guest Speaker Dr. Brian Fiors

**Study Abroad Fair**

Student Center Atrium, 5:30-7:00pm

**Friday - November 16**

Overcoming Global Poverty Conference Room D, Student Center, 12:00 -100 pm

"Overcoming Global Poverty: In globalization the problem is the solution" This family panel, led by Panel Moderator, Flota Cqyt, Participants are in Silicone.

Edith Mugabu, "The Role of the UN in an Era of Global Domination of Power"

Marc Befonage, "Weak NGOs and the World Bank: How Poverty" and "Globalization of Power"

Jerry McKee, "Ethics and Globalization"

Mary Ake Kerekere, "Empower Globalization" in the Family"
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Friday, November 9, 2007

Lavish spending practices plunge Oral Roberts into debt and the South Seas. A closet as a ship. Vacations in Palm Springs house and country club member— university in scandal.

Harry McNew said in a recent interview that he quit the Board of Regents at Oral Roberts University in disgust in 1987 after it became clear that the Robertses were dipping into the school's endowment fund for their personal use. "We were dealing in millions," he said.

The luxurious ways of some of America's top evangelicals have come under scrutiny on various fronts recently. Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley announced a Senate investigation this week into whether six clerics previously violated their organizations' tax-exempt status by living lavishly with the help of large donors and their debt-ridden university in scandal.

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Arthur H. Bremer, 57, shot and paralyzed former Alabama governor George Wallace during his racially charged 1972 presidential campaign is scheduled to be released Friday into a society more diverse and more restrictive on guns.

Nixon. "There are people in the world who are against ministries," he said. "I think people are not hoping there is a Christian university in Topeka.

The university declined comment on McNew's accusation that endowment funds were tapped for personal spending. Endowments are supposed to be for major projects, not day-to-day operating expenses. The principal in an endowment is typically left untouched, and only the earnings are spent.

Oral Roberts University is more than $50 million in debt, its campus— dominated by a 60-foot bronze sculpture of praying hands — is starting to look shabby, and a long-promised student center remains in limbo.

University officials blame the debt on lack of major donors and the cost of maintenance on the 44-year-old, 5,700-student campus. Two more crippling blows came in the closing of ORU's law school and the City of Faith, a $250 million attempt by Oral Roberts in the late 1970s to build a great medical center and research institute. The City of Faith closed in 1991.

Wallace's shooter released

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Bremner's diary, found in a landfill in 1980, made it clear he was motivated by a desire for attention, not a political agenda. He had also stalked President Nixon.

A prison system spokesman declined to say where Bremer would go once he got out. The head of the state's parole commission has said there will be restrictions on Bremer's activities, including a requirement to avoid political candidates and events.

"My father forgave him and my family has forgiven him. That's consistent with God's law," George Wallace Jr. said in Montgomery, Ala. But he added:

"Then there is man's law. I doubt the punishment has fit the crime."

Peggy Wallace Kennedy, the governor's daughter, said of Bremer: "He's getting out 17 years too early."

The Alabama governor made his famous "stand in the schoolhouse door" in 1963, derailing the enrollment of two black students at the all-white University of Alabama in a standoff against a federal court order and the National Guard.

By 1972, he had tempered his rhetoric, moved to a more subtle approach, denouncing federal courts over the admission of black students to integrated schools and pledging to restore "law and order," a phrase sometimes regarded as a coded appeal to white racists.

But Wallace recanted his segregationist stand later in his career and won his final term in 1978 with a truce, albeit an uneasy one, with my conscience over the 17 years too early."

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Now he confronts a more hostile, Democratic-controlled legislature, and Thursday's vote showed that most of the Republicans will defy him on spending matters dear to their political careers.

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LAS VEGAS — One of two memorabilia dealers allegedly robbed by O.J. Simpson testified Thursday that the former football star burst into a hotel room with a handful of other men, including one wielding a gun, and carried off hundreds of collector items.

Bruce Fromong said he had expected to meet with an anonymous buyer on Sept. 13, when Simpson arrived and shouted that the items belonged to him.

"O.J. was screaming, 'This is all my stuff.' This all belongs to me. You stole this from me. Let's pack up. Let's get out of here,'" Fromong said.

Simpson, 60, and two co-defendants are charged with robbery, kidnapping and other offenses. Thursday's hearing was to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to take them to trial.

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Senator's plan, actions against student government purpose

Senator Jim Lockwood's plan to force the student body president to report on the meetings of the Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) is wise. It promotes full communication, increased awareness and transparency for the newly formed group, which asks representatives from area colleges and the city to advise the South Bend Common Council on neighborhood concerns related to the colleges.

But Lockwood's idea is to give the Senate the power to dictate what the president can say — and even the ability to censure the president's words — is as terrible as the first plan is good. Lockwood's expressed desire to minimize the role of the presidency, including a plan to force the president to read statements by the Student Senate to the CCAC whenever the senators disagree with the president, eliminates the united front and effective energy that Notre Dame needs in a student leader. Without Liz Brown's unquestioned leadership this summer, off-campus students would likely have been worried about filing permits for parties a week and a half ahead of time. If she had to worry about what senators thought of her every word choice — and the threat of public humiliation if she had to explain that other representatives disagreed with her — she might not have succeeded. If South Bend officials knew she was controlled so tightly by other students, it would have minimized the respect they offered her. Lockwood's plan would make students less able to present a clear, powerful voice in public debates.

Worse, Lockwood devised his plan in a way that mocks the student government purpose. It's a step to curtail the powers of the presidency. That plan may be democratic, but Lockwood's methods were not governed by policies of the administration of either College. Editorial content, including advertisements, is published in print and online by the students of the institution. The Observer reserves the right to refuse submissions.
There is an injustice in our society today that has been perpetuated for far too long. Are we talking about the tragedy in Darfur? No. Are we talking about the war in Iraq? No. Are we talking about the atrocities in Genocide? No. Are we talking about the war on drugs? No. Are we talking about the war on terrorism? No. We are talking about the war on women.

Sunday, as well as collaborative programs like Community and Campus Education Programs (Community and Campus Education Programs) and attending programs sponsored by the Homeless Network, community events such as a reception to celebrate National Coming Out Day and Solidarity Coffee at the Como, through sponsorship of Brent Halbhause Promotions attempts to critique Heidi's style of dress, he owns the guy with a verbal assault unlike anything this world has ever seen. The receptionist even attacks Spencer physically, but our hero is too smart to let his emotions get the best of him. He coolly reminds the assailant that he is committing assault (harm and laughs in triumph) as his nemesis retreats through oncoming traffic. Spencer clearly deserves his own spin-off reality TV show. With more lines than Jason and an extra phone for his homeboys, there is an endless supply of mischief that he could get into. We submit to you, our readers, a simple request. Before you jump to conclusions and unfair judgments toward Spencer, think twice. He has brought so much joy into the lives of so many people over the past year and a half. We should all take a moment to take him for being the person that he is. People may think that this is the end of the column, and it is.

Kessler and... is a non-profit pharmaceutical organization in search of a cure for male pattern baldness.

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Neil Young continues to forge new songs with “Chrome Dreams II”

By JAMES COSTA
Assistant Scene Editor

There are reasons why certain artists are considered enduring and classic, and as they age, continue to produce new music — some of the best Young has ever made.

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Chroma Dreams II
Neil Young

Label: Reprise
Recommended Tracks: “Ever After” “Ordinary People”

The album focuses on the nature of love and life. Songs like “Beautiful Bluebird,” “Shining Light” or “Ordinary People” are sweet, almost melancholic tributes to the loves of his life and his father. Sweetly subjective in these songs is Young’s awareness of his own mortality and the prospect of growing old. “Ever After” has the most simply affecting lyrics of the album, reading “I love to see you-smiling / And hear your voice so fair / And in the ever after / I know you’re always there.”

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The WGA, The Strike, and You

By ANALISE LI PARI
Assistant Scene Editor

Picture a world with no more television. Nothing but reruns during prime-time hours. No new episodes of "30 Rock," "Ugly Betty" or "CSI" posted online. Letterman, Colbert and Conan sitting at home on a Tuesday night. Unthinkable, right?

Wrong. On Monday at 12:01 am, the Writers Guild of America (WGA) ceased contract negotiations and officially went on strike. Picket lines are now a common occurrence on the streets of Los Angeles and New York, with stars like Sally Field, Tina Fey and Eva Longoria joining the demonstrations. The WGA is fighting for a list of demands that include compensation for Web content, further residuals from DVD and video-cassette releases and a stronger say in online. Letterman, Colbert and Conan have already shut down production indefinitely, with more shows likely to follow if the strike continues.

If this all seems like a confusing hullabaloo, let's take a step back. There's a lot more to the disagreements than some kind of battle between the WGA and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP), and much of the controversy is about how much — writers are actually paid — with the rapid development of online media and its increasing relationship with television — when was the last time you watched "Lost" when it originally aired on ABC? — writers have already shut down production indefinitely, with more shows likely to follow if the strike continues.

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The last writers strike in 1988 endured for 22 weeks, but it is unclear how long the 2007 strike will continue. While we at Scene certainly do not want to see the strike go on for weeks and weeks, we've come up with some ways to occupy your time until your favorite shows return. 1. Pray at the Grotto more often. Light a candle that FOX can convince Monica Lewinsky to return and host another season of "Mr. Personality." 2. Make your own TV show. Better yet, make it a Notre Dame soap opera involving freshman roommates with split personalities and mysterious disappearances during a routine dorm fire drill. 3. Take up knitting. It's a hobby you can carry over either when the strike ends or when you have babies — whichever comes first. 4. Finally catch up on all those series you've been wanting to watch, but never had the time or motivation: "Friday Night Lights," "30 Rock," "The Wire" and please already, "Freaks and Geeks" and "Arrested Development." 5. Devote the same amount of time to your studies as you did to watching television. See your grades go up faster than those of a kid on "Hooked on Phonics." 6. Just watch all those "America's Next Top Model" marathons on VH1 because, really, what other television is there? 7. Join a campus publication — just not "Scholastic" or "The Irish Rover." 8. Learn all the words to the "Notre Dame Victory March" — not just the chorus, but that beginning part too. It's really about time you pretend like you go to this school. 9. Start a dorm-wide letter-writing campaign to the Alliance of Motion Picture & Television Producers asking them to justly compensate writers for all of their work. Death threats are not necessary since you need to worry about finals and not prison. 10. Curl up into the fetal position and cry. Who knows when this strike will be over, and you're really not emotionally stable enough to handle that.

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SHOWS THAT HAVE SHUT DOWN PRODUCTION:

"The Office" (NBC)
"Desperate Housewives" (ABC)
"Carpoolers" (ABC)
"The Big Bang Theory" (CBS)
"Two and a Half Men" (CBS)
"Rules of Engagement" (CBS)
"The New Adventures of Old Christine" (CBS)
"Back to You" (FOX)
"Til Death" (FOX)
"Everybody Hates Chris" (CW)

Note: Does not include late-night talk shows
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Former NHL MVP retires after 13 seasons

Former NHL MVP Eric Lindros announced his retirement from professional hockey Thursday in his hometown of London, Ontario. Lindros played for 13 seasons and is expected to join the staff of the NHL Player's Association.

**Associated Press**

LONDON, Ontario — Former NHL MVP Eric Lindros retired Thursday in his hometown, ending a career derailed by a series of concussions and other injuries.

The 6-foot-4, 240-pound power forward had 372 goals, 865 assists and 1,237 points in 760 games for the Philadelphia Flyers, Toronto Maple Leafs, Los Angeles Kings, New York Rangers and Dallas Stars.

He won the Hart Trophy as league MVP in 1997 and was part of the Canadian Olympic team that won gold in 2002. He also won silver for Canada in 1992.

The 34-year-old center made it through 13 seasons despite the concussions and other injuries that eventually limited his playing time. The injuries restricted him to an average of only 58 games a season, but he was an impact player when healthy.

Lindros was a free agent and hadn't played this season. He's expected to join the staff of the NHL Players' Association.

Lindros also donated approximately $5 million to the London (Ontario) Health Sciences Foundation, where Lindros was treated during his career.

**In Brief**

State of Larry Johnson's foot in flux

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Running back Larry Johnson's injured right foot "has made significant improvement," the Kansas City Chiefs said Thursday.

Johnson, who rushed for more than 1,750 yards each of the past two years, was injured in the fourth quarter last week of Kansas City's 33-22 loss to Green Bay. Coaches have said he would almost certainly not play this Sunday against Denver.

A Denver television station reported earlier this week that Johnson has a broken foot and is out for the year. The Chiefs have insisted all they know is he has a mid-foot sprain and will probably not play Sunday.

A new release by the Chiefs said Johnson had "less swelling and pain in his injured right foot."

MLB base coaches to wear head protection next season

OILANDO, Fla. — Baseball wants to prevent another tragic accident like the one that killed Mike Coolbaugh.

General managers decided Thursday that first- and third-base coaches will wear some sort of head protection next season, a move that came four months after Coolbaugh was struck in the neck by a line drive during a minor league game.

Coolbaugh, a former major league player, was a coach for the Colorado Rockies' Double-A team in Tulsa when he died July 22. He had been hit by a liner as he stood in the first-base coach's box during a Texas League game.

Some major league coaches responded by wearing helmets the rest of the season.

Seven free agents questioned by steroids investigation

ORLANDO, Fla. — No more than 11 players from this year's free-agent class were asked to speak with George Mitchell as part of his investigation into performance-enhancing drugs in baseball, a union official told agents this week.

The meeting took place early this week. Mitchell, the commissioner of baseball, a union official told agents this week.

The Boston Globe's Web site Thursday afternoon reported agents were told at the meeting that 11 current free-agent players are named in Mitchell's report.

Michael Weiner, the union's general counsel, made the statement Wednesday to agents attending a meeting in New York, two people with knowledge of the meeting said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the remarks were intended to remain private.

The players are named in Mitchell's report.
**MLB**

**‘Rays’: New name, new unis**

**Tampa Bay shortsens name, changes colors**

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays are gone.

Trying to reinvent itself, the perennial last-place team officially discarded its nickname to simply "Rays" during a celebration that brought a crowd of about 2,000 to a downtown park Thursday night.

New team colors and uniforms also were unveiled during a fashion show featuring current players, as well as manager Joe Maddon, senior advisor Don Zimmer and former Tampa Bay stars Wade Boggs and Fred McGriff as models.

Navy blue and light blue have replaced green and black as the primary colors. The club's new logo, as well as the home and road uniforms for next season, feature the word "Rays" in navy blue lettering with a light blue shadow.

"We were tied to the past, and the past wasn't necessarily something we wanted to be known for. Nobody's running from it or hiding from it, and we're proud of certain aspects of it, but this is something the organization was able to really put their arms around. I hope and expect the fans who come out will see it as a new beginning."" Sternberg said the team began with more than 1,000 suggestions for a new name and whittled the list down to about 80.

"Rays was the owner's first choice, however the organization considered others like Cannons, Stars, Wave and Jukes before settling on Rays and developing a logo featuring a bright yellow sunburst.

"We strayed a little bit. But after looking at everything, it was pretty clear that this was the one," Sternberg said.

Carl Crawford, Scott Kazmir, Rocco Baldelli, B.J. Upton, Delmon Young, Edwin Jackson and Al Reyes were among the players modeling the uniforms. The evening was capped by a concert featuring actor Kevin Costner and his band, Modern West.

Sternberg said he actually had hoped to have the new nickname, team colors and uniforms ready for last season. He's happy he didn't rush and wind up with a final product he didn't like.

"I think it worked out well this way because I feel really confident that the team's performance on the field next year is going to take a very giant step forward," the owner said.

The team didn't abandon every aspect of the uniforms worn for the franchise's first 10 seasons. An updated Devil Rays patch is on the left sleeve of the new jerseys. The club also will continue to operate a popular touch tank filled with cow nose rays during games at Tropicana Field.

"I'm still a nostalgic sort of guy," Sternberg said. "And while I don't want to look back to the past, I think the region should be proud of having a major league baseball team and

**NHL**

**Zubrus' two goals put New Jersey over Flyers**

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The New Jersey Devils followed their worst loss of the season with one of their best efforts.

Veteran Dainius Zubrus scored his first two goals of the season and rookie Rodney Pelley got the first of his career in a three-goal flurry to help New Jersey beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-1 on Thursday night.

"We responded in the right way," Devils coach Brent Sutter said. "There was a lot of emotion tonight on our end. I thought we were mentally strong the whole game."

After Monday night's 5-0 thrashing at the hands of Pittsburgh, Sutter put players through grueling practices Tuesday and Wednesday. He has not been shy about publicly criticizing players in the season's early weeks as the defending Atlantic Division champions limped to a 3-2-2 record.

For one night at least, the tough love worked.

"Playing like the Devils of old, New Jersey choked off Philadelphia's attack and out shuts the Flyers 39-14. Martin Brodeur was barely tested by the Flyers' 1-0 lead, and Zubrus scored late in the period to give New Jersey a 1-0 lead, and Zubrus scored late in the period to give New Jersey a 1-0

"We came out flat from the get-go," said Flyers defender Mike Richards. "They turned the puck over a lot with their forechecking and we didn't match their intensity. We didn't have our legs out there, but you have to battle through that and we didn't.

'New Jersey signed Zubrus in July to help fill the void created by Scott Gomez,' departure to the New York Rangers, but the 11-year veteran had managed only six assists in the first 14 games.

While Sutter praised Zubrus' work ethic, the effort wasn't translating into goals until Thursday.

"Obviously it hurts your confidence a little bit and it's in the back of your mind, but you know the goals are going to come," Zubrus said. "Playing in the league for 11 years, you just try to bring a consistent effort every night and not get too high or too low."

Zubrus and Brian Gionta scored within 18 seconds of each other in the first period after spotting Philadelphia a 1-0 lead, and Zubrus scored late in the period to give New Jersey a 5-1 lead.

The struggling Devils entered the game having won just two of their last eight games, but found their offensive rhythm and equaled their combined goals for the last three games with Pelley's score.

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**2007**
Boras campaigns for Rodriguez at GM meetings

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez is prepared to meet with major league baseball's general managers' meetings to give them some very clear direction from his agent, Scott Boras, campaigns for Rodriguez at GM meetings.

Agent Scott Boras used this week's general managers' meetings to give teams a sense of where their interest in Rodriguez is prepared to meet with them, Boras said.

When the New York Yankees asked for a meeting before Rodriguez opted out, Boras told them they'd have to make a $350 million offer just to speak with Rodriguez. The Los Angeles Angels said they're interested in A-Rod, who appears likely to win his third AL MVP award this month. Other possible suitors, such as the Boston Red Sox, Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Mets, are taking a more wait-and-see approach with their public comments.

The players' union said it was concerned with "reports stating that the commissioner is attempting to influence the market for at least one player," and a person familiar with the union's statement said the player in question was Rodriguez. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the statement didn't refer to A-Rod by name.

Rob Manfred, executive vice president of labor relations in the commissioner's office, denied that there was any improper conduct.

There was only one trade at the meetings: The Philadelphia Phillies acquired closer Brad Lidge and infielder Eric Brundlett from the Houston Astros on Wednesday night for outfielder Michael Bourn, a $350 million offer just to work out an extension before the four-day session ended. Other deals are percolating at various levels. Florida dangled All-Star third baseman Miguel Cabrera, who interests the Yankees and perhaps the Angels and Dodgers.

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ND SWIMMING

Women look for second straight dual meet win

Men in search of first victory at Pittsburgh

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

When a team is as successful as the defending Big East champion Notre Dame women were last season, it’s natural for other teams to jump at the chance to beat them.

The Irish will face one such Big East foe today when they head to Pittsburgh to try and pick up their second straight dual meet win.

I think we always have a big bulkseye on our forehead going into a Big East meet,” Irish coach Carrie Nixon said. “Big East opponents] will always bring their ‘A’ game, so it’s important that we make a statement this weekend and send ripples through the conference.”

The women (1-2) have received contributions from experienced swimmers and divers, especially senior Caroline Johnson and junior Christa Higgins, in their first three meets. Freshmen Katie Casey, Sam Maxwell, Lauren Sylvester and Miller have added youthful depth to the Irish roster, and they all played a big role in last week’s victory over Purdue.

The Irish will take on a Panthers squad that has posted three dominant victories over St. Bonaventure, Syracuse and Cincinnati in its first three meets of this season. Like the Irish, Pittsburgh has succeeded due to solid performances from experienced swimmers coupled with a wealth of new talent.

Last year, Notre Dame beat the Panthers 188-112 at the Rolls Aquatic Center, while Johnson, junior Claire Hutchinson and sophomore diver Natalie Stitt turned in winning performances.

The women’s schedule gets a little meatier following this meet, and Nixon wants to make sure the Irish are running on all cylinders as soon as possible.

“This is a chance for us to really work on our races and iron out some of the things we’ve been working on in practice,” Nixon said.

After falling to the Boilermakers, the men will join the women on the trip and try to grab their elusive first win.

The men currently stand at 0-3 after experiencing tough losses to USC, Purdue and Texas A&M. Sophomore John Lytle swam impressively last weekend, picking up a second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle, and he will have to do more of the same if the Irish can notch their first victory of the year.

Like the Panthers women, the men have looked impressive in defeating St. Bonaventure, Syracuse and Cincinnati soundly.

Irish men’s head coach Tim Welsh sees added significance to this meet because Pittsburgh has proven to be a consistent performer in the Big East.

“Pittsburgh is a very worthy opponent, ” Welsh said. “They have been team champions in the Big East many times, and they have been wonderful hosts to us in the past.”

The Irish defeated the Panthers last year 172-126. Lytle and fellow sophomores Ross Moore and Mackenzie LeBlanc had first-place finishes against the Panthers last year.

Notre Dame comes into the meet against Pittsburgh in a much different position than it was a year ago. Last season, the win over the Panthers moved Notre Dame’s record to 4-0, which was the best start for the men since the 1992-93 campaign. This time, the Irish will try to notch one in the win column, while Pittsburgh will look to get its fourth-straight victory.

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Associated Press  
CHICAGO — The push and the extra motivation the struggling Chicago Bulls needed came from the team that eliminated them from the playoffs last spring.

After a surprising 0-4 start, Chicago beat the Detroit Pistons 97-93 on Thursday night, riding 19 points and 14 rebounds from Tyrus Thomas for that elusive first victory.

"It just feels a lot better. We got a quality win over one of the best teams in the league," said Chicago's Kirk Hinrich, who had 14 assists. "Now we've got to play better basketball and be more consistent.

"The Bulls had to overcome a 14-point deficit last spring. That's not going to be easy," Gordon said, relieved that the Bulls rebounded with 33 points remaining.

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"Hopefully getting a win against a good team like Detroit will give us some confidence," Gordon said, relieved that the early losing streak is finally over. "It was definitely a barrier."

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

NCAA bids on the line at Great Lakes Regional

Irish will race 10k for first time this season

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men and women will try to secure spots in the NCAA Championships when they take off Saturday at the Great Lakes Regional Meet in Bloomington, Ind.

For the men, who captured fourth in the Big East meet, junior Patrick Smyth and senior Jake Watson will look to follow up their all-Big East performances from two weeks ago. In last year's regional meet, Smyth finished eighth overall, while Watson placed 40th on the individual leaderboard. Smyth has run at the front of the pack all year long, and he will lead the Irish again this weekend against some stiff competition.

Aside from No. 22 Notre Dame, three ranked teams will compete in the meet: No. 4 Wisconsin, No. 23 Michigan and No. 30 State. Wisconsin has dominated this event in super regional meets began in 1972. The Badgers won their sixth straight Great Lakes Regional and their 22nd overall last year. They have qualified for the NCAA Championships in all 35 years the regional meets have been held.

Either Irish team can guarantee itself a spot in the NCAA field with a top-two finish on Saturday. The first two finishers from each region automatically qualify, and 13 at-large bids are distributed after the regional meets.

Head coach Joe Piane stressed the need to grab one of those two positions.

"It's phenomenally important," he said. "This is the first time we've run 10 kilometers all year, but it's what we've been training for. If you don't run well in this competition, there is no NCAA bid."

Last year, the Irish men did just that, finishing second in a 31-team field to lock up an automatic bid for the seventh straight season. This year, they will attempt to make it eight out of nine on Saturday, employing a little bit of strategy along the way.

"It's going to run relatively conservative early," said Piane. "And we'll try to make sure we can close well in the last 2 kilometers."

On the women's side, freshman Marissa Treece and sophomore Lindsey Ferguson will load the way. Ferguson is coming off her all-Big East performance in Notre Dame's sixth-place finish two weeks ago. The women's region also boasts some top-level teams: No. 9 Michigan and No. 23 Wisconsin.

Last year, the Irish women placed fifth out of 30 teams and did not receive a bid to the NCAA Championships.

Both the men's 10k and women's 6k races will take place on Indiana University's rolling, wooded golf course. The men's race is set to begin at 10 a.m., while the women will take off at 11:15.
ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish seek tourney bid in final games of season

Team faces Cincinnati and Louisville at home

By PAT O'BRIEN
Space Wire

Notre Dame (11-12, 7-5 Big East) is tied for fifth in the league's standings, and while it hasn't clinched a spot in the Big East tournament, it has secured one of the league's two final foes of the regular season, Cincinnati (17-9, 8-4) and No. 17 Louisville (19-4, 12-0). The Bearcats twice last season in Cincinnati, and the last match-up was a 3-2 decision in favor of Notre Dame in the regular season. The Cardinals not only won the Big East championship over Notre Dame last season by a final of 3-2, they defeated the Irish in the regular season in Louisville as well by a tally of 3-0.

This year, however, Cincinnati has been streaky. It has won its last three matches, with only four of them by the score of 3-1—the other eight were all shutouts. This weekend's matches will be the final home games for Notre Dame this season.

"Hopefully we will have great crowds both days. I'm pretty confident that a lot of people know about our matches," Fesl said. "I think that having a huge, loud gym full of Irish fans is really going to help us."
Lineup

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season for the Irish. The only spot up for grabs in the preseason was the position battle for center between sophomore Erica Williamson and senior Melissa D’Amico. McGraw said going into the preseason games that she was evaluating the two centers based on a variety of categories, including rebounds, effort, defense, passing and scoring.

“I think Erica has had a little advantage in every category,” McGraw said. “So I think she earned the spot.”

Even though D’Amico lost her starting position from last season, McGraw said she will remain an important part of the team’s offense coming off the bench.

added that the bench is an important part of the team’s strength.

“I just think it makes us stronger and harder to defend when you keep getting good off the bench,” she said.

The Irish also have one other center in the mix, just not for the starting job. Freshman Devoreaux Peters. McGraw said at this point she is not entertaining the idea of Peters that will be a starter but liked her versatility.

“I like her at the center right now; she’s doing a lot of good things in there. But she can play on the perimeter,” McGraw said.

“So she just needs to get comfortable in one spot, so we picked the center because it is inside.”

Peters, who is one of the team’s top defenders, notched five blocks in the Hillsdale win.

“She’s a little quicker defensively so she can get to balls. She’s a quick jumper; she can get off her feet and block some shots,” McGraw said. “It changes our defense completely. We go from maybe a little more conservative to a team that can take some risks because the team knows that Devoreaux is behind them to block the shot should they get beat.”

In the backcourt, seniors Talyah Gaines and Chazell Allen return and sophomore Ashley Barlow earned the starting job after being named the all-freshman Big East team.

The team also returns junior Lindsey Schrader, who sat out last season with a knee injury. McGraw said that not only is she back in the lineup, but she is at least as good as she was her freshman year — especially in the way she distributes the ball.

“I couldn’t be happier with her game right now, and the thing I really am excited about right now is her passing,” McGraw said. “Her assists have been tremendous; she has just thrown in some spectacular passes ... If she can pass like that all year long, we are going to be a tough team to guard.”

The RedHawks counter Notre Dame’s four-guard set with a three-out, two-in set led by guards Amanda Jackson and Jenna Schone — the team’s two leading scorers last year. Jackson had 17.2 points per game with 4.7 rebounds, while Schone had 11.8 points and 4.5 assists a game.

“They are guards are outstanding. Jackson is their best player, and we need to be really hard for us to guard,” McGraw said. “They’re really good three-point shooters, they are going to put the ball on the floor, and they are just strong on the perimeter.”

SNC Cross Country

Gray, six other runners head to Regional meet

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

After a fourth-place team finish at the 2007 NCAA Division III Championships ensured this season would be the best in school history, seven Saint Mary’s runners will now shift their focus to individual goals heading into Saturday’s Division III Regionals. Seniors Megan Gray and Olea Bauters, junior Caitlin Brodmerek, sophomore Megan McCown, and freshmen Sam Wierzek, Catie Salyer and Claire McVey will all compete Saturday at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. The top two teams in the 36-team field will advance as well as any at-large team and the seven highest finishing individuals not on one of the advancing squads.

Gray, who placed second overall at the MIAA Championship, represents the Belles’ best chance to qualify for the Division III Championships, held Nov. 23 at St. Olafs in Northfield, Minn. Last year, Gray became the Belles’ first-ever national qualifier after finishing 10th at Regionals.

“Megan has continued to work strong since Championships, so I believe she is ready to have an awesome race,” coach Jackie Bauters said.

Though Saturday could be Gray’s final race with Saint Mary’s, she has refused to place any added pressure on herself.

“It could be my last college cross country race, but it’s definitely not my last race,” said Gray, a two-time all-MIAA performer.

“That’s one of the greatest things about this sport: It never has to end. So far as having my back against the wall, I don’t see it. I just want to run. Run and feel strong.”

Gray’s final race with Saint Mary’s, she has refused to place any added pressure on herself.

McGraw said she doesn’t know if the Belles do it won’t be just because of the seven girls competing tomorrow.

“This team is special,” Bauters said.

“The team is a unit as a whole, and their cohesive-ness is one of the main ingredients for this season’s success. Every day they push each other, help each other accountable and encourage each other to be at their best. And, if they need it, they are always there as a shoulder to lean on for a teammate — we are a family.”

And this family has continued to support one another, even after most of the Belles’ runners have seen their seasons end.

“This is a fun team that has come to practice that don’t have to. I think they show their dedication to and their support of this team,” Gray said. “But really, while only nine women are allowed to travel with the team to Calvin on Saturday, it’s taken this entire team to get us there.”

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Notes:
- Gaines remains questionable for Friday’s game after spraining her right elbow in the second half against Hillsdale Monday. Gaines was hit in the lane on a layup attempt and fell hard on her arm. If Gaines cannot start, McGraw said sophomore Melissa Lechlitner will start.

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St. John's

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you want to finish as the top
team in your league," Clark
said. "Your next goal is to win
the [Big East] tournament,
and your final goal is to win
the NCAA Tournament."

Beating St. John's might also
help Notre Dame advance
toward that
ultimate goal. Much like con­
ference tourna­
m ents for col­
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ball, NCAA
Tournament
seeding for
soccer rests
partly on the
outcome of
c on f e r en ce t o u r n a m e n t
games.

"Every game
you win now
will boost your
RPI (ratings
percentage index) and hope­
fully your seeding," Clark
said. "If you can win a few
games in the Big East or win
the Big East, you could be
looking at a top-four seed
in the NCAA Tournament, but
we have to take it one game at
a time."

Before the Irish can think
about a top-four NCAA tour­
nament seed, they'll have to
advance past the quarterfinals
of the Big East tournament —
something they've been
unable to do in the past two seas­
sons. In 2005, the Irish were
knocked out by St. John's in
the quarterfinals round. That
match was the last time the
squads faced off.

The 2007 Red Storm come to
Notre Dame as the No. 3 seed
in the Big East's Red Division,
and St. John's earned the
right to play Notre Dame after
defeating Seton Hall 3-2 in
penalty kicks on Wednesday.

On offense, St. John's (6-4-5,
6-3-2 Big East) boasts a bal­
anced attack. Four players
have scored three or more
goals this season and none
have more than four goals.

"They have a
pile of very tal­
ented players," Clark said. "St.
John's is always
one of the most
talented team s
in the Big East,
and they have a
storied history. It's got all the
makings of a
fantastic game."

One advan­
tage the Irish
will be able to
count on is the
familiar grass
of Alumni Field.
Notre Dame earned the right
to host a quarterfinals game
thanks to its No. 2 seed in the
tournament. Notre Dame's Big
East tournament losses have
both come on the road in the
past two seasons, and Clark
recognizes the benefit of play­
ing at home.

"Statistically, around the
world, the home team wins
more often than not," Clark
said. "It's a familiarity. From
our team's consideration, it
lets them settle down a bit,
especially when the last three
games have been on the
road."

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Irish coach
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like a championship game this season anyways, so it's not 
what we're used to change, 
freshman defender Julie Scheidler said.

Scheidler and the rest of the 
freshmen are part of an Irish 
program that is formidable in 
the Big East tournament. In 
the semifinals alone, Notre 
Dame is 18-4-0, averages 2.9 
goals per game and allows 
0.27 goals per game. The Irish 
take 11.3 shots 
on goal per 

game and 
allow 1.7 per game on 
defense.

Junior forward Kerri 
Hanks has eight 
goals and six 
assists in 11 Big East tourna­ 
m ent games, 
and senior for­ 
ward/midfielder Amanda 
Cinalli 
has 
seven goals and two assists 
in 17 games. Senior keeper 
Lauren Karas is 4-0-0 with a 
0.22 goals against average in 
17 gam es. Senior keeper 
Jordan Pearce in net for Notre 
Dame tonight as Jackson said 
the goalie, who is second in 
the nation with an average of five 
goals a game. Jackson said he 
believes Miami is holding 
Davis back with what he 
thinks is a shoulder separa­ 
tion in order to err on the 
safe side.

"It isn't really public as far 
as his health," Jackson said. 
"So it's really difficult to say. 
I would expect to see him." 

Expect to see Irish junior 
Jordan Pearce in net for Notre 
Dame tonight as Jackson said 
the goalie, who is second in 
the nation in minutes played, 
will get the start. Last 
Saturday night against Lake 
Superior State, freshman 
Brad Phillips started, but he 
didn't make the trip this 
weekend due to the flu. 
Sophomore goalie Tom 
O'Brien could see time 
Saturday, Jackson said. 

"You never know," he said. 
"Never say never." 

This week was the first time 
this season that the Irish have 
had a full week of practice. In 
their first four weeks, they 
were loaded with mid-week 
games, which significantly 
reduced their chance to touch their 
systems well to the 

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"A year ago Iagainst Boston 
College, with all the veteran 
players, it was pretty easy to 
step into the systems," 

Notre Dame lost eight play­ 
ers last season, and this year it has freshmen and 
seniors up and down the line­ 
up. It swept its first series last 
weekend at home against 
Lake Superior State but split 
in each of the three weekends 
prior. The power play has 
fluctuated from good to down­ 
right awful, and lines and 
defensive pairings are being 
mixed up every game.

Enter the RedHawks, 
who "has some pace" and sen­ 
focus on our first g a m e , " 
W aldrum said. "They are 
chances early agains t," 
W aldrum said. "They are 
season anyw ays, so it's not 

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If injuries dictate it, Scott 
could still see the floor this 
season, Brey said. But if the Irish 
stay healthy, he would like 
to preserve an extra year of eligi­ 

ity for 

Scott 

if he's healthy, and the 
more time working on spe­ 
cial teams."

The Irish offense, which 
started in a big weekend 
when several lines were shaken 
up, must push the puck to 
the front of the net to get the 
prime scoring chances that will 
beat the RedHawks goalie 
tandum of Charlie Uflinger and 
Jeff Zakoff, Jackson said. 

"We can't overrate our­ 
selves because they have a 
great transition game," 
Jackson said. "We're going to 
have to really disciplined with the 
puck." 

The series against the 
nation's top team comes two 
weeks further into the season 
than last year's upset of 
Boston College. But if it came 
three months from now, it 
wouldn't make a difference to 
Jackson.

"Every weekend is impor­ 
tant," he said. "I don't look at 
this any differently then Ferris 
State or Lake Superior State. 
It's more a matter of us work­ 
ing to get better every week." 

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NOW HOW DO YOU FINISHED IT OUT?

AND SOUR-CASHER HAS SOLD IT IN, NOT A FILE.

DAMN YOU'RE GOOD!

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MATT HUDSON, ANDY MANZA & PAUL TASSINARI

WHAT IS GOING ON? HOW DID I DO SO WELL? FOR A NEW ENGLAND BUT NOT AT HOME. NOW?

Oh I remember!

Crossword

WILL SHORTZ

Across

1 Doesn't sit well American might take Abb.
15 Class in which various schools are discussed greek
17 One way to solve problems
18 Packer maker Abb.
19 Red say, perhaps
23 Drake my lord
25 Juilet
27 Expert in ancient language
28 Lengths, old-style
32 Basis for a suit
33 '30 Rock' creator

35 What a future
36 Didn't paw
37 Gregue
40 Balloon attachment
41 Object in a Monet painting
42 Member of the family immediate
45 Drives my lord
46 Frauen, across
47 Less spotted
49 Front wheel divergerence
51 Hacker’s cry of success
52 Something needed for your sake?
55 Red’s owl
56 Say
57 Daydreaming, e.g.

63 Records of interest to real estate agents

Down

1 Distillation location
2 Suffix with cream
3 Encouraging someone
4 Predatory crater
5 Large accounts
6 Place for pets
7 1960 loki album
8 Bit of moonshine
9 Adolescent subburth
10 Louis Armstrong’s "Oh Pa Ramble"
11 Infinites of a noted "Wizard"
12 Go downth
13 No follower
14 Drive along leisurely
15 Family establesh
16 Iike some shifts
17 Occasional clasters
18 Dakota tongue
19 Curly-haired
20 Cluster of "Pearlson" character
21 "Grunwroth" Dynasty ruler

24 "Peanuts" component
25 "Peanuts" character
26 A "Wizard"
27 "Wizard"
28 "Wizard"
29 "Wizard"

30 French study, e.g.
34 Take many courses
36 They’re against each other
37 Reising to herbalism
38 Place

39 Kind of predator
40 It may contain tear gas
41 Epithet in tawndown
42 "Curly-haired"
43 "Peanuts" character
44 20th-Dynasty Dynasty ruler

45 Lois Lane player
46 Distance and others
47 It may be wrapped in a bun
50 Astronomer with autobiograpy
51 "Antwerp in the Sky"
52 United org.

53 Irag’s All others
54 Grant
55 Business class, deadly
56 Hearing aids, for short
57 Nine in
58 I.D. component
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Horoscope

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jack Osbourne, 22; Tara Reid, 32; Parker Posey, 42; Steven Raich, 76. Happy Birthday! Master up some reserved enthusiasm for something you want to express. Words of support from close friends or family could give you the extra push you need to work on your personal outlook on life. Be careful not to go over budget. Take time to get to know the people with whom you connected yourself. Your numbers are 1, 5, 12, 19, 28, 34, 43.

ARIENS (March 21-April 19): Action take by eat shall help. Getting angry or upset will not get you the results you want. Be direct but not pushy and focus on what you can do to improve your situation. 3 stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Chances must be made. Someone will question you and this will cause confusion. Try to stick to your original plan and you will see make a mistake. Don’t let all the chaos slow down progress. 3 stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You’ll find love in the strangest places. It will be easy to interest someone with your dancing feet and your witty way of putting yourself together. 2 stars.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You can write your own today’s email. An emotional letter can be drafted with and some sound ideas can be forced if you network. Take action and you will get results. 3 stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It’s time to take another look at your personal and residential situation and make the adjustments that will make your life much less stressed. The love situation will crop up if you are not honest. Tell all or face complaints. 2 stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone at home complains. Do something about it. An opportunity to sign up for a trip or something pleasurable should help to alleviate the stress you’ve been feeling. Stop being so hard on yourself. 3 stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You find it difficult to deal with emotional matters. Someone you think you can talk to may not tell you everything. In some your feelings. Put some time and effort into a hobby or something you enjoy along. 3 stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can keep a secret but someone you know probably can’t, so don’t share your thoughts. The patients receive about a repair job will necessitate, owing more than you expect. 3 stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): No one will fully understand what you are going through. Your contacts, coupled with your intuition will have you at odds. Don't intimidate change. Still for a moment and reevaluate. 3 stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A new game plan can be hung in play. With your business savvy and your ability to make money, you have nothing to worry about and everything to gain with your own small business or investing in something with potential. Money and love are heading your way. 4 stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have to speak of others if you want to finish what you started in a deal. Moving forward won’t hurt if you follow properly procedures. 2 stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Whatever you’ve got your heart set on, go after it whatever it is. You can come out on top if you act fast and follow through. Love and stability can come to you in a big way this week.

Birthday Baby: You tend to change your mind a lot. You are a master at finding solutions, alternatives or developing unique ideas. You are outgoing and love to work and play equally hard.

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ND Women’s Soccer
Odds in their favor

Numbers on ND’s side headed into Big East tournament semifinals

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has to like its prospects in Morgantown, W.Va., where it will play Georgetown today in the Big East tournament semifinals. The Irish lead the all-time series against the Hoyas 13-1-0. In those games, Notre Dame (14-4-1) scored 82 goals, while Georgetown (14-4-0) has just seven. Notre Dame is 11-0-0 in conference play this season, while Georgetown is just 6-5-0. And the Irish beat Georgetown 3-0 on Oct. 12.

For the freshmen that play regularly, the pressure of their conference win streak accustoms them to the demands of the postseason. “It’s definitely exciting, but we’ve been taking every game as if we want to be there,” said Notre Dame defender Julie Scheidler, who is part of the Irish defense that has not allowed a goal in the last 11 games.

The Boston College beat-Miami Beach tonight in the RedHawks’ new Steve Cady Arena in the first of a two-game series that will pit a talented, but young, Notre Dame squad against the top team in the nation, whose leading scorer from last season has played in only one game this year. “We’re just now starting to get where we want to be, but I’m not sure we’re there yet,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

Irish defender Julie Scheidler passes during Notre Dame’s 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14. Notre Dame has won its last 11 games and will face Georgetown today in the Big East tournament semifinals.

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Hockey
Icers hungry for upset against No.1 Miami

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame went into No. 1 Boston College’s house in October of last season and slaughtered the Eagles 7-1 with a team picked to finish no higher than the middle of the conference.

The Boston College beat-down ignited the Irish, who rose to No. 3 in the country two-and-a-half months later and won the CCHA regular season and playoff championships later that year. And now No. 13 Notre Dame (6-3-4-1 CCHA) is looking at a similar situation. The Irish will play No. 1 Miami (8-0-0, 6-0-0 CCHA) tonight in the RedHawks’ new Steve Cady Arena in the first of a two-game series that will pit a talented, but young, Notre Dame squad against the top team in the nation, whose leading scorer from last season has played in only one game this year.

“We’re just now starting to get where we want to be, but I’m not sure we’re there yet,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

Irish right wing Ryan Thang controls the puck during Notre Dame’s 4-1 win over Lake Superior State on Nov. 2.

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Men’s Basketball
Scott to sit out freshman year

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Coach Mike Brey announced Thursday he will preserve a year of eligibility for freshman Carleton Scott by not playing him this season. All NCAA athletes, once they enter college, have five years to complete four years of participation in a sport. A sixth year can also be granted to athletes based on extenuating circumstances.

Scott’s ability to obtain a fifth year will be dependent upon approval from Notre Dame’s Faculty Board of Athletics, which means he must be in good academic standing when he applies for the fifth year.

Brey said the extra year will give the 6-foot-7 Scott more time to develop this season before being able to compete in his fourth year in college. A batch of other talented players — sophomores Luke Harangody, senior Rob Kurz and junior Luke Zeller — is one of the few.

“I think that’s best for him in getting stronger, and it’s always a good decision academically,” Brey said. “He can still practice every day against Harangody, Kurz, and Zeller.”

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ND Women’s Basketball
McGraw fills holes in lineup for NIT

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

After dominating two preseason opponents in exhibition games, Notre Dame finally starts its season with the Preseason NIT against Miami of Ohio tonight at 9 p.m.

Notre Dame left the preseason with only one main question mark left in its gameplan — defense. Irish coach Mullet McGraw said she was disappointed with it in their second preseason game Monday against Hillsdale. This week, McGraw said her team went back to basics and placed more of an emphasis on individual defense.

One of the questions that was answered is who will start this season.

Scott to sit out freshman year

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Irish sophomore guard Ashley Barlow drives to the basket in Notre Dame’s 54-51 loss to Indiana on Dec. 3, 2006.

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Irish host St. John’s in quarters

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Every team enters a season with certain goals, but few have a realistic chance to accomplish them. Notre Dame is one of the few.

This weekend, the Irish will take an important step in accomplishing one of their three main goals for the season — winning the Big East tournament. After checking off the first goal on their list by finishing in a tie for first place in the Big East regular season, the No. 9 Irish will try to take another step toward their second goal of winning the Big East tournament when they take on St. John’s this Sunday at 1 p.m. in the quarterfinals at Alumni Field.

“When you start any season, you have a realistic chance to accomplish them. Notre Dame has to like its numbers on ND’s side against No. 1 Miami, which means he must be in good academic standing when he applies for the fifth year.”
After his suspension last season, Kyle McAlarney thought about leaving Notre Dame for good, but - with a little push from his coach - he decided to return.

K-MAC'S COMEBACK
Irish look to average first-round tournament loss

Last March, Notre Dame tragically lost the court after a frustrating and stunning loss in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The post-game locker room was like a funeral, as players answered reporters’ questions in hushed tones. An exciting season that had seen a resurgence of Irish basketball had come to an abrupt end.

Kyle McAlarney wasn’t with the team that day and hadn’t been with it since his suspension for the season in mid-January. The Irish were going to watch his team on television.

But that’s the great thing about sports. A few months go by and you get to start all over. It’s the dawn of a new season, and Notre Dame is back on the court, ready to use last year’s momentum to get back to the AIA Tournament and this time win a national title to prove that they get it.

Guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter have departed, and with them went nearly 60 points per game and the clutch performances fans grew to expect from both of them.

But much of this team’s nucleus is still intact, with seven players who saw the court that day against Winthrop.

In addition, the Irish will feature a retooled and restructured McKeriry, committed to showing that Notre Dame basketball can be a player not only to the Big East, but also nationally.

Falls’ coach-on-the-floor leadership and Carter’s crowd-pumping enthusiasm will be missed, but the Irish have two players ready to step into these roles. Senior center and captain Rob Kurz is a floor leader, directing traffic within coach Mike Brey’s scheme. Meanwhile, sophomore point guard Terry Johnson’s infectious smile and love for the game reflect onto his teammates.

It is already evident that this team has chemistry. They supported McAlarney through his ordeal, then welcomed him back this summer. They hang out off the court and spend extra time together on perfecting their skills. During scrimmages, they know whom their teammates are and aren’t reluctant to pass the ball.

That chemistry makes for a fun team to watch. The Irish will go up and down the floor, swing the ball around the perimeter quickly and cut to the basket when they see an opening. Unlike past Notre Dame squads that relied on the 3-pointer, the Irish look to avenge first-round tourney loss

Irish junior forward Luke Zeller traveled to Australia with the Athletes in Action (AIA) team in August to take on several Australian professional teams in an eight-game tour.

The AIA squad was comprised of 10 college players from different conferences playing against top-tier competition.

But for Zeller, the trip was about much more than working on his game or even spending time on the Australian beaches. Zeller said his primary reason for heading Down Under was to grow spiritually.

"The first priority in my life is having God first," Zeller said. "Last year I was thinking about something greater, something above just playing for your team and your teammates." AIA was founded in 1966 in order to "build on society's love of sports and utilize the platform given to the athlete to improve the lives of others for Jesus Christ," according to its website.

It was the second straight summer that Zeller participated in the program. But Zeller said this trip trumps his 2006 journey to Taiwan. "It was the most enjoyable, the best trip I've ever been on," Zeller said. "Last year I went to Taiwan, and learning Chinese was just a mess."

While in Australia, Zeller and his teammates visited a juvenile detention center, attended church services regularly and shared stories about the impact of God on their lives. In his diary of the trip, the Indiana native repeatedly thanked his readers for their prayers.

Zeller said the religious aspect of the trip helped him and his teammates form bonds greater than those holding most teams together.

"To have guys that had the same spiritual force over there was a great environment to be in," Zeller said. "Playing for the Lord is something that's a greater purpose than just to play to win." But Zeller's focus on spiritual development certainly did not prevent him from also growing as a basketball player. During his eight-game tour, Zeller averaged 11.2 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

"Playing against guys that are better-experienced helped out a lot," Zeller said. "Playing against guys who have been playing pro ball since they were 18 — and now they're 32 — was a great experience.

In the AIA team's final contest, a 93-87 loss to the Sydney Kings of Australia's National Basketball League, Zeller scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Despite his busy basketball and religious schedule, Zeller sometimes managed to be a tourist.

In his diary Zeller described a day he spent at "the most beautiful beach" he had ever seen. He also detailed his struggles of learning to use a boomerang and adjusting to Australian weather.

Zeller also said he bought gifts for all the donors that allowed him to participate in the AIA program.

"The trip was completely financed by people — friends and family — just people who helped out along the way," Zeller said.

Zeller said he was grateful for the opportunity to make this trip and said he hopes to embark on more just like it. "(Serving God) is something I love and it's what I want to do with my life," Zeller said. "That's where my heart's at."

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Irish big man makes summer trip with Athletes in Action

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A timely visit from Mike Brey persuaded Kyle McAlarney to return to Notre Dame this season

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Late last January, Irish coach Mike Brey flew to Staten Island to visit an angry, lonely and confused Kyle McAlarney, who, just days earlier, was suspended after his arrest on charges of marijuana possession. McAlarney said he was angry with himself and his punishment, lonely because he was missing an opportunity to have a special season with his team-mates, and confused about whether to spend his future at Notre Dame or elsewhere.

"Ah man, I think I was as close as anyone could get to transferring," McAlarney said. "I called Coach Brey and told him I was thinking about transferring. That was when I was home. I only had a certain window to decide if I was going to transfer and a lot of schools jumped on board, and I was close to transferring, I had visits set up.

"But those visits wouldn't be necessary. Brey used a lot of words during his visit to persuade McAlarney to come back, but it was one gesture that left the biggest impression.

"I think he sold the deal on my mom actually," McAlarney said. "He brought my black jersey to remind him of that night. I don't think too many anybody did, I still felt alone, so alone, me and my teammates, and stuck by him. McAlarney had his own workout routine and had the key to his high school gym any-time he wanted to practice. He attended class at the College of Staten Island, and was even inspired to change his major to American Studies with a focus in history to gain a better understanding about World War II.

"While at home, McAlarney watched Notre Dame have success early in the Big East, but his inability to play and the uncertainty of his future caused him pain.

"No matter what anybody said or what anybody did, I still felt alone, so alone, me and everybody in the arena," McAlarney said.

"I'm so close with these guys and if anything happened to them it liked it happened to me, I think I would react the same way if they came back to school," McAlarney said. "I'm just jaded by it because it's my neck because it's a great story. I'm so proud of him."

"He brought back a flood of emotions that tortured him and made the game unwatchable. They would always bring it up," McAlarney said. "Then, when they bring it up, everything just kind of revisits my mind. You know, it's here, it is again ... I would be lying if I said it wasn't hard watching them have success without me."

"At the same time, they are like my brothers so I was happy for them in a way, but at the same time, I would've loved to be there."

"There were a lot of games that I just wouldn't watch. I would let my mother just tell me after the game what happened.

"It's just hard, and it would only make me upset and angry and I did everything I could not to bring myself to that point. There's something in the back of your mind that's telling you, 'I don't want them to win,' but it was great to see them win all those games and make the Tournament."

Back in the groove
Notre Dame's season ended with a loss to Winthrop in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and, eventually, did McAlarney's wait to get back on campus.

"I think it started to feel like I was growing in the starting lineup the other night," he said. "I had chills when he was announced in the starting lineup the other night."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

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"Ask Brey or any of his assistant coaches how it feels to have him back, and a smile lights up their faces before they answer the question. Nobody feigns enthusiasm, and that means a lot to McAlarney.

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"I was close as you get to transferring," McAlarney said. "And no one was going to blame me, but there was something inside of me saying, 'Go back.'"

For all his days of pain and uncertainty, Kyle McAlarney is a black jersey to remind him of what he would have left behind.
Jackson credits his family for leadership skills

Point guard wears Biblical tattoo in honor of grandfather

By CHRIS HINE
Spartan Editor

Even though his grandfather, Joe Jones, passed away 11 years ago, sophomore guard Tory Jackson will always take a piece of advice Joe gave him wherever he goes.

Jackson has his grandfather's favorite Bible verse — I Corinthians 4:2 — tattooed on his chest: "Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy."

Over the past year, Jackson became a trustworthy steward for this Irish. He earned the trust of his teammates and coaches and became, along with senior forward Rob Kurz, one of the leaders of this year's squad.

"That's a trait he developed under the guidance of his mother," Brey said. "It's a healthy thing. He is unbelievably respected and has earned that."

Whether he's running the offense, communicating on defense or picking up a teammate, Jackson is constantly talking, constantly trying to make his team better. For Jackson, it all comes with the territory of being a "natural-born leader."

That's a trait he developed under the guidance of his mother — "the leader of almost everything in church" — and deceased grandparents.

"I kind of look at them," Jackson said. "They passed it down to me. So, I was a leader when I was young. On elementary teams, I was the captain when I came out. I aspire to be a great leader from them."

At Notre Dame, Jackson's leadership skills were put to the test immediately. During Jackson's freshman campaign, Brey put Jackson in the starting lineup after the University suspended starting junior guard Kyle McAlarney for the spring semester because of his arrest for marijuana possession in December. Jackson entered the lineup with guard Colin Falls and Russell Carter, Notre Dame's two leading scorers, and had to make sure both players got their chances to score.

"Having players like that — they're great players and either one of them, they both want the ball," Jackson said. "But they can't both shoot at the same time, so I took the blame for a lot of it. That was just me because I was a leader. So if I can take the blame, everybody else, they can transition and it makes it easier for everybody else. Once I take the blame, I know what to do with it. I brush it off."

Brey said Jackson made it his duty to take responsibility when the Irish were struggling offensively. But even after Carter's three-point attempt to win the game missed, Jackson kept the heart-breaking loss in perspective — thanks to his family.

Jackson's offensive development culminated during Notre Dame's 84-82 loss to Final Four-bound Georgetown during the semifinals of the Big East tournament on March 9. With Notre Dame trailing 76-69 late in the game, Jackson took Madison Square Garden by storm, scoring the next seven points with a dizzying array of reverse lay-ups to help the Irish tie the score.

"After that performance and we lost in the Big East tournament, I thought about my grandparents and my mom at that time," Jackson said. "They always tell me to pray before the game. And I always wonder why we lose sometimes, but you can't win every game. I called my mom after that and I was frustrated, but she helped me bounce back.

"... That's the Mecca of basketball, New York. Just playing on that stage, getting out there with them lights, man, it's like you're playing on a stage. The adrenaline is always going, I want to get back there and I want to win.

Jackson has three more seasons to lead the Irish back to New York and — with a little inspiration — beyond.

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RALLYING AROUND ROBERT

In Hughes' darkest hour, he was able to lean on the support of his coaches and teammates.
**Weis’ career more than just this year**

Take yourself back to November 2004. You remember, when all the kids were (regrettably) getting “crunk,” thanks to Usher and Lil’ John, everyone and their mom was quoting “Napoleon Dynamite,” and Notre Dame had a mediocore football team. Imagine a dejected Notre Dame fan from 2007 traveling back in time to tell you that the University would fire Tyrone Willingham at the end of the season, Charlie Weis would replace him and lead the team to two BCS Bowl appearances, recruit as well as anyone in the country, and have one bad season.

You probably wouldn’t have looked at this dejected 2007 fan and said, “Why are you sad? I’d give up my kids if Notre Dame could be that successful again.” Well, maybe you wouldn’t give up your kids, but I can’t be so sure of that after judging the previous fans had on the radio, Internet and the Viewpoint section of The Observer the past few weeks.

The old football cliche says that a quarterback needs to have short memory to be successful. If Irish quarterbacks Jimmy Clausen and Evan Sharpley need help developing a short memory, maybe they should turn to the crowd at Notre Dame Stadium and ask for help.

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Weis’ career more than just this year for the Irish.

“Three years ago, you could see it coming,” USC coach Pete Carroll said after the Trojans defeated the Irish 38-0 on Oct. 20. “They had all the juniors that played and started and they played a really good team and they played all the seniors the next year. They were fortunate to keep a few of those guys around that could have left. It’s just all about recruiting, and if you’re able to restart, that’s hard to recover from all of those losses from those experienced players.”

This statement is almost more remarkable for what Carroll didn’t say than for what he did. Carroll had an opportunity to kick Weis when he was down and say Weis was doing a terrible job, but he didn’t. He knew it would be hard for Notre Dame to succeed once Quinn and Co. left. Still, some fans couldn’t believe less that Weis is trying to fix Notre Dame’s lack of depth by recruiting well — they want to see results now.

During the Georgia Tech game, I stood in the student section by a clearly drunken undergraduate who kept yelling obscenities at the players and Weis. Each obscenity followed the same pattern: “What have you done for me in the past six months, you expletive followed by name of player or coach.”

Now why this kid only cared about the last six months, I’ll never know, and I didn’t bother to ask him. Maybe this was the full capacity of his inebriated brain and he couldn’t remember beyond last Valentine’s Day.

But six months, or even the last three months is not the correct time frame to judge Weis’ impact on Notre Dame. He made Notre Dame fans believe again, and maybe that’s part of the reason why 1-8 is so hard to take. When signing day rolls around and the recruits sign their letters of intent, you’ll remember that Weis is still at Notre Dame. Soon, the thankful player or coach will regret for what they said to Weis beyond last Valentine’s Day.

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There when he needed them

After Robert Hughes' brother was killed last week, his coaches and teammates rushed to his side

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Three years ago, Irish running back Robert Hughes was in a relay race in a role with his brother Earl "Tony" Hughes. Tony lost his footing on his horse and started to fall. So Robert rode up to Tony, and Tony jumped onto Robert's horse.

"The whole idea of me saving my brother and us being together on the horse and him not being hurt or anything, that was one moment that I'll never forget," Robert Hughes said as a news conference Tuesday.

That was how close Robert and Tony were. That is what Robert lost.

When Tony Hughes was murdered last week in Chicago, Robert lost more than a brother. He lost a mentor.

"I just felt like he was looking down on me (on Saturday), and I knew wherever he is, he is smiling and saying congratulations," Hughes said.

Irish freshman running back Robert Hughes breaks away from Michigan State defenders in Notre Dame's 31-14 loss to the Spartans on Sept. 22. Hughes' brother Tony was killed last week.

Hughes has relied extensively on his family, especially his mother. "I just felt like he was looking off the loss of my brother," Hughes said. "It was pretty traumatic. It was my mother and my family, especially coming off the loss of my brother, and me and taught me everything I know. It was pretty big. It was my mom's birthday so it kind of made her day a little bit..."

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Hughes has had teammates with him at any time he has needed them, and Hughes, including staying up with him in his dorm room until he was able to get some sleep, Haywood said. "Haywood also said Hughes has been in his office after most practices just to talk. Haywood has been supportive of the freshman, giving him advice from his experience of losing two brothers — both to "health issues" in the 1990s. Weis has been one of the most supportive members of his team, and Hughes has been a time." Hughes has been able to cope with this tragedy is because of his family. As a Chicago and his teammates and coaches at Notre Dame.

"Being around the coaches and the players was a huge difference-maker for me and keeping my mind off everything that was going on back home," Hughes said. "It allowed me to get active and run around and release some of the pain and pressure that I felt."

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"It was pretty traumatic because that was his best friend," Haywood said.

Haywood said telling Hughes about his brother was one of the most difficult things he has had to do as a coach, but that Hughes has done a good job of slowly accepting the reality. "It's one of those things that you've probably never experienced as a coach before, but you just learn how to deal with it," Haywood said. "He's becoming stronger everyday, and he talks about his feelings a little more often. He's getting back into the main stream of things right now." Hughes said losing Tony was especially traumatic because of their relationship.

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

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Charlie Weis
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COACHING

Charlie Weis’ poor in-game coaching cost the Irish dearly against Navy. In less than a calen­daryear, he has gone from genius to on the hot seat. His team must show improvement over the next three games to have momentum for next year.

Notre Dame

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Calhoun has the confi­dence of the players, stu­dents and fans at his alma mater. Weis has lost the confidence of the players, students and fans at his alma mater. Calhoun’s team is hot, while Weis’ team is reeling. Weis needs to think less and lead more.

Carney is experi­enced and plays his role in Air Force’s offense to perfection — he is his team’s unquestioned leader on the field. Calhoun and Sharpley have been inconsistent at best and completely ineffective at worst.

Notre Dame is in the dumps, and Air Force is ready for a victory. The Irish defense actually played quite well last week, beating Navy 21-7, but Air Force’s defense is much better and will make quick work of the Irish this time.

Air Force has had a solid defense against the pass this year, allowing around 200 yards per game. The Irish have m om entum for the pass this week, allowing around 200 yards per game.

This week’s game will be very similar to last week’s. Both teams will run the ball effectively and the number of possessions will be limited. Air Force will be able to shut down the Irish on defense.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Coaching

Notre Dame

Notre Dame had by far its best rushing output of the season last week against an outstanding Navy front. James Aldridge and Armando Allen combined for over 200 yards, and Travis Thomas scored three touchdowns.

Air Force

The Air Force front is severely undersized and completely ineffective against the Irish this season. Although the Falcons have had some success running the ball, the number of possessions will be limited.

INTERPASSING

Notre Dame was able to get yards through the air against Navy, but not nearly as many as it should have been able to give the Midshipmen’s defensive struggles in previous games. The Falcons are looking for a go-to receiver for Dan Valley.

Irish experts

Ken Fowler
Sports Writer

Chris Khorey
Sports Editor
The Irish have struggled defending the run this year, allowing almost 200 yards per game. The Notre Dame front seven is undersized and has been bitten by the injury bug. Head coach Charlie Weis has so little confidence in his defense this season, massive breakdowns at breaking the loss to a team that they hadn't lost to in 43 years last week. It can hardly get any worse, but what is left to motivate this team? At this point they're just playing out the season.

The Irish are 1-5 and have suffered a heartbreak on the field this season. They have come close, losing in overtime in 2002. Air Force will try to get the win this week.

Notre Dame can't be any worse at this point. Despite that fact, against the Falcons, they have a chance. The Irish are short against the Falcons, a team they had in 2000, but they have come close, losing in overtime in 2002.

**Falcons Rushing**

The Falcons should have no trouble moving the ball after suffering an injury against Navy. The Falcons have one of the best rushing attacks in the nation, although it pales in comparison to Navy's. Air Force will try to get the ball to the corner with Chad Hall as the wide man on the option. The Irish struggled to cover the pitch man last week.

**Falcons Passing**

Carney is a better passer than Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, and the Falcons pass more often than the Midshipmen. Notre Dame was burned by play action last week, including for the winning touchdown in overtime.

**Special Teams**

Chad Hall returns both kicks and punts for the Falcons and, while dangerous, he has yet to return either one for a touchdown this season. Kicker Ryan Harrison is 14-for-22 this year on field goals, including 8-for-10 inside 40 yards.

**Intangibles**

Air Force is 7-3 under its new coach and is confident in its scheme. The Falcons haven't beaten Notre Dame since 1996, but they have come close, losing in overtime in 2002 and falling by just a touchdown in 2002. This game is for the Falcons to show on national television that they have turned around under Calhoun. Meanw hile, Notre Dame's season was lost weeks ago and there is little left to motivate the Irish.
### Crunching the numbers

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*Upset special in bold*
Brown feels part of 'something special'

Despite 1-8 record, coach wants to be nowhere but ND

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Corwin Brown doesn’t appear to be the kind of man who likes to hide his feelings, not even his feelings. A week ago, Notre Dame’s first-year defensive coordinator began to cry during his speech at the Joyce Center pep rally. He was speaking to over 100 people, not to the 30,000 that “everybody” expected to be part of.

“Tony” Hughes, the brother of the Irish defensive coordinator, said that “everybody” expected to be part of “something special” — a team whose players rallied around one of their own — got Brown choked up.

Days after Notre Dame’s first loss to Navy in 44 years, Brown once again played it straight. He was not for Brown. “I love our players,” he said. “I’ll take my players any day. And what I have to do, I have to coach better. That’s probably the biggest thing. ... So whoever we have, that’s the right personnel.”

Brown, who switched Notre Dame’s defense from a 4-3 to a 3-4 personnel package, offered a blunt response. “It’s like this: We’re 1-8 right now, and we’ve given up far too many points.”

Brown instructed players at practice on Aug. 28. Brown is in his first year with the Irish.

Corwin Brown
Irish defensive coordinator

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“With one personnel group, that’s the right personnel.”

No for Brown.

Brown said Wednesday after practice, “That’s the last I look at.”

Notre Dame surrendered at least 30 points in its first five games this season and again in its last two. A large part of that, however, can be attributed to the ineffective Irish offense. Notre Dame is last in the nation, averaging 208.3 yards per game. The Irish, who dominated time of possession in Charlie Weis’ first two years as head coach, have the ball for five minutes less per game than their opponents; only seven teams have been worse.

That, combined with previous lackluster recruiting classes and what many expected to be a humpy transition from one scheme to another, could offer a strong explanation for the Irish defensive woes.

“I think this game is a natural for us. We need to go out and play schools that are completely committed to educating young people.”

Calhoun brings success back to alma mater

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

It’s not easy to replace a legend.

But that’s exactly what Troy Calhoun is attempting to do after replacing Fisher DeBerry as head football coach at the Air Force Academy. DeBerry coached the Falcons for 23 seasons, amassing a 169-107-1 record and winning 14 Commander-In-Chief Trophies.

But after three straight years with at least seven losses, the winningest coach in service academy history retired and the Academy hired one of its own to replace him.

Calhoun, a 1989 Air Force graduate, is the first alumnus to ever coach the Falcons — and in his first season, he has already reversed the team’s fortunes. Air Force is 7-3 this season and already has its most wins in a season since 2000.

The Falcons still run the option, as they did under DeBerry, but Calhoun has opened up the offense, using his experience at his last job — offensive coordinator of the Houston Texans.

On the other side of the ball, the Irish defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter has completely overhauled the Falcons defensive plan. Air Force switched to a 3-4 scheme this year and have three different formations to run an option, he said.

One player who has benefited from Calhoun’s new offense is wide receiver Chad Hall. Hall is Air Force’s leading rusher and receiver this year with 112 yards on the ground per game and 46 through the air.

“They’re finding more ways to get the ball in his hands,” Weiss said. “Last year, he was primarily just a running back that would get the ball. Now they’re using him there, and a lot of times he’s at wide receiver.”

But even with the new wrinkles, Calhoun said he would like to see the series continue during his tenure in Colorado Springs.

“I think this game’s a natural for us,” he said. “We need to go out and play schools that are completely committed to educating young people.”

“We’re used to playing South Carolina State and make the trip to South Bend — the first time Air Force has visited Notre Dame Stadium since 2000. Calhoun said his players won’t be intimidated by their first trip to Notre Dame.

“It’s a great place, but it’s one of those places where you get there and you realize its five yards between each of the solid lines,” he said.

Calhoun said the reason his players won’t be intimidated is one that attracted him to the Academy in the first place.

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Troy Calhoun
Falcons coach

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