Sophomore plays ‘Wheel of Fortune’

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Notre Dame sophomore Nick Normandin has fulfilled a dream that many college students may secretly have—to appear on a widely watched game show. Tonight, millions will see him appear on the popular game show ‘Wheel of Fortune.’

Normandin, a science-business major from Zahn House, auditioned and secured a spot on the show last summer. Normandin said that he was mainly motivated to do so by boredom. “All my buddies back home are on the quarter system, so I was home by myself for a solid month and I was bored out of my mind,” Normandin said. The audition took place in Los Angeles, which is a 45-minute drive from Costa Mesa, Normandin’s hometown. He said the experience was unlike any others beyond the classroom.

Jenkins faces criticism; asks to meet coalition

Group of alumni launch Web site to tally sum of withheld donations

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Seeking a “change of leadership” at Notre Dame, a group of alumni announced the relaunch of a Web site Thursday to attempt to quantify the amount of money the University will lose in donations as a result of President University Fr. John Jenkins’ invitation for President Obama to deliver the 2009 Commencement address, said David Difrancesco, a founder of the site.

Hogwarts comes to Notre Dame

Event features Harry Potter-themed dinner, decorations

By CASEY KENNEY
News Writer

South Dining Hall was filled with magic and enchantment Thursday evening when the Freshmen Class Council and Notre Dame Food Service hosted Notre Dame’s first Harry Potter Night. The event was planned as a fun occasion that would appeal to a wide audience, according to Vincent Lau, a freshman.

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At the request of the ad hoc Committee on Safety, Security and Hospitality, University President Fr. John Jenkins has appointed Michael Seamon as director of gameday operations, according to a University press release. Seamon, the current assistant vice president for University events and protocols, has accepted the additional position.

President withdraws invitation to meet after group makes requests

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

University President Fr. John Jenkins formally extended an invitation to meet with a student coalition group, ND Response, which has voiced concerns about the invitation to President Barack Obama to speak at Commencement, but Jenkins declined to meet with the group after they made several specific requests in a reply to his invitation.

According to a press release from the University, Jenkins has made several changes to the plan, including extending the time Obama is scheduled to speak.

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Brennan Bollman named valedictorian

Senior biological science major, peace studies minor earned 4.0 GPA, plans to attend medical school

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Brennan Bollman, the class of 2009 valedictorian, earned a 4.0 grade point average, but she said many of her most valuable learning experiences from the past four years have happened outside of the classroom.

“One of the things I’ve enjoyed most about being at Notre Dame is spending time with friends who will engage issues beyond the classroom,” she said. “I have groups of friends who will cook dinner and invite their professors to their houses. Our learning doesn’t have to be confined to classes and homework and clubs.”

Bollman said she is grateful for the opportunity to speak to her class at graduation. “I know that my class is filled with incredible and accomplished people, and I’m just one of them,” she said. “I will just work hard to speak well on our behalf because we’re an amazing group of young people.”

Bollman, a biological science major and peace studies minor from St. Joseph, Mich., said she will attend medical school next year in the hopes of becoming a doctor, but she said a career in medicine was not always her goal.

“I came to Notre Dame thinking I would go out along the lines of biomedical research,” she said. “But it was doing the summer research programs that reawakened me to the idea of being a doctor.”

Bollman spent 10 weeks during the summer before sophomore year working in a Catholic worker shelter for women and taught English in Cambodia the following summer. Both service projects were organized through the Center for Social Concerns (CSC).

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Bollman said her experiences helping individual people through service projects drew her away from research and towards medicine as a career.
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'Road to Fondwa' shows positive side of Haiti

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA

Justin Brandon, the director and producer of the documentary "The Road to Fondwa," said he wants to show viewers the positive side of Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere.

"A lot of people go into seeing a film about Haiti and they think they're going to see really sad stuff," Brandon said. "This isn't that... it shows more of a hopeful message of the people of Fondwa, who have come together and are developing."

"The Road to Fondwa" played at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday in the Montgomery Auditorium in the LaFortune Student Center.

Brandon, who graduated from Notre Dame in 2004, said he and the other film makers wanted to give viewers a detailed view of life in Haiti when they made the film.

"The goal of the documentary is to give people in our audience the opportunity to travel to Haiti without actually going there," Brandon said. "It gives people an inside look and a close look at rural Haiti. I hope that when people see it, they are moved by the story."

Brandon said the citizens of Fondwa are aware that development is an ongoing process, but are optimistic that the improvements will continue.

"We're still fighting so that we can live," another Fondwa resident said. "We hope that one day we may truly live well."

Brandon said the film took five weeks to shoot and about 18 months to edit. What began as 45 hours of footage was slowly transformed into a 37-minute documentary.

Brandon said proceeds from the film will go towards education in Haiti, and he hopes the documentary evokes a desire to get involved with helping Haiti develop.

Brandon collaborated on the film with Notre Dame graduates Brian McElroy and Dan Schnorr. McElroy served as executive producer and Schnorr also worked as a director.

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Keyes joins Terry’s efforts

By JENN METZ

Conservative political activist Alan Keyes joined anti-abortion activist Randall Terry on stage at the Hilton Garden Inn on Indiana 933 Thursday in what organizers called a “rally for life” and a “battle for the heart and soul of Notre Dame.”

Over 100 people were in attendance to listen to the two speak in effort to cancel President Barack Obama’s appearance as the principal speaker at the May 17 University Commencement exercises, as well as the confer­ring of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree on the pro-choice politician.

Keyes, who will remain in town to participate in Terry’s planned rallies this weekend, is a former diplomat who has run three times for president and has been nominated three times for the United States Senate. A long-time advocate of pro-life politics, Keyes, a Republican, lost in the 2004 race challenging Barack Obama as a Democrat.

Keyes, as a Republican, lost in the 2004 race challenging Barack Obama because he is the son of African American and a Roman Catholic.

Terry, anti-abortion activist and founder of Operation Rescue, has been identified himself as being the principal speaker at the May 17 University Commencement, plays into the black community’s receptiveness of Obama as a leader of tolerance or intolerance in the black American.

Terry, who appeared with Keyes, who was received with standing ovation from the audience, identified himself as being in a unique position as a black American and a Roman Catholic.

“The institution that still proposes to identify itself as a Catholic institution,” he said, and University President Fr. John Jenkins would choose to invite President Obama to be honored at the Commencement, plays into what he deemed “the key moral issue of our time.”

Keyes said conferring an honorary degree on Obama because he is the President of the United States is a violation of Catholic belief because he is “deeply [!]” committed to abortion.

“Why are we here to recruit you?” Keyes, who received with a standing ovation from the crowd, identified himself as being in a unique position as a black American and a Roman Catholic.

“That’s a fraud, and it’s being perpetrated on historic grounds and on historic proportions,” he said.

Describing abortion as the “key moral issue of our time,” Keyes admonished Obama’s stance on the protection of life, claiming the only thing the two men have in common is the color of their skin.

The black community’s receptiveness of Obama as a leader validates the ugly premise of racism,” he said, stating that as human beings, groups of people should not be identified by solely physical characteristics.

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Chua speaks about global hyperpowers

Yale professor discusses her thesis from new book

By MEGAN LONEY

The Mongol, Persian and 17th-century Dutch Empires all have one thing in common, according to Professor Amy Chua of Yale Law School. All these empires can be classified as hyperpowers.

Chua uses these specific empires as evidence to her newest book “Day of Empire; how Hyperpowers Rise to Global Dominance and Why They Fall” during a lecture titled “The Rise and Fall of Hyperpowers: Tolerance, Intolerance and Lessons for America” Thursday in Ragon Parlor.

Chua introduced her lecture by reinforcing the definition and the rarity of hyperpowers throughout history.

They are not just any empire, not just another superpower, not even superpowers, but the rare category of hyperpowers, which really make up more than a handful in all of history, Chua said.

In her thesis, she uses a very strict definition of hyperpower.

According to Chua, the nation’s entry into the world arena as military powers must surpass those of other nations in the world in order for a nation to be defined as a hyperpower.

“To be world dominant, a society has to be at the very forefront at the world’s military and economic frontiers,” Chua said. “The world’s best human capital at any given moment cannot be found in any one-cultural group, religion, or ethnicity.”

In her new book, Chua said she argues the importance of tolerance or intolerance in the rise and fall of hyperpowers.

Every hyperpower was strikingly tolerant and pluralistic in the rising, at least by the standard of their time, and their decline coincided with intolerance, Chua said.

In the context of her thesis, tolerance does not hold the same meaning as what we usually associate with the term “tolerance,” Chua said.

Tolerance is the degree of freedom in which people are permitted to co-exist. It’s a relative concept, meaning that the nation is more tolerant than its rivals, but not so tolerant as an ideal standard, she said.

Chua said she believes tolerance is necessary, but not sufficiently, for world dominance if a nation aspires to be a hyperpower.

She concluded with specific examples of empires she names as hyperpowers: Persia, Rome, Byzantium, the 17th-century Dutch, Great Britain and the United States.

Chua’s examples outline two main methods of becoming a superpower — through land expansion as the Persian Empire, or through commercial expansion as the Dutch Empire.

Chua said the problem that as a democratic power, the United States faces some of the same problems as these hyperpowers.

“The United States faces the same fundamental problem faced by every hyperpower in history: the problem of glitz,” she said. “Only ancient Rome solved this problem, which helps to explain its longevity.”

But turning large numbers of common men into Roman citizens. By extending this citizenship, Rome manages to “Romanize” its territories by creating common unity and bonds.

The United States can do no such thing, Chua said.

The United States does not want to make foreign nations its citizens, especially as a democratic nation, Chua said, but by assuming that the spread of American ideas and culture leads to beliefs that help Americans to Americanize others, Chua said, “We are turning a country into an American.”

“Wearing Yankee baseball cap and drinking a Coke does not turn a Japanese into a Yankee or a Mexican into an American,” Chua said.

While the United States is currently facing several issues, Chua said she remains optimistic about its hyperpower status.

“There is no other country better suited than the United States to be a hyperpower.”

“Where else will the world’s best and brightest go?” Chua said.

The event was co-sponsored by the Center for Women’s International Leadership, and the departments of Business Administration and Political Science, Justice Education, History and Intercultural Studies.

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Day of Silence

April 17, 2009

Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies in schools. My deliberate silence echoes that silence, which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices.

Think about the voices you are not hearing today.

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Bolivian police uncover plot

A former vice chief and sergeant were acquitted of violating the suspect's civil rights during a June 2007 search and wrongful arrests, and a former police and soldiers because they failed to stop the bombing.

Suicide bomber attacks Iraqi base

A suicide bomber attacked an Iraqi military base Thursday in an attack that killed President Evo Morales during a half-hour shootout in eastern Bolivia on Thursday.

The suicide attacker wore an Iraqi military uniform in Thursday's bombing — the fourth major attack on Iraqi security forces in a week. That raised troubling questions about insurgents' ability to infiltrate the country's security forces from inside their ranks.

N.Y. bill would allow gay marriage

NEW YORK — Construction of several ground zero office towers could be put off for decades because of the falling real estate market, the city's swollen budget and the uncertainty of the war in Iraq, whose presence has been a "dead wrong" to say that they, and many Obama officials, said, were torture.

The CIA has acknowledged with the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel in 2002 and 2005 it would not be a "dark and painful chapter in our history," the president said.

The CIA has acknowledged the torture of detainees naked for long periods, including using a plastic neck collar to slam detainees into walls, according to a written account of the techniques.

N.Y. bill would allow gay marriage

NEW YORK — Gov. David Paterson introduced a bill Thursday to legalize same-sex marriage in New York, comparing the effort to the fight for the abolition of slavery.

The bill was opposed by the Republican-controlled Senate, but opponents are vowing to make sure this one fails, as well.

Medvedev ends Chechen operations

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The site, www.replacejenkins.com, asks alumni and other donors to sign a petition with contact information and the total dollar amount they support from our University.

"Although we love Notre Dame, our conscience requires that we withhold all financial support from our University until such time as Father Jenkins is replaced as Notre Dame’s President with someone who will be more loyal to the teaching of the Catholic Church," the site states. "If he will not be removed, we will be forced to withdraw our support.

"We thought, 'why don't we tally that sum and show it to the leaders of the University,'" he said. DiFranco said he could not divulge the sum amount of money they plan to withhold to ensure there are no "bogus amounts.

"This is our way of saying we will not sit idle," he said. "It does affect our ability to give money in good conscience.

University spokesman Dennis Brown declined to comment on the Web site in particular, but said the University has received both positive and negative feedback.

"We've known since before it was announced ... that there would be people that would be opposed to the invitation and people in support of the invitation, and we've received both responses," he said. "And the University also declined to comment on the University's relationship with its donors.

The Web site states that the group supports academic freedom, but DiFranco said he believes Obama delivering the Commencement address does not fall under that category.

"I think I'm just retired," he said. "We are in a situation that is very, very significant donors.

The amount will be released in increments of sums of money they have been upset about several changes on campus to create a new atmosphere present in past years that will cost Notre Dame.

"We want to create an environment that is safe and hospitable to everyone that comes on campus, regardless of whether they are a fan or a guest with the opposing team," he said. "He said that he anticipates the positive game-day atmosphere present in past years to continue and improve based on the recommendations from the ad hoc committee."

"My hope is that the students and all of our fans will continue to enjoy Notre Dame and all that we have to offer on our home football weekends," he said. Seamon said he is pleased with his new responsibilities and is looking forward to taking on his new duties.

"I'm excited about it," he said. "I'm going to win another award for the University going forward in this initiative.

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Fr. Jenkins in the past ... both he and I and everyone here is keenly aware and excited about the fact that Notre Dame is very special place," Seamon said. "It leaves an impression on people when they visit here.

He said that his primary responsibility is "to work with the various departments and groups to create a more coordinated effort on how we work with any and all the Notre Dame community on game-day weekends.

Jenkins has also given Seamon the responsibility of implementing several recommendations given by the ad hoc committee as soon as possible, as well as beginning to employ other recommendations in the near future.

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Students enjoyed a Harry Potter-themed dinner Thursday in South Dining Hall.

As summer break approached, students looked forward to the possibilities of Harry Potter-themed tables.

"I knew when I sat down at the Gryffindor themed table, I knew this was going to be good," senior Adrienne Murphy said. "I think I even saw Father Jenkins dressed as Dumbledore," sophomore Danny Osburn said.

"I was really excited to see the night turn into a Harry Potter-themed dinner," Murphy said.

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he'd ever had.

"I was the weirdest thing I've ever done," Norman said. "There were freaks galore and people saying it was their first time.

Normandin auditioned, but did not hear back from the show until February. "I didn't get a letter so I kind of forgot about it," he said. "Then in February, I got a call asking me to report to "Notre Dame for the show's College Week." Norman said that both were worthy winners.

"I didn't meet Pat Sajak until the taping, but I met Vanna White before that," he said. "She's 52 years old and smoking hot!"

According to Norman, his friends were very excited when they found out that his episode would appear on the show, although they did discourage him from spinning too fast on air.

"(My roommates) told me I couldn't shout-out shows to them," Norman said. "So instead, I yelled "Harry Potter football" instead of "big money" when I spun the wheel. Hopefully they'll hear it when we're on.

Normandin continued against him.

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**In Brief**

DirecTV, Comcast fined $3.2 million

WASHINGTON — Satellite television provider DirecTV Inc. and cable company Comcast Corp. will pay out a combined $3.2 million to settle claims that they broke the law by phoning people who called to ask them to stop calling them. The Federal Trade Commission said it's a violation of a restriction called the national Do Not Call registry and paid $5.3 million to the government.

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WASHINGTON — Fiber-optic cables are beginning to penetrate the nation's smaller cities, offering new access to the Internet and other high-speed services.

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All told, growing evidence indicates the economy may be stabilizing.

"The economy is still very weak, but there are some encouraging signs that suggest cautious optimism," Dennis Lockhart, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, said in a speech Thursday.

Commerce Department said construction of new homes and apartments fell 11 percent in March, but economists noted that the drop was driven by a steep fall in new apartment building. The construction of new single-family homes matched February's level, and remained above January's record low.

The consistency in home construction, even as the economy shrinks, hints that single-family home building "is home to the bottom," Robert Dye, senior economist at FNC Mortgage Corp., wrote in a note to clients.

Economists cautioned that the figures largely reflect a slowing of the pace of economic decline compared with earlier this year. Recovery is still at least 21 months away, they said.

"What would have been bad news last September is good news today," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Chicago-based Mesirow Financial.

On Wall Street, stocks rose, partly in response to the economic news. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 95 points, while broader indices also rose more than 1 percent.

Both President Barack Obama and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke have mentioned some recent signs of progress this week, while adding that the recession is far from over.

The Commerce Department said construction of new homes and apartments fell to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 510,000 units in March. It was the second lowest pace on records that go back 50 years.

Applications for building permits, a good indication of future activity, fell to an annual rate of 513,000 units. But that suggests housing starts will remain stable at around 300,000 in April, economists said, although near record low levels.

"Right now, stable looks good," Dye said.

Low housing prices and record-low mortgage rates may finally be spurring some interest in home buying.

"This is not some fanciful, pie-in-the-sky vision of the future," Obama said during an event at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, which is adjacent to the White House. "It is happening right now. It's been happening for decades. The problem is it's been happening elsewhere, not here.

The United States trails other developed countries in developing high-speed rail. The Spanish can travel the 386 miles from Madrid to Barcelona at speeds averaging almost 150 miles per hour. Japan's Shinkansen links its major cities at speeds averaging 130 mph and France's TGV trains average about 135 mph in carrying passengers from Paris to Lyon.

The only U.S. rail service that meets the $787 billion economic stimulus package for high-speed rail, bolstered by $1 billion a year for five years requested in the federal budget.

The $8.4 billion is part of $145 billion in the stimulus package for roads, bridges, rail and transit, what Obama called "the most sweeping investment in our infrastructure since President Eisenhower built the Interstate Highway System in the 1950s."

Obama said the first round of money would go to upgrading and increasing the speeds on existing lines where people could quickly be put to work. The second and third phases would focus on high-speed rail planning and money to jump-start corridors not yet ready for consideration.

Initially, regional transportation offices will compete for the $8 billion included in the $787 billion economic stimulus spending package for high-speed rail, bolstered by $1 billion a year for five years requested in the federal budget.
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"I want to be a doctor not to go into research or teaching, but to focus on one-on-one interaction with patients," she said. "I'm really interested in practicing primary care medicine in underserved areas either in states or likely internationally."

Bollman did her undergraduate research for the Notre Dame Haiti Program working to eliminate the disease that causes Elephantitis, and she said she got the chance to spend seven weeks in the country implementing her research during the summer before senior year. "I love the country," she said. "It absolutely fascinates me." Bollman said she "definitely wants to go back to Haiti in the future as a doctor."

Theology professor Fr. Paul Kollman taught Bollman in the theology class, Christianity in Africa, and she said she is an excellent student.

"In the midst of a really keen intellectual ability, she's got a strong moral compass," he said. "I think she's really put her education at the service of the world's needy in the United States and internationally, especially in Haiti and Cambodia."

Kollman said Bollman's work has extended substantially with the C.S.C. and is committed to social justice both locally and globally. "She's just really an outstanding example of the kind of student Notre Dame is glad to receive and benefit from and also help produce," he said.

Bollman said her four years at Notre Dame have given her an awareness of the "tough problems" that her generation faces. "I haven't learned how to solve anything in my four years here," she said. "I have learned to address either directly through my work, or indirectly by being a global citizen."

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Transgender woman killed

Prosecutor insists that accused killer knew true gender in advance

Associated Press

GREELEY, Colo. — An accused killer knew for at least 36 hours that an 18-year-old transgender woman was biologically male and beat her to death with a fire extinguisher because he didn’t like that, a prosecutor insisted Thursday.

But an attorney for Allen Andrade said the case is about the woman’s deception and Andrade’s reaction to that deception, not whether Zapata’s lifestyle was right or wrong.

“This girl that he had just spent the last day with, was in fact a man, and Allen snapped,” defense attorney Bradley Martin declared in opening statements.

Andrade, 32, would face a mandatory life sentence if convicted of second-degree murder. Other charges, which could mean decades more in prison, may be added if Zapata was killed a second time.

Martin said the jail calls were taken out of context as Andrade joked with his girlfriend about a crime he knew he didn’t commit. Andrade was arrested July 10, nearly two weeks after Zapata’s sisters discovered her body under a blanket in her apartment.

Andrade told investigators that he struck Zapata twice in the head with a fire extinguisher and thought he had “killed” it before striking her again as she struggled to get up, the arrest affidavit said.

Andrade is believed to be the first person tried for a hate crime under the sexual orientation section of Colorado’s hate-crime law, according to the New York and Los Angeles-based Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Colorado is one of 11 states to have such designations in their laws.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Civil liberties officials at the Homeland Security Department did not agree with some of the language in a report by the agency’s office of right-wing extremists, but the agency issued the report anyway.

The intelligence assessment issued to law enforcement last week said some military veterans could be susceptible to extremist recruiters or commit lone acts of violence. That prompted angry reactions from some lawmakers and veterans’ groups.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano defended the report Thursday, with a focus on the definition of right-wing extremism that was included in a footnote.

“We want to make sure that these individuals who are susceptible to the idea that government is the enemy, including veterans who have served,” Napolitano said Thursday on Fox News.

The same definition was included in the agency’s March 26 draft report on domestic extremism. Both reports were marked “For Official Use Only,” meaning no public reference to violence, stating these groups that embrace anti-government beliefs, which is constitutionally protected, and violent action, which is not.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, wrote in a letter to the department’s ombudsman that the definition of left-wing extremism in the March 26 report was “entirely without reference to violence, stating these groups that embrace anti-government beliefs, which is constitutionally protected, and violent action, which is not.”

Napolitano said, “We do not mean to suggest that veterans as a whole are at risk of becoming violent extremists.”

She also said, “I apologize for that offense. It was certainly not our intent.”

The top Republican on the House Intelligence committee, Michigan’s Peter Hoekstra, has asked the director of national intelligence to investigate the Homeland Security report for “unsubstantiated conclusions and political bias.”

Personnel Director of the House committee with oversight of the department said the report contradicts military vet and civil liberty issues. “This report appears to have been more focused on anti-government belief, which is constitutionally protected, and violent action, which is not, than on some of these successful beliefs seek “to bring about change through violent revolution rather than through established political processes.”

Employee wounded one, kills another, himself

Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — A hospital employee shot another employee and wounded two other people Thursday before killing himself, police said.

Police Chief Anthony Batts told KCAL-TV that one of the victims was an employee himself Thursday, police said.

Police Chief Anthony Batts said hospital staff members were receiving counseling through a free employee assistance program. "Our first priority was to ensure that our patients were safe and well cared for and I can assure that our patients are well served for and are completely safe," he said.

Hendel said the victims’ families were "safe and well cared for and we took cover as well and then... we could see a man with a gun point the gun at the hospital and he immediately killed himself.

A woman, Charity Perez, told the TV station her husband, a nurse, was inside the hospital and identified him as a worker at a pharmacy. The police chief would not confirm that, pending notification of the employees’ families.

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Things Notre Dame students like

In my seven-plus semesters at Notre Dame, I have noticed a lot of things about the student body. Some of those things are good, some bad, and some are just plain silly. With the help of fellow Observer Columnists Andrew Miller and Brad Blohmus, I have compiled a list of five things that Notre Dame students like:

1. Ranging from the silly (No. 7: UGGs in Snow) to the serious (No. 10: Giving Peace) this list can help students understand each other, parents understand their children, alumni understand the new generation and our children understand us years from now when we are old and even more indignant. Most importantly, however, I hope that this list will help us to better understand ourselves.

So here it begins with the items most relevant for this Blue-Gold Weekend.

No. 2: Complaining About The Shirt and then wearing it.

Every year on the day before the spring game, a committee of students unveils the next year's rendition of The Shirt, the t-shirt that the entire student body is expected to wear to each and every home football game the next year; and every year on the day before the spring game students almost unanimously begin to complain about the new edition. Whether it is an ugly yellow color (2005) putting the current fashion in the skiers amongst legends of yesteryear (2006) or having slogans that make absolutely no sense (2007: UGGs in Snow) to the serious (No. 7: UGGs in Snow) complaints about it, almost every Notre Dame student loves it so much that everybody has failed to notice the increasingly apparent Curse of The Shirt (i.e. fact that the Irish have failed to win a single National Championship since the project began. This year promises to be no different.

With the unveiling of The Shirt scheduled for this afternoon, the committee in promising that it will be the best. The Shirt of all the 'The Shirts. The color and slogan will be revealed to triumphant fans only, to be brought down a couple notches when everybody realizes how much they don't like it, and the complaining begins.

No. 3: Claiming to have inside information about the football team.

If there is one thing Notre Dame students love to do, it's to claim they have inside information on the football team, no matter what the subject. Whether it be the D-Line coach. Sorry bros, everybody knows that Coach Kelly will be the D-Line coach. They have such a self-proclaimed aura around campus. They love it so much that everybody has failed to notice the increasingly apparent Curse of being D-Line coach.

No. 4: Claiming to have inside information about the football team.

While these students do not have any rational basis for these claims, they love to think that they know more about the state of the football team than the next guy. Every student reads Rivals.com and ND Nation as if they are luddites of knowledge lacked away on some mystery machine known as the internet. Invariably they read posts by erstwhile alumni and feel the need to tell everybody about their inside information.

No. 5: Having a self-perceived aura around campus.

Notre Dame students love to complain about the Curse of The Shirt. The Shirt is because it never seems to fit correctly. Without fail every shirt is exquisitely crafted extra wide with a goofy neck so that the incredibly fit Notre Dame student feels like he or she is swimming in it. Even worse are the thickness and the length of the sleeves that are always sure to keep us extra warm on those sunny August Saturdays. Notre Dame students will, without fail, complain about these shirts for the entirety of the football season, despite the fact that they are not being forced to wear them.

The amazing thing about Notre Dame students and The Shirt is that after they spend weeks and months complaining about it, almost every Notre Dame student will proceed to wear The Shirt to almost every football game. Whether the students love to be dressed the same or simply can't help but do what they are told, everybody comes into the stadium wearing The Shirt and the student section becomes a massive field of blue/green/yellow. Notre Dame students love it so much that everybody has failed to notice the increasingly apparent Curse of The Shirt (i.e. fact that the Irish have failed to win a single National Championship since the project began. This year promises to be no different.

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No. 6: Being D-Line coach.

When a Notre Dame man claims that he is friends with a football player, it almost certainly means one of two things: a) they live in the same dorm, or b) they are in Professor McKenna's Human Ethology class together. Unless, if a Notre Dame woman claims she is friends with a football player, it probably means they had sex or are going to have sex.

Inside information about the football team does not exist because the only people who happen to be insiders as well as normal students are the football managers. They have such a self-proclaimed aura about campus. They love it so much that everybody has failed to notice the increasingly apparent Curse of being D-Line coach.

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Although most sources do say that Kapron Lewis-Moore has been looking really good in practice, and you'd be surprised to see Goodman play QB in a spread look.

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Protest Church’s intolerance

A couple weeks ago, there was an article in The Observer that there was a “disconnect” between the current students and alumni concerning the debate of the degree to which Notre Dame’s President is entitled to the Presidency of the United States — positioning that 70-plus percent of students would support him, and 70-plus percent of alumni were against. Mathematical sophistry. Those numbers only reflect the immediately-simulated individuals from both sides who decided to submit a letter to the editor, and hardly a statistically valid sample. Where is the survey for the 80 percent of alumni who fundamentally reject our current POTUS as non-Catholic? Should we allow Obama to speak here merely because he has a degree and speaking platform are very different things. The USCCB holds itself only to the highest of authorities, and to suggest that they should bow to the influence of civil authorities is disrespectful. Donahue saying this move would be a continued “stiff-arm” to powerful civil authorities suggests that the bishops are conspiring and not upholding the holy teachings of the Church. The bishops act with the apostolic authority that has passed down from the Apostles. Donahue addresses two problems: the staining of Notre Dame’s role in these issues. The pro-life movement has always asked us to ignore the distinction between sins that, because of broad societal consensus, are also considered as civil crimes (like murder) and those like abortion and adultery that are not. They further demand that fealty to the Church’s official position on abortion be the only litmus test for our political leaders, regardless of that leader’s stand on other critical issues of life and death. But the protesters seek yet one more thing here. They ask that we, who have with tears of pride and much sacrifice, cheered and consoled and supported our children these four long years, now turn this moment over to our only son that day.

Eddy St. Commons

When the Eddy Street Commons (ESC) plan was announced, Notre Dame’s Office of Business Operations presented it as “a showcase for both Notre Dame and the City of South Bend.” ESC promised a partnership between town and gown, and was supported by the city with tens of millions in tax increment financing. But it now seems Notre Dame has deserted for itself an out-of-state pleasure dome. To date these tenants only are announced: Chipotle, a six story Marriott, a Follett Bookstore, a Hot Box Pizza, Doc Magrogan’s, Noodle and Co, a Springfield Suites and Kildear’s. Far from a “showcase” for South Bend, these merchants respectively hail from Denver, Washington D.C., Chicago, Indianapolis, Philly, Bloomington, Colorado, Washington D.C. and Philly again. Chain businesses typically funnel dollars out of local areas more quickly than indigenous counterparts. They arrive with developed and out-of-area supply networks and management structures. Of course, local suppliers and services. The current proposal for ESC demonstrates lack of awareness of how economic activities are sustained and respect for the South Bend community’s contributions to ESC. Further, it is difficult to determine how the University’s current, a bit more conservative Social Doctrine and its emphasis on solidarity and subsidiarity in economic affairs. South Bend has recently benefited from growth in locally owned businesses, from Fiddler’s Hearth and the Tire Bazaar to the South Bend Book Co. and World Books, for example. These join outstanding traditions near campus like Cls, Parcél, Roce’s, Studebagh, Lulu’s and many others, each well articulated within the Notre Dame-South Bend community. With these, Eddy Street could have been built.

Notre Dame enjoys final approval of all tenants with the exception of the developer. The University could shorten the slack on Kite’s string and direct its retail recruiters to the local area. It could also specify that future tenants be from current tenants prefer local entre­preneurs. At another level, Notre Dame could expand its salutary programs to engage faculty with Catholic Social Doctrine in membership in local businesses, and support those that suffer.”

Richard Kleo

Class of 2002

April 15

Right kind of pride

Pride! Four years ago I was overcome with pride when my son was admitted to Notre Dame. His attendance here buoyed our extended family as everyone learned, my son earned his degree and speaking platform are very different things. The USCCB holds itself only to the highest of authorities, and to suggest that they should bow to the influence of civil authorities is disrespectful. Donahue saying this move would be a continued “stiff-arm” to powerful civil authorities suggests that the bishops are conspiring and not upholding the holy teachings of the Church. The bishops act with the apostolic authority that has passed down from the Apostles. Donahue addresses two problems: the staining of Notre Dame’s role in these issues. The pro-life movement has always asked us to ignore the distinction between sins that, because of broad societal consensus, are also condemned as civil crimes (like murder) and those like abortion and adultery that are not. They further demand that fealty to the Church’s official position on abortion be the only litmus test for our political leaders, regardless of that leader’s stand on other critical issues of life and death.

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Class of 1986

April 16

Save Pig Tostal

Every school has its day. Unofficial St. Patrick’s Day at Illinois. Cedar Fest at Michigan State. Little 500 at Indiana. Halloween at Wisconsin. Mardi Gras at SLU. Flash Bash at Michigan and so on and so on. Every school has that day where thousands of students will not attend that school can blow off a weekend. Every school has that day where thousands of students will go last year, but my buddy that goes there said it’s a continued “stiff-arm” to powerful civil authorities suggests that the bishops are conspiring and not upholding the holy teachings of the Church. The bishops act with the apostolic authority that has passed down from the Apostles. Donahue addresses two problems: the staining of Notre Dame’s role in these issues. The pro-life movement has always asked us to ignore the distinction between sins that, because of broad societal consensus, are also condemned as civil crimes (like murder) and those like abortion and adultery that are not. They further demand that fealty to the Church’s official position on abortion be the only litmus test for our political leaders, regardless of that leader’s stand on other critical issues of life and death.

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Students not the Pharisees

This is in response to the “Slamming the door” letter (April 15) written by Mr. Donahue and his colleagues. Both of us are students of this University, are so myopic in being non-Catholic (non-universal) that it drives real Catholics away. Not only are Notre Dame ’64, but I’m also Georgetown Law ’63, where yesterday our President was greeted with a standing ovation and with enthusiasm for bio-medical policies and social justice in this
time of our country’s need. Some may joke that Georgetown is not Catholic, but Jesuit, I counter by saying Notre Dame is not Catholic, but wishing to be Arizona State.

I applaud the len C.C.C. priests who have spoken out in dissent against Obama’s 60% support, their right to protest, I have no vow of obedience either, so I can slam my church. I also believe that the senior class and other students should take aggressive action/against those non-Christian activists who have vowed to turn your graduation into a circus. The one, all-embracing aggressive resistance to this right-wing advocacy to disrupt in the name of a phonic; political issue, my University and your year graduation. Protest, protest, against your Church’s intolerance.

K. Eric Gielces

Class of 1948

April 15

The Observer
By JAMES DUBRAY
Scene Writer

A certain logic exists in rock and roll about a band’s trajectory. Arenas are thought of to be the penultimate goal for any group of twenty-somethings with big record collections and bigger creative Joneses. Yet, Wilco have never been much about respecting corporate notions of rock and roll.

On Tuesday, America’s best live rock band took the stage at the 1,345 capacity Pabst Theater in Milwaukee. And no, that number is not missing an extra digit. Wilco could probably sell out the flipping Bradley Center — the largest arena in Milwaukee — but instead chose to treat fans to two intimate nights at one of America’s oldest — and most beautiful — rock venues.

As fans rose to their feet in uproarious applause, the band opened with a thank you of their own, playing “Wilco The Song,” the opening track from their forthcoming June LP. The audience sang along and critics lauded, but Jeff Tweedy couldn’t help crack his big slanted smile, singing, “Wilco will love you, baby.”

The main set continued in a greatest-hits fashion, focusing on the band’s two most lauded records, “Yankee Hotel Foxtrot” and “A Ghost Is Born.” While Yankee is almost universally agreed upon as the Chicago group’s studio masterpiece, Ghost has translated to the live setting better than any other Wilco album to date.

Fan favorites “Handshake Drugs” and “Muzzle of Bees” sounded as boisterous as ever as Nels Cline jerked frantically on his skull-crushing guitar solos. Three guitar attack “Impossible Germany” and Woody Guthrie penned “One By One” displayed the importance of musicianship in a band that is most loved for its leader’s lyrics, while “Ashes of American Flags” and “Via Chicago” revealed yet again that no one today writes as insightfully and hauntingly as Jeff Tweedy.

The highlight of the set was the Neil Young inspired, Marquee Moon era Television influenced “At Least That’s What You Said.” The song began with Tweedy singing achingly above his husked electric guitar as the audience fell silent at the beauty in front of them.

As tears welled up in singles’ eyes and couples pensive swam, the Ghost opener erupted into a massive Tweedy guitar solo, which was joined by a Neil Cline riff after only a minute. Clearly, the avant-garde guitar virtuoso is having an effect on his band’s benevolent dictator because Tweedy looked as brilliant as ever making his guitar say more than his voice ever could.

After an hour and a half filled with jokes about jean jackets smelling like “Mostaccioli schnapps” and set staples “Jesus, Etc” and “A Shot In The Arm,” Wilco exited the stage leaving behind a fully satisfied crowd.

Five short minutes later, the band returned for what would be a nine-song double encore. Diehard Wilco fans, who were compared to Deadheads by Milwaukee Brewers announcers a night earlier, pounded their heads in unison as the unusually simple bridge of “The Late Greats” seemed like perfect company for the empty PBRs on the theater floor.

It took till the end of the second encore for Wilco’s first two albums to even be touched. “A.M.” single “Box Full of Letters” inspired a sing-along as Tweedy belted out the words to his (rumored) goodbye letter to childhood friend and ex-bandmate Jay Farrar. The set ended with typical encore dweller, “Kingpin.” The band pandered to the crowd, changing “Pekin” to “Wisconsin” as Tweedy pleaded with fans to come up with a new audience response to the band’s chorus. (Typically, after Wilco sings “Kingpin,” audience members in unison burst out a sloppy “Ooooooo.”) After a couple failed alternatives, Wilco and the audience returned to their usual arrangement echoing a statement Tweedy made minutes earlier to his drummer and friend, “If it ain’t broken, don’t fix it.” Nothing could better sum up the rock world’s message to its favorite live band.

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Theologians
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I’m the Man Who Loves You

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California Stars
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New Sheriffs In Town

RANDY HART, TONY ALFORD AND FRANK VERDUCCI HAVE QUICKLY MADE AN IMPACT IN THEIR FIRST SPRING AT NOTRE DAME
Don't take Blue-Gold results too seriously

How much stock can we place in the outcome of the Blue-Gold game? It depends what outcome we're talking about.

It helps Irish fans not at all if Gold beats Blue 45-37. Two main interpretations of spring-game performance exist: the positional performance and the unit performance. Both get coaches and fans into trouble if they read too much into either, but the performances can also provide nuggets of information about the upcoming season.

Look at positional performance first. The fact that a second-string linebacker has 11 tackles, an interception and a blocked punt in the spring game means nothing. It's like a pitcher throwing seven scoreless innings in spring training: you hope it carries over to the regular season but have no insurance that it will.

In fact, the spring game balances praise or criticism for the players. Should a player struggle, they can chalk it up to pre-season rust that will wear off by the time Nevada rolls around. If they shine, the skeptics will point out that they showed up in the spring game and know what will happen in the regular season. This catch-22 makes it impossible, therefore, to take too much away from individual performances. It's the same with the play of the units. I wouldn't be surprised if Jimmy Clausen throws four touchdowns. In fact, facing a defense he's watched play for two years and that he has practiced against this spring, I hope he has a good day. Conversely, if the defense holds Clausen to 7-of-24 for 87 yards and picks him off twice, it wouldn't faze me. They've seen the man play for two seasons and practiced against him. His mannerisms and style should be well-documented.

So rather than look at the play of the individual players or the units facing their teammates, look for aspects of play that bode well for the season. For example, can the offensive line create holes for the running backs? New O-line coach Frank Verducci got the line work in spring. Tackle Paul Dunstan said the coaching staff has individualized instructions for all of the linemen. Expect the line to get off to a hot start this season.

Will the running backs make it through those holes, should they be productive? The team averaged 3.3 yards per carry last season, and that needs to improve to take pressure off of the passing game. Can Clausen look off his receivers, or will he still watch them down the field? Coddly intercepted him against North Carolina and Michigan State last year stopped drives and switched momentum, and Clausen's helmet looked like it had a string attached to his receiver both times.

How will the linebackers adjust to the absence of five-year stalwart Maurice Crum Jr.? Can they effectively communicate plays and coverages? Watch them before the snap. If they're running this way and that, wildly gesticulating to each other, they're still learning the communication process. Harrison Smith's move from linebacker to safety won't help.

Same deal in the secondary, which lost safety David Bruton to graduation. Safety Kyle McCarthy is back for a fifth year, and cornerback Darrin Walls returns as well. In fact, the match-up to watch is between the receivers and the secondary. The Irish have the most talent in those units.

In spite of all my negative thoughts about the usefulness of the spring game in predicting performance next season, those aspects should provide a helpful hint. But finally, look at the team as a whole. It's last time out, remember, the team traveled five time zones to face Hawaii in a bowl game and stomped the Warriors in their house on Christmas Eve. Confidence should be sky-high right now. The players talk about having "good practices." Receiver Robby Parris said the players are flying around at full speed. I bet that continues. Remember last spring game when running back Armando Allen got laid out down near the goal line? Something like that will happen again. Remember last spring game when the O-linemen got into it with some defensive guys after a touchdown? Wouldn't surprise me if things got a bit tense.

The team has talent, the players know they can play better than they did some games last season and they're on a roll after the Hawaiian Bowl. Look for passion, excitement and big plays come Saturday.

The spring game can tell you all you need to know about Notre Dame's prospects for the upcoming season — if you look for the right things.

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New faces, new places

By SAM WERNER
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Last season's late-season collapse has been analyzed, dissected and torn apart by Notre Dame fans all over the country. Many of those fans were even calling for Irish coach Charlie Weis' job.

Weis wasn't fired, but he did shake up the coaching staff in a big way. Former running backs coach Michael Haywood left to become the head coach at Miami (Ohio), and offensive and defensive line coaches John Latina and Jappy Oliver left to pursue other opportunities. Replacing them were Tony Alford at running backs, Frank Verducci at offensive line and Randy Hart at defensive line.

Verducci was the first new coach hired, just a week after Latina resigned. Like Weis, he is a New Jersey native, and gained most of his coaching experience in the NFL. Verducci had been in the pro ranks since 2001 coaching the Dallas Cowboys, Buffalo Bills and Cleveland Browns. Prior to that, he had spent nine years coaching the offensive line at the University of Iowa.

"It offers an excellent background on both the offensive line and run game in general from two perspectives, having coached several years in professional football and at the Division I level, predominately in the Big Ten," Weis said in Verducci's introductory press conference. "His experience will be an asset both to our players and our staff."

Alford was the next hire, just five days after Verducci. The new running backs coach came to the Irish from Louisville, where he coached for two seasons after nine seasons at Iowa State sandwiched around one at Washington.

"Notre Dame is the epitome of college football," Alford said in his first press conference. "To join a place with the tradition and history of Notre Dame is very exciting and I'm grateful to Coach Weis for extending me this tremendous opportunity."

Hart was the final piece to the puzzle, joining the staff in late February, more than a month after Verducci and Alford were hired. The 61-year-old Hart had spent the previous 21 years as the defensive line coach at Washington but was not retained when the Huskies hired new head coach Steve Sarkisian.

"I'm thrilled to add someone with the resume and personality of Randy Hart to our coaching staff," Weis said at Hart's introductory as a defensive line coach. "As long as the effort's there, and I can see on the field that they're grasping what we're trying to teach them...that's encouraging."

Frank Verducci
Irish offensive line coach

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As for Hart, it's hard for anyone to say much about the defensive line as it is still taking shape. "They [the running backs] have to understand how good they can be. They have to feel that they can be good before they will be good," he said. "We want to be complete players, able to block, being able to carry, not putting it on the ground. That's what we're looking for, just the consistency of making plays all the time."

Hart was probably faced with the biggest challenge of the new staff, taking on a defensive line that is arguably Notre Dame's most inexperienced unit.

"Spring practice is experiencing a lot of technical aspects of blocking," Hart said. "As long as the effort's there, and I can see on the field that they're grasping what we're trying to teach them...that's encouraging."

Tony Alford
Irish running backs coach

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"He is just wired for sound," Olsen echoed.

Offensive line coach Frank Verducci watches sophomore guard Andrew Nuss (76) go up against junior guard Chris Stewart in practice April 15.

"They needed a coach that knew what he was talking about in the film room, and then on the field. Weis said. "I bet [Bryant] never thought that he was going to keep up with players wearing him out as the time goes on."

"I think Randy might be wearing him out as the time goes on," Weis said. "I bet [Bryant] never thought that he was going to keep up with players wearing him out as the time goes on."
Players to watch

Crist may be the surefire backup heading into the season, but this will be the first look at Jimmy Clausen’s heir apparent on a big stage. Weis has been high on Crist’s competitiveness all spring.

With James Aldridge likely to see significant reps at fullback next fall, Hughes needs to step into the role as the primary bruising back behind Armando Allen, the more elusive back.

Duncan missed last year with an injury, but he’ll be back on Clausen’s blind side. The left tackle position is always one of the most crucial on the field, especially for a throwing team.

Tate showed last season that he could be more than just the go-route specialist he was as a freshman, and the Irish need him to continue his development into an elite receiver alongside Michael Floyd.

Injuries gave Parris a chance to re-establish himself this spring, and Weis said he has taken advantage. He’s being pushed by John Goodman, though, and needs to continue to impress.

Ragone looked good in last year’s spring game but missed all season to injury. He’ll look to pick up where he left off and establish himself as a sound option alongside starter Kyle Rudolph.

OL Paul Duncan
QB Dayne Crist
RB Robert Hughes
WR Golden Tate
WR Robby Parris
TE Mike Ragone

Projected depth chart

No TV, no radio, no problem.

Can’t make it to the Blue-Gold game but want to follow all the action live?

Check out The Casual Observer at observersportsblog.wordpress.com, where Associate Sports Editors Michael Bryan and Sam Werner will provide live updates before, during and after the annual spring game.
Players to watch

A top recruit a year ago, File is battling for playing time in a crowded line-backer corps that will receive a boost with the arrival of Manti Te'o in the fall. He has all the tools to be an impact player now.

Williams has flown under the radar at times, but he's shown that he can use his frame to be a force on the interior defensive line — which will be critical to Notre Dame's run defense.

Johnson showed his natural ability in limited action a year ago, and his ability to play both inside and outside will give the Irish options with their pass rush in obvious situations.

Smith asserted himself with a big play in last year's spring game, and after seeing action at various positions in the fall, he's made the full-time move to safety, his more natural position.

Lewis-Moore was listed atop the depth chart to begin the spring despite not seeing the field as a freshman, and Weis was impressed with him enough during the spring to keep him there.

GAME FORMAT & SCORING ADJUSTED FOR
2009 BLUE-GOLD GAME
80th Annual Spring Game Will Feature the Offense Against the Defense

GAME FORMAT
GAME CLOCK
Two 30-minute halves with a running clock
Clock stoppages only due to injuries or timeouts
Normal dock rules apply to the last two minutes of each half

TIMEOUTS
Each team is allowed three timeouts per half.

HALFTIME
Halftime will last 10 minutes.

COIN TOSS
A preliminary coin toss (Wednesday, April 15) determines jersey color and sidelines for the offense and defense.
A ceremony coin toss at the beginning of the Blue-Gold game determines which end zone the defense will defend.

OTHER RULES
Players in red jerseys must be tagged off with two hands to be down. A hit to a player in a red jersey will result in a 15-yard personal foul penalty. All other players are live.
Each possession starting a half, following a score or after a defensive stop will begin on the 35-yardline. If the ball is punted, then the drive will begin from the spot of the return.
There will not be any kickoffs.
A scoring point system (right) will determine the winner of the game.
There will not be an overtime period should the score be tied at the end of regulation.
Early enrollees adjust to football, life at ND

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

While it’s been reported that Irish coach Charlie Weis wouldn’t encourage his own child to skip the end of high school to get a jumpstart on spring football practice, Notre Dame’s three early enrollees are glad they did.

E.J. Banks, Zeke Motta and Tyler Stockton all decided to forgo the second semester of their senior year of high school, instead choosing to enroll at Notre Dame and begin their careers as college student-athletes.

“I thought that the positives kind of outweighed the negatives as far as coming in early,” said Motta, a product of Vero Beach (Fla.) High. “I just think that it’s going to be real beneficial to me — getting some classes out of the way, learning the system of college life and football life.”

But it hasn’t been a clean break from high school for the three early enrollees. In fact, it was the chance to head back home and enjoy the end of his prep career that made Notre Dame an attractive choice for Banks.

“That was one thing that I was really concerned about when I was talking to the coaches doing my recruiting,” said Banks, who played quarterback and defensive back at Montour (Pa.) High. “Coach Weis was probably the best about saying I could do other things I would usually do as a senior, like going to prom and going to my senior football banquet, things like that.”

Though Banks hasn’t yet seen the field as he continues to rehab a knee injury, it’s been a productive spring for the future Irish defensive back, Weis said.

“He’s really been just recuperating, getting ready to go, and that’s gone really well,” Weis said.

And not just on the field, Banks said that while he certainly wants to play now, he has reaped the benefits of becoming better adjusted to the rigors of college academics.

“When I first got here I was overwhelmed, but slowly but surely they have helped me along and I think I’ve gotten through the transition pretty smoothly,” Banks said.

Stockton, who played his high school ball at The Hun School (N.J.), has already worked his way into the mix on the interior defensive line, Weis said.

“As he’s worked his way into shape he’s shown what we thought he’d be,” Weis said. “[He’s] a really quick guy at the line of scrimmage who’s a pain in the butt and can penetrate. We’re very encouraged with his play on the defensive line because he did not look out of place.”

Stockton was the subject of much conversation after Notre Dame’s lone open practice of the spring on March 28. After guard Chris Stewart dominated Stockton in a one-on-one drill and then proceeded to stand right back up and get in the upperclassman’s face.

“Just was my introduction to college football,” Stockton said. “He (Stockton) told me I have to play really aggressively, really stay low on bigger guys and be really quick out of the slot tempo — it’s faster, guys are quicker, I have to use my quickness.”

Stockton isn’t a lock for a spot in the fall, as several other young defensive ends are also competing for limited spots. But he has a positive outlook on his spring experience, even if it doesn’t immediately pay dividends.

“I know this is going to help me out in the long run,” Stockton said. “It’s better to come in now, get adjusted to guys like Chris Stewart and Erie Olsen — going against these guys gives you an idea of what to expect. Now coming into summer practice, I really have no excuses. I just have to show what I can do in practice. The freshman classes and practice are typically viewed for an early enrollee, but for Monta, it was something else — a spring game.”

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For now, Motta is focused on running out of one spot: the tunnel of Notre Dame Stadium.

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Irish welcome return of five fifth-years

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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After four years, they still have some unfinished business.

Five seniors will return for a fifth year this fall — offensive lineman Paul Duncan, safeties Kyle McCarthy and Ray Herrington, linebacker Scott Smith and special teams star Mike Anello. After underwhelming performances by the Irish their junior and senior seasons, each returns hoping to contribute and conclude his career on a high note.

"There's a lot left on the table the last four years, opportunities that I could have had that I left there," Duncan said. "So now I'll be able to come back and get this fifth year, I'm excited to right that ship."

Duncan will provide more left tackle depth in 2009, joining two starts at left tackle, and has drawn praise from new offensive line coach Frank Verducci and head coach Charlie Weis in spring practice.

Weis said that while he could not speak specifically about the seniors until they were officially approved for a potential return, mentioning them added to the roster, mentioning them added to the roster, mentioning them added to the roster, mentioning them added to the roster, mentioning them added to the roster, mentioning them added to the roster, mentioning them added to the roster, mentioning them added to the roster, mentioning them added to the roster, mentioning them added to the roster, mentioning them added to the roster.

"That set up an Irish to touch down, forced fumble and a recovery versus Michigan, where he had a big performance in the early-season victories versus defense scrimmages. This season, it is a shortage of offensive tackles.

Anello began seeing the field as a gunner in punt coverage as a walk-on during his junior season, and earned a scholarship for his senior year.

"It's not a done deal, but Weis contemplated a potential return for 2009, an award given to the players who have had that set up an Irish to touch down. Weis said. "I knew I could do it. I don't know if you guys knew that," McCarthy said. "You have to have confidence playing in the defensive backfield. Hopefully we can build on last year and continue to move forward."

Weis has also adjusted in the spring to communicating with a new safety lineup alongside him, as rising junior Harrison Smith has taken over at free safety after David Bruton's departure.

"It's different, but the guys we have in are coached so well that we know how to do it. We have to learn how to do it so it's a pretty smooth transition," McCarthy said. "As a young guy coming in a couple years ago, it's been fun watching it all fall down and turn into an everyday player.

The former walk-on and special teams standout Anello will bring his energy and depth to the team defense for one more season, and the senior is charging at the bit to return. "I just can't wait to get out there," Anello said. "I'm going stir-crazy."

Anello's season ended early after breaking his tibia against USC, but he said the recovery process was going well. He was recently named to the Lott Trophy watch list for 2009, an award given to top defensive players who have the biggest impact on and off the field.

When asked, Anello said he didn't know he had been named to the watch list, but was excited. "I hope I can live up to that, eh?" Anello said.

Scott Smith will return and bring depth and leadership to a young but talented corps of linebackers. Smith recorded 12 tackles, including a sack, and played in all 13 games in 2009.

Herring will return behind McCarthy at strong safety, and will like Anello hope to make an impact primarily on special teams. Last season Herring also appeared in every game and tallied 17 tackles.

In order to qualify for a fifth year, players must have remaining NCAA eligibility, have graduated at the end of spring semester, and enroll in graduate studies at Notre Dame.

"We are happy to officially include all five players onto our roster," Weis said after the group was approved for one more season. "Their leadership is greatly appreciated."

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Notes: Weis clarifies Chicago Tribune story

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An article in Sunday's Chicago Tribune reported that Charlie Weis considered leaving Notre Dame after last season, but the Irish coach clarified that statement after his Wednesday press conference.

The article said Weis briefly considered leaving the team and added that he had spoken with the possibility of a job change with his family, but fully intended on staying with the Irish.

"Not that anything that was in the article was totally wrong. I think that the interpretation of what the intent and from my end and from the story is just a little bit different," Weis said.

The question was clearly asked to me, I don't talk to your family about leaving the Irish, Weis said.

"The anyone who has a situation that is uncomfo rtable, your husband and father would do, you know, you address it with your wife, you address it with your kids and you talk about the what if.

Weis said if he hadn't addressed the situation with his family, he would have been "negligent in [his] responsibility."

"I don't think I was going to quit and walk out the door? That's not what I came here for," Weis said. "I know if you guys knew that," McCarthy said. "I knew I could do it. I don't know if you guys knew that," McCarthy said. "You have to have confidence playing in the defensive backfield. Hopefully we can build on last year and continue to move forward."

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An Oscar for Best Original Song, three-time winner of The Source's lyri- cist of the year, three Grammys for Best Rap Album, four Grammys for Best Rap Performance, best selling rap artist twice, NME's best rap act, ranked 82 on Rolling Stone's "The Immortals," named best rapper alive by Vibe in 2008, fastest selling rap album in history, four platinum albums. Eminem has a few honors already racked up:

On April 7, Eminem released his latest single, "We Made You" off of his highly anticipated new album "Relapse," which is scheduled for release May 19.

Six years ago, Eminem was unparalleled in his combination of both critical and commercial success but with his newest effort we have to ask, was his act ever really that good? To answer this question, one must start at the beginning.

"The Slim Shady LP" was released slightly more than ten years ago. After hearing Eminem freestyle on a radio show, Dr. Dre signed him to the label and released his first album. With "My Name Is," the release following the huge underground success of "I Just Don't Give," the song "My Name Is" delivered.

In his first album, Eminem was engrossed in his Slim Shady persona. Each song walks a balance between funny and dark, charming and troubling, smug and sympathetic. The lyrics jump freely from his drug abuse to his stunted childhood, his frustrated love life to his broken home, and from cartoonish violence to threats aimed at his family.

The second single, "Guilty Conscience," continues this fine line between hero and villain as an angel played by Dr. Dre verbally spars with Eminem's devil on robbery, date rape and even murder.

The following year, Eminem released his second album, "The Marshall Mathers LP." Undeniably, "The Real Slim Shady," the first single off the album, made him a household name.

Controversy surrounded his lyrics; fans found the music sexist, profane, sexually explicit and violent. While these allegations hold true, others found value in his humor and social criticism. Remarkably, after a decade of examining these songs, it is still hard to tell when he is joking.

Two more songs off his sophomore album stand out as examples. Both "The Way I Am" and "Stan" are incredibly dark and aggressive rants responding to his fame.

The former is a violent, self-hate song where Eminem lashes out at his fans, critics and record label.

The latter tells the story of an obsessed fan and a compassionate artist, surprisingly, "Stan," the least successful song at the time of release, is considered as one of the strongest rap songs ever created because of its poet- ic narrative, sympathetic and personal portrayal of an artist, exceptional production and an impressive hook provided by Dido.

Several components run through his first two albums which contribute to Eminem's success; his flow is accessible, the crafty balance between humor and darkness provides a dramatic tension, the anger fueling his lyrics is unrestrained without being out of place and the production features Dr. Dre in near perfect form.

When it comes down to it, no one should feel comfortable listening to Eminem's first two albums. His early work was rarely fun and would certainly be out of place at a club.
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Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright throws towards the plate during St Louis’ 7-4 win over Chicago on Thursday. Wainwright pitched six innings and picked up his second win of the season.

Astros outfielder Hunter Pence rounds the bases after hitting a solo home run during Houston’s 6-3 win over Pittsburgh.

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Madden retires from broadcasting

NEW YORK — John Madden’s last game as a football announcer was a thrilling Super Bowl XLIII decided in the final seconds. The perfect ending to a run as one of sports’ most popular broadcasters, now that Madden called it a career Thursday. Yet it didn’t fit Madden’s style to think about his retirement that way. “I’m a grinder,” he said on his Bay Area radio show. “You just grit and get through it and when it’s all over, you think about it. You don’t rush into any decisions.”

Madden’s encore for football and blue-collar persona endeared him to TV viewers for three decades. Boom! As sudden as his signature call, he’s leaving midway through a six-year contract with NBC’s “Sunday Night Football.”

“I think his work ethic and passion and love for the game made him apart from everybody else,” said longtime broadcast partner Pat Summerall.

Madden said his health is fine, but at the age of 73, he wanted to spend more time with his family. His 50th wedding anniversary is this fall, and his five grandchildren are old enough to notice when he’s gone.

“The thing that made it hard is not because I’m second guessing, Is it the right decision?” But I enjoyed it so damn much, Madden said. “I enjoyed the game and the players and the coaches and the film and the travel and everything.”

Cris Collinsworth will replace Madden, moving over from the network’s studio show, NFC Sports chief Dick Ebersol said. Collinsworth filled in when Madden took a game off last October.

Ebersol called Madden “the absolute best sports broadcaster who ever traveled by bus because of a fear of flying, and with the two Bay Area teams struggling and not hosting any Sunday night games, he would be on the road and away from his family the entire season.

Not that Madden expects to sit at home all the time. He’ll keep using the bus and stay busy with his many endorsements. His “Madden NFL Football” is the top-selling sports video game of all time.

Still, he noted this will be his first season away from the sport since he was a freshman in high school.

In Brief

Celtics’ Ainge hospitalized after heart attack

BOSTON — Boston Celtics general manager Danny Ainge was hospitalized Thursday after suffering what the team described as a minor heart attack. The team issued a brief statement saying that Ainge, 50, was taken to a Boston hospital but provided few other details.

Danny Ainge is recovering at Massachusetts General Hospital after having a minor heart attack. He is recovering nicely, the team said. “Mr. Ainge is expected to remain in the hospital for a few days.”

A spokeswoman for Massachusetts General Hospital referred comment to the team.

The news was first reported by WCVB, a Boston TV station.

“Of all Celtics Nation is thankful that Danny got incredible medical care so quickly and so effectively,” Celtics owner Wye Grousebeck said.

Castroneves tax evasion trial still incomplete

MIAMI — A federal jury reached a partial verdict Thursday in the tax evasion trial of Brazilian race car driver and “Dancing With The Stars” champ Helio Castroneves, but was hung up on several counts.

Federal Judge Donald Graham said he would not immediately read the verdicts on two tax evasion counts against Castroneves and told jurors to continue deliberating on four other tax evasion counts and one conspiracy count. The jurors left without taking further action at the end of their fifth day of deliberations. They were expected to return Friday to continue deliberating.

Castroneves, 33, is charged with conspiring with his sister and lawyer to evade more than $2.3 million in U.S. income taxes.

The jury said it also reached a partial verdict on charges against Kalitza Castroneves, 35, who is her brother’s business manager.

Garnett could miss playoffs with injury

BOSTON — The Big Three is down to Two.

Celtics star Kevin Garnett, the centerpiece of Boston’s 2008 championship run and a key to its hopes of a second title, could miss the playoffs because of a knee injury that has limited him to four games over the final two months of the season.

Garnett has been the Celtics’ inspiration leader since joining them in 2007, but his absence raised questions about whether the team could still win a second NBA title.

Celtics coach Doc Rivers said Thursday that Garnett will not be ready for Game 1 against the Chicago Bulls and possibly won’t be back at all.

“It’s not official that he’s out for the playoffs,” Rivers said before practice at the team’s workout facility. “I just don’t know how, but I hope I’m wrong. But I just don’t see it.”

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NFL

Former Oakland Raiders coach John Madden speaks during his enshrinement into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio on August 5, 2006. His last day as a broadcast analyst was Super Bowl XLIII.

Madden traveled by bus because of a fear of flying, and with the two Bay Area teams struggling and not hosting any Sunday night games, he would be on the road and away from his family the entire season.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and other stars from the greatest and most famous pennant past would have been embarrassed.

After an 8-3 win over a franchise that was home to 26 World Series championships, the New York Yankees opened baseball’s fanciest and priciest ballpark Thursday in the humbling 10-2 loss to the Cleveland Indians.

"It felt like we disappointed quite a few people today," Johnny Damon said.

Fans in the sellout crowd of 48,731 and a 4-1 win over the unblooded Indians spent.

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They saw the Yankees trot out numerous changes in the first five innings as they were stranded 10 runners while going 0-for-7 with men in scoring position against Cliff Lee (1-2). The primary cheerleader for this night was CC Sabathia, who hit the first home run in the ballpark’s history, a fifth-inning drive that that landed in Monument Park behind center field.

"In going out, you know, it being the first game is not going to make the start of hourlong pregame festivities," Martinez said.

"You could feel that it was quite a few people today," Posada said.

"I feel bad. Better to happen now than at the end of the season," Veras said.

"I don’t know how ready we were. I don’t know at this point," Van Gundy said.

"I think he will be ready, and I don’t know how ready we are," manager Joe Torre said.

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ND Women's Golf

Irish seek fourth Big East title

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

The defending Big East champion Irish will put their title on the line when they compete in the Big East Championship this Sunday at the Jovita Golf Club in Dade City, Fla.

Last year, Notre Dame surprised heavily favored Louisville to win its third Big East Championship in school history. Once again, the No. 15 Cardinals are the favorites, but Irish coach Susan Holt says her team has been there before.

"Last year they were supposed to kill us," Holt said. "We ended up winning by nine strokes."

Even with the title of defending champions, the team is looking at this weekend's championship as just another tournament.

"It's been one of our main goals all year to win the Big East Championship," Holt said. "But, there's really no need to bring anything more to the round than we normally would."

Holt, previously head coach at the University of South Florida, will be making a homecoming of sorts when she returns to the Jovita Golf Club, the Bulls' home course.

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The Belles’ run towards an MIAA championship has hit a speed bump as they dropped both games of a doubleheader to Hope College on Wednesday. The losses were the first for Saint Mary’s (22-6, 6-4 MIAA) at home in almost a month and come just as bad for the MIAA playoffs seemed to be falling in place.

The team managed just two runs total between the games, which is a disappo inting number, considering the dominant offensive numbers it has put up this season. “We struggled a little bit with hitting but I think we have a good attitude so I think we will be ready for our next game,” freshman third baseman Kate Mitchell said. “It’s more mental than it is physical and I think with a day off it will help us regroup ourselves. We have been looking for the end of the season for a while now.”

Even with the losses, however, Saint Mary’s still controls its own destiny with four league games remaining in the season. As it stands now, the Belles are hanging on to the fourth spot in the standings, but they still need to win three of their next four games to avoid being left out of postseason play.

The Belles hope to right the ship against Adrian when the two teams meet Saturday. This will be no easy feat as the Bulldogs boast an impressive 29-3 record on the season and are coming off a sweep of Calvin College. If that wasn’t daunting enough, Adrian was recently named the top-ranked team in the NCAAs Division III Central Region.

Looking further into the future, the schedule doesn’t get much easier as Saint Mary’s finishes its MIAA schedule with a doubleheader against two-time reigning champion Trine University. The Thunder boats a 23-7 record and is coming off two close wins over Albion.

Despite the high level of competition that awaits the Belles, Mitchell feels her team will be ready. “We are not nervous, we are just scared, we are a confident team and I think this weekend will prove that,” she said.

The doubleheader against Adrian was scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

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Gebert said. “It’s just a matter of playing good or better than every team has been lacking for the Irish this season,” Kubinski said.

Aside from delivering in recent events, such as back-to-back 10th place finishes at the FAI Spring Break Championship and the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate tournament, while individual golfers have excelled, a complete team effort has been lacking for the Irish since they grabbed top-five finishes at a pair of events over Spring break.

“From one to five we’re as good or better than every team in our conference,” Kubinski said. “It’s just a matter of playing solidly over 54 holes. The team understands that.”

The lack of consistency can be chalked up to an extraordinarily young line-up, featuring no seniors and only one junior, Doug Fortner, who has seen regular action his entire collegiate career.

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MLB

Dodgers defeat Giants for fifth straight victory

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rafael Furcal hit a leadoff home run and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Francisco Giants 7-2 Thursday night for their fifth straight victory.

In last Friday in his season debut, he gave up four runs and seven hits over four innings in a 7-3 loss at San Diego.

Zito, in the third year of a seven-year, $126 million contract, is 21-32 with a 4.95 ERA in 67 starts for the Giants. Last season, the 2002 AL Cy Young Award winner gave up 102 walks, struck out 120 batters and lost 17 games — his worst totals over a full season in the majors. He also became the first Giants pitcher since Jesse Burkett in 1890 to start a season 0-8, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Zito left in the sixth after nicking Russell Martin with a pitch and walking the next two batters. All three scored, as Brandon Medders gave up Blake’s sacrifice fly and Mientkiewicz’s two-run double into the right field corner.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish enter tourney on top

By ALEX BARKER Assistant Sports Editor

For the 13th time in the past 14 seasons, No. 4 Notre Dame will enter the Big East Championship tournament as the top seed, but coach Jay Louderback isn’t getting eight titles in 12 previous tries.

“I have had a tremendous season this far and have high expectations for the postseason. After beginning the season ranked outside the top-15, the Irish wasted little time climbing up to the No. 3 spot after victories over Stanford and Baylor in the ITA National Indoor championships in February.

“We have had a really good year up to this point,” said Louderback. “Our schedule has been the doubles portion of the match. The team is 1-3 on the season in matches where it hasn’t clinched the doubles point. Louderback knows how much it means to his team to get started on the right foot.

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The Irish have had a very good year up to this point,” said Louderback. “Our schedule was very tough and I think our kids did a great job each time we played.

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flying from Connecticut to South Bend on Saturday night could prove tiring. Coach Kevin Corrigan is not overly concerned about this factor. Rather, Corrigan foresees the Irish rolling through as they have all season. "We are not out on momentum right now, we have not lost yet this year," Corrigan said. "But I don’t know how much that will really affect this game. We just have to go in with the mindset of outplaying them and outworking them for 60 minutes."

The second game of the back-to-back weekend is at home, and Notre Dame seems to play well at home. Along with the undefeated 10 game win streak in the past 24 games. The team lost last at home on April 7, 2005, to Denver.

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**NBA**

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His goal is to impress enough people and raise his draft stock to the point where he can leave Notre Dame for good.

"Right now, as me and coach said, I don't think we're going into this thing 50 percent," Harangody said. "We're going to go full speed. We're going into it to go into it, not to just see if I need to improve on anything. We're just going to go and try to get this thing done."

Harangody said there is no definitive pick number that'll make him jump for the press and that he might not make his decision until a few days before the June 15 deadline. It's a decision he'll make after receiving feedback from the teams he works out for, his coach and his family.

"I've talked to a lot of people and gotten a lot of input," Harangody said. "It's too early to tell how things are shaping up right now. I think that's one thing I'm going to know as the process goes on.

Harangody will be the fourth player under Brey to declare for the draft before his senior year.

"My feeling was after we went through it last year and the year that he had, in January, I really feel he owed it to himself to do this," Brey said. "Everything he's done for our program, as consistent as he's been in this league, playing against NBA frontline people, especially this year, you take advantage of the rule to get out there and do it." Troy Murphy decided to enter the draft following his junior season in 2001, and was selected with the 14th overall pick. Chris Thomas and Torin Francis also tested the waters following their junior years, but chose to return for their senior seasons.

In all three cases, Brey said, his players made the correct move and he hopes Harangody makes the right decision, regardless of whether he comes back to Notre Dame or goes pro.

"Troy Murphy and I were going through it and he said, 'Coach, I think I have to go. And I said, 'You do have to go because you're going to be in the top 15, We're proud of you, and we'll lead the parade and congratulations,'" Brey said.

"I've been down that road before and I've been down two other roads where guys were smart enough not to stay hangin' out there on draft night.

Harangody knows the obstacles that lie ahead of him. He knows some think he's under-sized and knows he needs to improve his post defense, but Harangody heard the same things when he came to Notre Dame. Two All-American selections and a Big East Player of the Year award later, Harangody is ready to show his doubters what he can do.

"I do see it as a challenge. I talked about this with coach the other day. When I came into college, that was a challenge, to get playing time, get a starting position," Harangody said. "This is going to be exactly the same way. I feel like I have to prove myself again and that's fine with me. I like that type of challenge.

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**Huskies**

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"Our focus is shifting back to the Big East," Irish Coach Tracy Coyne said. "I think it's good to get back to our goal of winning the Big East Championship. We need to take care of business Saturday against Connecticut and then start preparing for really tough competition in the Big East Tournament."

The Huskies recently defeated Holy Cross, snapping their three game losing streak. Connecticut (3-12, 2-4) comes into the match with its Big East tournament berth hopes on the line.

The Irish are 8-2 all-time against the Huskies, winning four out of the five matches played at home. In the teams' previous meeting a year ago, Notre Dame defeated Connecticut 11-6.

Scoring has been a strength for the Irish this season, as they come into the match averaging nearly 76 goals per game, good for first in the Big East. Five Irish players enter the contest with point streaks, including senior Jillian Byers and sophomore Shaylyn Blaney, who are each riding 13-game point streaks, and junior Gina Sciacca, who enters the contest with a 13-game point streak.

"I have confidence in the team on both sides of the ball, but I think we feel better as a team when we're scoring," Coyne said. "It relaxes us. From that standpoint, if the attack is struggling a little bit early, it makes us a little more tense. If we're scoring early, it will relax us a little more and maybe we'll play better."

Notre Dame will also honor its seniors before the game on Saturday. Byers, along with Shannon Burke, Erin Goodman and Beth Koleup, will be honored as they play in their last home game this weekend against the Huskies.

"Everyone's going to be really motivated to go out and play well for the seniors and thank them for their contributions to the program and honor them with a great victory," Coyne said.

The class of 2009 has been one of the most successful in Irish history, appearing in three Big East tournaments, two NCAA tournaments and accumulating a 49-21 career record, the best in team history.

"The seniors have had a huge impact on the success of the program in terms of elevating our overall profile on the national level," Coyne said. "I think they've brought a certain level of intensity, commitment and competitiveness that's allowed us to compete with the top teams in the country."

The meeting between the Irish and the Huskies is scheduled to begin at noon at Alumni Field.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Early departure

Harangody announces plans to enter draft

By CHRIS HINE
Senior Sports Writer

When Luke Harangody arrived at Notre Dame three years ago, he was just worried about getting a few minutes of playing time and finding a niche in the competitive Big East. How life can change quickly.

On Thursday, Harangody announced he will make himself eligible for the NBA Draft and potentially forego his senior season to fulfill his dream of playing professional basketball. Harangody will not hire an agent, which will allow him to withdraw from the draft by June 15 if he so wishes, but Harangody isn’t entering this process of the draft just to have NBA teams critique his future in its two matches this weekend as it travels to conference bottom-feeders Villanova and Rutgers.

The Irish (16-25, 9-11 Big East) currently sit third in the conference, two games behind leader Louisville and 1 1/2 games behind Depaul. The games this weekend will wrap up a seven-game road trip for the Irish, the longest of the season.

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ND SOFTBALL

Team visits Big East rivals, looks to improve standing

By LAURA MYERS
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame looks to gain ground in the Big East this weekend as it travels to conference bottom-feeders Villanova and Rutgers.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Undefeated Irish to play two

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will get a taste of the past and a taste of the future in its two matches this weekend.

The No. 3 Irish (10-0, 3-0) face GWLL foe Quinnipiac (13-7, 1-2) on Saturday and host future Big East foe St. John’s Sunday.

The Saturday matchup with the Bobcats will be the preliminary GWLL regular season game for Notre Dame. On April 25, the Irish face Ohio State at Columbus in a prequel to the Buckeye spring football game.

Next season, men’s lacrosse is joining the Big East conference and Notre Dame will be leaving the GWLL.

The weekend presents two matchups in two days, halfway across the country.

Irish senior midfielder Peter Cristman defends an opponent during Notre Dame’s 9-7 win over Villanova on March 31.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers take on Huskies in finale

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

No. 9 Notre Dame hopes to bounce back in its final match of the regular season when it faces Connecticut on Saturday at Alumni Field.

The Irish (11-4, 4-2 Big East) are coming off two tough losses against No. 8 Syracuse, which is tied atop the Big East standings, and non-conference foe No. 12 Vanderbilt. Notre Dame’s conference record has it sitting in third place behind the Orange and Georgetown.

The Irish have already clinched their spot in the Big East Championships on April 24 and 26.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Police Squad defeats BOOM in long contest

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South Bend Police Squad – You’re Screwed (SBPS) defeated BOOM! Roasted in a lengthy, physical and equally matched game 23-14 on the bookstore courts Thursday night.

The game started slowly with neither team taking control early in the first half. It wasn’t until a five-point run by SBPS gave them an early advantage SBPS beat 11-7 at halftime.

In the second half, the game remained evenly matched. After SBPS started the second half with a three point run to open the lead to seven points, BOOM! brought the game back to four with a run of their own.

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There wasn’t much doubt pull away and get the win after over an hour and 15 minutes of action. “Their height got us...” BOOM! captain Sarah Trent commented after the game. “We just came up a little short.”

Kaitlyn Lynch of the SBPS was excited not only about her team’s performance, but also about their fan base. “It was great!” Lynch said. “We have some hardcore fans that come to every game.”

Tiz Shadley of SBPS was also inspired by the team’s fans. “Once we heard our cheering section we knew we were going to win.”

Irish senior forward Luke Harangody goes up for a dunk during a 74-62 loss to West Virginia in the Big East Tournament. Harangody announced Thursday that he will enter the NBA draft.