D'Arcy revisits Obama controversy

Local bishop addresses president's Commencement speech in Aug. 31 magazine article

By AARON STEINER
New Wire

The discussion continues.

Notre Dame was thrust into a national spotlight last May when President Barack Obama delivered the Commencement address on campus, with many Catholics protesting the invitation and the decision to award Obamas an honorary degree.

Local Bishop John D'Arcy, whose diocese includes the University, is again speaking out about the controversy, this time in an article appearing in the Aug. 31, 2009 edition of America Magazine, a Jesuit publication.

In the piece, which was published earlier this week on americamagazine.org, D'Arcy questions the future of Catholic universities and notes "the seriousness of the present moment."

D'Arcy released three statements last spring in response to the controversy, condemning the University's decision, but also later condemning "unfriendly" protests.

D'Arcy addresses the role of Catholic universities within the church and the responsibilities of such institutions in the article.

In questioning the relationship between institutions like Notre Dame and the church, he again noted his role as a "teacher" for universities in his

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Freshmen adjust to campus life

After a busy orientation weekend, Class of 2013 settles in at ND

By MOLLY MADDEN
New Wire

After a jam-packed orientation weekend that saw less campus-wide events and more dorm-specific activities than previous years, the Class of 2013 can settle into college life.

"I got to meet a lot of different people at a lot of the different activities at Domerfest," freshman Tom Temmerman said.

"Also, the event was so awkward that it was really easy to talk to people. I feel like my awkwardness of the whole thing."

Freshmen Orientation, or Frosh-O, occurs each year and is intended to make the transition

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Where In The World Is...

By junior year, college is easy. You know where every building is on campus. You know which classes in your major are likely to be easy. You know your major (hopefully). After two years at Notre Dame, there is really no excuse to not be completely together.

Still, on the first day of class, I managed to oversleep for my first class of the year and sit down in the wrong classroom for my second class of the year.

But as a junior, I know my roommate is going to be enough not to be surprised when the recycling bin is overflowing with diet sodas after two days. I know where to get the best coffee on campus. (And it’s not at Starbucks).

Junior year is easy — with one notable exception. It is the year nearly everyone interested in studying abroad leaves campus.

According to the Office of Undergraduate admissions, over half of the students at Notre Dame study abroad at some point in their time on campus — a statistic the University likes to brag about.

While impressive, I never considered how much this percentage, which ranks Notre Dame the third highest of national colleges and universities in sending students abroad for a semester, year or summer, affects my life.

I opted not to study abroad for several different reasons, but almost all of my friends with the exception of a few, decided to study in France, London, Australia and Mexico. Although I am mostly excited for them, I am also selfishly resentful that my friends are now scattered across different continents during the year that everything at Notre Dame is now supposed to be easy and familiar.

But without everyone here, the dorm doesn’t feel the same and campus doesn’t feel the same. The year is fragmented, with some people leaving for the Fall, some for the Spring and some for the whole year.

I have to get used to refraining from random texts when something on campus reminds me of them, and I have to find more people to steal clothes from, since people apparently have to bring their clothes with them abroad.

With so many juniors gone, this year will be different. Even though I selfishly wish my friends who are abroad now for the Fall semester were here on campus, I mostly just wish that they all have amazing experiences abroad — and I know you all will.

Love you and miss you! Don’t forget to send postcards.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Madeline Buckley at mbuckley@nd.edu.
College implements new advising system

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College installed a new advising system for the 2009-2010 school year, helping students to make academic and career decisions by asking them questions.

The students answer questions such as “Who am I? What is my passion?” “To what am I called?” “What is my purpose?” “What is my difference in the world?” to discover more about their hopes for the future.

On my very first day here, I looked at the possibility of creating a more robust advising system for students that included what the career center had to offer, but started much earlier,” Patricia Fleming, senior vice president and dean of faculty, said.

The system will be run as a collaborative program through the Department of missions, the academic department and the Department of Student Affairs.

The new system is also designed to help students discover their aptitudes. It is open to all students, and can be taken in the Career Crossings Office.

“The system is also designed to help students find internships. Interests have become very important. Internships can be very key if they occur in either the sophomore or junior summer in helping students to understand how they can make a difference in the world and where their passions lie,” Fleming said.

Students will also have the opportunity to learn how they can work for social justice.

The Career Crossings Office plans to host a career information session where students and Indiana employers can meet.

The program is funded by the College, as well as through the Lilly Foundation.

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Gameday ritual to change

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

A hospitality village, ticket scanners and public parking on the Notre Dame Golf Course are some of the additions that will be implemented this fall for home football games.

The new gameday initiatives originated from an ad hoc committee study that took place last school year, according to a press release.

The committee’s study ran from the middle of football season last year to late February when the findings were submitted to University President Fr. John I. Jenkins, senior vice president and chief operations officer and in the departments.

The new game-day initiatives were aimed at improving the fan experience.

The goal of the research was to gather information from as many sources as possible. The findings were submitted to the need for a central person to be in charge of the new initiatives.

“We heard from people the experience could be better,” Seamon said. “Fr. John has a continuous improvement model for the university that he took and applied to game-day. We are proud of how we are, but we know we can get better.”

Seamon said the additional feature for this fall is the opening of the North End of Notre Dame Stadium from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for fans to walk down the tunnel and onto the field for photo opportunities.

Seamon said they will be asking for feedback through the website gameaday.nd.edu as well as through a toll-free phone number 800-ND1-FANS.

Both hardcopy and e-mail surveys will be available towards the end of the season as well.

“This is a continuous process that is just beginning,” he said. “We will be constantly tweaking the improvements that we have already made.”

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Philippines honors White House Chef  

**MANILA, Philippines** — For the White House chefs, growing their own vegetables straight from the garden is just like preparing food in their native Philippines — healthy and simple.

Filipino-American Cristina Pasia-Gonzalez, the first woman and first minority to serve as the executive chef in the White House, created the first fady for making the family eat healthy, organic vegetables from the garden Michelle Obama planted in April.

She is one of three to be honored this year by the Bank of the Philippines as an outstanding Filipino overseas. The honor will be formally awarded on Tuesday.

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**Women's role in Camorra increases**

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good memories with Freshman Orientation, including winning her own rubber duck at trivia night in the Oak Room. "The Frosh-0 team was great!" she said. Sr. Cindy Broderick, OP, from Pasquerilla East, said she had a positive Freshman Orientation and move-in experience. "I'm surprised at how smooth move-in went," Broderick said. "During staff training, we spent a lot of time together. This extra time helped when it came to working together." Broderick is also adjusting well to her new schedule. "I'm more of a night person and had a positive schedule. I'm trying to get to know as many girls as possible on all different levels." Broderick said. "There's just one of me, I wish I could multiply myself."

The new rectors share similar goals. "God called me to Notre Dame to send women into leadership," said D'Amelio. "I'm trying to get to know as many girls as possible on all different levels." Cindy Broderick P.E. rector "God called me to Notre Dame to send women into leadership." Lucille D'Amelio Howard rector "I think I'm adjusting well. I was ready for a change," Broderick said. "I had a good friend at work that went to Notre Dame who said I'd be perfect." The rectors share similar goals. "I'm trying to get to know as many girls as possible on all different levels," Broderick said. "There's just one of me, I wish I could multiply myself."

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I like never before, teen lit is alive with plus-size characters who take on their school tormentors and get the guy, soaking up self-esteem as football hero meets big girl models. While fat may not be the new vampire, the upstart comes at just the right time for young readers. Childhood obesity is epic while a large, loud and proud fat acceptance movement advocates good health at any size over doored diets, food obsessions and body shame. In titles that include "Looking," "Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies" and "This Book Isn't Fat, It's Fabulous," young people with meat on their bones are front and center in at least two dozen new books out since last year, rather than the usual ugly-duckling best friend or neighbor. Many of the stories conclude without significant weight loss, a huge break-through for some young fans. "There weren't many characters I could relate to when I was younger," said Elizabeth Sterling, an 18-year-old nursing student who writes a blog called Diary of a Fat Teenager. "The message that would come across to my young insecure brain would be, 'In order to do what you like, you need to look like them.'"

Allen Zadoff's September release "Food, Girls and Other Things I Can't Have" relies on wit and cutting dialogue to tell the story of a rare overweight boy protagonist. Zadoff, 42, said he was obese growing up like his 15-year-old Andrew Zansky.

"I was not just overweight. I was struggling with an eating disorder. I got larger and larger in my mind," he said. "No amount of dieting would fix the problem for me. I would lose weight and then gain it all back." Zadoff said. Out of his struggle came his acclaimed adult memoir in 2007, "Hungry: Lessons Learned on the Journey from Fat to Thin."

The upcoming book, his first for young readers, features Andrew, a high school sophomore who weighs 360.4 pounds. He dreads squeezing into his classroom desk and rubs off the very public size 48 lettering on the outer waist of Levi's he can barely zip. He looks for an insider's life and makes it as a jock, only to readjust his priorities. "When I was in my sophomore year in high school, the coach came up to me and asked me if I had ever considered playing football," Zadoff said. "At the time I was insulted. I knew he was just asking me because I was big, so I said no. Andrew says yes. As a result, his life path takes a radical turn. I wrote the book to kind of explore how would my life had been different if I had said yes instead of no."

In C. Leigh Purtill's "All About Vee," held and bright 18-year-old Veronica May also says yes — to life, love and adventure. Veronica is a big (217 pounds) and talented star in the community theater scene in her tiny border town of Chester, Ariz., where she grows frustrated with the life path of her elderly father. She then heads to Hollywood to make it as an actress, contending for the first time with competition from the size zeros. After some ups and downs, she gets the bunny while staying true to herself. "Too many books have the girls as overweight, then they go to fat camp or they become the beautiful person by dieting, by losing weight," Purtill said. "There always seemed to be this losing weight element that was key to their happiness. I just wanted my characters to be representative of a lot of people out there."

Skyanne Fisher, a book blogger and 114-year-old of size in the small northeastern Pennsylvania town of Wyalusing, said she's a Vee fan for precisely those reasons. "It was one of the books that I really connected to — I loved how she made her own way, had friends and got the boy without forcing herself to lose weight," she said. "It's possible to be happy as you are."

In addition to Vee, there's eighth-grader Celeste Harris, happy living in oversized hosiery under her middle school's social radar until a meddling aunt enters her in the Miss HuskyPeach Modeling Challenge in Erin Dionne's "Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies."
Nokia announces plans for new laptop
NEW YORK — Nokia Corp., the world’s largest maker of cell phones, said Monday that it will start making a small, light laptop, similar to ones PC manufacturers are already selling through its carriers around the world.

The Finnish company says the Nokia Booklet 200 will run Microsoft Corp.’s Windows software, have a 10-inch screen and weigh 2.8 pounds. That puts it squarely around the world.

Rex Jones, chief analyst at NPD Group, a market research company, said on Tuesday that the company is down about 5 percent and plus-size is down almost 10 percent from the 12 months ending in May 2009 compared to the same time the year before.

It’s hard to account for the dip at a time when more than half of American women are estimated to wear plus-sizes, generally covering size 14 and up, but analysts have some theories.

“The stigma will continue despite the majority of the population is overweight,” said Marshal Cohen, chief retail analyst at NPD. The stigma means some retailers don’t want to lure overweight customers and send out the “wrong” image, experts said, adding that just thinking of themselves may feel put off by many stores.

Retailers, including Old Navy, Banana Republic and Ann Taylor, have taken their plus-size collections out of stores and are selling them online, which some experts say plus-size shoppers prefer. Others, including H&M, have dropped out of the plus-size arena.

Several years ago, stores had made an effort to expand the plus-size market, but they have basically abandoned the strategy. In the recession, Cohen said.

“They’ve made feel-good attempts to reach that market, but now that business is challenged, it is first thing knocked out of the store,” he said. “Even though they built it, this was not a sort of dreams for the retailer.”

And there’s also the uncomfortable connection between obesity and lower incomes, which might help explain the dip. A study of nationally representative data on American workers by two professors at Stanford University found that obese workers at the same level of job experience, education and gender earned less than their thinner colleagues.

For women, there was a statistically significant difference in wages of $2.64 per hour. For men it was 58 cents per hour, which wasn’t statistically significant.

“The recession has hit workers hard, obese (workers) are hit particularly hard,” said Jay Bhattacharya, associate professor of medicine at Stanford University.

Christie L. Nordthelm, associate professor of marketing at the University of Michigan, said that if overweight people are paid less, it would make sense that they would cut down on buying clothes.

“If they are stressed about paying their mortgage, they are not going to be in a clothing store getting this year’s hot new look,” she said.

Still, several brands are reaching out to plus-size customers. Lane Bryant is launching a costume-inspired line called the icon Collection by Lane Bryant in September, while Forever 21 has launched a plus-size line called Faith 21.

And for some retailers, plus-size clothing remains a relatively bright spot.

“I will say that the general apparel and upscale retail is soft and large sizes is no worse — a little better than the average,” said Frank Doreff, Bloomington’s vice-chairman and general merchandise manager for ready-to-wear.

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More people using layaway

Associated Press

NEW YORK — To gauge consumers' strain, look no further than the rows and rows of plastic bags awaiting layaway payments at Kmart. They are filled with back-to-school basics — not just T-shirts and jeans but notebooks, magic markers and pencils.

It is unheard of for layaway rooms to be so packed at back-to-school time and for the packages to include relatively cheap school supplies.

A record number of shoppers, shut off from credit and short on cash, are relying on Kmart's layaway program to pay for all of their kids' school needs, said Tom Aiello, a spokesman for Kmart's parent Sears Holdings Corp. Layaway allows shoppers to pay over time, interest-free, and pick up their merchandise when it's paid in full.

"It's a sight. In the past, we would see layaway start to pick up around Halloween as people get a jump start for Christmas, said David Travis, manager of a Kmart store in Conover, N.C.

Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corp. said its layaway business is stronger than a year ago. And eLayaway.com, which offers online layaway services for about 1,000 merchants, has seen its business double from the same time last year.

Consumers are setting aside even $25 calculators and $30 backpacks.

The word "layaway" had more than double the interest among U.S. searches in August 2009 than it had in August 2008, according to Google Insights for Search.

Retailers that don't offer layaway are seeing financially strapped shoppers keep buying smaller amounts and using more cash than credit to pay.

"It just tells you that consumers have no money — even that $30 backpack is something they can't afford," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research group.

Layaway has its roots in the Great Depression. It became passe in the past two decades with the rise of credit cards. But the recession and financial crisis have caused banks to raise rates, pare credit limits and close accounts. For some consumers, layaway is the best option to budget for purchases.

Buying a little at a time and other signs of stress are casting a dark cloud over the holiday season, which accounts for as much as 40 percent of annual sales for many retailers.

Many economists expect to see another holiday season of sales declines, on top of last year's Christmas period, the weakest in several decades. That's raising more doubts about an economic recovery and causing consumers to save for gifts.

"The job market is too unstable to take on additional debt," said C. Britt Beemer. "We are seeing consumers have no money — even that $30 backpack is something they can't afford."
World economy improving

WASHINGTON — Turnabouts in European and Asian economies, along with recent gains in the U.S., are raising hopes that the worldwide recession is drawing to a close. That’s not to say the coast is clear. The brightening outlook in Europe and Asia and the improvement in U.S. credit markets and indicators reflect heavy government stimulus spending. Many analysts question whether the top economies can sustain recoveries after stimulus measures and easy-credit policies have run their course — and in the absence of significant new consumer spending, especially among Americans.

"It’s not clear that these economies can continue to move forward without stimulus," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody’s Economy.com. "And that’s in part why job markets across the globe are nervous.

It will be difficult for other countries to pull out of recession, one analyst noted. "The continent’s two largest economies, reported recently, have a long way to go." The two countries to pull out of recession:

Europe: France and Germany, the continent’s two largest economies, reported recent improvements in many U.S. economic statistics, many consumers haven’t seen a comparable period.

Many jobs have been lost — nearly seven million in the recession, according to the University of Maryland and a critic of Obama’s economic-recovery plans, said "China has a $400 billion stimulus package, and its economy is growing at a robust 7 percent pace. President Obama has an $800 billion stimulus but prospects for the U.S. economy recovery are fragile."

Other economists are more guarded. President Obama’s "national security" is outside the normal." The current economy is at risk of a "binary economy," where some countries experience growth and others struggle. The United States is at risk of a "no-growth" economy.

"It is reasonable to say that the government is doing its share, but many private sectors are not," the economist noted. "This is outside the normal." The current economy is at risk of a "no-growth" economy.

HAINES JUNCTION — A veil of smoke settled over the forest in the shadow of the St. Elias Mountains, in a wilderness whose spruce trees stood tall, and gray, a deathly gray even in the greenest heart of a Yukon summit.

"As far as the eye can see, it’s all infected," forester Rob Legare said, looking out over the thick woods of the Asek River valley.

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"It is a fingerprint of climate change," Aynale Ogden, senior researcher for the Yukon Forest Management Branch, said in Whitehorse, the territorial capital. "The intensity and severity of the infestation is out of control."

Hiking through the wild and beetle-ravaged Asek valley, Legare, the Yukon agency’s forest health expert, explained how the 7.5-millimeter (quarter-inch) insect does its damage.

"Usually the female bores into the tree first, followed by the male, and then they mate and both excrete a main egg gall which runs parallel to the wood grain," he said.

The hatched larvae, just beneath the outer bark, then feed via perpendicular galleries that tunnel around the tree, eating off nutrients moving through the phloem and killing the plant. Its needles turn reddish, later gray, and eventually wind topples the dead wood.

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Ben Gibbard famously owned his breakthrough album “Transatlantiam” with “So this is the New Year / And I don’t feel any different.” Much like Gibbard, we upperclassmen face a brand new year. Unlike Gibbard, we upperclassmen are not putting out platinum records to win about it.

But the contrast goes deeper than relative success of indie rock albums. For many of us upperclassmen do feel different, because this new year represents a golden opportunity. Specifically, for the male juniors and seniors, this new year represents a golden opportunity to score with the hot and insecure freshman girls before they realize we’re skeezballs.

Now many of my fellow juniors and seniors are salivating at this opportunity. But I am one of the lucky few blessed with a huge captive audience: Viewpoint readers. So I cordially invite my fellow Y-chromes to suck it, because I got what you can only dream of: unprecedented access to the heartstrings of all the fly ladies.

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Like Gibbard, I direct the scholar to the curious case of Lord Byron. My counter-counter-counter: Unlike Gibbard, brand new year.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Wrongful Praise**

In what began as a joyful and prayerful celebration to begin the school year, I was on the verge of tears with my blood boiling as Provost Thomas Burish spoke about former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during the Opening Mass. During the celebration of a mass, a terrible woman was glorified and was somehow tied in to a speech praising Our Mother. Our provost spoke of her as a great woman, while a simple reflection of her time as Prime Minister shows otherwise. She opposed human rights in her own country, vying against the rights and power of trade and labor unions. She sacrificed justice and reasonable living for the working class majority of Britain for the "sake of the economy." Unemployment rates soared myom in Scotland. As a great woman, while a simple recognition of her time as Prime Minister shows otherwise.

This speech became utterly laughable and more disgusting as Burish told her story and identified her turning point in life when her young pen pal died when she was a "naive" girl. Burish himself must have been naive in believing this. This is the same Thatcher who cold-bloodedly let 10 Irishmen, including one elected member of her own Parliament, starve to death as they protested the poor conditions of prison and lack of classification as political prisoners. She let a member of her own government die without intervening!

So, despite Notre Dame being known as a school with many students of Irish background, and despite having arguably the best Irish studies program in this country, our Provost praised not just only one of the most hated figures of Irish republicans in recent history, but one of the most hated politicians in the world's recent history. (There are no less than 42 Facebook groups planning parties for when Thatcher dies.) Such a controversial figure should not be praised anywhere, especially in the sacred sanctuary of a heavily populated Catholic Mass. Provost Thomas Burish surely could have spoken about many other key figures for Donors to draw inspiration from as they begin the school year!

Eugene D'Odriscoll

**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

**Keep students informed without creating H1N1 panic**

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**U-WIRE**

**Boycott Berkeley classes taught by ‘torture memop lawyer**

I add my voice to the growing chorus of UC Berkeley faculty, staff, and students who are outraged by UC Berkeley law professor John Yoo's involvement in the war on terror. Yoo has been directly involved in the creation of the so-called "torture memos," which laid the legal groundwork for President Bush's controversial policies. The University of California at Berkeley is home to some of the greatest minds in the world, and it is unacceptable for the university to have a member of its faculty involved in such unethical behavior. I urge all students to join the active protests of Yoo's continued presence in the law school.

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Help us entertain you.
Passion Pit creates the popular indie rock in their debut album "Manners"

By ALEXANDRA KILPATRICK
Assistant Scene Editor

Don't be surprised if you begin hearing people talk about Passion Pit, an indie electronic band on the rise who has been compared to MGMT but certainly has the creativity, genius and charm to create its own distinct sound. With the high-pitched and passionate falsetto of the lead vocals, munchkin-like backup vocals, insightful yet concise, relatable and fairly accessible lyrics, exuberant upbeat '80's sound and the electronic sound effects and intriguing instrumentation to back it up, Passion Pit's debut album "Manners" has the potential to rank as one of the best alternative albums of the year.

The electronic band formed in Cambridge, Mass., in 2007 and consists of members Michael Angelakos on lead vocals and keyboards, Ian Hultquist on keyboards and guitar, Adam Attias on synth and samples, Jeff Apruzzese on bass and Nate Donmoyer on drums. The group mixes electronic synth pop with a disco sound and disjointed loops to create a sub-genre of indie rock one might refer to as dance rock or electronic and modern pop fans alike. "Manners" opens with the keyboard-ridden "Make Light," which may not be the strongest track on the album but still has the lively drum sounds, warm synth effects and key board riffs and falsetto to create a danceable rock atmosphere. The synth pop tune "Little Secrets," has a sharp bass line and displays some of Passion Pit's insightful yet accessible lyrics: "Let this be our little secret/No one needs to know we're feeling higher and higher and higher... But I feel alive and I feel it in me/In up and I keep on climbing/Higher and higher and higher..." They double up on the "higher and higher" part of the chorus, involving an elementary school choir in the mix. The kindergarten choir may be considered behind the curve but certainly makes the band more endearing in the long run. "Manners," a word subbed track, has a more grandiose atmospheric sound akin to U2 and includes more acoustic instruments as well as synth piano chords. The album's first single, "The Reeling," is a great party-ready dance number and proves to its fans that underneath Passion Pit's upbeat optimistic sound often lies a darker message. "Now I pray that somebody will quickly come and kidnap me/Oh no, oh no/And I would love to be Fork to God's day/Oh no." Much like "Little Secrets," the message is delivered with help from an elementary school choir, contrasting darker themes with a sense of innocence and kno..."mokers," the word for this season take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designers for this trend take it a step further suggesting that designs...
TARANTINO'S NEW WWII FILM

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DMB pays tribute to late band member with a new album

By JOEY KUHN
Assistant Scene Editor

Have you ever been working on a project when life suddenly takes you by surprise, and after that crucial moment the project took on a whole different meaning? That's what happened to the Dave Matthews Band during the recording of their latest album, "Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King." They were mixing for coal, but an accidental and tragic dynamite explosion blew open a cave of diamonds.

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As for the opening scene in "Reservoir Dogs," the band has made a film that is as uniquely Tarantino as it can be. When asked what it means to be a Tarantino film, the band's frontman said, "It's his brainchild, but watch closely. His dialogue has changed, and if there was anything that meant anything to the audience at all, it's been just for the duration of the film's runtime."

"Inglourious Basterds" is a near-ly indescribable manifestation of cinematic storytelling. Using his keen eye for dialogue,flexing his love for gore and tension-filled action and somehow managing to walk the line between quirky comical genius and dark, sensitive storytelling, Tarantino sticks to his guns and brings life to a story that is uniquely his, and could only be as successful as it is under his bold vision.

Payback is the name of the game in this revisionist fantasy of a World War II film. And payback has never been so sweet.

Scene Writer

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The Royals got a run in the first inning on Mark Teahen's sacrifice fly, another in the third on a double by Miguel Olivo.

Asdrubal Cabrera had a run-scoring fielder's choice in the first for Cleveland. Shin-Soo Choo added some excitement with a run-scoring double to left-center in the third, a play that ended with Carroll getting thrown out by three steps at the plate. The right-hander had two runs in the fifth and LaPorta homered in the sixth to give Greinke a chance from a handful of fans and not much else.

In between, Lots of crazy popups, routine grounders, a few strikeouts, the occasional grounder through the infield. "Maybe a little, especially after what Greinke did the night before, it worked. It was different, but it's the big leagues and you handle any atmosphere you're in," Wedge said. "It doesn't matter how good, how bad, you have to raise your level of play."

Huff started off his day with a jolt, one of nine Indians players on the bus when it was hit by a car on the way to the stadium. No one was hurt.

On the field, the lefty didn't let the Royals get the barrel on too many pitches, inducing plenty of soft grounders and sleepy fly balls. Huff allowed two runs and seven hits after lasting just 3 1-3 innings his last start.

"I always help the young guys who are swimming at pitches," Huff said. "It's one of those things where you throw something offspeed, they think it's fastball, a fastball and hopefully they just roll it over."

Greinke had a second decent outing on the heels of four shaky ones, working through traffic to allow three earned runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings. The right-hander lost his chance to end a four-game winless streak with a victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday.

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**Seahawks improve running game**

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Edgerrin James signed with Seattle in an effort to revitalize his career while the Seahawks are just desperate to improve a running game that ranked near the bottom in the NFL last season.

James, who agreed to a free-agent contract Tuesday, said Wednesday that he's not in Seattle to compete with starter Julius Jones but to work with him.

"It's a cool situation to come in and play with Julius," James said Wednesday after his first practice with the Seahawks. "In this day and age in the NFL, everything is pretty much two backs. I'm not here to compete with Julius, I'm here to complement him, to come in here and work together. I just want to win." James is the league's active leading rusher and is 11th on the NFL rushing list with 12,121 yards. But he was benched for the first time in his career last season by Arizona.

His resurgence during the playoffs gave Arizona the running game it had lacked and sparked the team to James' only Super Bowl. The Cardinals released him earlier this year.

The Seahawks, who released running back T.J. Duckett to pave the way for James, signed him to support Jones.

"I'm just going to take it day by day and let the coaches decide how they feel I'm coming along," James said. "I'm not going to try to force nothing, I'm just going to try to do everything I can do.

Coach Jim Mora said that when considering James he watched videos of his last four games last season, including the Super Bowl, in which he had 23 yards in a 27-23 loss to Pittsburgh.

"That's what we based it on, that and his history of being a tough runner that's durable. He doesn't take losses," Mora said. "When we watched him on film, he still looked like that guy.

James also is 31, an age at which running backs are historically on the decline.

"You have to consider his age. It's irresponsible if you don't," Mora said. "We talked about it at length. The fact is he's going to be a complementary back to Julius. Julius is going to be our workhorse, our lead dog. To be able to get a guy of Edgerrin's caliber, his personality and pedigree to come in here and do what he's going to do is bonus for us."

**Louisville quarterback Burke named starter**

**IN BRIEF**

**OLYMPIA, Ky. — Louisville coach Steve Kragthorpe has named junior Justin Burke the starter for the season opener against Indiana State on Sept. 5.**

Kragthorpe said Burke's consistency during training camp earned him the nod over Adam Froman and Zack Stoudt.

Burke sat out last season after transferring from North Carolina State. Kragthorpe said Burke's intelligence and ability to grasp the offense quickly helped him win the job.

Froman, a junior college transfer, had been Burke's strongest competition but has been slowed by a shoulder injury over the last week that forced him to miss last Saturday's scrimmage.

The start will be Burke's first since his senior year at Lexington Catholic, where he threw for a then-record 62 touchdowns.

Burke's Dunleavy to return sooner than expected

**INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers guard Mike Dunleavy says he could return from a severe knee injury earlier than expected. Dunleavy says he can do everything except have physical contact, and he expects that to change within weeks. Pacers coach Jim O'Brien has said he didn't expect Dunleavy to be available until at least January 2010. Dunleavy is back on the court running. Though there is work ahead, he says he's "at a good place right now."

"If it goes pretty well, yeah, I could be back pretty early in the season," Dunleavy said. "There's still a lot of time for that to happen."

His teammates say they like what they've seen.

Vois' Bryce Brown not punished by NCAA

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee freshman tailback Bryce Brown will not be punished as the result of an NCAA investigation into his eligibility, said Lane Kiffin said Wednesday.**

"I think that's a heck of a deal for him, that and his history of not recruiting him at the time.

Kiffin said the NCAA was considering a four-game suspension and a hefty fine as punishment initially, but continued to review the case until deciding to drop it.

The coach said he spoke with NCAA officials and Brown wrote a letter to the organization arguing his case.
Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — The future is now for the new face of the New York Jets, Mark Sanchez.

Sanchez was selected as the team's starting quarterback by coach Rex Ryan on Wednesday, making him the first rookie slated to open a season under center for the Jets.

"This comes with a lot of responsibility," a beaming Sanchez said. "As happy as I am, I know that this is just the beginning and I'm just excited, really excited, to get to play with such great players."

The fifth overall draft pick out of Southern California beat out Kellen Clemens for the job and will make his regular-season debut at Houston on Sept. 13.

"This is something I've always wanted to do and dreams are coming true now," Sanchez said. "It's a special opportunity."

Ryan, who made the announcement after practice, said early in training camp he'd like to make a decision on a starter by the Jets' third preseason game.

"That Mark gives us the best opportunity," Ryan said, "and I think that's what I owe this franchise."

The Jets' next preseason game is Saturday night against the Giants.

Sanchez replaces Brett Favre as the starter after generally showing poise and solid decision-making skills during training camp.

Ryan met with Sanchez and Clemens on Wednesday morning and told them of his decision.

"I'm glad the decision was made earlier rather than later," said Clemens, who added he thought the competition was fair.

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Sanchez has won all three of his starts at Baltimore in a preseason game, Monday night, but threw a touchdown pass to Leon Washington to cap his final series. Sanchez was 3-for-8 for 43 yards and had an interception—his first pass of the game—returned for a touchdown.

"I think it's not about just one game and I think that defense, I'm not making excuses here, but they're a great group," Sanchez said. "They make veteran quarter­backs look silly out there. It wasn't my best game, that's for sure. Do I need to improve? Absolutely."

Meanwhile, Clemens was 5-for-10 for 64 yards and a score, but also had an interception returned for a TD. Entering his fourth season with the Jets after being a second-round pick in 2006, also had a solid but unspectacular camp but threw 12 interceptions compared to the rookie's five during practices.

"I'm disappointed overall because I think I left some plays out there that I should've made, both in practice and in the games," Clemens said. "It's Mark's job and I'll support him moving forward."

It was the third quarterback competition for Clemens, once considered the team's future QB, but he lost out to Chad Pennington in 2006, Favre last summer and now Sanchez.

Each competition was different, Clemens said, "but it never feels good to be the guy who'll be holding the clipboard on Sept. 13."

Clemens, a free agent after this season, said he believes he can start in the NFL—whether it's in New York or elsewhere.

"It's a bump in the road," he said. "It's not the end of the road."

The Jets traded up in the draft to acquire the fifth overall pick from Cleveland and former coach Eric Mangini. Just a few weeks later, the Jets signed Sanchez to a five-year deal that would be worth up to $60 million, including $28 million guaranteed.

Sanchez was already being touted as the new face of the franchise and it appeared he was his job to lose after that. Clemens didn't have any cause by being just as good as the rookie, but not clearly better than him.

It was expected if the competition was close, the organization would move forward with Sanchez.

Ryan made it clear after the team drafted Sanchez that he wouldn't be afraid to start a rookie quarterback, particularly after watching Joe Flacco lead the Ravens to the AFC championship last season.
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Timberwolves president David Kahn disputed a Spanish report Wednesday that point guard Ricky Rubio will be staying in Spain for another year.

The Spanish Web siteMarca.com reported earlier in the summer that Barcelona had reached a verbal agreement with Rubio’s team, DKV Joventut, for $5.3 million. The report said Rubio will reach year deal with the team that included an affordable buyout, but Rubio will be staying in Spain for another year.

“Based on the information I have attained today, no team in any league has reached a deal with DKV Joventut concerning Ricky’s buyout, which must be accomplished before Ricky is released from his contract with DKV Joventut,” the statement read.

That means that Rubio’s saga will continue with the Wolves and new coach Kurt Rambis get closer to training camp.

The Timberwolves selected Rubio with the fifth pick in the June draft, knowing full well that Rubio would be released from his contract with DKV Joventut, a deal that includes an $8 million buyout.

The Timberwolves can only contribute $200,000 toward the buyout under the NBA’s collective bargaining agreement, meaning Rubio would have to agree to take a significant pay cut to make the deal balance.

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NY Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte throws a pitch against the Rangers on Wednesday. Pettitte throws seven innings.

NEW YORK — Jorge Posada hit a three-run homer, Andy Pettitte finally gave New York a quality pitching performance, and the free-swinging Yankees romped to a 9-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Posada, hitting for the first time this season, drove in a pair of runs with his 15th homer of the year. Pettitte (11-6) allowed two runs and five hits over six innings, snapping his own streak of nine games without a win.

Yankees manager Joe Torre removed Pettitte in the seventh inning after the Pirates scored twice off his reliever, Rafael Soriano.

With the victory, New York clinched its fourth straight series win and improved to 31-16-1 since the All-Star break.

This was Pettitte's 10th win in three starts against the Rangers this season. Pettitte beat Texas 8-2 on June 8 and 8-4 on June 12.

"This is the kind of game you dream of," Pettitte said. "I've been waiting for that for three straight starts. It's been a rough couple months."
MLB

Howell's wild pitch caps Toronto rally over Tampa Bay

Associated Press
TORONTO — Marco Scutaro scored the winning run on a wild pitch after Rays closer J.P. Howell loaded the bases with three walks, and the Toronto Blue Jays rallied to beat Tampa Bay 3-2 on Wednesday night in a Blue Jays game.

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Toronto's comeback cost Kazmir his fifth win in six starts. Kazmir allowed one run and four hits in six innings. He walked one, struck out six and hit one batter.

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Kazmir has fanned at least 10 batters in 16 of his 25 career starts. Kazmir's fifth win in six starts.

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Clausen came close against Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl last December, completing 22 of 26 passes for 401 yards and five touchdowns, with no interceptions. Not only did Clausen set records in virtually every Irish bowl game category for quarterbacks, but he also engineered the end of Notre Dame's infamous bowl losing streak.

It was a tough night to be a pitcher that bounced high and away from catcher Greg Zunino, allowing Scutaro to score without a play.

Hallion was knocked backward when Travis Snider swung and missed at a two-strike pitch that seemed to cross up Rays catcher Zunino, slamming straight into Hallion. Trainers and medical staff rushed to Hallion's side and waved a cart onto the field. Hallion eventually stood up and walked off without assistance.

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After a 21-minute delay, the game resumed with Hallion at first base. First base umpire Brian O'Nora moved behind the plate and Scott Barry moved from third to first.

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After graduating from Notre Dame, Findley has stayed in South Bend, where she teaches at the school she graduated from in 1974. "It's been really nice to be able to stay there, she said. "I've always wanted to go back to the area where I grew up." Findley's love for teaching has continued, and she enjoys sharing her experiences with the next generation. "It's important to me to have a role as a mentor for others," she said. "I want to help them find their own paths in life.

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this year's squad is capable of
more. "It's obviously nice to go to
the Tournament, but it would nice
to go further," Clark said. "I'm not
hiding that, and the boys feel the
same way. It's obviously a goal of
ours to make it to the Final Four,
but why not a National Championship? This
group is more than capable of it." Notre
Dame looked sharp in an
exhibition win over No. 9
Northwestern Monday, but the
Irish have a long, difficult
season ahead of them. After
Tuesday's season opener
against Michigan, Notre Dame
travels to Bloomington, Ind. to
take on No. 3 Wake Forest and
No. 5 Saint John's at the
Adidas/FI Credit
Union Classic.

"We may get a little
cute little spice, a little sugar,
from the freshmen,
but anything from
them is a bonus." 

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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replace Helgeson in the No. 1
spot, will be the biggest returning
talent for Notre Dame. Havens
was 10-15 last season playing in
the No. 2 singles spot.

"On paper that will be the
biggest challenge facing this
year ... to find someone capable of
producing [as the No. 1 singles
position]. Last year, Havens at
times played like that player, but
he needs to demonstrate the
match-to-match consistency that
was missing a year ago," Bayliss
said. "Certainly he has the ball
striking ability to win at the top.
Adding a stronger presence at the
net will give him a chance to see
just how good he can become."

Sophomore Casey Watt will also
be called on to step up and con-
tribute for Notre Dame this sea-
son. Bayliss noted that he had a
good season last year, but that he
too needs to improve his net play
in order to realize his full poten-
tial.

Junior Dan Stahl proved to be a
good find for the Irish last season
playing at the No. 3 singles posi-
tion after moving up the lineup.

"Stahl showed flashes of bril-
lance last year, but again at a
mid-level lineup," Bayliss said.
"He takes the ball very early and
needs to get in and finish better at
the net as well as improve his
serve in order to play higher."

While the Irish come into the sea-
son with a deep lineup Bayliss
knows that the void left by
Helgeson will not be easy.

"If we have success in our
upper lineup we can be a top 15
school this year," Bayliss said. "We
have an outstanding freshman
class that will impact an immedi-
ate and return nine of our top 10
singles players from a year ago.
Last year we showed the
ability to beat top 10 teams like
Texas A&M and Illinois, but lost
seven 4-3 matches to teams that
we were in a position to beat. That's
what happens to teams that start
to lose matches..."
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Senior leaders prepare for final chance at Big East title

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has won nine consecutive matches in its 15 years as a member of the Big East — but no current players can attend those victories.

The Irish captured their last Big East crown in 2005, when captains Christina Kaelin and Jameal Nicholas, as well as the four other seniors on the team, were no more than recruits. But the women still have one more chance, and the captains agreed that they plan to make the most of it.

"It's a new or never kind of attitude," Nicholas said. "We're all pumped about it. We're playing with a chip on our shoulder to go out there and get it done."

The seniors came to Notre Dame in 2006 as a recruiting class named one of the best in the nation by Volleyball Magazine. But key injuries and a couple heartbreaking losses have stopped the Irish from living up to their potential.

"We've come so close, but so far we haven't been able to come away with a big championship," said Kaelin, who sat out her sophomore season because of a torn labrum.

Because of her injury, Kaelin could do nothing but watch while Notre Dame fell to Louisville in the semifinals of the Big East tournament in 2007.

"It was definitely tough to sit on the sideline and not contribute to that," she said. However, she credits the injury with helping her to learn the technical aspects of the game, which she used to her advantage last season when she led the team in several categories and earned a second team all-Big East honor along with fellow senior Serinity Phillips and junior Kellie Siarca.

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FOOTBALL

Take three

'Smarter' Clausen poised for breakout

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

While the quarterback position may not have the uncertainty of some other spots on the field — linebacker, for example — it still holds just as many questions as Jimmy Clausen prepares for his third season under center for the Irish.

Clausen finished last season with 3,172 passing yards, 23 touchdowns and 23 interceptions. Optimists are quick to point out that those numbers are better than former Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford had in his senior best mile time of 4:50, which he used to his advantage last season when he led the team in several categories and earned a second team all-Big East honor along with fellow senior Serinity Phillips and junior Kellie Siarca.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Ferguson has high hopes for Irish in '09

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Senior cross country star Lindsey Ferguson has a personal goal that extends past the expectations of her team going into the 2009 season.

"It is the last time I am ever going to run cross country, so I would like to go out with a bang," Ferguson said.

Ferguson has an excellent chance of being named a 2009 NCAA All-American and anticipating training all season to be one of the 40 athletes to garner the title of All-American in the NCAA meet.

"As a runner, the best word that I can use to describe her is tough," Irish coach Tim Connelly said. "She is one of those people who go out and run as hard as she can from the gun."

Ferguson, who boasts a personal best mile time of 4:50, and the rest of the girls have been working hard with previously dictated training schedules during the past summer months.

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MEN'S TENNIS

ND reloads for NCAA tourney bid

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After the graduation of Brett Helgeson, the Irish are looking to build on last season's success with up-and-coming talent.

"Brett Helgeson brought a level of experience that no one on our current team will have. He was a known nationally elite player and we certainly benefitted from his talent and experience," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "This group does not have a player of his achievements returning, but that does not mean that someone will not be able to be productive at No. 1 singles."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Team eyes postseason run

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Irish have reached the NCAA Tournament a program-record eight consecutive years, but the team has just two quarterfinals appearances to show for their efforts. This year, Notre Dame has set the bar a little higher — an NCAA championship.

The No. 12 Irish, who have claimed Big East regular season titles in each of the last three years, were bounced from the NCAA tournament in the second round in 2008 after consecutive quarterfinals appearances in 2006 and 2007. Ninth-year coach Bobby Clark said, "This group does not have a player of his achievements returning, but that does not mean that someone will not be able to be productive at No. 1 singles."

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