ND, SMC recognized in rankings

U.S. News & World Report ranks University No. 20

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame fell two spots from No. 18 to No. 20 in U.S. News & World Report’s 2010 ranking of the top universities in the nation released on Aug. 20. Harvard and Princeton tied for first, while Yale took third. The ranking placed the California Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University and the University of Pennsylvania in a four-way tie for fourth.

Notre Dame dropped two spots this year because it received lower peer assessment ratings from other universities, which account for 25 percent of the

College placed in top 100 of America’s Best Colleges

By ASHLEY CHARNEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s College cracked U.S. News & World Report’s top 100 on their list of 2010 America’s Best Colleges.

For the third year in a row, the College has been named one of the nation’s Best Liberal Arts Colleges, according to an Aug. 20 press release. “It is wonderful to be nationally recognized for the academic excellence at Saint Mary’s College,” President Carol Ann Mooney said in the release.

Saint Mary’s was ranked 97th out of 249 schools across the country. Students are excited about the rank-

Student arrested, charged with rape

By ROBERT SINGER
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A Notre Dame junior was arrested on campus Wednesday and charged with felony rape in connection with a February 2009 incident, according to campus security logs and local media reports.

The student was arrested in or near his dormitory, Knott Hall, according to Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) crime logs, during the 3 p.m. hour Wednesday. According to reports, the student was a member of the Notre Dame swim team, but is not currently listed on the roster.

The student was released from the St. Joseph County Jail after posting $5,000 bond, according to a WNDU report.

The South Bend Tribune reported Thursday the felony rape charges were filed on Aug. 19 by the St. Joseph County Prosecutor’s Office after police were called to investigate a case on Feb. 23 in Knott Hall.

According to the charges filed by the prosecutor’s office, a partially-dressed woman was found sleeping on the floor in the men’s residence hall wearing a shirt belonging to the accused student.

When police questioned the student, he told officers the two had been at a party, “hooked up” and had sex.

Innovation Park to open in October

University seeks to expand its research impact, bring commercial enterprises to South Bend

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Innovation Park, a product of America’s Best Colleges. The University seeks to expand its research impact

Students walk to and from class Thursday near South Quad during the first week of classes.

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Undergrads reflect on first week of classes

By JIM FERMAN
New Writer

As the school year kicks off, some students report tough classes while others enjoy the relatively easy workload during their first week.

Catherine Russell, a sophomore, said the first week of classes went well. “I have a few teachers that I already really like. I’m a new Business major, so it’s like a new world for me,” she said. “There are some classes that are a lot harder than I thought they were going to be.” She said her schedule is centered on requirements. “I’m taking four Business requirements and Italian and Theology, which is a requirement too.”

Some students said they try to take advantage of the light workload to get acclimated to their classes. “During introductory week, you just take it easy and get your feet wet,” said Ryan Ripp, a senior Finance major.

“An easy second semester would be ideal, because four of the five classes I’m taking now are requirements. Hopefully I can cruise into graduation with some easier electives.”

Christina McClain, a senior English major, said her first week of classes started off well. “Senior Seminar is a little daunting, but other than that, everything else is good,” she said. Aibeko Czinkl, a junior English major, said he always tries to strike a balance between electives and requirements when forming his schedule. “I have five required electives in my major along with
INSIDE COLUMN

Don’t envy ND seniors

When I was a freshman here, I was kind of jealous of the seniors. They didn’t have to worry about awkward Frosh-O events, finding their classrooms, or making friends. Their lives seemed so much more together than mine. Now that I’ve reached senior year, I’m starting to rethink that. Not much has really changed.

Despite my best efforts, I still have really poor time management skills, which explains why I’m trying to write this column, finish up another Observer article, and do 66 pages of reading for class today all at the same time. Rather than worrying about making friends, I now worry about not seeing the ones that live off-campus (luckily, until they learn how to shop for groceries and master the use of their shiny new ovens, it appears I’ll be seeing my friends just as much as before, because they still come to the dining hall for every single meal).

I still don’t pay attention to where my classes are, or which classes I’m even going to. Yesterday, not only did I go to the wrong classroom, I went to the wrong building.

Instead of worrying about what my major will be, now I’m worrying that all my major changes have pushed my GPA too low for me to get into law school.

Professors still can’t pronounce my last name. Actually, some still can’t even pronounce my first name.

I also still lose my ID all the time. I recently dropped it into a chair in LaFortune and couldn’t get it out. I don’t even understand how that happens.

And I definitely still make poor life choices. But now I make them at bars instead of at dorm parties.

So yeah, it’s just like freshman year. I’m actually jealous of freshmen now. Freshmen are secure in the knowledge that they have four years here. As a senior, I have one, and then I have to leave and everything changes.

I’m reminded of this a lot thanks to a particularly emotional friend who bursts into tears at random times, like while DARTing last spring or looking through an entire year’s worth of Facebook pictures at the library during study days. She’d go on a rant about how it was our last time DARTing (it isn’t) or how after we graduate, we won’t have any friends to take pictures with anymore.

So make the most of your time here, freshmen. It goes really quickly, so try not to waste it. Do as many fun things as possible and try not to freak out too much, because there are always things to worry about. And don’t be jealous of the seniors, because we really don’t have it as easy as you think.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Irena Zajickova at zajickova@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD BE ANY SESAME STREET CHARACTER, WHO WOULD YOU BE?

Caitlin Ascherl
Sophomore
Le Mans

“I would be Snufalafagus just because…"

Stefanie Schwab
Freshman
Regina

“I would be Big Bird because I have always wanted to be tall!!"

Emily Ehman
Sophomore
Regina

“I would be Cookie Monster because I LOVE to eat!!"

Sheelah O’Brien
Senior
Holy Cross

“I would be Grover because he is a lovable monster.”

Alyssa Pinon
Senior
Holy Cross

“I would be Kermit because it’s not easy being green!!”

Christina Smotherman


IN BRIEF

The film “Summer Hours” will be shown today at 6:30 p.m. at The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available online at performingarts.nd.edu or by calling the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

Notre Dame Women’s Volleyball will play DePaul today at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse as part of a three-day invitation. For ticket information, call 574-631-7336.

Notre Dame Women’s Soccer will play Loyola-Chicago today at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field. For ticket information, call 574-631-7336.

Shakespeare at Notre Dame will present “Twelfth Night” today, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Performances will continue through August 30. Tickets are $12-35.

RecSports will conduct strength conditioning assessments today from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Rockne Pool for placement into fall sports seasons. A make-up swim assessment will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

RecSports will hold a Biathlon at St. Joe’s Beach on Saturday at 10 a.m. Registration is necessary, but the event is free. The biathlon will consist of a 1/2 mile swim and a 2 mile run.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.

Operator: When are the performances of Shakespeare’s plays held?

Observer: They are on Saturday and Sunday.

Operator: Can you provide more details about the event?

Observer: The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required for the strength conditioning assessments. For more information, contact RecSports at 574-631-7336.
By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Writer

The Hydration Station, an alternative to a traditional drinking fountain, was installed last week between the men’s and women’s restrooms on the first floor of the LaFortune Student Center. It is essentially a touch-free water bottle filler," Director of student activities facilities Ryan Willerton said. "It's something unique."

To operate the machine, the student places his or her water bottle in front a sensor, which activates a stream of water that pours into the bottle.

The Hydration Station replaced an older water fountain that was not consistently used and caused maintenance problems, Willerton said. Last June, he began to look at replacement options.

The Haws Corporation markets the Hydration Station as a cheap and environmentally friendly substitute for bottled water. According to the corporation’s website, the filter uses carbon to polish the water, and the sensor features a several second delay to allow the user to position their bottle under the spout. Willerton said the system is comparable to a traditional drinking fountain in its price and cost of maintenance. Like a water fountain, it connects to the main water line.

Although the Haws Corporation has been producing the Hydration Station for less than one year, Willerton said Notre Dame joined a number of other colleges and universities that already have the system on campus. For example, University of California Berkeley has two units in its Rec Center and the University of Alabama has 15 units in its dorms and athletic department.

While considering the option of a Hydration Station, Willerton and the Student Activities Office contacted a former colleague who works at Penn State to ask about the Hydration Station on their campus. They also asked for feedback from student employees and student government representatives who were on campus this summer.

After viewing a sample machine, Willerton said the Student Activities Office partnered with the Office of Sustainability to fund the purchase of the Hydration Station.

"It's a nice new addition," he said. "Every year we try to change the student center and add something new."

Willerton said the Hydration Station is a great improvement to the LaFortune Student Center because students, professors, staff and visitors can all benefit from its installation.

Sophomore Laura Philipp fills up a bottle of water at the new Hydration Station in LaFortune Student Center.

Seniors Mark Manley said that the Hydration Station seems like a logical installation because it is touch-free and more sanitary. He compared it to the automatic hand dryers, sink faucets and soap dispensers in the LaFortune bathrooms.

"I just saw it a few minutes ago, and it looked interesting," Manley said.

If the system continues to receive positive feedback, Willerton said that additional units might be installed on other floors of LaFortune.

"Everyone we talk to kind of raises their eyebrow and says, 'Wow, that's really cool,'" he said.

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University of Notre Dame graduates Mark W. and Stacey Miller Yusko of Chapel Hill, N.C., have followed in his footsteps. "We're never really had anything like this on campus," said General Manager of Legends and the Student Activity Office, Mia Stenger said she attended The Show last year as a freshman, but was impressed with the atmosphere and performances. "I left about five minutes," she said. "It was exciting." But Stenger said she is considering attending the Block Party this year. "It seems like it will be more fun than The Show," she said. "It's better outside than inside the Joyce Center." For this concert, the venue and the event as a whole are the high-
Korea discusses reuniting families

SEOUL — North and South Korea have no major differences on resuming reunions of families separated by the Korean War, reports Thursday, but are far apart on the issue of South Korean prisoners of war and civilian abductees believed held in the North.

The dispute emerged on the second day of rare talks between the two sides on arranging reunions of families separated since the war ended in 1953 in a cease-fire, not a peace treaty, according to reports by South Korean media accredited to cover the talks.

The meeting, which was North Korea's Diamond Mountain resort on Wednesday, came as the communist regime adopts a more conciliatory stance toward South Korea and the U.S. after months of animosity over its nuclear and missile programs.

Iran revoked claims involving the U.S.

TEHRAN — Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has accused others in the Islamic leadership, including President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, that the U.S. and Britain and other countries are stoking violence and trying to overthrow the Islamic revolution.

It also could spill over into the trials of more than 100 pro-reform activists and politicians, judicial sources who have offered statements saying foreign agents helped stoke Iran's worst inter-

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companies seeking to work in Innovation Park, according to Brenner.

"We want to ensure that every one of our clients have a point of engagement with the University," he said. He cited using Notre Dame-owned patents and research and hiring the University's faculty and staff as possible points of engagement.

The University views Innovation Park as a way to "take its research impact on the world to a higher level," Brenner said.

Other major research universities have a role to play in Innovation Park, according to Brenner.

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Brenner said a similar process is in place for students in Innovation Park’s opening, according to Brenner.

"We want to make them feel like putting their roots down in the area," he said. Brenner said a similar product development park was established by Purdue more than 20 years ago has added between 2,000 and 3,000 jobs in West Lafayette.

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The economy has not delayed the Park’s opening, Brenner said. Companies are still interested in moving into the Park, and while "the economy slowed them in putting the pieces together," it hasn’t been a real problem.

Many companies are currently in final negotiations to move into Innovation Park. Brenner said he expects occupancy to steadily build throughout the remainder of the year.

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according to the charges.

The woman had a blood-alcohol level of 0.13 and, according to the charges, told police she did not remember much about the evening, except that she had been drinking in a dorm room and at a "swim house" party.

When police asked the woman if she remembered having sex with the student, she told officers she would never have consented to have sex with him, according to the charges.

University spokesman Dennis Brown could not be reached late Thursday for comment, but Brown told the Tribune that NDSP did investigate the incident. The St. Joseph County Police and Prosecutor’s Offices could also not be reached late Thursday for comment.

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FEC allows campaign funds for staff

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators ruled for the first time Thursday that campaign funds can be used to help pay the legal bills of current and former congressional staffers. The Federal Election Commission decided that Rep. Pete Visclosky’s campaign committee could use a portion of its money to pay legal expenses. The Indiana Democrat is under investigation currently and formerly by the Ethics Committee. He was the first member of Congress to run afoul of the law and is likely to remain so far the only one.

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**New job seekers line up for a job fair in New York in this May 13, 2009, photo. The government said Thursday that the number of claims for jobless benefits declined last week.**

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overall rankings, said Dan Saracino, director of Undergraduate Admissions. The peer assessment portion distributes surveys to three officials at each university — the provost, president and chief of Admissions — and asks them to rate other schools on a 5-point scale. In addition to considering the opinions of other universities, the U.S. News & World Report ranking is also based on faculty strength and class size, graduation and retention rates, student selectivity, alumni giving rate and financial aid.
Saracino said that while the University takes note of the rankings, the administration does not base decisions on them. "We don't go about our business in admissions with a focus on the ranking or believe in gaming the system," he said. "We like to be recognized as one of the top universities in the country, so if we weren't in the top 20, that might be a concern. But we're in the top 20. Does it occupy a great deal of attention in our daily work? Not at all." This year's lower ranking should not deter next year's applicants, according to Saracino. "There has been some research done that shows students don't choose colleges because of rankings," he said.
Saracino mentioned some positive aspects of Notre Dame that are not weighted by the ranking system, including financial stability and the percentage of students who graduate in four years. "I think there are other things that should be looked at," he said. "Given the economic situation in the country, I think it's reasonable for parents to know what the financial stability of the institution is. If the economy continues to sputter, will programs have to be cut?" Notre Dame is one of only several universities on the list that has been awarded a triple-A credit rating from Moody's Investors Service, Saracino said.
Saracino said the "Student Selectivity" criterion of the ranking system allows other universities to boost their scores in ways that do not enhance the quality of education they offer.
Because this portion rewards a lower acceptance rate, universities can increase their point total by encouraging students who have test scores below the minimum threshold for consideration to apply, Saracino said. "This ranking system rewards those who act unquestionably," he said.
University administrators also expressed criticism of how the rankings are calculated.
"While we recognize that the U.S. News & World Report survey serves a useful function for some prospective students and their parents, we are on record for more than 15 years as having reservations about its methodology," Saracino said. "That said, by any measure, we believe Notre Dame belongs in the top 20 of any survey of undergraduate institutions."
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the general requirements," Couklin said. "I'm taking my last lecture requirement and all of my major electives as well. I'm still trying to figure out what to do with the rest of the year." Renae Barilar, a senior Business and Italian double-major, said after three years, she is used to the routine of the first week of classes. "It's going to be a hard semester but I'm excited for what to do with the rest of the year," she said. "I'm getting close to graduation now so I have all required classes. Next semester, I'm going to have a lot more leeway in what I take."
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Tourist boom causes rifts

Associated Press

ON THE RIVER CAM, England — On the surface, it is the stuff of English postcards — champagne-swilling tourists gliding down the River Cam and listening to the lore of Cambridge University.

But a nasty undercurrent runs through this river, an otherwise placid waterway that snakes past Cambridge’s many gothic buildings.

Competition for the rich tourist trade has increased recently among operators of the historic wooden tourist boats called punts — a trade estimated at 2.5 million pounds ($4 million) a year. In some cases, the scramble for profits has turned ugly.

This month, two boats were cut to pieces with an electric saw — the apparent work of a punter or two, observers, many say the tension is palpable.

"They’ve been grabbing each other’s throats, throwing drinks over each other; it’s been out of control," said Tom Lohman, a 30-year-old punter who drinks over each other’s business. "It’s a sign of the times," he said."

Punts — narrow wooden boats piloted by guides using wooden poles — have long been a popular feature of Cambridge life.

The guides wearing tapered vests can be seen steering the boats across the shallow river year round, cracking jokes or charming their passengers with anecdotes about Isaac Newton and other famous alumni.

Tour go for 10 to 15 pounds per person, although prices can be higher for special tours. Those interested in steering the punts on their own can also rent a boat for about 15 pounds an hour.

Punt guides are usually young, although most aren’t Cambridge students and don’t work year round. Remuneration tends to hover around Britain’s minimum wage (about 5 pounds an hour or 12,000 pounds a year: $19,500) although Lohman said there was more money to be made in the busy summer months.

The Cam Conservancy, the body charged with managing navigation on the waterway, said competition has increased, in part, because it can’t limit the number of punts on the river. Cambridge City Council said scuffling between punter has generated a flood of complaints from tourists and colleges.

"We’ve put an awful lot of staff time into dealing with this," said Amanda Roberts, the council’s safer communities manager who said the body is now devoting more money to enforcing regulations on mooring and soliciting business. "It is a significant issue for the city."

"There are more than 200 traditional punts and nearly 60 of the newer wide-beam boats meant to carry a dozen tourists at a time, according to the Cam Conservancy. The number of boats has swelled in the past five years.

Conservancy deputy manager Jonathan Wakefield said that while overcrowding has become a problem in the past five years, the organization’s remit was limited to verifying a punt’s safety.

"Even in this past year it’s gotten more and more tense," said Dan Scott Lintott, 17, as he guided his punt down the river.

Although incidents are often hidden from tourists or observers, many say the tension is palpable.

"That guy gives me a lot of animosity," Scott Lintott said, jabbing his pole into the bottom of the punt and pausing to look at another punter — a blond man with an upturned collar.

Ann Turner, a 65-year-old punter who plans his trade on the 14-mile (23 kilometer) River Cam, said punting on the river has become a problem in the past five years, his organization’s remit was limited to verifying a punt’s safety.

"There does seem to be a lot of tension," said Turner as he guided his punt down the river. "Some of them are a little too much."
TAIWAN

China critical of Taiwan, Dalai Lama

Associated Press

TAIPEI — China on Thursday denounced Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou’s decision to allow the Dalai Lama to visit the self-ruled island, casting a shadow over rapidly improving relations between Taipei and Beijing.

However, Beijing appeared to stop short of deliberately undermining the situation, as a statement issued Monday from the office of the Taiwan Affairs Office, the state-run Xinhua News Agency, noted the Dalai Lama’s visit was “in whatever form and capacity.”

Quoting an unnamed official at the State Council’s Taiwan Affairs Office, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said the Dalai Lama was a “suspected religious figure.”

A spokesman for Taiwan’s Mainland Affairs Council said the visit was “in the interest of realizing national reunification.”

Chinese authorities’ reaction was not as harsh as expected. The Dalai Lama was received at Taiwan’s Taoyuan International Airport by Taipei Mayor Eric Chu, who congratulated him on being recognized as the “first spiritual leader” of Tibet, the Dalai Lama’s homeland.

But Ma stressed that the Dalai Lama’s visit was subject to Chinese conditions.

In its first official comment on the Dalai Lama’s visit, Ma said the same plans for the Dalai Lama’s visit were made and that “resolutely opposes” the Dalai Lama’s visit “in whatever form and capacity.”

Ma’s irritation appeared to be directed at Beijing and showed that the Chinese government’s new line on the Dalai Lama’s visit included two conditions: no tổing and no consciousness raising.

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Catching up with the Ivies where it counts

U.S. News & World Report announced its annual Best Colleges 2010 last week, and Notre Dame has fallen two spots in the rankings. After a tie with Emory and Vanderbilt for 18th among national universities in 2009, Notre Dame was passed by both southern schools and fell to 20th. Though we are sure that this is cause for concern, and are pinning our transfer applications to top-19 schools as we write this, there’s a different set of rankings that we’d also like to bring to your attention.

GQ Magazine recently put out its inaugural list of America’s 25 Doucheiest Colleges. The eclectic grouping of schools ranges from the obvious (Duke, No. 1) to the obscure (Deep Springs, No. 5). Notre Dame ranked No. 15, but we believe, just as in U.S. News & World Report, we again might be underrated.

As the home of the “moral douche,” GQ notes the favorite Notre Dame student pickup line: “You know, I thought about the seminary, but then I decided it wasn’t for me. If you know what I mean.” It is this perception of Notre Dame as the home of the mere moral douche that left us at No. 15 in the rankings. We think we can do better. When it comes to doucheiness, a unique convergence of athletics, legacy and Catholic guilt give Notre Dame a potential that no other university has.

When it comes to the U.S. News & World Report we’d like to point out an interesting correlation between academic excellence and perceived doucheiness — the four doucheiest schools (Brown, Duke, Princeton, Harvard, respectively) all are ahead of Notre Dame in the Best Colleges ranking. Clearly this is no coincidence. We believe that if Notre Dame could just be recognized for being the doucheiest college, it would find itself near the top of the list of Best Colleges in 2011. Then again, no rankings tell the whole story. U.S. News & World Report may believe that there are 19 better places to be getting an education. GQ might think that there are only 14 larger collections of douches among the nation’s universities. But we know that neither number really says anything about the quality of this university, or the students who attend. Though it can be entertaining to attach numbers and assign rankings, it is missing the point. We are all at Notre Dame, and not any other school with any other ranking, because we know that this is a special place, and that no number could ever encapsulate what Notre Dame means to each of us individually.

At the dawn of the new school year, we say: Enjoy this place. Make the most of your time here. And try not to be a douche while doing it.
The freshmen hippies of Lyons Hall

Forty years ago today, we Lyons Hall freshmen had barely completed a week of college work taught by eminent University professors as well as more graduate assistants wearing sweaters and smoking pipes to appear more professorial. During the Fall of 1969, our chaotic and iconic decade was in decline, but most of us had no idea how our lives and time could someday come full circle. Those who were most relentless in their desire for a peaceful society, simply labeled as “hippies.” That autumn was the first time in Notre Dame history that every dormitory on campus reserved a fourth of its residential space for freshman. We each chose a typical freshman dormitory like Stanford and Kenan. None of us imagined that a computer would thrust us to the outreaches of the South Quad. Lyons was an upper-class study hall with grade point averages hovering over 3.5 in every segment. In a matter of weeks, my class of freshman hippies shared an experience of confusion with a flurry of course failures and pink slip warnings.

In 1969, the world — and more directly the Notre Dame computer — bestowed a mix of blessings and curses upon The Beatle’s “Abbey Road” album. It included two passenger, but NASA launched four Apollo missions which included moon landings. Some places are made sacred by the people and events that grace them. Our government prepared the first military draft of us freshmen. At Harvard University, nearly 300 students seized a building where 45 were injured and 184 arrested. Protests continued through the convergence of the civil rights and women’s rights movements with the first gay protest at Stonewall. All were labeled hippies. Nationwide, my fellow freshman hippies used Woodstock as the benchmark of free speech and equality for the anti-war, gender and civil rights movements. Music resonated as the soul behind our ideals of civility and sharing. Some places are made sacred by the people and events that grace them. Today, as the Class of ’69 finds its way on campus, they may hear the songs of generations past whispering to them if they dare listen. The blood of the Notre Dame bricks gently soaks if they but look. Insight comes when stepping away from the crowd. Truth derives from unconditional acceptance of others, even respect for evil. In many ways, today is no different than 1969. It merely has fewer freshmen hippies.

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By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Scene Writer

On Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m. Legends will host one of its biggest events to date—the B1 Block Party—in the B1 parking lot outside of Legends. The 6,000-person party will feature reggae/hip-hop sensation Matisyahu, backed by pop band Eric Hutchinson and two student bands, Samual Jim and the Pat McKillen Band. There will also be appearances by DJ That's Right, New Orleans' New Wave Brass Band, the RhythmWorks Drum Team, BET'S DJ Prostyle and DJ Cartie live from the Legends rooftop.

How did Notre Dame go from having The Show the first weekend back to a huge outdoor party with some of the nation's top performers? Says Legends General Manager Aaron Perri, "The idea arose from...the confidence I had in the Legends team to pull something like this off...I can't think of a better way to showcase what we do here at Legends week in week out than to unleash the B1 Block Party right at the beginning of the year."

The party is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students and will be complete with a huge Lollapalooza-style main stage, promotional giveaways, cornhole, a text to screen and LED video walls. The first 2000 through the door will receive free Chipotle chips and guac (that's right, free guac). Popular food chains including Chick-Fil-A, Sonic, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Kona Ice and ND Concessions will be stationed throughout the lot. Every food item will be affordably priced at $3 or below, and a beer garden will be available to the 21-and-over crowd.

The concert's supporting act, singer-songwriter Eric Hutchinson, blurs the boundaries between rock, folk pop and powerpop, combining various influences to create a sound that is uniquely his. Hutchinson's song "Rock and Roll" ('If he wanna rock he rocks, if he wanna roll he rolls') reached No. 1 airplay in the U.S. and gained him wide publicity. Hutchinson has been compared to Ben Folds and Jason Mraz, and has toured with acts like O.A.R. and Matt Nathanson.

The headlining Matisyahu will give a truly unique performance. The Hasidic Jewish reggae musician blends his passion for the Jewish faith with the cultural sounds of reggae, rap and hip-hop. As a young teenager, Matisyahu was a self-proclaimed dreadlocks-bearing, Birkenstock-wearing "Deadhead." However, after discovering a latent connection to God in the mountains of Colorado followed by taking a pilgrimage to Israel, Matisyahu ultimately decided to become a Hasidic Jew and abide by traditional Jewish law.

He released his first album in 2004 but his career really took off after doing a guest set for Phish at Bonnaroo in 2005. He has since released three studio albums—the latest, "LIGHT," was released on Aug. 25. Matisyahu's spirituality comes through his music clearly and powerfully, which makes for a riveting concert experience. The party still isn't over when Matisyahu finishes up around 11. Head inside to the Legends Nightclub for an after party with New York City's DJ Prostyle until the early hours of the morning.

According to Perri, a common reaction to the B1 Block Party is almost incredulity. He says, "In talking to people the continuous reaction is I can't believe you're doing this! A party in the parking lot? A DJ on the roof? A beer garden?...To say this will be an exciting event is an understatement."

Don't miss this one, because there won't be another party like it right in Notre Dame's backyard all year. The B1 Block Party will surely be the most packed place on campus Saturday from the early evening on. So start the year off right—catch up with friends, eat some good food and dance to good music. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the door or pre-ordered online. For more information check out www.b1blockparty.com.

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Matisyahu will perform Saturday at the Legends B1 Block Party. His latest album "Light" was released on Aug. 25.
By ADRIANA PRATT
Scene Writer

Unrequited love hurts, but what hurts even worse is the kind of love that draws you in, keeps you on and then drops you off the cliff with barely a moment's notice. Today's romantic comedies usually ignore that sometimes-inevitable sequence of events but this summer's best one delves into the sickest mess of all: an ironic, funny, and bitingly real way. "500 Days of Summer" winds its way through the tale of a young man named Tom Hansen (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) who, while stuck in an unsatisfying career looking for the fulfilling relationship he always dreamt of, jumps at the first ray of hope he sees — a lovely woman named Summer Finn (Zooey Deschanel). He soon learns though that sometimes the sunshine fades and eventually burns out and all that is left to do is move on. Tom comes away realizing that sometimes the most trying experiences provide the best opportunity for growth.

In a startling but attention-grabbing opening to the film, the writers, Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber, print a vegeatuable but entertaining shout out to the woman who inspired "500 Days" on the big screen. The opening not only provokes laughter from the audience, but also sets the tone for what will be a moving, painful and funny trip down love's treacherous lane. Citing Cameron Crowe (writer of "Almost Famous," "Jerry Maguire," etc.) as their stylistic inspiration, Neustadter and Weber's alternative approach to romance and their desire to grasp reality and memory that a freshly distinguished relationship between Hansen or Summer Finn, or maybe even both. However, what he meets in currently not only leaves his dreams unfulfilled, but also successfully crushed. This harsh checking of any future Tom might have had with Summer reminds the audience that, as the Rolling Stones once sang, "You can't always get what you want.

The film's strengths don't solely lie in its artistic and unique compilation. In fact, the characterization and development of the characters by the actors is flawless and the movie's main asset. Many of us have found ourselves in the shoes of Tom Hansen or Summer Finn, or maybe even both. When Tom and Summer realize their love for each other, the story is one of heartbreak and innocence. It is a wonderful and unique portrayal of love, and how it is possible to find that special someone in your life.

"500 Days of Summer," complete with an outstanding soundtrack that compliments Tom's highs and lows, is one worth paying $9.75 to see. The light shed on the nature of love is poignant and clear with a dose of bittersweet reality. The film's themes from "500 Days of Summer" are that love is not something that can be forced, but has to be found naturally.

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PONYO: An Adventure for All

By Maija Gustin
Scene Writer

The Japanese import "Ponyo," released across the country on Aug. 14, is sure to be one of the best-reviewed movies of the fall. However, you've probably never heard of it before. That needs to change.

"Ponyo," from legendary Japanese animation master Hayao Miyazaki, takes Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid" and transplants it in modern-day Japan. In the film, a young boy named Sosuke finds a goldfish and decides to care for it. This goldfish, named Ponyo, goes on a quest to become human because of her love for Sosuke. What follows is a whimsical journey that ends in a profound message about love. Bear in mind, this movie is for children. The choice factor is high.

When Ponyo, hungry for adventure, leaves her father's submarine-like home to travel to the surface, she immediately stumbles upon Sosuke. He brings her a bucket and takes her to school. The bond is instant and strong. After her father finds her and brings her back home, she escapes and takes on a human form. However, in becoming human, Ponyo loses her power to fly, thus becoming the world's ecological harmony. She must either revert back to being a goldfish or become a real human through true (but platonic, as she is five years old) love with Sosuke.

The overt environmental themes are no accident. Miyazaki, it would seem, is just as concerned with making a film about friendship as he is about making an eco-friendly one. That being said, his statement is sincere and an important message to send to his younger audience in particular.

"Ponyo" is no exception. It is cheesy and childish, but it is made with such a tailored maturity that adults are usually just as entranced as children. It creates magical worlds where even the most childish themes seem to have depth. His entirely hand-drawn worlds become lensed through which one can look as what is really important in life. "Ponyo" is no exception. It is始终, the cool and charming Summer had the capability to woo any man she wished but also the presence to choose not just anyone. Her outlook on the unlikelihood of love made her ultimately unrepeatable and to the right one came along. Her important character development reminds the audience that love is not something that can be forced, but has to be found naturally.

"500 Days of Summer," one of the best-reviewed movies of the fall, is sure to be one of the most trying experiences provide the best opportunity for growth.
Associated Press

The Indianapolis Colts are in no hurry to play a game of functional, injured safety Bob Sanders.

Sanders is on the Colts’ physically unable-to-perform list after undergoing surgery on his right knee in the spring. He has not practiced since the start of training camp. The 2007 NFL Defensive Player of the Year has spent the last few days meeting with renowned orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews at his clinic in Birmingham, Ala.

Andrews performed the initial surgery on Sanders, has told Colts officials Sanders’ rehabilitation is on schedule.

“(Sanders) is doing well. Dr. Andrews has looked at him and really feels he’s on target and coming along,” coach Jim Caldwell said this week. “He’ll be there for a couple days and when he comes back, he’ll continue on with the process he’s going through here in terms of his rehab.”

“He’s making progress. He’s moving forward. He feels good about where he is. You know, Sanders feels good about where he is. That means I would feel good about where he is.”

Team president Bill Polian told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he will wait until making a final decision on placing Sanders on the Colts’ 53-player roster or to leave him on the physically-unable-to-perform (PUP) list.

“We have basically decided with Bob. Right now, he’s on the physically unable to perform list. And we have to either put him on the physically unable to perform list or PUP list.”

Polian explained. “Now if we put him on PUP, he’s not eligible to come back to the sixth week of the season. And because the by week is in there, that would really be after our fifth game.”

“You know how important that timing is. That is something we are just going to have to work out. As (Sanders) starts, however, will have little bearing on the ultimate winner against Green Bay, while Andrews has looked at him and really feels he’s on target and coming along.”

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“Now if we carry him active as one of the 53, he would be eligible to come back at any time we wanted to dress him for the ballgame. He’s, in effect, active but if he was unable to play, wouldn’t dress,” he told ESPN in a telephone interview.

“We continue on with the process he’s going through here in terms of his rehab. It’s a credit to both of them,” said Caldwell. “Both have been competitive, both have worked hard at the things we’ve asked them to do. They’ve both been good teammates in the process, and I respect that. It’s not every day you get to be this competitive and fiercely loyal to the team. I think they’ve been that.”

“That’s what you ask guys to go. How you deal with that situation tells you a lot about who that person is.”

NCAA FOOTBALL

Penn State to play at FedEx Field

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**NCAA FOOTBALL**

**Freshman Matt Barkley was selected by Southern California's head coach Pete Carroll to be the team's starting quarterback for the Trojan's season opener against San Jose State on Sept. 5.**

**Barkley named USC's starting quarterback**

Associated Press  

LOS ANGELES — Freshman Matt Barkley was named No. 4 Southern California's starting quarterback on Thursday.

With an outstanding performance at training camp, Barkley beat out sophomore Aaron Corp to get the start in the Trojans' season opener against San Jose State at the Coliseum on Sept. 5.

Coach Pete Carroll unexpectedly announced his decision several hours before practice and two days before USC's mock game.

"He has exceeded all our expectations," Carroll said in a statement. "He has all the physical ability. He has the mentality and temperament to handle the position. His personality is very well received by all the players, and he's extremely talented. At this point, he's ready to be the guy for us."

Barkley was perhaps the nation's most-sought-after football recruit last year at Orange County's Mater Dei High School, the alma mater of fellow USC quarterback Matt Leinart. After choosing the Trojans, Barkley graduated from high school one semester early to participate in spring practice.

Corp, in his third year at USC, was named the Trojans' starter out of spring ball, but Barkley took advantage when Corp missed two weeks of practice this month after breaking a small bone below his left knee Aug. 10.

Barkley is thought to be the first non-redshirt freshman quarterback to be picked to start a season opener for the Trojans.

"He's the starting quarterback at USC—it's not a one-game deal," Carroll said. "He seized the opportunity that was in front of him and took control. He deserves all the credit in the world, and we expect nothing but great things from him."

Barkley also beat out Mitch Mustain, the former Arkansas starter who played eight games as Mark Sanchez's backup last season. Sanchez, now the New York Jets' starting quarterback, left USC with a year of eligibility remaining, a decision that initially bothered Carroll and set off the three-way competition.

Now Barkley must shoulder the enormous expectations of his position at USC. He's following nearly a decade of outstanding college quarterbacks, including Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Leinart, along with John David Booty and Sanchez. USC opens the run for its eighth consecutive Pac-10 title next weekend against the Spartans before Carroll's ultimate early test: a trip to Columbus to face No. 6 Ohio State on Sept. 12.

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**IN BRIEF**

Vick makes debut with Eagles, take six snaps vs. TB

All eyes were on Michael Vick - for all of six plays.

Playing his first NFL game since his release from prison, the Eagles quarterback got a standing ovation in a half-empty stadium, avoided any ugly protests and completed four passes for 19 yards.

"It's been a long journey for me," Vick said. "I just want to do it right this time around."

Though his minutes were limited Thursday night, Vick was ready to take on any assignment. He played quarterback, ran the wildcat formation, even lined up at wide receiver and completed a pass right-handed.

Philadelphia even won the game, beating the Jacksonville Jaguars 33-32 on David Akers' 34-yard field goal in the final minute. Vick's return overshadowed a somewhat sloppy effort by an Eagles team that has Super Bowl aspirations.

T.O. returns to practice after suffering toe injury

**ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.**— Bills wide receiver Terrell Owens took a step closer in recovering from a sprained toe after working out and catching passes in individual drills during practice.

Coach Dick Jauron was encouraged by Owens' progress Thursday. He added it's possible the receiver will be cleared to start practicing fully next week.

It was the third straight day Owens has worked out, and marked the most time he's practiced since jamming his foot in the Hall of Fame game on Aug. 9.

Owens has been ruled out from playing in a preseason game at Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Jauron all but ruled out Fred Jackson from playing after the running back missed his second practice with a sprained wrist.

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**ROCKIES' new pitcher Padilla throws 3-2 win vs. Dodgers**

**DENVER—Vincente Padilla gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a shot in the arm and the Colorado Rockies a punch to the gut.**

The right-hander, jettisoned by the Dodgers earlier this month after angering the Rangers by throwing at hitters, returned to the National League on Thursday and pitched the Dodgers to a 3-2 win over the Rockies.

"I can do a lot for this team," said Padilla, who allowed two runs and six hits in five solid innings. "Rafael Furcal, in the game for his defense, delivered a tiebreaking RBI single in the sixth and Matt Kemp hit his career-high 19th homer as the Dodgers put the brakes on the surging Rockies by taking two of three at Coors Field. They also opened a four-game lead in the NL West over the wild-card leaders.
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Gillespie charged with DUI

Dunleavy comes back early season

Associated Press

**SPORTS**

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**INDIANAPOLIS —** Indiana Pacers guard Mike Dunleavy said the franchise is getting over a severe knee injury earlier than expected. He's not sure when he can do everything except have physical therapy. It's expected that he'll be able to return early in the next two weeks.

Pacers coach Jim O'Brien has said he was counting on Dunleavy to be available once he got past the mold in March to remove a bone spur from the patella tendon on his right knee.

But 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. "I have a lot of time for that to happen."

His teammates say they like what they've seen.

"He looks a little bit off, but we're proud of some of things that he's doing," Pacers forward Troy Murphy said.

Dunleavy finished sixth in the Most Improved Player award voting this season, coming back after averaging 19.1 points, 5.2 rebounds and 3.5 assists.

The wing combination of Dunleavy and Granger was expected to carry the Pacers for years to come. Instead, Granger emerged as an All-Star after taking over as the first 34 games with lingering knee issues. Granger returned and averaged 15.1 points in 18 games before going down with a season-ending urine infection on his right knee because the pain he felt was not being treated.

In June, he had an unrelated minor surgery on his left hip.

Dunleavy said he's healing well from both surgeries. He said he can do most of his normal work, but can't take contact.

"Right now, I'm not playing and doing anything like basket ball," he said. "I'm not playing against guys...I'm not doing much I'm just...I'm not getting close to that."

He may need to return quickly if he wants to regain his starting job. His replacement, Shannon Brown, scored 29 points in back-to-back games in late March against Minnesota and Indiana.

The Pacers added free agent Dahntay Jones, a solid defensive player, as insurance.

Pacers forward Troy Murphy is excited about Dunleavy's progress.

"He looks great," Murphy said. "I think he's going to have a big comeback season, I think he's going to do really well."
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Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Mark Sanchez won't have to do it all himself for the New York Jets to be successful.

The rookie quarterback's support staff is ready to help shoulder the load.

"I think he understands that he doesn't have to win it," right tackle Damien Woody said Thursday. "He shouldn't feel that way. We have enough good parts around us where all he really needs to do is not mess it up and make a couple of plays here and there, just grow on the job."

Coach Rex Ryan announced Wednesday that Sanchez won the starting job over Kellen Clemens with a solid training camp. While Sanchez has been hailed as the new face of the franchise, the pressure to win now won't be entirely on him.

"Having a young guy like Sanchez in there, having the O-line we've got and the Pro Bowl-caliber running backs we have in the backfield is a heck of a complement," running back Leon Washington said. "We look forward to helping him out, just like we look forward to helping him out." Sanchez, the fifth overall draft back from a unit that helped him prepare for the NFL, said he realized during the Jets' final three practices, and wants to do it Sunday to get off the rust.

"I feel like I need to get back to the routine," Cutler said. "We missed a few practices, and we've been learning new things every day."

Hester hadn't even fielded many punts prior to this week's practices, and wants to do it Sunday to get off the rust.

"I feel like I need to get back to the groove, but at the same time it's up to the coaches — it's not up to me," he said. "All I can do is go by what the coaches say."

"Jay's a quarterback who can do it. And now we know how it's going to be explosive out there."

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Devin Hester is ready to start fielding punts again in pre-season.

Bears coach Lovie Smith Thursday said plans are for Hester to play at returner in Sunday's Bears game at Denver for the first time this pre-season.

"He's fine, he's doing a great job," Cutler said. "He's fine, he's doing a great job," Cutler said.

"The thing is, he has a great arm and he proved it that night, on the move and throwing it, what, 60 yards on the move?" Hester said. "That's pretty tough for a quarterback. You don't really see a quarterback who can get it out that far away."

"Jay's a quarterback who can do it. And now we know he has one simple adjustment to make."

"To just keep running fast as I can, no matter what," Hester said. "If he gets flushed out of the pocket don't come back, don't do any scrumbling drags, just keep going.

"Cutler remarked after the first preseason game about Hester's inability to go up and break up an interception, and later said he never meant it as a slam of his receiver.

His thoughts on Hester now are obviously more supportive.

"He's fine, he's doing a great job," Cutler said. "We missed a couple of times, I put him in some bad spots a couple times and he's going to be explosive out there.
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Run

here is what the teams in the BCS are doing, and those teams are averaging 4.6 yards per carry and we're averaging 3.3," Weis said.

Emerging as the top back over the past year is junior Armando Allen, who brings the most speed and pass-catching ability to the table. Allen led the team with 585 yards rushing in 2008 and averaged 4.4 yards per carry while also tallying the second most receptions on the team with 50.

"They're all gamma for Armando," Weis said. "Armando is the guy, you're going to have to take it away from him first."

"James has taken the new role very well, and was named the leader of that unit," said Weis. The final change of the winter took place with the hiring of a new running backs coach, with veteran Tony Alford coming in from Louisville. Alford has 14 years of experience coaching the position.

Weis said establishing a consistent running attack will have a positive impact on all the other offensive units. "It all starts with the run game. If you can run the ball, everything is easier," Weis said. "Protection is easier, throwing the ball is easier, everything is easier. It all starts with being able to control the line of scrimmage."

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Ireland

match-play format on five different courses, including Kilarney Golf and Fishing Club, which is among the world's top courses. The trip also included sightseeing opportunities of the Cliffs of Moher and the Aillwee Caves.

"The trip was amazing. I think we all had so much fun playing golf, having friendly competitions, and just getting pumped for playing golf," said Huffer. The team returning to play in the fall of 2009 is very similar to last spring's, with Mauna being the only loss.

"We have no new freshmen coming in so we are all familiar with one another," said Huffer, who will be one of only two sophomores on the team this year. "We can build on that and keep the team going," she said.

Huffer and the Irish will open up their season at the Mary Possum Invitational in East Lansing, Mich. beginning on Sept. 11.

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Wins
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high enough in the first half versus the Badgers," Waldrum said. "I'd like to see us start the game this Friday the way we played the second half against Wisconsin."
A higher intensity will limit Loyola's attacks on Irish goalkeeper Kelsey Leander.
Waldrum has warned the Irish of Loyola's (2-21) junior midfielder Laura Treviulli, whom he describes as a "very good attacking player."
Loyola began the year with back-to-back losses to DePaul, 4-0, and Dayton, 1-0. "(The Ramblers) are a hard working team that can disrupt your playing rhythm," Waldrum said. "We have to be patient in our possession. We don't want to get caught up in a 'kick and run' game with them."
When the Irish maximize their possessions, they will frequently rely on sophomore forward Melissa Henderson. While not yet at 100 percent following summer surgery, the Irish offense seems to run through her. "(Henderson) has that natural ability to get herself into scoring positions," Waldrum said. "A lot of our attacking will go through her."
Against Wisconsin, Waldrum said he felt the Irish did not pressure enough on offense to create goal-scoring opportunities.
"Most of our chances (for goals) were developed by our midfielders," Waldrum said. "Defensively we dropped off too deep and overcompensated."
Notre Dame faces Loyola-Chicago tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.
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Juniors
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The Belles will rely on several juniors to lead them to their ultimate goal, an NCAA Championship.
Leadership should come from junior Rosie O'Connor, a first-time All-MIAA honoree last season. O'Connor was recognized as the leader in the conference with an 80.2 stroke average in MIAA events and earned All-Region distinction by the National Golf Coaches Association.
In addition to O'Connor, junior Mary Kate Boyce looks to provide a boost to the Belles. Last year, her first on the team, Boyce shot a 77 in only her second round of competition and later medaled in an MIAA spring qualifier.
Another returning golfer hoping to make an impact is sophomore Natalie Matuszak, who earned second team all-conference honors last fall.
Eight-year head coach Mark Hamilton has seen his share of success while at Saint Mary's, including a 2003 run that saw the Belles finish the season at No. 4 in the nation. After winning the MIAA conference championship from 2002-2005, Saint Mary's has seen conference rival Olivet take the crown for the past three years.
This weekend's Trine Invitational will be followed by the O'Brien D-II Championships, which the Belles will host Sept. 13 and 14. Saint Mary's will begin its conference schedule Sept. 17 with a match at Albion.
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Denver
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season 25-7 overall, including a third-place finish in the conference championship.
The Irish are 2-3 against LSU all-time, and this year's matchup will not be easier than any before. The Tigers were unanimously chosen to win the SEC West this season after finishing 18-10 last season and making an NCAA Tournament appearance. But the toughest opponent of this weekend may be No. 5 Stanford, against which Notre Dame is winless in six tries. The Cardinal enter the weekend with a high ranking in the National Volleyball Coaches Association preseason poll following a 31-4 record in 2008 and an unmatched 12th Pac-10 title.
Nevertheless, Brown is confident that her team's experience on offense will be enough to carry them to victory.
"Both Christina Kaelin and Kellie Sciacca are certainly really strong attackers for us," Brown said. "I think that we have really strong attacking from the other three positions as well, so I think really the strength is going to be in our balance more than resting on any one or two people's shoulders."
The Irish are slated to take the court at 7 p.m. Friday against Denver, 6 p.m. Saturday against Stanford, and 1 p.m. Sunday against LSU at the Joyce Center.
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Football

Running: Back

Weis makes changes to improve ground game

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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The running backs have been there, but the running game has not.

This year, with a stable of talented backs and one of the most experienced offensive lines in the nation, there is no excuse why the Notre Dame rushing attack can’t be just as much of a threat as the pass.

For several seasons the Irish offense has been plagued more than anything by an inability to run the football, and Irish coach Charlie Weis said it was a top priority in the offseason.

“We looked back at all the teams that played in the BCS, took the highs and lows, and said, ‘Our intensity level was not high and we have to improve this,’” said Weis.

Junior running back Armando Allen runs in for a touchdown at the Hawaii Bowl on Dec. 24, 2008. The Irish hope to improve their running game this season.

Irish to kick off season with Shamrock Invitational

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will open its season at home today at the 15th annual Shamrock Invitational.

The Invitational is the first step in what may be a very difficult schedule. However, Irish coach Debbie Brown said she believes her team is better prepared than ever to handle the punishing schedule ahead of them.

“We have a very tough schedule ahead of us. Eight of our games are against NCAA Tournament teams from 2008, including No. 17 Michigan, No. 10 Florida and national runner-up Stanford,” Brown said.

“We have the opportunity to play throughout the country this year. We played Stanford last year and we have a couple of home games against big teams.”

Brown said Notre Dame’s schedule will prepare the team for the regular-season games against the top teams every year.

“All the teams that we play this year will be in our conference,” said Brown.

The Irish will face the top teams every year, Weis said.

“I think our goal has to be to get to the top teams every year. We need to work on getting to the top teams every year.”

Brown said Notre Dame will be aiming to win its 15th place finish at the NCAA Championship game this season.

ND Women’s Golf

Huffer looks to build on freshman year success

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

For someone who won Big East Freshman of the Year for women’s golf and led the team in stroke average in her first season, the next three years carry huge expectations.

Sophomore Becca Huff will do her best to fulfill those expectations and more as she leads the Irish into the Fall 2009 season.

“I just want to improve on last year, keep playing consistent,” said Huff, who was named Colorado’s High School Athlete of the Year in January, joining an elite group that includes Carmelo Anthony.

To keep her swing and gain confidence, Huff has been playing in tournaments in her hometown of Denver, Colo. for much of this summer. These tournaments also allowed her to work on her putting, which she said was “kind of a problem” in 2008.

The Irish team as a whole also has a tough act to follow this year after finishing a program-best 16th place in the NCAA Central Regional in the spring.

“We definitely want to get to the finals this year,” said Huff. “We also want to reclaim our Big East Title, and just keep getting the top teams every year.”

The Irish finished second behind Louisville in the Big East Championships in the spring, with then-senior Lisa Mauna claiming the overall individual championship with a score of minus-1.

As part of this preseason, the golf team also traveled to Ireland for an eight-day trip beginning Aug. 7. They played a