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Employers target Facebook accounts

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Students joke about "Facebook stalking," which involves searching through social network website Facebook to gain information on another person. But what happens when employers begin using these same techniques to find applicants online?

This presence may be protected by privacy settings used to limit access to individual accounts, but even with just the name of a person and a little information on where that person is from, virtually anyone can be found online.

Posts, photos, videos and comments posted on Facebook can cause problems for students as they begin to search for opportunities beyond the undergraduate level, associate director of the career center Kevin Monahan said.

Monahan said the context of a post is not taken into account if an employer happens to check a profile.

"This isn't limited to Facebook. If you rant and rave, make homophobic, sexist, or racist remarks under the guise of sarcasm, we don't have the luxury of reading body language or the circum-



GASPAR GARCIA DE PAREDES | Observer Graphic

stances surrounding the things we read or see something online," he said.

Companies such as Deloitte and Ernst & Young — two major recruiters of Notre Dame graduates — have Facebook pages, suggesting that while they may be there for people to "like" them on Facebook, they also navigate the online forum.

Photos depicting parties,

often including underage drinking, have brought about many issues.

"I haven't had trouble with it, but my employer back home said that any pictures posted of us doing illegal activities, while wearing any part of our uniform, would subject us to termination," freshman Nicole McMillan said.

Some students respond by putting their profiles on full

lockdown, with as much privacy as possible.

A few students even change the name that appears on their profile, which senior Nick Normandin did once he began applying for jobs.

"I changed my name so it's not recognizable. I don't know what exactly they're looking for, but whatever it is, I don't

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Students to receive local discounts

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Local businesses will offer more discounts for students shopping and eating in the South Bend community as early as fall break in an effort to engage students better with the surrounding area, off-campus concerns chair Emily LeStrange said.

"We are taking a step towards acknowledging the possibility for embracing the college town environment in South Bend while respecting the community at the same time," student body president Catherine Soler said.

The program, officially titled Students for South Bend, will allow Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students to find discounts at local venues after presenting their student IDs, Soler said.

"This is our cohesive attempt to reach out to the community in all different ways," LeStrange said.

"Students for South Bend is

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Lyons Hall sponsors Campout on the Quad

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Lyons Hall will host Campout on the Quad from 8 p.m. tonight until 8 a.m. Saturday, giving students the opportunity to spend a night under the stars for a good cause.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization that will use the money to supply mosquito netting to nations where malaria is a leading cause of death.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how people react," Lyons president Catherine Gillespie said. "This is different than anything I've seen on campus."

Gillespie, a sophomore, said the event will feature speakers including

Aanuoluwa Adelani, a biology graduate student, who will tell her story of how malaria personally affected her life. Souvik Bhattacharjee, a research assistant professor in biology, will discuss malaria science and research, while Sam Rund, a graduate student in biology, will talk about World Vision and how the proceeds from the event will be used.

"The suggested donation of \$6 covers the cost of one of the malaria tents given out by World Vision," Gillespie said.

Sophomore Laurel Fischer of Lyons suggested the idea for the event to Lyons Hall Council in April. Fischer said she heard about a similar event at another school and wanted to do something similar at Notre Dame.

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Eddy Street hosts open house

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

When most Notre Dame students think of Eddy Street Commons, they might envision the long lines that frequently form outside Chipotle and Five Guys Burgers and Fries. However, several new retailers and eateries have opened their doors in the development, and Saturday's Eddy Street Commons Block Party aims to connect students with the new opportunities available to them nearby.

The event, which is one of four events in the Student Government-sponsored beND kickoff weekend, will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Eddy Street Commons.

The event will feature music, promotions from several businesses and "a casual opportunity for students to explore the new stores and to hang out with



Observer File Photo

New vendors in Eddy Street Commons will open their doors from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday to offer free promotions.

friends," student body president Catherine Soler said.

Soler said she and student body vice president Andrew Bell came up with the idea for the event several months ago.

"Andrew and I thought of this event during our campaign," Soler said. "It's a great way to introduce Eddy Street Commons as a place

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THE HOT SEAT: ONE PERSON, FIVE QUESTIONS, INFINITE POSSIBILITIES



Kristy Frilling

junior tennis player

What has been your most memorable match in your time at ND and what makes it stand out?

I'd say my most memorable match was this past year at NCAAs in the quarterfinals against Tennessee. We were up 3-2 and needed one more match to clinch. I had a close match with a friend of mine, Caitlin Whoriskey, and ended up winning in the third set. It was a great feeling to clinch a close match for my team to make the final four.

Who is your biggest role model in the tennis world and why?

I don't really have a role model in tennis, but I'd say growing up I really modeled after Monica Seles' game because she had a two handed fore-

hand just like me, and that's very rare. Of course, nowadays [Roger] Federer is always someone to look up to and admire.

What kind of racket do you use?

I use the Wilson Ntour racket.

Who has been your most challenging opponent?

I can't pick who exactly been my toughest opponent, Everyone is so talented and I've had a lot in the past two years. I would say that playing Hilary Barte from Stanford (played her in the semis of NCAAs this year) was a tough match for me. She's a lefty like me and I don't usually like playing lefties. And she's crafty so she's good at mixing up the points.

Know someone who should be in the hot seat? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



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Students mingle at the welcome back party sponsored by Multicultural Student Programs and Services Thursday. The event included free food, a raffle, music, performances by student groups, a magic show and a photo booth.

OFFBEAT

Father of 55 suspected of paternity fraud

PARIS — A Paris man who registered 55 children by 55 different mothers faces up to 10 years in jail and fines for suspected paternity fraud and for helping to obtain residency under false pretences, police said on Friday.

The 54 year-old of African origin, who authorities did not identify, was arrested in his two-room flat in Paris during a police raid which yielded documents showing more than 50 people were registered as living at that address.

Police suspect the man was involved in a social benefits scam which could

have been costing the state over 1 million euros (\$1.27 million) annually in claims by the mothers.

"At the moment 42 women have been identified and each claim that the man is the biological father of their child," Paris police said in a statement.

Authorities said the man claimed he met the women at bars, night spots and occasionally during visits to their home countries, including Senegal, Cameroon and Mali.

U.S. tourists charged with desecrating the dead

ATHENS — Greek police charged two U.S. tourists with desecrating the dead on Thursday after they

found six human skulls in their hand luggage at Athens international airport, a police official said.

"The skulls were found in a scanner check during a stop-over in Athens on their way back to the United States," said a police official who requested anonymity. "The coroner confirmed they were human skulls."

The two young tourists said they had bought the skulls in a souvenir shop on the island of Mykonos and believed they were fake, the official said, adding they had been released pending trial.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame Law School is holding a **Law and Economics Symposium** conference today from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. in room 1140 of the Eck Hall of Law. The event is open to the public.

The Notre Dame **Domer Run** will take place **Saturday**. Registration will start at 8 a.m. at **Legends**. Pre-registration online costs \$15 per person. Registration the day of costs \$20 dollars per person. The race starts at 9 a.m.

The **Snite Museum of Art** will exhibit "Parallel Currents: Highlights of the Ricardo Pau-Llose Collection of Latin American Art" **Saturday** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit will be located in the **O'Shaughnessy West Gallery** and is open to the public.

Selections from the **William McGraw Photography Collection** will be shown from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in **O'Shaughnessy Galleries I and II** of the **Snite Museum of Art**. The exhibit is open to the public.

The Notre Dame department of music will host the **Fleur de Lys baroque chamber ensemble** — a performance of the music of the Bach family and Telemann at 1:30 p.m. on **Sunday**. An additional concert will take place at 5:30. The event will be held in the **Reyes Organ Hall** of the **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center**. Faculty, students, staff, and the public are welcome to attend. Call 574-631-2800 for ticket information.

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Program offers grad prep

By BRIANNE CARROLL
News Writer

The Career Crossings office has developed a new program it will host once a month for Saint Mary's juniors and seniors to help them prepare for life after graduation.

Stacie Jeffirs, director of the Career Crossings office, said she is excited for the two new programs, "Navigating the Journey" for juniors and "Planning for the Future" for seniors.

"We've been seeing quite a bit of traffic in our office. What we're hoping to do with these monthly programs is direct students with either very specific questions, or by focusing

on specific topics," Jeffirs said. Once a month, Jeffirs and assistant director Maureen Baska will facilitate topic-oriented discussions geared toward success upon graduation. There will be separate peer groups divided by year.

Baska will lead juniors on Tuesdays while Jeffirs will take on senior discussions on Wednesdays.

"As the months go on we'll be talking about different topics as well. Discussions are very topic focused, whereas the junior group and senior groups are broader," Jeffirs said.

A few weeks into the program, Jeffirs said the feedback has been mostly positive.

"We've had some interests

from students already and I've had students planning on being there [at the discussion sessions]," she said.

Jeffirs said she hopes the students will serve as the primary facilitators of discussion, but that she will be available to answer any questions students may raise during the session.

Jeffirs' aim is to keep the discussion groups relatively small because she said a smaller group enhances the depth of conversation and creates a sense of intimacy among peers.

"The aim is to keep it small but open to everyone," she said.

The goal of the two programs is to provide social support for students who may feel alone and overwhelmed during such a critical point in their lives.

"This is a designated organization to let them know what kinds of resources are available," Jeffirs said. "How do you get yourself unstuck from the situation so that you can keep moving forward?"

A benefit of the programs is that students are not obligated to commit. Jeffirs said the meetings are expected to be casual, which is a positive for students who have busy schedules.

"If students have questions they can come to these groups and get some support from their peers for whatever issue is affecting them," she said. "The program is a nice and easy way to get to know other girls who may be overwhelmed with some of the same issues."

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Students observe game days abroad

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Students generally spend the morning of a Notre Dame football game planning a tailgate, checking to make sure they have their tickets and listening to the marching band play the Victory March on the way to Notre Dame Stadium. For most students, a typical game day rarely consists of arguing with a bartender in French about finding a local Internet connection so the game can be broadcast on a laptop.

So go the trials and tribulations of organizing a game watch while abroad.

Hundreds of Notre Dame sophomores and juniors are scattered across the globe in various study abroad programs, but the majority of students are still finding ways to stay connected to the school through football.

This is sometimes easier said than done.

Junior Shannon McNaught, who is studying abroad in Angers, France, said she and the other students in her program faced multiple difficulties in trying to find a location to cheer the Irish on against Michigan.

"We went to a pub where we planned to watch the game on the French international sports channel but they were showing Formula 1 highlights," she said. "After some finagling with the bartender, we downloaded a VPN system onto his computer and hooked it up to the big screen to watch."

Unfortunately for McNaught and her classmates, there were more difficulties to face during the game than quarterback Dayne Crist's blurry vision.

"The resolution on the screen was extremely poor and at the end of the third quarter, the bartender got confused and quit the Internet," she said. "After that, we just went to Plan B and watched the rest of the game on ESPN.com on our friend's Blackberry."

Junior Liz Ledden, who is studying abroad in Toledo, Spain, said she and her fellow Domers found a venue they thought would be more conducive to watching a Notre Dame football game.

"The entire Toledo program went to an Irish pub we found in Madrid," she said. "It felt a little weird though, because we were in Spain but we had a little bit of Notre Dame there with us."

Other students haven't had as much luck finding a means of watching the game due to the political climate of the country they are studying in.

"Watching football games in China is really difficult," said junior Jia Hua Juszczak, who is studying in Beijing. "The TV and internet censorship definitely limits the media outlets we can use."

Juszczak wasn't able to watch either of the first two football games due to censorship issues as well as other factors that come with living in a country thousands of miles from home.

"There are some alumni here in Beijing who have a sling box so they can watch the games directly from the U.S., but there is still the time difference," he said. "Beijing is 12 hours ahead of Eastern time so most football games are played at 3 a.m. on Sundays. So either way, it's not ideal."

For those students who have been able to watch the games, they said they have had interesting experiences with locals who haven't been able to totally understand the culture of Notre Dame football.

"The Spaniards who were in the bar with us thought we were pretty entertaining, to say the least," Ledden said. "They were trying to watch their fútbol game on the TV next to us, but we were so much louder so I think they got a bit annoyed."

While the Spanish might have found the Irish fans a mild annoyance, McNaught said the French were a bit more open with their hostility.

"After our two game watches, I think the French culture isn't particularly fond of American football, or at least its fans," she said. "We always get really odd looks when we show up to the pubs with our jerseys and other game day gear on."

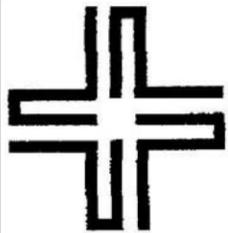
While students are thrilled to be in a different country and immersed in a different culture, they said they never miss Notre Dame more than on Saturdays.

"Just watching the game, even from a bar in Madrid, made all of us feel the whole football Saturday feeling again and made us miss campus," Ledden said.

McNaught said the game watches in France have made her miss the excitement of being in the stadium, but there are other aspects of watching the game in another country that spoil the atmosphere.

"You can't help but feel like something is wrong when the British announcer on Eurosport2 keeps referring to the Notre Dame quarterback as 'Jake Montana' throughout the entire broadcast," she said.

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want them to find it on my Facebook," he said.

Even while posts can be monitored to some extent, once something is placed online it is difficult to minimize its impact and impossible to remove, Monahan said.

"Once it is out there, it's like trying to put toothpaste back into a tube; it stays out," Monahan said.

However, Monahan said companies are not maliciously tracking down every candidate online. In fact, most aren't.

"Most employers have a policy telling their managers and human resources: do not look at these sites. There have been lawsuits about these from individuals who feel they have lost opportunities because of Facebook, Myspace or other social media sites. Those are still pending," Monahan said.

Sophomore Jacqueline Patz, whose sister worked in human resources, understands the basics of why this rule has been set at many companies.

"Her company is specifically not allowed to go and look at people's Facebooks. When you're hiring, you're not supposed to take into consideration things like race or gender, and if you look at Facebook, you can't avoid seeing that in their pictures or on their wall," Patz said.

When this occurs, the main question returns: are employ-

ers justified in looking at Facebook profiles or are they overstepping certain boundaries?

Two main theories have emerged on the topic.

The first opinion is based on the Internet as a public forum.

"I don't think that employers overstep any boundaries in checking Facebook. It's a public website and anything you post on there is something you should expect everyone to see," McMillan said.

Others, like Patz, find there is a clear division between a person's professional and personal life.

"I think that there's a big difference between the two, and whenever that line starts to get blurred, that's crossing the rights of your employees," she said.

Monahan said both sides have convincing arguments, but ultimately the Internet is a public forum that anyone can access.

"There are valid arguments on both sides, but when you post things out there, even under the guise of a personal site, it's been made public. If you don't want these comments or pictures being read, you should not be putting that information out there. I guess the courts will decide what that privacy levels — or privacy expectations — should be, not just for companies, but for

all individuals," he said.

With all of this discussion on how dangerous the Internet may be, some students rush to edit their profiles their profiles when applying for jobs.

But students can take a step back and breathe again. There are ways job applicants can use the Internet to their advantage, and even combat negative social networking from their past, Monahan said.

"Developing a strong, positive online presence is key. Writing a blog offering industry advice or recommendations can help.

Another way is to create a website that details some work or class experiences you've had," Monahan said. "By making these active, when an individual searches your name, your more positive

aspects will show up first, and that's what you want them to see."

As students forge their own career paths, students like Normandin have come to realize that growing up amidst a social networking boom is beginning to show its effects.

"I think part of our generation, now that we're mature, has grown up and is now realizing the consequences," he said.

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"Once it is out there, it's like trying to put toothpaste back into a tube; it stays out."

Kevin Monahan
associate director
Career Center

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"We got a lot of positive feedback, so we decided to try to make it a reality," Gillespie said.

World Vision is composed of different sectors, and the money raised from the event will go directly to the End Malaria campaign, which distributes mosquito netting and funds research for testing.

"Malaria is one of the leading causes of death for children under five in the developing world, responsible for nearly 2,000 child deaths a day, or one every 40 seconds," the organization's website said. "Transmitted by a mosquito, this disease kills an estimated 860,000 people each year. An estimated 85 are children."

Gillespie said World Vision pays for the netting up front, instead of waiting for donations to come through before acting. The donations help pay for charity already underway.

Gillespie said the charity was selected because of its Christian humanitarian message.

"The event is something anyone can come to — so come by and donate," Fischer said. "You don't have to stay overnight if you don't want to."

There will be events for participants, including a showing of the film "Heavyweights" at midnight, as well as the sale of glow-in-the-dark T-shirts.

"It's going to a good cause, but you don't have to feel like you're getting weighed down by the seriousness of the issue," Gillespie said. "Come out and have fun."

Fischer said that overall, coordinators of the event want students to come and support the cause in any capacity they can.

"Feel free to come and go as you please," Fischer said. "It's very flexible. We just would be happy for people to stop by. We

want everyone on campus to stop by."

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Catherine Gillespie
Lyons Hall president

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Laurel Fischer
sophomore




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Caritas in Veritate, released in June 2009, advocates a "people-centered economics" that reflects the relationship of charity and justice as part of striving toward the common good. *Caritas in Veritate*—the "truth of Christ's love in society"—guides Catholic social teaching on economic activity and can provide a roadmap for Catholics in this global economy.

According to the encyclical, economic activity can serve as the locus for authentic human relationships of reciprocity and solidarity by safeguarding the "primary capital," i.e., the human person in his or her integrity. This requires that businesses assume greater social responsibility, taking into consideration the flourishing of all stakeholders—including workers, the local community, and the natural environment—and not merely shareholders' interests. Likewise, the encyclical emphasizes the interrelationship of "human ecology" and environmental ecology, urging reduced consumption in a climate of wasteful, consumerist "superdevelopment." Even as vital resources are squandered and destroyed in war, humanity faces the prospect of violent conflict over goods necessary for sustaining life, particularly water. — *Margaret Pfeil*

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where students should feel welcome and be able to connect with the community.”

The participating stores and restaurants will be open during the event and will offer students a variety of promotions. Students may obtain punch cards that will enable them to receive a free tote bag or T-shirt if they get the card punched at each participating retailer. The cards will be available Friday at the block party.

However, students do not have to participate in each store's promotion in order to receive a free gift, Soler said.

Promotions include free coffee mugs from the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, \$5 off any item at Camellia Cosmetics, fresh popcorn from Old National Bank, 50 percent off all milkshakes and malts at The Mark Dine and Tap, waived enrollment for students at Anytime Fitness and a free blue and gold T-shirt with purchase of \$25 or more at Outpost Sports. However, two popular

Eddy Street tenants are notably missing from the list of participating stores.

“Five Guys and Chipotle, the most well-known vendors, are not even participating in the Block Party, so participation is coming from places that students have yet to explore,” Soler said. “It’s a great time for students to discover the other opportunities offered there.”

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Catherine Soler
student body president

In keeping with beND's goal of fostering better community

relations and engagement between Notre Dame and the surrounding area, student government's special events committee collaborated with Eddy Street Commons and Kite Realty, the developers of the Commons, to make the event a reality.

“We’ve been working a lot with these two groups, so we’re excited about their enthusiasm and support for the event,” junior Erin

furthering Pankiw, co-director of special events for Student Government, said. “We think it’s a good indication of future relationships between Notre Dame and the nearby community.”

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Erin Pankiw
junior

Soler said students could submit suggestions and comments about the block party at designated tables during the event.

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Discounts

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definitely a key component of the beND program.”

The beND campaign is student government's initiative to foster better community relations between South Bend and the Notre Dame student body.

Student government began a list of more than 60 businesses it approached to offer discounts, and that list will continue to grow as student representatives work with Downtown South Bend and the Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph's County, Soler said.

“We are looking especially for local places so students really have the chance to go into the real South Bend community,” LeStrange said.

LeStrange said the vendors will display a window decal in their storefront to let students know that they offer discounts.

“This program really benefits smaller local places,” LeStrange said. “It gets their names out and attracts student business that might not otherwise be there.”

Some proposed venues include Studebagels, Ritter's Ice Cream, Five Guys, Granite City, Papa John's and Uptown Kitchen.

Student government from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross will also present the discount plan to businesses such as Target, Isabella's Boutique, Meijer and Ten Thousand Villages, LeStrange said.

“We can let [South Bend] know that the student body does not just want to stay on campus,” LeStrange said. “We want to be in the community too.”

Advertising these discounts through offcampus.nd.edu, the student government website, and hall staff in residence halls would be a critical part of the project so stu-

dents can know what is available to them, LeStrange said.

“A lot of places like Between the Buns already issue discounts but students do not really know about them,” LeStrange said.

Discounts would not apply to alcoholic beverages because of standard University policy, LeStrange said.

The idea behind Students for South Bend began when student government tried to investigate applying Domer Dollars and Flex Points to off-campus venues, Soler said.

Students overwhelmingly preferred discounts at local businesses than having Flex Point access in these restaurants and shops, she said.

Past programs sold discount ticket booklets with coupons that students could present at local venues but the Students for South Bend program would avoid this option, LeStrange said.

“Students do not want to pay for a discount,” LeStrange said. “And to a certain extent I feel like you should not have to in a college town.”

LeStrange said vendors would have the option of choosing when and how to offer the student discounts so they can participate in the program on their own terms.

“We want the vendor to feel comfortable too in this program,” LeStrange said. “We do not want them stuck in something that they do not want.”

Sophomore Catherine Hermann said accessing these local business and restaurants would present a challenge for some students.

“Finding transportation is time-consuming for me,” Hermann said. “But for students who have a car here [off-campus discounts] would be really nice.”

Underclassmen that do not have cars on campus would be less motivated to go into South Bend to use the discounts, she said.

“If discounts were applied to deliveries then I would definitely be more inclined to take advantage of them,” Hermann said.

Junior Jack Dobmeier said he thought discounts in local restaurants would be beneficial to him because he lives off-campus and eats out for many of his meals.

“I never used fourteen meals in a week when I had a regular meal plan,” Dobmeier said. “I would order pizza or Jimmy John's when I got sick of dining hall food.”

Incorporating the University in local business by offering student discounts would definitely continue to develop an atmosphere of a college town, he said.

“During my freshman year I did not think of [South Bend] as a college town, but it does seem to be becoming more of that now,” Dobmeier said.

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“This program really benefits smaller local places. It gets their names out and attracts student business that might not otherwise be there.”

Emily LeStrange
Off-campus concerns chair

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junior

STUDENTS

Transportation Services will be offering two Driver Training Sessions in September.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Welcome home again

They cling to resumes padded with exceptional SAT scores and extracurricular activities. Their GPAs place them in the top of their classes in schools scattered around the country. They are club presidents, team captains, AP students and active volunteers. Their eyes betray an eagerness they attempt to mask with crossed arms and nonchalant stance.

Megan Doyle

News Writer

I stand before them with a stack of yellow business cards in my pocket and a crisp badge that identifies me as "Megan Doyle, Admissions Tour Guide."

These are the prospective students for the future classes of the University of Notre Dame, and I am entrusted with the task of introducing them to my school. Through sleep-deprived eyes, I see a school that brings me stress, exhaustion and an overcrowded to-do list. I see the homework waiting for me when I finally leave my tour group and return to Lyons. I see article deadlines and reading assignments.

Throughout the tour, I spout off impressive historical facts about the Congregation of the Holy Cross, the Fighting Irish football team, Father Sorin and the Four Horsemen. We troupe past LaFun, DPAC, DeBart, MCOB, Stonehenge, CoMo and Touchdown Jesus.

As we walk, I also give them snapshots of student life. I regale them with tales of the Lyons Hall interhall football team (victor in a total of zero games last year), frozen yogurt in South dining hall and push-ups in the student section at football games. I tell ghost stories. I invite them to see themselves in my position as a student at this University.

I welcome them home.

I was born and raised on dreams of this school, and some of the stories I tell were mine before I was a kindergarten, much less a Notre Dame sophomore. But many of these high school students are walking the quads for the first time as they follow me through campus. What do they hear when I speak? What do they see when they stare at the buildings I enter every day?

What does our world look like through their hopeful eyes?

I see backpacks loaded with books, a hopelessly messy Lyons quad, candles lighting the Grotto, a sea of Kelly green in the northwest corner of the end zone and a woman cloaked in gold. I see opportunities to challenge myself, to laugh until I cry, to trust, to yell with untamed energy and to love a family that grows daily.

A high school student asked me once if I regretted my college decision at any point. I told her that sometimes I am tired, stressed, confused and overwhelmed — but I would choose Notre Dame over and over again should I be tired, stressed, confused and overwhelmed anywhere in the world. Suddenly, my overcrowded to-do list felt lighter.

So take a deep breath and look around. Remember what it was to fall in love with this place, this campus, this school.

Welcome home ... again.

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Being part of the community

With its new beND program, student government is trying to tackle the complicated issue of the University's relationship with the community — a focus of every student government administration each year.

Student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell have created their version of a community relations agenda with the new program, which Soler said is a "cohesive effort" to promote off-campus activities and encourage students to be respective members of the community.

beND is a good start, and has several events lined up for its kickoff this weekend. Student government is hosting a picnic for both students and community members this evening on at the Robinson Community Learning Center, as well as co-hosting a block party in Eddy Street Commons Saturday. On Sunday night, an attorney will speak to educate students about interacting with police, followed by a Monday night panel with representatives from the Indiana State Excise Police, Notre Dame Security Police, the Office of Residence Life and Housing and a defense attorney.

Despite these events, though, beND lacks a clear plan of how to achieve its goals in the long term. Soler has outlined several lofty aims, but student government still has to work to flesh out the program.

"The program asks students to be mindful and respectful ... and be willing to be engaged in South Bend," Soler told The Observer.

But Soler and Bell are vague on how the events they have lined up will achieve this goal.

The objective of the block party at Eddy Street Commons is to get students out into the community, but that begs the question: Is Eddy Street Commons part of the South Bend community?

Economically and demographically, the Commons is not representative of the community, but rather more of an offshoot of campus. There are better ways for students to engage with the South Bend community.

This starts primarily with students living off campus.

Student houses are surrounded by family homes. Introduce yourselves to your neighbors.

While the goals of this initiative are most relevant for off-campus students, those who live on campus must also recognize the roles they can play in the South Bend community.

South Bend has some great local shops and restaurants. Try the Chicory Café in downtown South Bend for lunch instead of Chipotle. Support local products by visiting the South Bend Farmer's Market instead of grabbing a burger at Five Guys.

While the block party at the Commons is a fun way to get students off campus, beND should focus on educational initiatives, like Sunday's lecture about interacting with the police.

The goals of the program, however, should extend beyond dealing with parties and police officers. As for events to get students into the community, student government should look outside Eddy Street Commons. For example, instead of sponsoring another Cubs game trip, it should send students to a Silverhawks game.

Finally, student government should separate beND from volunteering initiatives. A community relations platform inherently has a different set of goals than student volunteer work. Notre Dame students are often involved in service, which aims to give something to a community. The equally important goal of community relations, however, emphasizes the value of actually being a part of that community rather than simply serving it. Volunteering at the South Bend Center for the Homeless is an admirable activity, but so is getting to know your neighbors.

Overall, beND is a good launching point for Soler and Bell's community relations initiative. The objectives are worthwhile and necessary, but the leaders need to put more work into narrowing beND's focus and coming up with a concrete action plan.

In the meantime, individual students should take up the responsibility to be good neighbors on their own.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Competence, like truth, beauty and contact lenses, is in the eye of the beholder."

Laurence J. Peter
U.S. educator and author

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You sort of start thinking anything's possible if you've got enough nerve."

J.K. Rowling
British author
[In *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*]

Send college students to war in Afghanistan

President Barack Obama has said of Afghanistan, "This is not a war of choice. This is a war of necessity." If that is true, every citizen between the ages of 18 to 25 should be prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice. A volunteer army should not allow the rest of American young adults to disconnect from debates on just and necessary wars. Let's analyze the nine years of evidence to find justification for President Obama's claim.

Chris Rhodenbaugh

In Pursuit of Social Justice

The war in Afghanistan has no achievable goal, yet we are committing desperately needed dollars to the war in the face of a devastating recession at home. Even if every military offensive is successful and the Afghan people begin to cooperate effectively with the U.S. military, the U.S. is still left propping up a corrupt government under President Hamid Karzai. Not to mention the country's infrastructure is non-existent or in shambles, and the population has little to no respect of the country's political institutions.

The plan of using force to win the hearts of a people puts our soldiers in a precarious situation. Once one civilian is killed violently by a drone missile, a grenade, or a stray bullet, the entire community will be pushed away from supporting the war effort and at least one, likely two or more, person will enlist to fight for the Taliban.

What would you do if a member of your family or your best friend had

been killed by a heavily armed military force from another country that does not practice your faith or speak your language? Would you risk your life to cooperate with a foreign military force responsible for civilian deaths in your community? The reality is every Afghan knows a U.S. soldier will leave if that is the order. They understand the individual Afghan does not matter to Washington or the war effort. Therefore, why do we continue to put our soldiers into villages and tell them to be armed diplomats and community organizers?

Bank bailouts are being talked about in political ads across the country with politicians trying to be more populist than the other. Is anyone mentioning that we are currently "bailing out" the central bank of Kabul? Bank failure would mean no government employee (Afghan military force) could be paid and one of the only sources of credit in the country would disappear. Because we are building a country, and not fighting a war with our military, this issue is potentially catastrophic. While the Treasury department said no U.S. taxpayer money would be given directly to the bank to protect its solvency, the U.S. will be bankrolling the government of Afghanistan for the next 10 to 50 years. Therefore, we may not be giving cash to Kabul Bank, but by subsidizing other government action we indirectly are contributing.

The U.S. will spend \$105 billion (roughly one-sixth of its defense budget) on the war in Afghanistan in 2010, which is more than the \$98 billion the Chinese government, second largest

spender on defense in the world, spent on defense in 2009. Total spending from 2001 to 2009 in Afghanistan is \$190 billion, yet experts are saying the Taliban has recovered from its initial defeats to return to nearly the same power and influence it had in 2001 when the U.S. invaded.

Why are we unable to learn from our country's past engagements abroad and the military history of Afghanistan? You cannot kill an idea, or a culture that accepts the Taliban with force. It must be destroyed by education and economic development. Modernity and legitimate democratic governance cannot be brought in by U.S. tanks and squads of marines. Maybe that is why many NGOs and experts like Greg Mortenson, director of the Central Asia Institute that has built 145 schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan, believe money should be invested in the human capital of the Afghan people instead of militaries. Between the 145 schools built by the Central Asia Institute and the 300 schools built in Afghanistan by the CARE foundation not a single one has been destroyed by the Taliban. Greg Mortenson has said, "for the cost of just 246 soldiers posted for one year, America could pay for a higher education plan for all Afghanistan."

Remember when 60 percent of people disapproved of health care legislation and politicians and the media said an anti-government revolution was brewing in this country? Then politicians began the race to see who could distance themselves more from the bill before the midterms. Well, recent polls

show that 60 percent of Americans oppose the war in Afghanistan, yet our country trudges on with nation building and our country's leaders are holding their ground that we are fighting "a war of necessity."

People are not invested in the events of the war because it has no effect on their day-to-day lives. Even in a recession the economic costs of the war still are not enough for the issue to be a part of political platforms in the midterm elections. How would this situation be changed if every mother in the United States knew it was possible that her child was sent into a battle with no metrics for victory? Would college campuses take some time away from drinking to start organizing against a war that is taking the lives of Afghan civilians and their friends or family members? How would politicians vote if their children were going to war? To justify taking the lives of more than 1000 U.S. soldiers, and spending 1/6 of our defense budget, every young person in the U.S. should be willing to fight to protect this country. Do we have to reinstate the draft, college students included, to hold our president accountable when he calls nation building in Afghanistan a "war of necessity?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Best fan section

Chris,

It is embarrassing to read your comments ("Section 32" by Chris Masoud, Sept. 16) and to realize that they were expressed by a student at the University of Notre Dame. I did not have an opportunity to attend Notre Dame, but I love this University. I am an usher in Section 33 and drive 450 miles one way each week from my home in Iowa to help serve the University of Our Lady in my small way.

Whenever a fan from the visiting school enters my section, I welcome them to our fine University. I talk to all of the students in the area where the fan is standing and remind them that they are students at the University of Notre Dame, that they are the best and that we treat our guests with class and dignity. I also remind the visiting fan that if things happen to, unfortunately, go his/her way that they remember that they are our guest and that they also act with class and bring favor upon their university.

Unsportsmanlike behavior in the stands does not help our team win football games. It does, however, reflect poorly on the University that we love so much.

In my eight years as an usher we have never had a problem with a visiting fan in our section. I would enjoy meeting you Chris. I am the usher that checks tickets as the students enter the best section in Notre Dame Stadium ... section 33. Stop by and introduce yourself next game and join me in a cheer for the Fighting Irish.

Curt Froyen
Usher #5
Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 16

Passing judgment

This is a response to Christopher Masoud's article "Section 32" (Sept. 16). Now, I sit in section 32. In fact, I sat directly behind those slimy Michigan girls. I felt a feeling of the utmost shame as I read your article, Chris. I didn't even do anything to make these girls fear for their physical safety (something which I recently found out was classified as assault, but forget the law). In fact, I acted appalled at my fellow student's behavior and shunned him. I even apologized for him! I don't know what came over me while I was standing there; I guess I just got caught up in the moment. But you, Chris, know better and can therefore pass down your judgment from the press box while sipping on club soda.

In my defense though Chris, I only recently joined the Men against Violence, so I didn't know what you three-year members would know. The MAV code clearly states that you should never bring any sort of violence against women, except Michigan fans at football games. Then you can do whatever you want.

Another point you brought up, Chris, really got my blood boiling: There were only nine arrests this weekend! Come on students, you're all acting like there have been over 100 arrests in the past month! It makes me so mad I just want to go back and knock those two Michigan girls back down on their bums. Oh wait! I can! They were actually Notre Dame grad students! They go to school here!

Chris, if you haven't realized by now, I strongly disagree with you. But since I, along with all the people who live in your section, are now dead to you, I have no problem telling you to stay in the press box.

One more thing Chris, the person who pushed those girls was not forced to leave. After he apologized, he felt ashamed of what he did and voluntarily left. He felt ashamed because he is actually a really nice guy who has never done anything like that before. I guess you can miss some things from way up in the press box. But please, keep sending your judgment down our way while sipping on that club soda. We deserve it.

Nate Greenberg
sophomore
Keough Hall
Sept. 16

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Dorm Eateries



Staff Report

On Thursday Scene featured four of the best eateries on campus. Today Scene brings you five more restaurants to feed the insatiable desire for pizza and burgers that occurs late at night in dorms all across Notre Dame.

SIEGFRIED PIZZERIA

Siegfried's Pizzeria serves up tasty pizza options five days a week. Pizza, chips, drinks and pizza sticks are available Sunday through Thursday, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. A 10-inch thin crust pizza costs \$4, and a 12-inch pizza is \$5. Available toppings include pepperoni, sausage, onions, ham, pineapple and garlic. Six pizza sticks can be purchased for \$3.75, drinks cost \$1.25 and all chips are 50 cents. The chef prepares all pizzas in about 7-10 minutes depending on demand. The pizzeria staff personally delivers your order if you wait in Siegfried's lobby, and the staff does room deliveries to Siegfried residents. All profits are split among the owners.

DAWG PIZZA

Though it may be worrisome to take pizza given by a bunch of dogs, Alumni Hall's Dawg Pizza is worth the risk. Every night the dawg house serves as one of Notre Dame's finest pizzerias aside from Reckers. They serve thin crust pizza with your choice of cheese, sausage and pepperoni. They also serve up deliciously cheesy breadsticks. Dawg Pizza is open from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday, and from 12 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

YAZ'S

Morrissey's restaurant was founded in 2001 when students filled a study lounge with baseball memorabilia and made tables out of beer kegs, naming the establishment after baseball hall-of-famer and Manorite Carl "Yaz" Yastrzemski. Yaz's offers brats, burgers, shakes, and their trademark "zachos" with prices ranging from 75 cents to \$3, and profits going to the dorm, according to Alex Oloritz, manager of Yaz's. The eatery is open Monday through Thursday from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday from 11 p.m. to a.m.

ZAHM ZA

Students, faculty, and celebrities of all ages and genders stop by the basement of Zahm House for two very distinct and respectable reasons: to pay their tributes to Ignats the moose, and to feast on the pure deliciousness that is the Zahm Za. Menu items include cheese, pepperoni, sausage, and, for the daring, presidential (both sausage and pepperoni) pizza, as well as cheese sticks. The Za isn't free: \$6 for a 12-inch or \$10 for a 16-inch, but it all goes to a good cause. All profits benefit the Robinson Community Learning Center in South Bend.

ZALAND

Nestled in the basement of Keenan Hall, Zaland is a Keenan-run pizza joint, serving late night snacks to the guys of Keenan and Stanford. Zaland is open for business Sunday through Thursday from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. In addition to mouth-watering slices of Cheese and Pepperoni for only a buck, Zaland also sells assorted ice cream and bottled water for \$1.25, chips and candy for 75 cents and fountain drinks for \$1. Almost as popular as the pizza are the luscious slushies that will give you that extra jolt you need to finish up the day. Whole Pizzas are also available for \$6. So, if you're up late studying and crave a midnight snack, make your way down to Keenan's basement and grab a slice. It's the "Best in Za-Land."

Away Game Etiquette



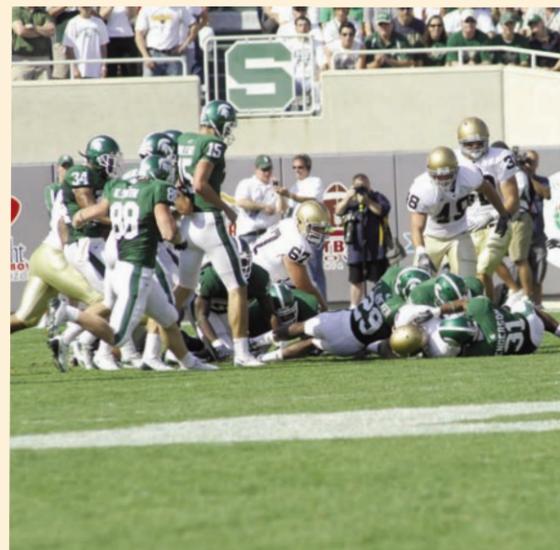
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By **MARISSA FROBES**
Scene Writer

You have felt the joy of beating Purdue. You have dealt with the pain of losing to Michigan. Rather than experiencing numbness watching the Michigan State game this Saturday on a television, many Domers will venture to East Lansing to await Notre Dame football's fate first-hand.

As a native Michigander, I have been to one away game each year in my home state for the last two years. If you are traveling to MSU this weekend, get ready to see college football game days in a completely different light.

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What To Expect

Notre Dame maintains a multitude of die-hard fans. However, the Spartan advantages of manpower (more than 45,000 students in attendance, yikes!) and a lack of Catholic social teaching constantly nagging their consciences allows them to more freely express their... pride. By "freely express" I mean be prepared for heckling galore, the frequent outburst of obscenities and a proclivity towards group-bullying. If you walk into a Sparty-dominated tailgate, expect an unfriendly chant for at least five minutes before you get a hot dog. Don't let it ruin your pre-game, though. State fans will appreciate your loyalty if you play into the jeering and throw something right back at them.

Do

- 1) Wear blue and gold. MSU's school colors are green and white, and you don't want to be accidentally mistaken for a Spartan if you sport green garb.
- 2) Keep in mind this is a night game — you need to survive until 8 p.m. Do not get overexcited and "tailgate like a champion" to the point where you'll be searching for a futon after dinner.
- 3) Have fun! Rep for ND, make your presence known in East Lansing and make new friends. You'll be surprised how excited any Domer will be when they see a classmate away from school, even if you do not know them at all.

Do Not

- 1) Get lost. Stick with a friend — the MSU campus is huge and you could get caught up in a myriad of places. Spartan Stadium could end up being miles away from where you are.
- 2) Antagonize a Spartan for too long. Remember that no matter where you are, you are surely out-numbered. When alcohol is involved, inhibitions usually aren't — don't get trapped in a sticky situation.
- 3) Cower in fear. In the wise words of Freekbass, "We are ND."

A Global Celebration of Fashion

Fashion's Night Out 2010

Manhattan, NY

By **COURTNEY COX**
Scene Writer

"Shop For Something Good." This was the catch phrase of the extravaganza known as Fashion's Night Out. On Sept. 10, designers, models, socialites and students flooded the streets of Manhattan in search of the most glamorous parties in town.

The fashion industry is one filled with plenty of velvet ropes and guest lists, but for one night only, the world of fashion opens its doors to the greater public in celebration of the opening of New York Fashion Week. From the catch phrase one may have assumed that the event would be supporting some worthy charity or helping people in need, but no, it's all about fashion.

Fashion's Night Out is essentially a string of parties that all occur on the same night, bringing together celebrity fashion fans, designers and models-of-the-moment, essentially just to prove how amazing they are. The proceeds from the official Fashion's Night Out shirt actually does benefit the New York City AIDS Fund, so it's one purchase of the night that no one should feel guilty about (too bad the same can't be said about a pair of pricey designer heels). It can be argued, though, that the event serves as a means of publicizing up-and-coming designers and giving them a larger fan base that will help support their artistic endeavors by purchasing their clothing. In that sense it is certainly honorable.

Opening Ceremony, the innovative department store that showcases talented new designers as well as the high priced mainstays of the industry, organized a French-style flea market in the Ace Hotel. The market brought together the work of designers like Alexander

Wang, Rodarte and Proenza Schouler. Definitely not an average flea market by any standard.

Pop Magazine hosted what was essentially a rave at New York concert venue Don Hill's. The guests were surprised with a performance from Iggy Pop. Despite the gritty exterior the party guests were among the most glamorous in the industry including Gwen Stefani, Gavin Rossdale, and Margherita Missoni.

Sak's Fifth Avenue hosted one of the largest soirees of the evening and it was packed wall to wall with celebrities and fashion fans from the local area. Attendees were able to meet designers like Victor & Rolf, Prabal Gurung, and Zac Posen while brushing shoulders with the likes of Claire Danes and Coco Rocha. It had to have been a fashion fantasy come true.

Bergdorf Goodman was a magnet for large numbers of celebrities during its celebration of Fashion's Night Out. The Olsen twins served as bartenders and Padma Lakshmi hosted a designer version of Top Chef with Cynthia Rowley and Gilles Mendel among the contestants. Throughout the night various games were played which simply served as a distraction from guests like Victoria Beckham, Badgley Mischka, Manolo Blahnik and Nicole Richie.

The second annual Fashion's Night Out was by any means a success and brought out all the hip young stars for a good cause as well as good times. Champagne flowed freely, designers played poker with their greatest admirers, and all were welcome to partake in the celebration when the fashion industry opened its doors to the rest of the world, and when the doors were closed once more it left attendees of Fashion's Night Out begging for more.

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Weasels

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defenses looking to make their impact felt throughout the season. The Purple Weasels (1-0), who lost in last year's championship game, are on a path of redemption as they set out to return to the Stadium after falling just short of the title last year.

"We expect to win," sophomore receiver Alice Yerokun said. "Our goal is to go back to the championship game and win, no matter what."

Meanwhile, the Shamrocks (1-0) have a difficult task in stopping Yerokun and senior quarterback Simone Bigi in Pasquerilla West's dynamic triple-option offense, which accumulated 26 points and over 150 yards of offense on a sturdy Welsh Family defense in the Purple Weasels' win last week. Similarly, the Shamrocks shut out the Wildcats of Ryan, who boast a strong running game and a downfield passing threat.

"We saw a running attack from Ryan last weekend which will help to stop [Pasquerilla West's] running game," McGlenn senior captain Gillian Allsup said. "The key will be sticking on our girls and being aggressive."

In addition to a strong running game, the Purple Weasels boast a dominating defense that gave up a total of 49 yards in their last contest. Against this stout defensive unit, the McGlenn offense, able to score only 12 points against Ryan last week, could quickly find itself in a hole.

The two defensive-minded squads will battle at 4 p.m. Sunday at the LaBar Practice Complex.

Breen-Phillips vs. Lyons

Breen-Phillips and Lyons will clash Sunday, with each hoping to earn its first win of the season and avoid a damaging 0-2 start. The Babes (0-1) lost 6-0 to Cavanaugh last Sunday

while the Lions (0-1) lost by the same score to Farley. Both Breen-Phillips and Lyons displayed strong defensive outings in holding their opponents to one score. Each struggled offensively, however, and will look to put points on the board this Sunday.

"After Sunday, we know we need to focus on solidifying the offense and getting all our freshmen as much experience as possible," Babes senior captain Katie McNelis said.

McNelis emphasized the long-term consequence of the game in terms of player development, as she expects her team to come together and improve in the weeks to come.

"One of our most important goals for this year is to integrate a lot of freshmen into BP football," she said. "We want them to have a great first-year experience and also to create a unified team that can win games. After our last few seasons, expectations for our team might not be high, but we feel this season we have the skill and dedication to surprise everyone."

Lyons struggled to get the ball moving offensively last week, but displayed a finely tuned defense that may be the key to earning their first victory.

Breen-Phillips and Lyons both look to get in the win column Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar.

Badin vs. Howard

Badin Hall has a lot to prove in its Sunday afternoon matchup against a team that it knows well, South Quad neighbor Howard. The Bullfrogs (0-1) do not have a lot of time to recover from their tough 40-6 loss to Pangborn before taking on the Ducks (1-0), the defending women's champions.

The Badin players know that this game could be a defining point in their season and are hoping to get their first win this weekend. Badin senior captain and defensive lineman Elise Gerspach is especially enthusiastic even after last week's loss, as her team has been practicing

and improving all week.

"We definitely have a lot of things to work on in practice this week," Gerspach said. "We're planning on working hard to fix all of the mistakes that really hurt us last Sunday."

This is a rebuilding year for the Bullfrogs, as their roster includes a lot of young players. Despite her team's youth, Gerspach's squad is not intimidated and is excited to return to play.

"We've got a lot of young talent, and we just didn't adjust quickly enough to the speed of the game," Gerspach said. "The coaches and the team are going to work hard, and we're going into this Sunday with confidence and a new attitude."

Despite the score of Badin's last game, Howard's players are not taking the team lightly. The Ducks, coming off an 18-6 victory over Lewis, are working hard to stay undefeated in league play. Howard senior captain Kayla Bishop realizes that the Bullfrogs are looking to pull off the upset.

"We're excited to have Badin coming up this Sunday," Bishop said. "We know that they'll have something to prove after last week, but we're going to be honing our skills on both sides of the ball this week in order to be ready for them."

Bishop credits her own team's success last week to the team's defensive squad.

"Our defense did a really great job this past Sunday in containing the offense, and we're hoping to continue that success against Badin," Bishop said.

Though Howard has the experience, the Bullfrogs plan to embrace the role of the underdogs as they go back to the drawing board to create a successful upset strategy.

The two South Quad neighbors meet Sunday at LaBar at 2 p.m.

Pasquerilla East vs. Lewis

Coming off a bye week, Pasquerilla East will see its first game action this Sunday against a Lewis team also hun-

gry for its first win. Though they lost their first game to Howard 18-6, the Chicks (0-1) are looking to rebound this weekend with a stronger game. The Pyros (0-0) are taking each game one by one, keeping their eyes on playing in the championship game in the Stadium, according to Pasquerilla East junior captain Kristin Mannion.

"We have been working on the basics, trying to get back to the fundamentals," she said. "We are going to be aggressive each and every game by playing with hustle and high energy. With our talent and play-makers, I am fully expecting our team to win the championship."

The Pyros will be looking to senior quarterback Maggie Waller for offensive leadership. Her experience and talent under center will be key if Pasquerilla East is to accomplish its goals.

"Maggie is a great quarterback and her experience will take us far," Mannion said.

Waller will have a tough match-up this weekend against a Lewis defense that held Howard, the defending champions, to a mere eighteen points this past Sunday. Her counterpart, Lewis quarterback Connaught Blood, brings intensity and a high level of toughness to her offense that may prove crucial in a tight game.

Lewis senior captain Sarah Ceponis has been working to instill a sense of intensity in her squad, and she issued a warning to the Pyros on the heels of that effort.

"Lewis football has always been about having fun, but starting Sunday it's going to be about destroying our opponents while still having fun, of course," she said. "We weren't quite ready for our first game, but I don't think [Pasquerilla East] is ready for our next."

Pasquerilla East opens its season against a hungry Lewis squad Sunday at 1 p.m. at LaBar.

Walsh vs. Ryan

Looking to move one step fur-

ther after falling one game short of the championship last season, Walsh will open up its 2010 campaign against Ryan after enjoying a bye week on the first Sunday of the season.

"We think we're especially prepared for this week," sophomore defensive lineman Jen Rawding said. "We got some extra practices to solidify our playbook. It gave us a chance to move the freshmen around at some different positions to find their strongest spots."

The Wild Women (0-0) hope that an infusion of youth will help them reach their goals, as a number of talented freshmen join a squad that stormed through the regular season last year before losing in the semifinals to eventual champion Howard.

"Our goal is to get to the stadium this year. We were close last year," Rawding said. "We lost to Howard in the semifinals in a close game. That was obviously a tough loss. We return a lot of players and have a group of enthusiastic freshmen, so we think we have a good chance."

Opposing them will be Ryan (0-1), who showed plenty of talent but failed to put points on the scoreboard in a 12-0 loss to McGlenn on Sunday. Ryan is led by sophomore quarterback Maya Pillai and her scramble-heavy offensive arsenal. Pillai and her team will come out against Walsh even hungrier for their first win after the opening loss.

"Have you ever been to the circus and seen the wildcats devour the ringmaster?" freshman wide receiver Sara McGuirk said. "That's what they [Wild Women] are in for on Sunday."

The battle between the two intense squads will be held at LaBar at 3 p.m.

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SMC SOCCER

Winless Belles searching for offense before MIAA play begins

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After a 3-0 loss Wednesday night to Elmhurst (5-1), Saint Mary's will need to collect themselves quickly before it hosts Illinois Tech on Friday.

The Belles (0-6) are still in search of their first win of the year with only three games remaining until conference play begins. The Scarlet Hawks should provide this team with another

opportunity to gauge their strengths and weaknesses as MIAA play approaches.

Illinois Tech comes into South Bend with an impressive 5-2 record. The Belles will need to contain a potent scoring attack for the Scarlet Hawks, who are headlined by the play of sophomore Lauren Capuano and junior Emily Tilton.

Capuano, a midfielder, has scored a team-high eight points and four goals on the year, while Tilton has contributed six points

and three goals of her own. Illinois Tech's goalkeeper, sophomore Amy Arnhart, has also been impressive so far, giving up fewer than two goals a game on average.

Aside from playing strong defensively, the Belles look to try to generate more scoring chances. The Belles have an MIAA-low two goals to show for their efforts so far.

Freshman midfielder Mollie Valencia will need to continue to generate scoring chances for the

Belles by adding onto her team-high eleven shots. She and junior forward Katelyn Tondo-Steele have accounted for almost 40 percent of the team's shots this year.

Joyce pointed out that that might be a statistic indicative of the fact that the team's offensive struggles might be solved with more ball distribution.

"We'll concentrate on our offensive movement," Joyce said.

For Joyce, however, the biggest key for his team is to be assertive.

"The big thing for us is to play with confidence," he said. "A number of losses affects your confidence, but we'll be hungry for a victory."

If the Belles can start to correct some of these issues tonight, they may be able to begin their conference schedule with the momentum needed to generate several wins. Tonight's game kicks off at Saint Mary's at 5:30 p.m.

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When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice,

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Stanford and Keenan to battle for the Chapel

Siegfried champions take on winless Duncan; Morrissey and Knott hope for playoff return; Zahm and Fisher seek improvement

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Stanford and Keenan are something of an anomaly on the Notre Dame campus. They share the same building. They share the same chapel. They share the same doorway, same front lounge and same basic architecture. On Sunday, however, the two dorms will share the same football field as the annual Battle for the Chapel takes place in the first weekend of the season.

Stanford's undefeated regular season ended abruptly in the first round of the playoffs following a loss to St. Edward's, but with 17 returning players, the sky is the limit. Led by senior quarterback Tony Rizzo, the Griffins praise aggressiveness on both sides of the ball.

"Game plan is to come out and play a hard four quarters," Rizzo said. "Attack on offense, we're not going to sit back and let the other team score. Defense last year we gave up three touchdowns all season, so we are going to try to keep up our tradition of hard defense."

Lining up against the Griffins on Sunday will be the Knights of Keenan Hall, who also hope their season will culminate in the Stadium. Following a disappointing 1-2-1 season last year, the Knights are back with a simplified offense and a solid offensive line. Senior running back, defensive back and co-captain Jamie Koepsel said his team will have to work hard to get to where they want to be this season, but he remains confident.

"We've got the talent to do it, we have the personnel to do it," Koepsel said. "All we have to do is execute on Sundays."

On the defensive side of the ball, the Knights will look to their other captain, senior middle linebacker Bart Dear, to help them slow down Rizzo and the Griffins' attack. Rizzo, however, is familiar with what Dear brings to the field.

"I played against him in high school," Rizzo said. "So we kind of jaw back and forth. In years past it always comes down to a touchdown or less between the two of us."

If Rizzo's analysis rings true, spectators are in for an entertaining game. The game will be played at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Duncan vs Siegfried

Last season could not have gone more differently for the teams of Siegfried and Duncan. Siegfried ended the year on top, winning their second straight championship in Notre Dame Stadium, while Duncan finished winless at 0-3-1. This year, they open the season against each other, in the first matchup in Blue League play.

Duncan hopes to use the ground game to spark an improvement from last season.

"The goal in this league is always to be mostly run, because the pass is risky," Duncan junior captain and offensive and defensive lineman Paul Scheel said. "We intend to control the clock and possession, but we'll vary depending on the game situation."

The Highlanders will rely heavily on their lone senior, Andrew Wiand, who can play a wide range of positions including quarterback, running back and slot receiver. Another key contributor will be junior Brett Leahy, a tight end on offense and defensive lineman and linebacker on defense, along with junior safety and slot receiver Adam Zaabel.

Siegfried will try to pick up where they left off last season with a mixed attack that leans towards the run.

"We do try to balance it out," Siegfried senior captain and offensive tackle Michael McDonnell said. "But our biggest strength is our running game."

The Ramblers will look towards junior fullback and linebacker John Aversa and senior quarterback Matt Meinert for big production as they look to defend their title.

While there are many new faces on Siegfried this year, McDonnell understands expectations are still high and the goal is to three-peat.

"We realize we have a target on our backs," McDonnell said, "But we'll try to move through it."

The young Duncan team will look to pull off an upset of the champs at Riehle Fields Sunday at 1 p.m.

Morrissey vs. Knott

The opening weekend of the men's interhall schedule will be highlighted by a greatly anticipated Blue League matchup between Morrissey and Knott, as both teams look to start off with a win after reaching the playoffs last season.

Adding to a number of estab-

lished veterans that led the team to a strong regular season showing in 2009, Morrissey will debut a number of new faces on this year's squad. Included in the new faces will be Nick Conrad, a freshman and the new starting quarterback for The Manor.

Looking to stop the upstart Morrissey team will be an extremely confident Juggerknott squad that also went to last year's playoffs. They are led this season by team captain and senior fullback Dan Shaffer. Shaffer is building his team's identity around physical play and hoping that toughness will take them to the top.

"We plan to be the hardest hitting team on Sunday," Shaffer said.

With confidence in their veteran playmakers, Shaffer said his team would look to build on last year's positive momentum.

"This year we'd like to take it even further," Shaffer said. "Our goal is to make it to the championship and build on last year's playoff win."

Morrissey also has lofty post-season hopes.

Both teams are eagerly awaiting the season and a chance to hit some opponents, beginning Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

Zahm vs. Fisher

Improvement will be the focus on Sunday, as two teams coming off disappointing seasons will look to push for a playoff run as Fisher meets Zahm.

Zahm ended the 2009 season winless and struggled to put points on the board all season, while Fisher recorded two wins and two losses on the season, which put them on the outside looking in when playoff time rolled around.

Even more disappointing than the poor records, however, was the lack of intensity and focus demonstrated by both teams.

"We didn't show up mentally," Fisher senior captain Michael McMahon said. "So we're looking to improve on that."

Zahm Hall senior captain Mark Pomerence expressed similar sentiments, saying that the Zahmbies are looking to increase enthusiasm while also unveiling a more dynamic offensive system.

"I know a lot of people wouldn't give us a chance to win," Pomerence said of last year's campaign. "But it's a volatile game."

Although the Zahmbies are a relatively young team with inex-

perience at many key positions, they have set high goals for themselves, aiming to win their four scheduled games and earn a playoff berth.

McMahon is also optimistic, saying that the Green Wave plans to win games and improve from last year under the offensive tutelage and tactical genius of senior coach Eric Prister.

"We're excited," McMahon said. "We want to get to the stadium."

The clash of improving squads will begin Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

St. Ed's vs. Sorin

After falling just short of completing an improbable championship run last season, the Gentlemen from St. Edward's will begin their quest to return to Notre Dame Stadium against a strong squad from Sorin that also made the playoffs in 2009.

St. Edward's squeaked into the playoffs last year as the No. 8 seed, but then made a run all the way to the championship game before losing to Siegfried, 41-12. The Gentlemen's junior captain, running back Jay Mathes, has made the goal for this year's squad clear: get back to the Stadium.

"Obviously we'd like to get back," Mathes said. "We have a pretty deep team. We don't really have one guy who's going to excel over anybody else."

That depth will be a strong area for the Gentlemen, a team that lost only four seniors from last year's runner-up squad. Mathes also plans to run an aggressive, between the tackles offense.

"This year we're really trying to establish the run game," Mathes said. "We feel like we have a lot of speed on offense."

Sorin also enters this season with lofty goals after a dominating campaign last year. The Otters' defense did not allow a point in an undefeated regular season that earned them a No. 2 seed in the playoffs. A first round upset by eventual champion Siegfried ended their hopes of advancing, but junior wide receiver Bobby Sullivan has hope for a better result this year.

"We expect nothing less than the best from our guys," Sullivan said.

Sullivan has especially high hopes for his offense, which will feature an option attack.

"If you liked what you saw out of Denard Robinson on Saturday," Sullivan said, "Come see us run the option."

Kickoff will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Fields.

O'Neill vs. Keough

For O'Neill and Keough, rivalry week arrives early in a week one matchup as both teams look to improve on disappointing campaigns last season.

"It's strange that this rivalry game falls in the first week of the season," Keough senior captain Kevin Laughlin said. "But once the game starts, we're going to treat it like any other and try to establish an identity."

Both teams look to change their identities quickly after disappointing seasons in 2009. For Keough to improve upon its 1-2-1 mark in 2009, youth will be the name of the game. Freshman Aaron Grinsteinner and Mike Fischer will start at quarterback and running back respectively. Laughlin believes that these players fit his offensive system, which will take teams by surprise with its variety of plays and balanced attack.

On the defensive end, Laughlin captains an athletic, fast squad that could counter spread-like offensive systems traditionally run by division rivals. Senior cornerback Brian Koepsel and sophomore defensive end Rob Toole are both expected to be impact players.

Meanwhile, the 2009 O'Neill squad finished 1-3, a poor record that senior captain Guy Schwartz attributed to some athletes studying abroad and others simply not participating in interhall football. However, this year the Mob held tryouts due to a larger initial roster and are optimistic about their added depth.

Schwartz expects senior running back Tom Friel to provide leadership for an offense whose quarterback has not yet been determined. Also, senior Bob Powers, who played quarterback his freshmen and sophomore years, will serve as the Mob's offensive coordinator, providing experienced play calling.

The West Quad battle of up-and-coming teams will be held at Riehle Fields Sunday at 3 p.m.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish host teams for National Catholic Invitational

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After a strong performance at the Valparaiso Crusader Open on Sept. 3, the Irish look to repeat successful finishes as they host the National Catholic Invitational this Friday at the Notre Dame Golf Course. Several elite programs from around the

nation, including Marquette, Detroit-Mercy, Dayton, San Francisco and St. Mary's of California will take on the course.

The men's team, which finished in first place at the Crusader Open, will look to senior Paul Springer to replicate the performance that won him Big East Cross Country Athlete of the Week Honors at the beginning of the

month. Springer finished in first place overall with a time of 19:34.50. He was followed by teammates Thomas Noel, Darryl Varney, Kevin Jacobs and Michael Tripp, who finished in second, third, fourth and sixth respectively.

Of those listed above, both Varney and Jacobs are freshmen. In an interview with Irish coach Joe Piane following the race, he said the most

pleasing aspect of that race was the performance of the freshmen, who will undoubtedly need to step up their efforts on Friday.

The women's squad should also have high expectations for today's race after its strong performance at Valparaiso. Like the men, the women finished first overall with 26 points, just edging out Western Michigan's total of

27. Junior Susanna Sullivan led the squad with a time of 18:17.50. Classmate Molly Hirt finished close behind in third with a time of 18:35.10.

With their first collegiate race under their belts, the freshmen on this year's squad look to contribute significantly this weekend.

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NFL

Bush decides to end Heisman controversy



New Orleans running back Reggie Bush stretches before practice Thursday. Bush relinquished his 2005 Heisman Trophy Tuesday.

METAIRIE, La. — Reggie Bush said Thursday that his decision to relinquish his Heisman Trophy is “not an admission of guilt,” just the best way to end the controversy.

“It’s me showing respect to the Heisman Trophy itself and to the people who came before me and the people coming after,” Bush said after Saints practice. “I just felt like it was the best thing to do, the most respectful thing to do because obviously I do respect the Heisman. I do respect all the things it stands for.”

The Heisman Trophy Trust had discussed reviewing Bush’s eligibility for the award after an NCAA report concluded that Bush and his family had improperly accepted cash and gifts from sports agents while Bush was playing for Southern Cal.

Bush said he thought returning the award was the best way to move forward.

“I felt just to kind of silence all the talk around it, all the negativity around it — I felt like this would be the best decision to do right now so I could focus.”

Bush was the landslide winner of the Heisman following a high-light-filled 2005 season in which he piled up 2,890 all-purpose yards and helped lead USC to the BCS national title game, which the Trojans lost to Texas.

Bush is now the first winner in

the 75-year history of the Heisman — one of the most prestigious prizes in American sports — to forfeit the award.

“I feel like he’s tried to put himself in a position to do whatever he can do to help the situation,” said Saints defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis, also a former USC teammate of Bush. “He’s always been a good guy as long as I’ve known him at USC and here in New Orleans. ... Hopefully (people will) finally leave him alone about it. It’s five or six years ago. We need to let it go and move on.”

Coach Sean Payton said Bush has “matured a ton here since we drafted him” and has “the full support of the players in the locker room.”

“I know that he feels like this is a family — a close-knit family — and for him, just like the rest of us, it’s about winning championships,” Payton said. “He’s done that once already and we’re aspiring to win more.”

Bush said he consulted family and some associates before forfeiting the Heisman, a move some of those close to him opposed.

“My mom and dad didn’t want me to give it back,” Bush said. “That’s just the motherly and fatherly nature of parents. They understand it at the end of the day. They understand I’m a grown man and I’ve got to make my own decisions and this is a

learning experience for me and anybody else coming after me. ... All I can do is grow stronger from here.”

Allegations that Bush and his parents had accepted improper benefits while he was still an amateur athlete surfaced in 2006 and the NCAA began a years-long probe into the matter soon afterward.

The probe concluded this year and the NCAA in June cited USC for failing to monitor its athletes closely enough and punished the Trojans football program severely. The NCAA imposed a two-year postseason ban on USC and reduced scholarships.

While not admitting to anything in the report, Bush has said he regrets that his actions in some way led to sanctions against USC and caused controversy around his title of Heisman winner.

“I’m not happy this happened,” Bush said. “This is just a part of life. This is a part of growing pains and becoming more mature. You learn. You grow. You get better. You get stronger and hopefully you never make those same mistakes again.”

“How do I clear my name? I don’t know. I’m not sure. This is the first time I’ve been in this situation,” Bush added. “I’ve obviously got to brainstorm and get together with my team and see what we can do. I’m here to lend a helping hand to USC and any time they need me and any time I can do something to help them, they know I’m just a phone call away.”

Bush said he hopes putting the matter behind him allows him to focus more on things like helping the Saints defend their 2009 championship.

“All I can do is focus on the future and move ahead and move on with my life and try to continue to help the New Orleans Saints win games, every year, year in and year out and be a constant contender in this league,” Bush said.

Bush said he also wants to start a program to help high school and college athletes deal with the pressures and temptations that come when their ability provides them celebrity and fame before they’ve turned pro.

“You’re still a kid, but you’re still asked to make adult decisions,” Bush said, alluding to a handful of college teams — including North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina — dealing with probes into whether their players had improper contact with agents.

“Whatever the NCAA has, whatever programs they have, aren’t working and it needs to be changed. If it’s not changed, it’s going to continue and it hasn’t stopped yet,” Bush said. “It’s going to continue year after year after year and you’re going to see kids be ineligible. You’re going to see great athletes missing their junior and senior year and seasons because the system doesn’t work.”

“Obviously something has to be changed. You’ve got universities making millions of dollars off these kids and they don’t get paid. The majority of college athletes who come in on scholarship come in (with) nothing. That’s where you have a problem. You’re making all this money off these kids and you’re giving them crumbs and then you’re surrounding these kids with money and telling them not to touch it.”

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cating their new stadium on Friday night," Clark said. "They're going to be pretty excited to play that game. I think they've been waiting to play Notre Dame to do the dedication."

Regardless of what promises to be a hostile atmosphere, Clark believes his squad is prepared to notch a road win. Notre Dame is 7-1-1 all-time against Michigan,

including a 5-0 win last season against the Wolverines in the Alumni Stadium opener.

"There's no question it's a great rivalry, a natural rivalry between Notre Dame and Michigan and Michigan State," Clark said. "Our players will respond positively and they'll play well."

If the Irish are to extend their good fortunes against the Wolverines, they will have to contain a strong Michigan attack led by freshman sensation Soony Saad, who paces the squad with four goals.

"They're a very good attacking

team," Clark said. "Their forwards are two of the best we'll face, and that's the challenge to our defenders. They're very good going forward, but so are we. On paper, it should be a game full of attacking."

The Irish will return to the friendly confines of Alumni Stadium Sunday against Michigan State (3-1-0), as they look to knock off a squad that defeated No. 7 Maryland in College Park on an overtime goal earlier in the season. The game will have a theme of revenge as the Irish look to avenge a 2-1 loss

last season. Clark believes the team will find no shortage of reasons to get motivated for Sunday's contest.

"I don't think it's hard to get the players up for a game between Notre Dame and Michigan State," Clark said. "A rivalry like that is great for sport, great for both teams. These are two really great soccer games this weekend."

Whether or not the Irish prevail this weekend, they can look forward to the eventual return of senior goalkeeper and lone captain Phillip Tuttle, who returned to practice Wednesday after an

injury kept him sidelined for the beginning of the season.

"Phil started practicing yesterday," Clark said. "We had him diving for balls, doing everything except contact really. He looked very good. He's not ready to play yet, but he's done everything that he's supposed to do."

Action against Michigan will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday night in Ann Arbor, and the Michigan State contest will kick off at 2 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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DePaul

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"We're ready to get started in conference play," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "That's always a big thing for us, and we've had a good history of doing so well."

Notre Dame will not only have to contend with a surging DePaul team, but also with a facility that will not be up to the standards of Alumni Stadium. Wish Field doubles as the outfield of the DePaul

softball field and is composed of AstroTurf instead of grass, posing an additional challenge.

"DePaul's a really tough place to play. We always seem to struggle to play well there," Waldrum said. "And they're a team that can beat you if you're not ready to play."

In addition, Waldrum and his staff must fight off complacency after the Irish's return from Southern California.

"I just want to make sure we don't come back from our California trip and think 'we're just playing DePaul'," Waldrum

said.

After the conference opener, Sunday's tilt with Northwestern (3-2-2) will be the last nonconference game in which the Irish will compete before the NCAA Tournament in November. This weekend will also mark the first time an Irish team coached by Waldrum will visit Evanston in the regular season. Lakeside Field could also pose its problems, as it is situated directly on Lake Michigan. The forecast calls for a 50 percent chance of rain, which could pose major challenges to the Notre Dame game

plan.

Not only is the facility going to pose a challenge, but the Wildcats themselves will be no pushovers. Earlier this year, Northwestern defeated UCLA (4-1), who is the only team to defeat the Irish this season.

"It looked statistically like Northwestern had the better run of the play [in that game]," Waldrum said. "They're obviously fully capable. The coach there does a really good job, and I think she'll have a team that's really well-organized."

Despite the challenges, the Irish

hope to get off to a strong start in Big East play and avoid stumbling in winnable games early in the season.

"They're two games you need to take care of," Waldrum said. "They're two games that can clearly present a stumbling block if you're not ready."

The Irish open Big East play in Chicago Friday at 5 p.m. against DePaul and will follow that against Northwestern Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in Evanston.

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Courts

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Valparaiso, Vincennes and Western Michigan.

Junior singles player Casey Watt will be traveling to Chicago this weekend to compete in the Illinois Invitational. After two consecutive selections to the All-Big East team, he returns as a team leader and will play a vital role in how far the Irish go this season.

In order to prepare for the clay courts it will play on this weekend, Notre Dame has taken a different approach in practice this week.

"The nine guys that are going have been practicing at a local club that has clay courts for the last three days," Watt said. "We have just been trying to adjust to the new surface. Since this is our first tournament this year and the freshmen's first college tournament, it's important that we are patient out there on the clay since the court is slower and points will be longer."

Watt added that he hopes the inexperienced players will quickly adapt to the speed of the college game.

"I would love to see our freshmen have a great first tournament and transition into college tennis smoothly," he said.

Not only is Watt looking to help the Irish advance deep into the NCAA Tournament, but he is also looking to make some noise individually.

"My goal is to hopefully win all my matches, but also just play well because this is my first match since NCAAs last year," Watt said.

The tournament will consist of a full slate of action Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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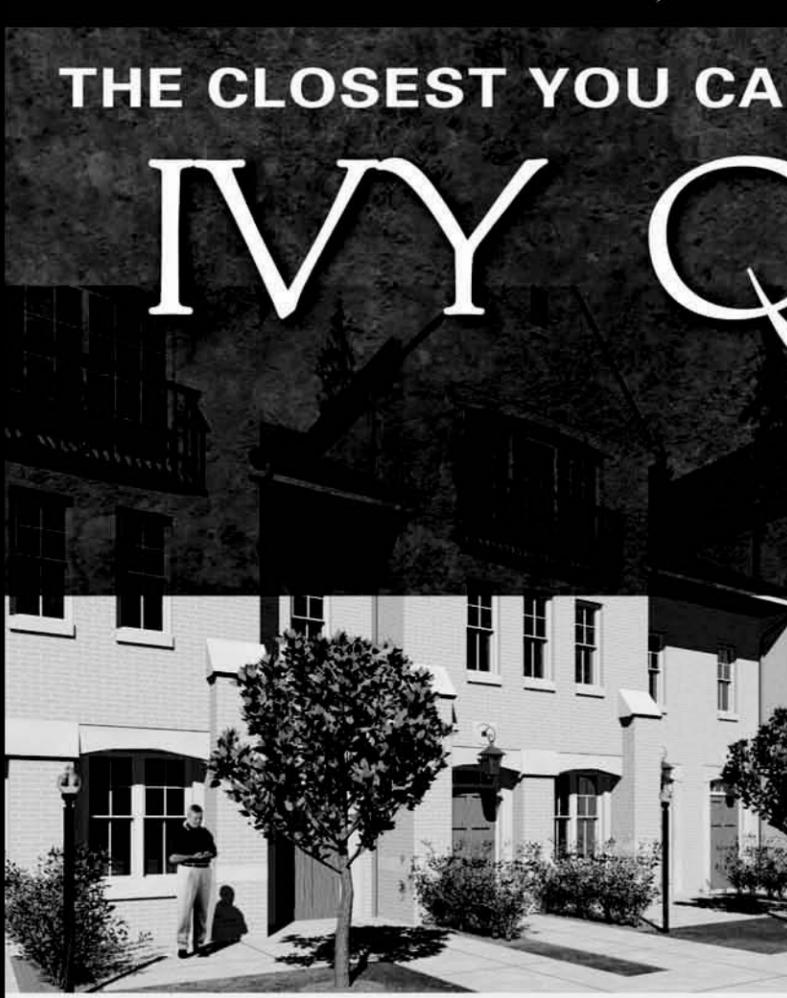
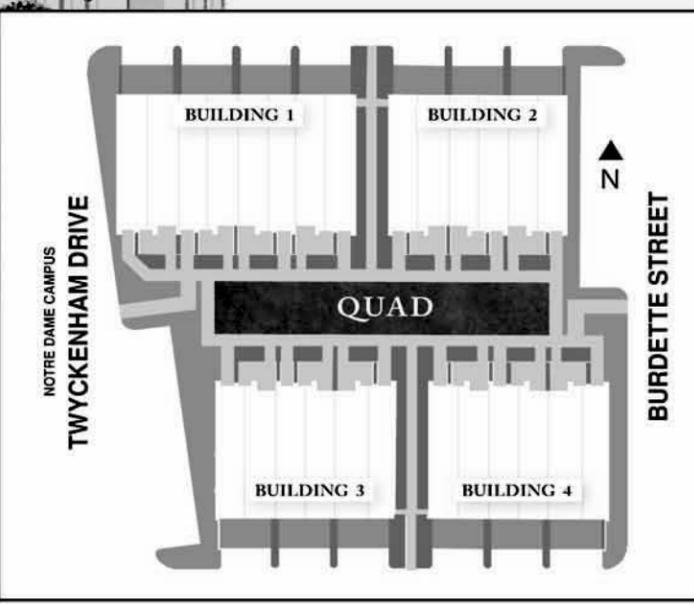
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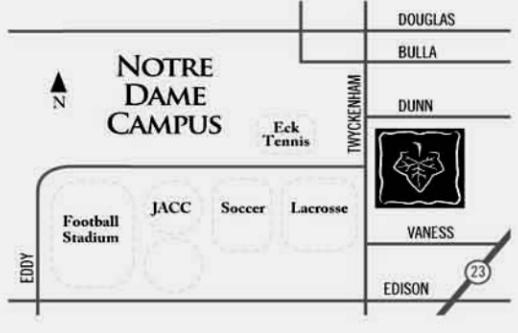
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the goal for every tournament is to achieve that same outcome, Brown is making sure not to push her team too hard before the next string of matches.

"I think it's one of the things that the team knows what to expect, and they're used to it. In practice we have to be careful and be aware of how much we're jumping and swinging."

Brown added that part of Notre Dame's awareness and preparation included watching a lot of film, talking over plays, working through changes and being creative in the coaching.

An integral factor in the preparation has not been in the Irish offense, an area where they have been successful all season, but in the defense and blocking after they have served.

"We haven't been focusing as much on the serving and

passing this week because we knew that we really need to pick up the blocking and defense in this kind of event," Brown said.

The Irish have been averaging 2.67 blocks per set and 11.66 digs per set. In addition, they have been working to recognize the offensive patterns of their opponents and responding accordingly, a challenge they will face repeatedly this weekend.

Returning to their home court is a welcome change for the Irish, who have not competed at the Purcell Pavilion since Aug. 29. Brown said her squad is looking forward to this weekend's matches as well as opening the conference season at home next week.

The Irish will open the Notre Dame Invitational against Delaware (7-3) on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion. The tournament will continue Saturday against Santa Clara (7-3) and Sunday when they face No. 20 Dayton (6-3).

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles ready to take on Calvin

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will head to Calvin College this weekend to participate in the Calvin Invitational. The Belles will compete against a talented field, including conference foes Alma and Calvin.

This weekend represents an important turning point in the Belles' season. Early in the year, the majority of events are either exhibitions or small two-team meets. Belles coach Jackie Bauters said she is eager for her team to begin the more competitive portion of its schedule.

"This week at Calvin we will see some great regional competition, a larger meet for us to real-

ly be competitive in. There are some very solid D-III, D-II and NAIA teams coming to Calvin this weekend," Bauters said.

Because this is not strictly an MIAA competition, the team will not necessarily be focused on where they finish, but rather on meeting personal goals and developing cohesion as a unit.

"Finishing a certain place is not really as much of an emphasis as performing well individually and collectively as a group," Bauters said.

Although this meet does not count towards the Belles' conference record, the team will prepare vigilantly for the weekend.

"This week of practice will give the team confidence in their racing," Bauters said. "We are

working on our focus and working hard through the middle of the race. As a team, our goals are to work together and have some stellar times, giving them a real itch for the conference meet the following weekend."

This preparation paired with past success in the race has given Bauters optimism heading into the weekend.

"Just about everyone raced very well last year at Calvin, and I would imagine the same to be true this year," she said. "I'm excited to see what some of the ladies will do. I think there might be some unexpected great finishes."

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SMC GOLF

Hopes high after first-place finish

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Coming off an impressive first-place performance in the second MIAA Jamboree of the season Tuesday, the No. 5 Belles will test their mettle against the best teams in the country this weekend at the O'Brien National Invitational at the Warren Golf Course.

Saint Mary's coach Mark Hamilton said the competition would be just as good, if not better than it was last year, when the Belles finished third.

"Outside of the national championships, this is the

best field we'll face all year," Hamilton said.

Teeing off against the Belles will be Methodist University, Gustavus Adolphus, Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Southwestern, DePauw, George Fox, Allegheny, Centre and Olivet. All are top-10 teams.

The first-place finish for Saint Mary's on Tuesday is just a glimpse of the potential the Belles have yet to reach.

"We saw the tip of the iceberg Tuesday," Hamilton said. "We're starting to make the changes that need to be made. The players are adapting to how I coach on the course, and I'm adapting to the way they play."

Although it was only the Belles' third tournament of the year, Hamilton thinks his players are already nearing midseason form.

"We're pretty close to where we need to be," Hamilton said.

As a team, the Belles set a conference course record with

a cumulative score of 321, six shots better than the previous record of 327 shot by Olivet in 2008. Senior captain Mary Kate Boyce finished tied for first, as she handed in a course record score in conference play of 78.

Finishing third in a field with the top 10 teams in the country is no easy feat, but Hamilton would like to see Saint Mary's do even better this time around.

"I'd like to see us to better," Hamilton said. "If we play well, we've got a shot."

Going into the second MIAA Jamboree Tuesday, the Belles wanted to prove that they are the premier team in the conference. This weekend, the Belles look to prove that they are the best team in the nation.

Play is scheduled to tee off at 1 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday at the Warren Golf Course.

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NHL

Quenneville set to stay despite cap casualties

Associated Press

CHICAGO — After the Chicago Blackhawks won their first Stanley Cup in 49 years last June, extending the contract of coach Joel Quenneville was a no-brainer for general manager Stan Bowman.

And for once during the off-season, Bowman didn't have to consider the NHL's salary cap in making a key personnel decision — one that lengthens Quenneville's deal through 2013-14. The Blackhawks have had to shed eight players, including playoff heroes Antti Niemi and Dustin Byfuglien, from their championship roster due to the league's \$59.4 million player payroll limit.

"We've talked a lot about the cap and thankfully this wasn't something that we had to

worry about that way," Bowman said. "We've got some fresh (player) faces coming into the mix, but I also think it's important to say the flipside of that is the stability we have up top, particularly behind the bench with Joel leading the group."

Financial terms of Quenneville's three-year extension weren't disclosed Thursday. He had one year remaining on a three-year contract he signed when he took the Chicago coaching job four games into the 2008-09 season after Denis Savard was fired.

Not only did Quenneville lead the Blackhawks to their first Cup since 1961, he became just the 14th coach to win 500 games. He previously coached at St. Louis and Colorado.

MEN'S SOCCER

More Michigan

Big games approach after weekend wins

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Just as the Irish football team has been preoccupied with opponents from the state of Michigan, No. 24 Notre Dame will take the pitch for two huge rivalry games against Michigan opponents this weekend. The Irish face off against Michigan Friday, before opposing No. 15 Michigan State Sunday as part of the Big East/Big Ten Challenge.

Fresh off the annual Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament over the weekend in which the Irish (2-1-1) notched a 2-0 victory over No. 22 Drake (5-3) and a 5-1 win against Cal Poly (2-2), Irish coach Bobby Clark's squad heads up to Michigan (3-1-1) Friday night to play in an atmosphere that Clark expects to be especially rowdy.

"It'll be a big day for them, especially because they're dedi-

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Senior forward Steven Perry goes for the ball against Cal Poly on Sept. 12. The Irish hope to continue their winning streak after this 5-1 victory.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Watt leads squad onto clay courts

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

After appearing in 19 of the last 20 NCAA Tournaments, the Irish head into the 2010-11 season with extremely high expectations.

The first test for the Irish comes this weekend when the squad splits to play in two tournaments, the Illinois Invitational and the Purdue Invitational. The participants in the Illinois Invitational include Wake Forest, Alabama, Florida State and Illinois. All four teams earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament last season. Of the four teams, only Alabama did not advance to the second round.

In West Lafayette, Notre Dame will face Arkansas, Case Western, DePaul, Dayton, Iowa, Morehead State, Southern Illinois, UW-Green Bay,

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Farley, Cavanaugh plan to continue strong defense

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When Farley and Cavanaugh square off Sunday, one touch-down may be enough to win the game, as each team relies heavily on its defense to carry the squad through games. Both the Finest (1-0) and the Chaos

(1-0) only allowed one touch-down in each of their victories last weekend, and neither team was able to convert extra point attempts.

Despite playing a position on offense, having a strong defense is just how Cavanaugh senior receiver Holly Hinz wants it.

"Our defense looked really good in our first game," Hinz said. "They really carried us through for the win. Our offense had some good looks,

and with a little more practice this week we are looking for better execution in the next game."

This year's women's interhall season is different from years past. Some rules have been changed, and now there are seven players on the field for each team, as opposed to eight in previous years. In spite of this change and its effect on Cavanaugh's playbook, the Chaos remain focused on accomplishing their goals.

"This week in practice is about smoothing out the rough edges and making sure we are executing on every play," Hinz said. "With a shorter season this year, every game really counts."

The Finest know that they will be facing a tough side in Cavanaugh, but they feel ready for the challenge.

"Cavanaugh will be a tough opponent to play this Sunday, but we are excited for this matchup," Farley senior receiver

Molly Casanova said. "We want all of our girls to come out with the same attitude that we did last Sunday and be ready to win."

Farley will square off against Cavanaugh Sunday at 6:00 pm. at the LaBar Practice Complex.

Pasquerilla West-McGlenn

Pasquerilla West and McGlenn will take the field Sunday in a showdown of two powerhouse

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish head to Chicago for weekend

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

After returning from a trip to sunny Southern California last weekend, No. 7/11 Notre Dame will travel to Chicago this weekend for a two-game swing that figures to be much less welcoming, as the Irish (5-1-0) will face two of their toughest road tests of the season. Notre Dame will face DePaul on Friday before clashing with Northwestern on Sunday to round out the trip.

The battle with the Blue Demons (4-2-2) will serve as the conference opener for both teams, opening a new phase of the schedule, one that is much more critical to Notre Dame's postseason hopes.

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Junior defender/midfielder Molly Campbell fakes out her Texas Tech opponent on Sept. 5. The Irish won 2-0.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Brown guides team through tournament

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Blocking and defending has been Notre Dame's focus in practice this week, as the defense looks to set the tone for this weekend's Notre Dame Invitational. The Irish hope to continue the success they have shown in recent tournaments on the road as they return to their home court to welcome No. 20 Dayton, Delaware and Santa Clara.

This weekend marks the fourth consecutive three-day tournament the Irish have competed in, a tough schedule for any team. But they have been working it to their

advantage.

"The opportunity to play three matches each weekend is really important for us, and it helps us work out the bugs that we see and just form the lineup that we need and get the team playing together," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "It's difficult to play physically, back-to-back-to-back like that, but I feel it's really good preparation for us."

Last weekend, Notre Dame (7-2) swept all three of their matches at Denver's Pioneer Invitational, the first three-match invite sweep the Irish have had since 2005. While

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