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Proposed Transpo route to run this month

Student gov't., Student Affairs to finance new service with safety in mind; stops include local bars

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

A new Transpo route that will drop students near common student bars and neighborhoods on weekend nights will tentatively start running this November, student body president Grant Schmidt said.

The new Transpo service, one of the main initiatives of the Schmidt-Weber administration so far this year, will run every 18 minutes from Library Circle to South Street Station from about 9 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights, Schmidt said.

"This is a new route, tailored to students, that is fast and safe," Schmidt said. "Students will go off campus regardless so this is a safety issue and a convenience issue."

The route, with a round-trip of 36 minutes, has not been finalized, but the proposed route has a stop on Twyckenham Drive for students living in apartments east of campus, a stop on Edison Street near the Linebacker Lounge as well as stops near Corby's Irish Pub and The Blarney Stone, commonly referred to as Finnegan's.

Chip Lewis, chairman of the Board of Directors for Transpo, said Transpo was willing to work with the University to add a new route because of the safety factor. Transpo does not make a profit on the added service.

"The benefit is doing good service for our community and helping students get home safely," Lewis said. "Certainly getting home from bars at night, students are



MEGAN SMITH/The Observer

A Transpo bus pulls into Library Circle Monday. Student government and University administrators have worked to add a Transpo route aimed at students. The proposed service will start this month.

currently faced with bad situations like overpaying cabs, walking or getting in a car with someone who has been drinking."

The new route, called 7a, will hit the streets with high numbers of student houses, such as Notre Dame Ave., Washington St. and St. Louis St., pass through downtown South Bend and return to Library Circle via Eddy Street

Commons.

Schmidt said one of the biggest advantages for students is that Transpo service is paid for by the University and therefore free for students.

"Taxis are not always safe and don't always provide the best deals," he said.

Schmidt and student body vice president Cynthia Weber initially began looking into

extending Transpo route 7, which currently runs between University Park Mall, Library Circle and South Street Station, but after talks with the University's Office of Business Operations, they realized it would be more feasible to create a new route.

Schmidt said Business Operations is negotiating a

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Contest to measure energy use in dorms

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

As part of an ongoing effort to make the University of Notre Dame more eco-friendly, the Office of Sustainability and student government are hosting a Dorm Energy Competition, which kicked off yesterday and will continue through Nov. 30.

The competition will measure each residence hall's energy use and determine which dorm saved the most based on figures from the past five years. Hot water consumption will not be included in the measurements.

Patrick McCormick, a student intern at the Office of Sustainability, said there are many ways students can pitch in to help their dorms save energy, including simple actions such as turning off lights when leaving the room and unplugging electronics that aren't being used.

McCormick also emphasized the community aspect of the competition, and said the contest will be used to promote the idea of everyone at Notre Dame coming together to save energy.

"Our hope this year is to try to use the Dorm Energy Competition as a way of emphasizing that acts of sustainability are acts of solidarity."

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Ex-employee settles with ND

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

The University of Notre Dame settled their legal dispute with former Catering... by Design employee Sara Gaspar, according to court documents filed Wednesday.

Gaspar agreed to repay \$16,859.79 to the University, about half of the \$29,387 she originally mistakenly received as gratuity on April 17.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said Notre Dame worked

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Timeline:

Jan. 15 — Gaspar begins her employment with Catering... by Design

Apr. 17 — Gaspar receives gratuity for \$29,387

Apr. 17, 20, 28 — Gaspar claims she contacted University about mispayment

May — University discovers mispayment

Jun. — University contacts Gaspar about mispayment

Aug. 27 — University files suit against Gaspar

Sept. 10 — Gaspar files letter telling her side of story

Oct. 28 — University and Gaspar reach settlement for \$16,859.79

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Grad. students raise money with mustaches

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Notre Dame graduate students will benefit a local charity, Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County, while growing mustaches in November, co-coordinator and Notre Dame graduate student in Biological Sciences Matt Barnes said.

"Mustaches for Kids is basically a fundraiser similar to a walk-a-thon or fun run, but instead of walking or running

we grow mustaches for charity," Barnes said.

Those involved realize the idea doesn't sound conventional.

"It may sound like a silly idea, but people will pay to see guys grow mustaches," he said.

The event will begin on Nov. 3 with every participating male showing up to a meeting clean shaven and with an initial donation, Patrick said. Once a week for the next four weeks, the participants will meet at a

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INSIDE COLUMN

Miseducation of an Indie kid

I am a music snob. I listen to British soul artists, spend hours in music stores searching dusty stacks of scratched vinyl, watch remastered DVDs of decades old concerts, spend more on head-phones than most people do on their iPods, endlessly praise the music of Tom Waits, rewatch Prince’s “Purple Rain,” publicly scoff at Pitchfork but still read the reviews, and know who won the Mercury Music Prize last year.

Nick Anderson
Scene Writer

I’m proud of all this.

In my defense, this all started back in the eighth grade. As a chubby 14 year old with glasses, acne, the coordination of a lesser evolved species, Napster, and a broadband Internet connection, I needed something to provide a wonderful feeling of superiority. I did some things right (acquire the entire Beatles catalogue), some wrong (piracy) and some to this day that I’m ashamed to admit (acquire the entire Creed catalogue, including several live songs).

By the time I made it to high school, I was a full blown music elitist. I couldn’t even stomach a conversation with you unless you knew the finer points of British rap, understood the progression of punk starting in ‘77 or had a French bootleg of some lost Whiskeytown tracks.

This past summer, two events shattered my longstanding relationship with music. First, I got my own car. Second, I purchased Kanye West’s “808s and Heartbreak.”

Test driving cars with my father, I could have cared less about the make, model or style. It needed a couple of seats, a working stereo, and the ability to make the journey between Minnesota and Notre Dame. In the end, I ended up with a Kia Spectra5. It meets my minimal criteria.

One bright July morning, as a friend’s Jetta rumbled away from my four cylinder steel box, I realized most people feel the same way about music as I do about cars — they really don’t care. While this doesn’t make sense to me, it did bring a pang of regret for the 70s pop mix-tapes I’d subjected them to over the years.

Mere weeks later, a good friend submitted Kanye West for my consideration. I scoffed, hemmed and hawed, ranted about the state of popular music right up until I listened to the album. For those of you who missed it, “808s and Heartbreak” was, without a doubt, the best album of 2008.

This album ushered a return to the wasteland that is Top 40 radio following a self imposed seven year hiatus. I didn’t miss much in that time, but the singles that I missed were excellent.

It’s a rather long way to do it, but this is my apology for and recognition of the snobbery. While I can guarantee I won’t abandon my ways, if you ever get sick of me raving about Brazil’s newest export, just ask what car I drive.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MICHAEL JACKSON SONG?



Alison Collins
*freshman
Lions*

“‘Thriller.’”



Derek Novacek
*freshman
Dillion*

“‘Billy Jean,’ I really like the rythm and beat of the song.”



George Farrell
*freshman
Fisher*

“‘Thriller’, I love the video.”



Nora Sakal
*senior
off campus*

“‘Beat it.’”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



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Students take a break from studying and take a run around Notre Dame’s campus on Monday.

OFFBEAT

Woman loses diamond ring, hopes trick-or-treaters find it

TERRACE PARK, Ohio — A Halloween trick-or-treater in Ohio may have gotten a bigger treat than expected — a diamond ring. A woman in suburban Cincinnati said she thinks she may have lost her wedding ring when she was tossing candy into trick or treaters’ bags on Halloween.

Elizabeth Olson, of Terrace Park, said she had the ring enlarged and thinks it may have slipped off her finger when she was throwing candy into the bags, buckets and pil-

lowcases.

Olson is asking people to keep an eye out for the ring and to return it to her if they find it

Restaurant sets record for largest meatball Sunday

CONCORD, N.H. — The bouncing mega-meatball record has landed in the East Coast. Matthew Mitnitsky, owner of Nonni’s Italian Eatery in Concord, said Sunday that a 222.5-pound meatball was authenticated as the world’s largest after being weighed by state weights and measures officials.

A Guinness Book of World

Records official confirmed the big meatball as a record breaker and presented Mitnitsky with a plaque.

The old record of 198.6 pounds was set just over a month ago after Los Angeles-based talk show host Jimmy Kimmel vowed to beat a record set in Mexico. That record — 109 pounds — was set in August.

Mitnitsky said he got involved “to bring the meatball back to the East Coast because that’s where it originated.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

“Darkness and Light: Death and Beauty in Photography” will be held at 10 a.m. today. The exhibit will be shown in the O’Shaughnessy Galleries in the Snite Museum of Art.

An exhibit titled “Sculptural Vessels” will open at 10 a.m. The display will be shown in the Milly and Fritz Kaeser Mestrovic Studio Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art today.

“Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Ofrenda Installation” will be held at 10 a.m. today in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art.

The Monthly Luncheon Series “TellingHerStory: Highlighting Women as Role Models in the Life of Mind, Body, and Soul” will be held at noon in the Coleman-Morse Study Lounge today. Please bring a sack lunch.

Sister Miriam Cooney will present the first part of a three-part series “Women and Math.” Th lecture will be held in 145 Spes Unica at Saint Mary’s College today and will begin at 7 p.m.

The Humanistic Studies department of Saint Mary’s College will be hosting the 2009 Christian Culture Lecture today. The speaker will be Dr. William Chester Jordan, Professor of History, and Chair of the History Department at Princeton. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the O’Laughlin Auditorium.

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

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Grant funds research on civil wars

Project to highlight sustainable 'quality peace,' human rights

Special to The Observer

A National Science Foundation grant to researchers Erik Melander, John Darby and Peter Wallensteen of the University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies will support research on how third parties can help end civil wars and promote human rights and social justice. A central aspect of the study is the development of a database with details of all third-party peacemaking in armed conflicts that occurred between 1989 and 2008.

Civil wars are by far the most widespread form of

armed conflict, according to Melander, a senior researcher at the Kroc Institute. Third-party "outsiders" — including prominent individuals, the United Nations or religious organizations — often are involved in seeking to end such conflicts. Using a combination of in-depth case studies and statistical analyses, the Kroc researchers will study ways to increase the success rate of third parties in mediating and ending civil wars.

"An important part of this project is concern for 'quality peace,'" Melander said. "We don't define peace as merely the absence of active fighting. The conditions for justice and

human rights also need to be in place for the peace to be sustainable."

This project is an outgrowth of the Kroc Institute's partnership with Uppsala University in Sweden. In addition to his position at Notre Dame, Melander is deputy director of the Uppsala University Conflict Data Program. Wallensteen, the Richard G. Starmann Sr. Research Professor of Peace Studies at the Kroc Institute, is the Dag Hammarskjöld Professor in Uppsala's Department of Peace and Conflict Research. Darby is professor of comparative ethnic studies at the Kroc Institute.

Paleontologist to speak today

Special to The Observer

British paleontologist Simon Conway Morris will deliver a lecture titled "Darwin's Compass: How Evolution Discovers the Song of Creation" at 8 p.m. today in the auditorium of the University of Notre Dame's Jordan Hall of Science. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Conway Morris' talk is the closing event of an international conference titled "Darwin in the 21st Century: Nature, Humanity

and God" which was sponsored by the University's Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values, and the Pontifical Council for Culture's Science, Theology, and the Ontological Quest (STOQ) Project in Rome.

Known as the foremost authority on the Cambrian Explosion, Conway Morris is a professor of evolutionary paleobiology in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Cambridge. He is renowned for his many debates with the late Stephen Jay Gould on the

topic of the predictability of evolutionary history.

Conway Morris was elected a fellow of the Royal Society at age 39 and is the author of a number of books on evolution, including "The Crucible of Creation: The Burgess Shale and the Rise of Animals" and "Life's Solution: Inevitable Humans in a Lonely Universe." His research interests include the study of Burgess Shale-type faunas, the first appearance of skeletons and the Cambrian "explosion."

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

IT resolution passes at Monday's meeting

By NIKKI TAYLOR

News Writer

The Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) passed a resolution and new guidelines for sponsorships at their meeting Monday night.

The new resolution passed requires the Saint Mary's Information Technology department to give the same support to SGA computers that they give to the other faculty and student computers on campus, student body vice president Megan Griffin said.

This resolution is the second passed by SGA this school year.

The SGA board also voted on the new process through which clubs will apply for sponsorships. The new process has redistributed funds so that clubs will no longer have to pay for campus programming they want to put on out of their allotment funds. Campus wide program funding is now available through sponsorships, student body president Jenny Hoffman explained.

Clubs can now at any time begin to apply for sponsorships and there is no limit on how many times any given

club can apply for sponsorship money.

Also, each club will be responsible for showing that their given sponsorship funds are being used correctly. Failure to do this could result in denied sponsorships in the future.

The Board also reviewed the guidelines of the allotment process as they are preparing to enter the process of reviewing and approving campus clubs' requests for their allotment funding.

"We made the guidelines to make sure that they are fair and consistent," Hoffman said.

When the clubs are notified of their allotment amounts they will also be given an appeal letter for any grievances they might have with their given allotment.

SGA is continuing their effort to be more visible around campus. Lists of events for the month of November can be found on the tables in the dining hall as well and on the new issue of Stall News that SGA will be placing in bathrooms around campus.

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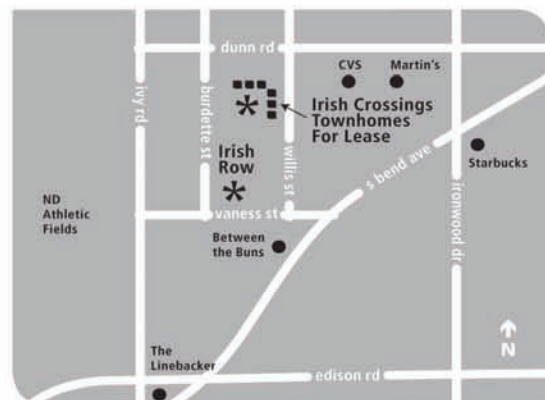
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Transpo

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deal with Transpo, and the cost of the route is about \$25,000 annually, which exceeds student government's budget for the project.

"What we decided to do is take money from College Readership," Schmidt said. "Everyday we get 200 issues of the Chicago Tribune, 200 New York Times and 200 USA Todays, but we cut the Chicago Tribune subscription down to 90."

This reallocation generated \$14,000 for student government to put towards the project. Schmidt then appealed to the Office of Student Affairs to pay the remaining \$11,000.

"We emphasized that this was a safety issue," Schmidt said. "We don't want students walking home from bars late at night."

Fr. Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, said the Office agreed to put up the \$11,000 on a trial basis.

"Our continued funding is contingent upon evaluation of the amount of ridership during this academic year, as well as continued financial support by student government," Poorman said. "We believe this is a cre-

ative and responsible effort on the part of student government to address the needs of our students who socialize off campus and want to return to the campus safely."

Schmidt said he has heard some criticism of the new Transpo route, namely that the service would encourage students to drink off campus and gather in residential neighborhoods.

But he said the bus stops in the neighborhoods will be at well lit street corners rather than in the middle of a residential street.

Poorman said he heard this concern was raised in the community at a Community Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meeting.

"It is my understanding that in a recent CCAC meeting a concern was raised about possible gatherings of riders waiting for the bus in front of residential houses," Poorman said. "Transpo and student government have worked together to locate bus stops at places which would minimize or eliminate opportunities for neighborhood disruptions."

Lewis said he does not expect problems resulting from students using the buses after spending the night out at a bar.

"This is a great way to serve

PROPOSED TRANSPO ROUTE

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9 p.m. to 3:30 a.m.

Time: 36 minutes round-trip

Runs every 18 minutes from Library Circle to South Street Station

ANDREA ARCHER | Observer Graphic

the community by getting students home safely from downtown late at night," Lewis said. "We expect that students will appreciate the opportunity to ride the buses safely and will govern themselves accordingly."

Schmidt said he hopes to have the contracts and routes finalized soon and have route

maps printed and distributed to students.

"We're really excited about this," Schmidt said. "It's huge that student government, Student Affairs and Transpo are collaborating on something this big."

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Gaspar

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closely with Gaspar to devise a settlement that would be reasonable for both sides.

"We worked very closely with Ms. Gaspar to resolve that matter and we think that the terms that both sides have agreed to are fair, and we'll just leave it at that," he said.

According to an Oct. 31 article in The South Bend Tribune, Gaspar will repay the debt in incremental payments of \$50 each month, "meaning that the entire debt likely would be repaid in about 28 years."

The Tribune also said Gaspar was forced to pledge the car she bought with the mistaken gratuity — a 2002 Volkswagen Jetta — as collateral to secure the agreement.

Although the documents were filed last Wednesday, Brown said media outlets did not become aware of the settlement until a court date on Friday.

"There was a court date on Friday so that's when the Tribune and other media became aware of the settlement," Brown said.

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Energy

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ty," McCormick said. "It's is an invitation to the entire Notre Dame community to renew our campus and work towards the common good of all."

Going along with this idea, the theme for this year's contest is "Save Energy, Save Lives." McCormick said the theme is meant to stress the interdependence involved in saving energy, since overconsumption can lead to climate change that effects people in other countries, not just in the United States.

"We now know that our con-

sumption habits affect peoples' lives around the world not just tomorrow, but today," McCormick said.

This year, the Office of Sustainability will donate the savings from the winning dorm to the Global Water Initiative, a year-long social justice effort developed by student body president and vice president Grant Schmidt and Cynthia Weber that will raise money to help provide people in developing countries with clean drinking water.

Rachel Roseberry, a co-director of the Initiative, said the initiative is so important because of the number of people in the world who are without clean drinking water.

"A lot of people don't have access to clean drinking water," Roseberry said. "Actually, one in six people don't have access to clean drinking water around the world, so we think this is a pretty big issue that people should be aware of."

During last year's dorm energy contest, the winning dorm saved roughly four thousand dollars, and Roseberry said a donation of that size would be a big help for the

initiative, which donates all of the money it earns to the The Water Project — a nonprofit organization that digs wells in Africa to provide water for people in need.

Roseberry also said the dorm energy contest connects well to the Global Water Initiative because of the contest's focus on using the idea of sustainability to save lives.

"We think the Office of Sustainability has been a really great resource and office on

campus and their mission of sustainability ties in really well with our mission of educating people on campus about the need for water," Roseberry said. "We're saving money here on campus but we're also using that money to save lives because we're bringing water to parts of Africa through the wells that we drill."

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Kids

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"weekly shave-in" where pictures will be taken of the growing mustaches to post on the fundraiser's Web site and participants can turn in donations.

"At the end of the month, we are having a 'Stache Bash' where all the participants will show off their mustaches," Patrick said.

"It's a kind of beauty pageant," Barnes said. "We'll award prizes at the end of the 'growing season' for the best and worst mustaches, as well as to the participant who raises the most money."

The prizes are three \$25 Legends gift cards donated by the Biology Graduate Student Organization, Barnes said.

The fundraiser began last year as an idea suggested to Barnes by Konrad Kulacki, a Biological Sciences graduate student who graduated last year.

"It's something I wish I could take credit for. Konrad came to me with it. The idea sort of grew on us at the time, pardon the

pun," Barnes said. "It's a case where the graduates took a lesson from the undergraduates. Notre Dame has a spirit of community service and the Biological Sciences graduate department wanted to make contributions."

The original idea came from an Internet search.

"Everyone's already doing a walk or run," Barnes said. "We came across the main Web site for the group, www.mustachesforkids.org, searching the Internet."

Last year, the fundraiser was successful, much to the surprise of the organizers, Barnes said.

The 12 participants raised \$1,113.21, Patrick said.

"The biggest thing that has changed is our expectations," Barnes said. "We're hoping for more. Our goal this year is \$2,000."

The group intentionally picked this time of year to have the fundraiser, Barnes said.

"With people going home for Thanksgiving, it's a great opportunity to raise money for the fundraiser."

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Thinking of studying in the Dublin Program?

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Drop in without an appointment to 152 Hurley at any time Thursday, Nov. 5th

9:30 am to 5:00pm

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuelan troops slain near Columbia

CARACAS, Venezuela — Two soldiers in Venezuela's National Guard have been shot to death near the border with Colombia.

State television says unidentified assailants gunned down the soldiers at a roadside checkpoint in the western state of Tachira. It says Monday's slayings were confirmed by the National Guard and police.

Phone calls to the National Guard's offices went unanswered. The guard is separate from Venezuela's army.

Colombian rebels, paramilitary groups and drug traffickers operate along the remote border.

Animals added to endangered list

GENEVA — A rare tree frog found only in central Panama could soon croak its last, as deforestation and infection push the species toward extinction, an environmental group said Tuesday.

The Rabb's fringe-limbed tree frog, which only became known to science four years ago, is one of 1,895 amphibian species that could soon disappear in the wild, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Switzerland-based IUCN surveyed a total of 47,677 animals and plants for this year's "Red List" of endangered species and determined that 17,291 of them are threatened with extinction.

More than one in five of all known mammals, over a quarter of reptiles and 70 percent of plants are under threat, according to the survey, which featured over 2,800 new species compared with 2008.

NATIONAL NEWS

Jerry Brown spokesman resigns

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The communications director for California Attorney General Jerry Brown resigned Monday after it was revealed he had secretly recorded telephone conversations with reporters.

Scott Gerber, 33, wrote in his resignation letter that he let down the attorney general's office and himself when he recorded phone interviews with reporters without seeking their permission.

"My purpose wasn't to play gotcha but simply to have an accurate record of official, on-the-record statements on matters of public concern," Gerber wrote. "It is clear now I made serious errors in judgment."

Maine to vote on gay marriage

PORTLAND, Maine — Bolstered by out-of-state money and volunteers, both sides jockeyed Monday to boost turnout for a Maine referendum that could give gay-rights activists in the U.S. their first victory at the ballot box on the deeply divisive issue of same-sex marriage.

The state's voters will decide Tuesday whether to repeal a law that would allow gay marriage. The law was passed by the Legislature and signed by Democratic Gov. John Baldacci last May but has never taken effect.

The contest is considered too close to call, and both campaigns worked vigorously — with rallies, phone calls, e-mails and ads — to be sure their supporters cast votes in the off-year election.

If voters uphold the law, it will be the first time the electorate in any state has endorsed marital rights for same-sex couples, energizing activists nationwide and deflating a long-standing conservative argument that gay marriage lacks popular support.

LOCAL NEWS

Coil thief sentenced to jail

CROWN POINT, Ind. — A prosecutor says a Gary man has been sentenced to seven years in prison for stealing metal heating coils from an elementary school.

Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter said Monday that 56-year-old Michael Landon Deneal was sentenced after pleading guilty Oct. 5 to burglary.

Carter says Deneal entered Gary's Locke Elementary School by opening a closed window May 23 and took the coils. He also tried to remove metal pipes.

The prosecutor's office didn't know if Deneal had an attorney.

SOUTH KOREA

N. Korea issues nuclear threat

Communist regime to expand arsenal if demands are not met and U.S. does not negotiate

Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea issued a veiled threat to increase its nuclear arsenal if U.S. officials do not quickly agree to the one-on-one talks that the communist regime is demanding.

The regime's impatience came days after its No. 2 nuclear negotiator Ri Gun came away from meetings with Washington envoy Sung Kim without an agreement to hold bilateral talks.

"If the U.S. is not ready to sit at a negotiating table with the (North), it will go its own way," the North's Foreign Ministry said Monday in a statement carried by Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency.

The statement did not elaborate, but it was widely seen as a warning that the North will bolster its nuclear stockpile — a brinkmanship tactic that the communist nation has often employed.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Ian Kelly did not comment on the North's statement, though he told reporters Monday that Kim "had very useful discussions" with Ri.

He also said the U.S. is "still considering" North Korea's invitation for Stephen Bosworth, the U.S. special envoy on North Korea, to visit Pyongyang for talks.

In September, the North said it was "weaponizing" plutonium, a key ingredient for nuclear bombs, and that it had succeeded in uranium enrichment, which would give the regime a second way to make atomic bombs. That was also seen as a pressure tactic aimed at getting Washington to agree to one-on-one negotiations.

North Korea has mixed such threats with a series of conciliatory moves, such as releasing two detained American journalists, after months of raising tensions with nuclear and missile tests. The North has also quit the six-nation nuclear disarmament talks — which involve



AP

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, second from left, talks with his South Korean counterpart Kim Tae-Young during a meeting at the Defense Ministry in Seoul Thursday.

China, Japan, Russia, the U.S. and the two Koreas.

North Korea and the U.S. fought on opposite sides of the Korean War of the 1950s and do not have diplomatic relations. Both nations have tanks and troops on guard at the heavily fortified border dividing the two Koreas.

Pyongyang claims it must develop atomic weapons to defend itself against nuclear threats from the U.S. The regime has long sought direct negotiations with Washington saying it was because of U.S. nuclear threats that the country develop nuclear bombs.

Washington has denied it has any intention of attacking the North. But Defense Secretary Robert Gates assured Seoul last month that

Washington was prepared to unleash all military capabilities — including its nuclear might — to defend the long-time ally.

Pyongyang's main Rodong Sinmun newspaper blasted Gates' remarks, saying the U.S. is trying to provoke a nuclear war on the Korean peninsula.

The paper said in a commentary carried by KCNA that the North's "nuclear deterrent will be bolstered" if the U.S. refuses to switch its "policy of aggression" toward the North.

On Monday, the North's ministry also said that "meaningful progress" on a nuclear-free Korean peninsula is possible — "if the hostile relations between the (North) and the U.S. are settled and confi-

dence is built between them."

Washington has maintained that it is willing to engage North Korea in bilateral talks — if they lead to the resumption of the stalled six-nation disarmament talks.

North Korea's Ri, who was in the U.S. at the invitation of private organizations, said discussions with the U.S. envoy were "useful," South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported. Still, both KCNA and State Department officials in Washington said no decision had been made on holding bilateral talks.

The North agreed in 2007 to disable its nuclear facilities — as a step toward its ultimate dismantlement — in exchange for energy aid and political concessions.

SPAIN

Climate delegates call on U.S. for strong policy

Associated Press

BARCELONA — As China's actions to curb gas emissions garnered praise at U.N. climate talks, the United States came under renewed pressure to come up with a plan to cut pollution blamed for hastening global warming.

Delegates at the weeklong talks in Barcelona pressed Monday for Washington to make specific commitments on reducing carbon emissions and contributing to a global climate fund to help poor countries cope with damage caused by climate change.

"We expect the United States to be able to deliver on one of the major challenges of our century," Denmark's Minister for

Climate and Energy Connie Hedegaard said.

Delegates expressed frustration Monday that, after two years of talks on drafting a new pact, the U.S. has been unable to make firm commitments because it is waiting for Congress to enact legislation.

World nations hope to finalize a new global warming pact in time for it to be adopted at a major U.N. conference next month in Copenhagen. The deal would replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, but require both industrial countries and developing countries to rein in emissions of carbon and other heat-raising greenhouse gases. Kyoto applied only to industrialized nations, and was rejected by the

United States.

Hedegaard noted that President Barack Obama, cited for raising hopes of a more peaceful and climate friendly world, will receive the Nobel Peace Prize in nearby Norway on Dec. 10 — just after the decisive climate conference gets under way.

"It's very hard to imagine how the American president can receive the Nobel Prize ... and at the same time has sent an empty-handed delegation to Copenhagen," said the Danish minister, who will chair the Dec. 7-18 talks in Copenhagen.

U.S. chief delegate Jonathan Pershing said the U.S. intended to be part of a deal, but would ensure that any deal it signed would be accepted by Congress.

Navy ship built with World Trade Center steel

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The new Navy assault ship USS New York, built with World Trade Center steel, arrived in its namesake city Monday with a rifle volley salute near the site of the 2001 terrorist attack.

First responders, families of Sept. 11 victims and the public gathered Monday at a waterfront viewing area, where they could see the crew standing at attention along the deck of the battleship gray vessel.

The big ship paused. Then the shots were fired, with a cracking sound, in three bursts.

The bow of the \$1 billion ship, built in Louisiana, contains about 7.5 tons of steel from the fallen towers.

“It’s a transformation ... from something really twisted and ugly,” said Rosaleen Tallon, who lost her firefighter brother, Sean, on 9/11. “I’m proud that our military is using that steel.”

Tallon said her brother, who was a Marine, would have been proud.

JoAnn Atlas, of Howells, N.Y., who lost her husband, fire Lt. Gregg Atlas, draped a flag-themed banner along the fence. The names of emergency workers who died were written on the red stripes.

“We have to remember. It’s a

way to honor them,” she said.

Members of the public included Nancy DiGiacomo, who came from Huntington, N.Y., with her husband, 9-year-old son, mother and sister.

“I just thought it was important to see” the transformation of the tragedy’s wreckage, said DiGiacomo. “From that, something else can come of it.”

Lt. Cmdr. Colette Murphy, a Navy spokeswoman, said she was excited for those serving on board to see the city’s “awe-inspiring” welcome.

At a short ceremony later at Pier 88 near the site of the aircraft carrier, the USS Intrepid, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the USS New York couldn’t have a more fitting name, representing freedom, courage and resilience.

“This ship is actually a physical representation of that spirit with steel from the World Trade Center built into its bow so every friend that sets foot on it and every foe that dares challenge it will feel its power and know that it is literally made from the heart and soul of the city that has sacrificed so much,” the mayor said.

Of the 361 sailors serving aboard the ship, around 13 percent are from New York state, which is higher than would normally be the case, Murphy said.

There were many requests from Navy personnel to serve on the ship, which will carry some 250 Marines.

After the ground zero stop, the ship — escorted by about two dozen tugboats and other vessels — headed up the Hudson River toward the George Washington Bridge. After a U-turn there, it headed south to Pier 88. An official commissioning ceremony is scheduled for Saturday.

The New York will remain in the city through Veterans Day and then head to Norfolk, Va., for about a year of crew training and exercises, Murphy said.

The ship is 684 feet long and can carry as many as 800 Marines. Its flight deck that can handle helicopters and the MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft.

It was scheduled to be built before the terrorist attacks. About a year later, the announcement came that the ship would bear the name New York to honor the city, state, and those who died.

It’s the latest in a line of Navy ships to bear that name. The others included a Spanish-American War-era cruiser, a battleship that served in World Wars I and II and a nuclear submarine retired from the fleet in 1997.

The ship is technically known as a San Antonio-class amphibious dock vessel. Four vessels in that class are in service, the USS San Antonio, USS New Orleans, USS Mesa Verde and USS Green Bay. Four others are being built. Of those, two also have been named in connection with the



The USS New York passes the Statue of Liberty Monday. The ship was built from steel from the World Trade Center.

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Sept. 11 attacks.

The USS Arlington was named to honor the attack on the Pentagon. The USS Somerset was named after the county in Pennsylvania where United Airlines flight 93 crashed.

Stanley Works buys Black & Decker

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The tool maker Stanley Works is buying rival Black & Decker Corp. for \$4.5 billion, the two companies said Monday, uniting two of their industry’s most iconic brands.

The deal would create the largest U.S. toolmaker, Morningstar analyst Anthony Dayrit said.

Stanley shareholders will own about 50.5 percent of the combined company, which will be called Stanley Black & Decker. Black & Decker shareholders will hold a 49.5 percent stake after the all-stock deal is complete.

“This is a unique opportunity to bring together two great companies, each with first-rate brands, and provide enhanced opportunities to generate superior returns as we build on this new, larger platform,” Stanley Chairman John F. Lundgren, who will be president and CEO, said in a statement.

Black & Decker shareholders are to receive about 1.28 shares of Stanley Works for each share they own. The nine members of Stanley Works’ board will remain in place and be joined by six new members from Black & Decker’s current board.

The deal will cut costs by \$350 million within three

years, likely in part through job cuts, and grow earnings per share by \$1 within three years, the companies said.

Executives said most of the savings will come from reducing corporate overhead and consolidating business units and manufacturing, distribution and purchasing.

Black & Decker, based in Towson, Md., has 22,100 workers. Stanley Works, based in New Britain, Conn., has 18,200 workers. The combined company’s corporate headquarters will remain in Connecticut while its power tool division will remain headquartered in Maryland.

Stanley Works’ brands include its Stanley tools line and FatMax, Bostitch and Mac Tools, which are used on cars. In addition to its namesake line, Black & Decker owns DeWalt, Porter-Cable, Kwikset and Baldwin brands, which are popular with both consumers and professionals.

Dayrit said space remains for smaller tool makers that make up most of the industry.

“There’s a lot of smaller players who make cheaper tools,” he said. “I think these guys will still be competitive because you have consumers that won’t be willing to pay up for the quality of a Black & Decker tool.”

Each company’s board of directors has signed off on the deal, but it still must win regulatory and shareholder approval. It’s expected to close in the first half of 2010.

Black & Decker shares climbed \$10.12, or 21.4 percent, \$57.45 in after-hours trading after closing at \$47.34 earlier in the day.

Stanley Works shares rose \$1.77, or 3.9 percent, to \$46.96 in after-hours trading. Shares of the company closed at \$45.15 in regular trading.

Hospital fined for wrong-site surgery

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Rhode Island’s largest hospital was fined \$150,000 and ordered to take the extraordinary step of installing video cameras in all its operating rooms after it had its fifth wrong-site surgery since 2007, state health officials said Monday.

Rhode Island Hospital, the teaching hospital for Brown University’s Alpert Medical School, was fined a second time for wrong-site surgeries, state health director David Gifford said. The hospital also was fined \$50,000 after brain surgeons operated on the wrong part of the heads of three patients in 2007. Gifford said his department has issued only two fines — both to Rhode Island Hospital.

Gifford sent a letter and order to hospital CEO Timothy Babineau on Monday.

Babineau said in a statement that the hospital was committed to reducing medical errors and had been taking steps to improve patient safety.

But he also requested a meeting with state officials to discuss the sanctions, saying he was disappointed that the health department had not incorporated into its order separate recommendations from the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare. A hospital spokeswoman, asked to elaborate, said she did not know what those recommendations were.

The latest incident last month involved a patient who was to have surgery on two fingers. Instead, the surgeon performed both operations on the same finger. Under protocols adopted in the medical field, the surgery site should

have been marked and the surgical team should have taken a timeout before cutting to ensure they were operating on the right patient, the right part of the patient’s body and doing the correct procedure.

Gifford said the surgical team marked the wrist, rather than each finger, and the surgeon did not mark the site himself. The team did not take a timeout before the second surgery. When they discovered the error, they checked with the patient’s family to see if they should perform the surgery on the correct finger. When they did the surgery on the correct finger, they also did not do a timeout, something Gifford called “amazing” given that they had just made such a serious error.

The order includes a provision that the hospital must assign a clinical employee who is not part of the surgical team to observe all surgeries at the hospital for at least one year. The person will monitor whether doctors are marking the site to be operated on and taking a time out before operating to ensure they’re operating on the proper body part.

It requires the surgeon to be involved in marking the surgical site.

It also gives the hospital 45 days to install video and audio recording equipment in all its operating rooms. Every doctor will be taped performing surgery at least twice every year, although it will be left up to the hospital whether to tell surgeons when they are being monitored, he said.

The purpose is to use it as a monitor and a training tool, he said.

“Professional athletes do it all the time,” he said.

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IN BRIEF

Government unlikely to recover funds

WASHINGTON — Government investigators say the U.S. government is unlikely to recover all of its investment in General Motors or Chrysler because the companies' value would need to "grow substantially above what they have been in the past."

A Government Accountability Office report released Monday is the latest review to cast doubt on the likelihood that taxpayers will fully recoup more than \$80 billion invested in the two U.S. automakers.

Treasury officials told the GAO that they are considering initial public offerings or private sales to dispose of the government's nearly 10 percent stake in Chrysler and 61 percent share of GM. But government officials won't say when that could happen because they don't want to undermine the potential return on the investment.

Filmmakers sue over lost Iowa incentives

DES MOINES, Iowa — Filmmakers have filed two lawsuits seeking to force the state to make good on promised incentives to make movies in Iowa.

Iowa Eye Entertainment LLC, Daedalus Film AG, C-Films France SAS, Clean Out Productions Inc. and Clean Out Film Services Inc. have sued the Iowa Department of Economic Development. The agency administers Iowa's film promotion program.

The companies claim the state approved \$6.5 million in tax credits for them to make a movie in Iowa.

A telephone message left Monday for Stanley Thompson, the attorney representing the companies, was not immediately returned. The Iowa attorney general's office declined comment.

The film incentive program is under investigation after reports surfaced of sloppy bookkeeping in the Iowa Film Office and questionable spending by some movie makers who sought tax credits. Three officials in the Iowa Department of Economic Development have lost their jobs over the matter and Gov. Chet Culver's administration has suspended the program.

The lawsuit, filed last week in Polk County District Court, claims the state failed to execute a contract for the incentives after Culver halted the program after allegations of mismanagement.

Health bill totals \$1.2 trillion

House will vote on measure this week; price surpasses all previous estimates

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The health care bill headed for a vote in the House this week costs \$1.2 trillion or more over a decade, according to numerous Democratic officials and figures contained in an analysis by congressional budget experts, far higher than the \$900 billion cited by President Barack Obama as a price tag for his reform plan.

While the Congressional Budget Office has put the cost of expanding coverage in the legislation at roughly \$1 trillion, Democrats added billions more on higher spending for public health, a reinsurance program to hold down retiree health costs, payments for preventive services and more.

Many of the additions are designed to improve benefits or ease access to coverage in government programs. The officials who provided overall cost estimates did so on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss them.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has referred repeatedly to the bill's net cost of \$894 billion over a decade for coverage.

Asked about the higher estimate, Pelosi spokesman Brendan Daly said the measure not only insures 36 million more Americans, it provides critical health insurance reform in a way that is fiscally sound.

"It will not add one dime to the deficit. In fact, the CBO said last week that it will reduce the deficit both in the first 10 years and in the second 10 years," Daly said.

Democrats have been intent on passing legislation this year to implement Obama's call for expanded coverage for millions, curbs on industry abuses and provisions to slow the rate of growth of health care costs nationally.

"Now, add it all up, and the plan I'm proposing will cost around \$900 billion over 10 years," the president said in a nationally televised speech in early September.



AP

House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio stands behind a copy of the Democrat's version of the health care bill during a news conference on Capitol Hill Oct. 29.

Whatever the final cost of legislation, the calendar is working increasingly against the White House and Democrats.

While a House vote is possible late this week, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., may not be able to begin debate on the issue until the week before Thanksgiving. Additionally, the Republican leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, has hinted at efforts to extend the debate for weeks if not months, a timetable that could extend into 2010.

One casualty of the time crunch and threatened Republican delaying tactics may be formal House-Senate negotiations on a final compromise. An alternative is a less formal hurry-up final negotiation involving the

White House and senior Democrats.

Pelosi and her lieutenants worked on last-minute changes in the measure to ease concerns among opponents of abortion and a contentious provision relating to illegal immigrants. Conservative Democrats have expressed concern about the cost of the bill, and an evening closed-door meeting gave the leadership its first chance to hear their response.

The bill includes an option for a government-run health plan.

The leadership can afford more than two dozen defections and still be assured of the votes to prevail on the bill, one of the most sweeping measures in recent years.

Republicans put the cost of

the bill at nearly \$1.3 trillion.

"Our goal is to make it as difficult as possible for" Democrats to pass it, House Republican leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said at a news conference. "We believe it is the wrong prescription."

One day after announcing Republicans would have an alternative measure, Boehner offered few details. He said it would omit one of the central provisions in Democratic bills — a ban on the insurance industry's practice of denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions. Instead, he said the Republicans would encourage creation of insurance pools for high-risk individuals and take other steps to ease their access to coverage.

Plans dropped for South Dakota power plant

Associated Press

BIG STONE, South Dakota — Developers of a \$1.6 billion electric power plant in northeastern South Dakota abandoned the project Monday, saying they were unable to recruit other investors after one of the principal utility backers pulled out.

The Big Stone II plant, planned for construction next to an existing power station near Milbank, S.D., was meant to supply about 550 megawatts of power to utilities in North Dakota, South Dakota and southern Minnesota.

It had the necessary permits from state regulators to begin building, but financing the plant's construction proved to be too difficult, project officials said.

Representatives of environmental

groups celebrated the project's demise, saying continued development of a large, coal-fueled power station went against national trends favoring wind power and other renewable energy sources.

"This is happening in the context of coal plants around the country being abandoned," said Margaret Levin, state director for the Minnesota North Star chapter of the Sierra Club.

"I would certainly attribute this outcome to an increased understanding ... that we have got to switch away from coal and other dirty forms of power," Levin said.

Supporters of Big Stone II said the end of the project could force utilities and their customers to buy more expensive electricity.

The project included construction of

new and upgraded high-voltage power lines in southern Minnesota that could carry power from new wind-powered generators as well as from Big Stone II.

Steve Kolbeck, vice chairman of South Dakota's Public Utilities Commission, said construction of Big Stone II and improvements to the nearby power plant would have cut total pollution from the site while greatly increasing its output.

"If we could have gotten it built ... we could have actually made the air cleaner up there," Kolbeck said.

A group of seven utilities were partners in the project when it was announced in June 2005. Planners said they hoped to begin construction of a 630-megawatt plant in 2007 and have the plant operating by 2011.

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THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

A rose by any other name

It has become the latest ploy in the liberal plot to sell their beloved public option to wary Republicans and moderate Democrats, not to mention a skeptical public. Last week, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced that the latest version of the House bill will contain what she likes to call "the consumer option."

"I do think that when people think of it as their option, their consumer option. Because public is being misrepresented as being something that's paid for by taxpayer dollars, which it is not."

In other words, Democrats in favor of the public ... I mean consumer option are hanging their hopes on voters being gullible enough to believe that a simple name change and a few minor compromises will alter the fundamental flaws embedded in the plan.

Sound familiar? Earlier in 2009, a memo released to Pentagon staff members advised that in place of the phrase "Global War on Terror," they should begin referring to the effort as the "Overseas Contingency Operation." Perhaps the administration hoped the public would assume that because a new phrase was being used, President Obama had kept his promise to bring the war to an end. Yet seven months later, the president is contemplating another surge in troops, this time in Afghanistan.

Around the same time, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano revealed her preferred method of speaking about terrorism:

"In my speech, although I did not use the word 'terrorism,' I referred to 'man-caused' disasters. That is perhaps only a nuance, but it demonstrates that we want to move away from the politics of fear toward a policy of being prepared for all risks that can occur."

Yes, a mere "nuance" that attempts to make acts of terrorism seem less, well, terrible. The term "man-caused disasters" makes a terrorist attack sound like an accident, as though faulty engines

had caused three planes to crash into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon rather than a group of Islamic extremists bent on murdering innocent civilians to make a political point.

Indeed both parties are guilty of attempting to sway public opinion with a thesaurus. Frank Luntz, a Republican communications consultant, has made a career out of advising political clients how to sell their message by using more appealing terminology. In an age when 10-second sound bites and late-night comedy shows provide much of the public's political education, it's no wonder politicians find it necessary to carefully calculate their every word. Political marketing strategies have become an essential component of both campaigns and governance, and framing the debate through word choice has been shown to be an effective tool in steering the voters' perceptions of issues.

But there is a very important, though often times subtle, difference between making a message sound attractive and deliberately attempting to mislead the public in order to make unpopular policies more palatable.

An easy way to distinguish between the two methods is timing. When a politician uses a phrase to describe a particular message or policy from the outset, it is likely that the phrase amounts to, at worst, a mere sugarcoating of reality. George W. Bush's "compassionate conservatism" motto during the 2000 election provides a good example of this method. Call it vacuous, but the term does describe a particular political philosophy that seeks to promote societal welfare through traditionally conservative means.

However, attempting to change terminology midway through the debate signals a more deceitful plot. Speaker Pelosi's rechristening of the public option; like the rebranding of the War on Terror, terrorism and global warming; falls into this category. Upon realizing that the public has all but abandoned Democrats' attempts to reform health-care, the party leadership is now scrambling to find a new approach to push their legislation through Congress.

Here is what the Speaker stated during the aforementioned speech in defense of the "consumer option:"

"It lowers costs. It lowers cost.

Remember it lowers cost. That's very important, by tens of billions of dollars, the consumer option lowers cost to the budget and to the taxpayer."

Wait a second; didn't she just say that the phrase "public" option is a misnomer because it leads people to believe that the plan will be funded by taxpayer dollars even though it is not? Yet now the "consumer" option is lowering costs "to the budget and to the taxpayer." How can these costs be lowered to taxpayers if taxpayers are not footing the bill?

The Wall Street Journal suggests that both of Pelosi's statements are far from truthful. Describing what it calls "European levels of taxation," the Journal reports that the House favors \$572 billion in new taxes, which will be covered by raising the top marginal tax rate to 45 percent in 2011. As for lowering costs, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office predicts the program will cost \$1.055 trillion over the next decade even though Pelosi claimed the net cost would only be \$829 billion.

What is most disturbing about these figures is that they represent very conservative estimates. To put them into perspective, we can compare the predicted costs of Obamacare to those of a similar entitlement program, like Medicare. In 1967, two years after Medicare became law, House Ways and Means analysts predicted that it would cost only \$12 billion in 1990. When 1990 rolled around, federal Medicare spending hit \$110 billion. That is almost a \$100 billion difference.

Unfortunately, real problems cannot be resolved by changing a name. If it did, then Obama could save a lot of time and money by simply renaming Gitmo "The Super-Fun Torture-Free Happy Day Camp for Detainees." When a politician attempts to rebrand a policy midway through the debate, remember that "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Or in this case, a public option by any other name will be just as disastrous.

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"Charm and nothing but charm at last grows a little tiresome. It's a relief then to deal with a man who isn't quite so delightful but a little more sincere."

W. Somerset Maugham
English dramatist & novelist

A Notre Dame short story

He had been here before. He couldn't remember when, but he had been here before. Perhaps it had been in a dream, or maybe he was experiencing a moment of déjà vu. But as much as he tried to push against that brick wall, he could not remember how to get through. His fingers gripped the cold brick and tore down the wall, but he only came away with dirty, bloody fingernails. He kicked, he punched, he yelled, but nothing worked. All he knew was that he had to get to the other side soon. His life was depending on it.

Part 2 by Christine Fagan

Desperate for a way through, he decided to try a new approach. He swallowed all that was left of his pride and leaned his whole body into the bricks. He simply leaned, and with that he could feel movement. The wall ebbed and flowed as if controlled by breath. This wall works remarkably like a lung, he thought as he continued his leaning. In almost an instant he felt swallowed. The wall consumed him in his entirety and he clumsily fell through the bricks. Given the chance he would have screamed, but a contradictory mix of pride and shameless fear overtook him, and he remained silent. After a few seconds of eternity, he was on the other side. Once he regained his balance he stood ready to face the council. He was going to win, if only because he was not ready to die.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Strong bodies fight

The Notre Dame Boxing Club has supported the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh for 80 years. This Spring will mark a number of achievements for one of Notre Dame's proudest traditions. In addition to celebrating the 80th anniversary of our founding, the one millionth dollar raised in donations will be sent over to help build and maintain schools. The Bengal Bouts will also release the feature documentary, "Strong Bodies Fight," to the public with a students-only screening at 9:30 p.m. on Friday Nov. 6 at the Debartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC). While the program has historically supported the missions through a donation check, this film exhibits how the Bengal Bouts has developed a much more tangible relationship with the people of Bangladesh. For the first time in the summer of 2008, five boxers witnessed firsthand how far our support goes. We are no longer just a check received, we are part

of a nationwide combat against global poverty through the tool of education. The Bengal Bouts now sends boxers every summer as part of a Notre Dame ISSLP to help teach classes at our educational facilities that have been built. Children now have hope — they can develop a profession through years of educational instruction.

Mark Weber '09 and other producers have put forth a lot of time to effectively portray the transformation of the Bengal Bouts. The film captures a special relationship that continues to improve. Please support the 200-plus men and women who continue to give hope to the lives of many. And come spring, please remember to support your friends in the Bengal Bouts.

Chris Cugliari
senior
off campus
Nov. 2

Ignorant or genius?

Greetings, ND Community

We all know who Soulja Boy is. He is the performer of one of the worst songs to ever reach No. 1 in the U.S. Many of us have even seen his interviews, with the faulty grammar and the air of undeserved superiority. But what if all of this was an act? What if all of it was a satirical ploy to make fun of new wave hip hop and rap?

The only way to pull off a successful deception in a performance is to sell the deception before and after the show. The deceiver has to live his entire life in a way that lives up to the people's expectations. Knowing this, it would not be enough for Soulja Boy just to create awful music. To be successful in this plot, Soulja Boy has to live his entire life the way his music portrays him. This would be Soulja Boy's motivation to act like a numbskull in interviews and in life in general.

Soulja Boy's songs are proof of this conspiracy. Honestly, how could anybody actual-

ly be that monumentally ignorant? All of his songs are ridiculous (not to mention awful) in wildly different ways. Even though he claims not to rap about sex and violence, "Crank That (Soulja Boy)" is only about violent sex, and he can be seen holding a gun in the original Crank that Dance video. Not to mention the beat sounds like a meth addict left alone with a steel drum.

Bottom line, nobody could possibly be this dumb in so many ways. His songs and interviews don't just show us how ignorant he is, they are a proclamation to the world that deliberately says, "Hey world, I'm brainless!" I don't believe that Soulja boy is actually this ignorant; he only pretends to be dumb to make fun of rap and other rappers. He pulled a big one over all of our heads.

Danny Masse
freshman
Siegfried
Nov. 2

Calling all priests

"Loyal Daughters and Sons" will be performed this week (Wed.-Fri.) at the Library Auditorium, and I highly encourage all in the community to go see it, to raise awareness of the very important issue of sexual harassment and violence both on our campus and in our society. I saw this performance last year, and it made a huge impact on me, as an alum, father of a current Notre Dame female student, and as a man in general. The method of presenting this topic makes a deep impact that can not be matched by simply reading about this subject.

I especially call upon all Notre Dame priests to come see this performance. Priests counsel students on a wide range of issues, however, women who are victims of sexual harassment/violence often hold

their pain inside. When they do seek counseling, due to the nature of the incident, they more often than not seek out female counselors rather than male counselors.

After the performance, there is a panelled discussion. When it was my turn to ask a question, I said I was shocked at how prevalent these incidents seem to be, even at our beloved Notre Dame, which some alums (such as myself) mistakenly think is immune to this type of behavior. I then asked: "Do the priests ever discuss this issue at the homilies during Sunday Mass in the dorms?" No one on the panel or the audience could ever recall this being the subject of a homily. This may be because priests are not as aware of this topic as they need to be. Thus, I encourage the priests of Notre Dame to attend this per-

formance, and find a way to work this topic into their homilies in the dorm Masses.

Just before Fr. Malloy left office, he made a statement that I found somewhat controversial. He said, "I have been President for 18 years, and I was proud to be President every one of those days, except for one — the day Notre Dame fired Ty Willingham." While that incident may have deserved critique, I was still proud to be part of Notre Dame on that day. I was still proud to be part of Notre Dame when we lost to Navy and Syracuse. If I were a Notre Dame priest, the days I would not be proud would be the ones when another of these incidents comes to the ResLife office. On those days, none of us should be proud, for we all have failed to set the moral com-

pass of those students who commit these offenses. The failure comes primarily from the offenders, but also partially from all of us (parents, rectors, priests, peer students) who did not provide strong enough moral leadership to let every student know that such offenses are completely unacceptable.

The "Loyal Daughters and Sons" performance puts this important topic out into the public forum in a unique and very compelling way. I encourage all (especially the priests) to attend and increase your awareness of this very important issue.

Mark Rolfes
alumnus
class of 1984
Nov. 2

Shwayze: Letting it beat again



By DECLAN SULLIVAN
Scene Writer

Last year, the duo Shwayze burst onto the music scene with their self-titled debut, an album that successfully combined rock and rap into a sound that can only be described as California beach music. Despite being on the Vans Warped Tour and being involved in a multitude of side projects — ranging from running a record label to producing a movie — Aaron Smith, a.k.a. Shwayze, and Cisco Adler have managed to record another album, “Let It Beat,” which is being released today. My friend Mike Bartlett and I recently had a chance to talk to Cisco, former frontman for Whitestarr and son of the famous producer Lou Adler, about the new album, some of his side projects and exactly what it was like to write a song for a fake rapper call Alpa Cino — think “Tropic Thunder.” Look for Aaron Smith’s take on Shwayze’s success, coming soon in Scene.

Declan Sullivan: Okay, there’s something that I’ve always been confused about and have to get out of the way first. Is Shwayze the rapper known as Aaron Smith, or is it the name of the group under which you and Aaron perform?

Cisco Adler: Well, it’s both.

DS: ...

CA: I gave Aaron the nickname Shwayze, and well, I sort of just found him out in Malibu and, you know, he was a diamond in the rough, so I decided to work it as a solo rap project. But after a couple songs I started singing on the hooks, and that’s when it formed into the group. Rather than change the name, you know, it just sort of stuck. It kind of sums up the collaboration.

DS: How did you meet Shwayze? Is there a story there?

CA: Malibu is a small town; there’s only one road that rolls through here. Everyone knows everyone; it’s very

incestual [sic]. [Aaron] was just a fan [of my band, Whitestarr], and he started showing up at my parties. One day I woke up and he was sleeping on the couch, and he’s like, “I’m a rapper. Wanna make some tracks?” He was young and hungry, and I had a vision of what I wanted my next project to be, and it all just kind of fit together.

DS: Yeah, you’ve been involved in a lot of projects recently. For example, you wrote a song for “Tropic Thunder?”

CA: Yeah, I did one of the songs for them. I’m always working; I do more music than I do anything. I think people just have a preconceived notion about what you are or what you do, and they don’t even go searching for the realness.

DS: So what else are you working on besides Shwayze?

CA: Well, [Dr. Luke and I] just finished Mickey Avalon’s second record [due out in February], and that record’s really strong. I just finished four or five songs for the band Unwritten Law, a big punk band out of San Diego. I got G. Love & Special Sauce coming into the studio in 30 minutes ... you know, it’s all over the board. I just try to do things that I like.

DS: I’ve also heard rumors about you and Shwayze working on a movie, “Big Jack’s Tickets.” Are you still working on that?

CA: It’s being written right now. We’re tightening up the script, and I think after we tour for this album cycle, we’re going to try to put some time aside to shoot it and get it done.

DS: Mind giving any plot details or a brief overview of what it’s all about?

CA: I don’t want to give too much away, but it’s a buddy comedy centered on a semi-fictional music act. It’s not us, but it’s kind of us, and it’s about ... uh ... well, you know I can’t give it out. It is being directed by Nick Goossen, who directed “Grandma’s Boy.”

DS: Really? Awesome!

CA: Yeah, that movie is hilarious. We’re excited to

have him on board.

DS: We are well aware of that film here; good stuff.

CA: Nick Swardson’s gonna be in it ...

DS: No way!

CA: Yeah, that whole camp is going to be in it.

DS: Nice. As for the reason you’re making this movie, does your dad have anything to do with it? I mean, he made “Up in Smoke” and “Rocky Horror:” did he influence you at all?

CA: Well, he birthed me. Other than that, no. (Laughs.) I think it’s just in my blood. He’s definitely my hero; he’s done so much. I’m trying to do that as well; I just don’t want to spread myself too thin.

DS: Okay, two more questions. First, with your record label, Bananabeat Records, is there any artist you really want to bump right now?

CA: Chris Young the Rapper. He is, he is ... he’s just brilliant. He’s one of the best rappers I’ve ever heard in my life. Lyrically, his flow, his freestyle ability ... he’s just a true artist, you know, down in his soul. He just put out an EP — the “Mood Swing” EP — it really shows his range. I’m very excited about this record.

DS: So, last question. I see that you’re doing the Party Rock tour right now with LMFAO, and I have to say, I’m sad. I’m seeing places like Des Moines, Iowa on there, but no Notre Dame. Are you coming out here anytime in the near future?

CA: I’m kind of sad, too. (Laughs.) I wish we had more control, but with all the things that go into planning a tour ... it just all has to all fit in, magically. Believe me, we want to go to more places that we haven’t gone to, and there are certain places we really want to check out. Notre Dame is one of those, and I’m sure we’ll get there soon — we’re touring for this record all the way till next summer. I will make a point of it.

DS: I’m glad to hear that. I mean, if you’re going out to Des Moines, at the very least ya gotta make it to South Bend. I mean, come on — Iowa? Really?

CA: (Laughs.) Yeah, we’ll definitely make it out there.

DS: Good to hear, good to hear. Thanks for talking to me, man.

CA: Cool, man. Just tell people to check out “Let It Beat,” we’re really proud of this record. We took the sound everyone fell in love with and gave them a little bit of that, but then we also evolved it and grew a little bit. We’re not a one-trick pony over here.

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By KATHERINE GREENSPON
Scene Writer

A jazz man who is said to be from another musical era is taking today’s music industry by storm. After two and a half years, Michael Bublé has done it again, releasing his newest album, “Crazy Love.”

With inspirations like Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles and Louis Armstrong, Bublé makes sure that their spirits shine through in his remastered melodies. The young Canadian crooner is best known for his all-American classics and for a warm voice that has earned him the reputation of a modern-day Sinatra. His wicked charm and charisma on stage are breathtaking, and his versatility is incredible as he intertwines himself in the jazz, rock, blues and pop genres that have taken custody of so many young and old souls. “Crazy Love” focuses on Bublé’s renditions of famous American tunes like “Georgia on My Mind” by Ray Charles and “Cry Me a River” by Julie London. One of the album’s highlights is Bublé’s hit single “Crazy Love,” an adaptation of the song originally preformed by Van Morrison. Morrison was a master of soul music, and his passion for his art inspired Bublé to try out his own modified version,

adding his signature smooth tone and flowing energy. If you purchase the album, you might also want to consider the deluxe edition that includes a bonus video track of Bublé singing “Haven’t Met You Yet” with his utter quirkiness against a white backdrop.

The album showcases contemporary elements with the busting sounds of brass and guitar. Vocal ensemble Naturally 7 lend their voices to the oldie “Stardust,” and fellow Canadian songwriter Ron Sexsmith contributed a ballad in the track “Whatever It Takes.” For years Bublé has worked with the big boys of blues, but on this album he has transformed into a cool, controlled and hearty singer who is coming into his own not only as an artist, but also as an assured performer.

With its fun ballads and over-the-top lyrical performances, anyone can easily become infatuated with “Crazy Love.” Bublé is constantly influenced by the jazz aesthetic, and in “Cry Me a River” we get a jazz club feel with a smooth beat all the way through.

Bublé’s music is easy on the ears and perfect for those long drives home or long nights in the library studying. He keeps it old school with swinging beats and an attitude that will hypnotize listeners. When concentrating on these upbeat songs, it is hard not to picture Bublé and all the collaborators having a blast in the recording studio.

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Bublé has progressed and matured very much as an artist, and releasing “Crazy Love” with a more relaxed, positive and upbeat sound was a smart move on his part.

With a voice that sounds effortless and a passion that comes through on each cut, it is impossible to think this guy doesn’t have talent. Bublé’s vocal

skills are top-notch, and whether he is strutting his stuff in a Starbucks commercial, singing the favorite “Come Fly with Me” or dropping memorable classics in the record studio, Bublé has captured the older generation and the younger one as well ... one Frank Sinatra remake at a time.

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R.E.O. Speedwagon Rolls Along

By ERIC PRISTER
Scene Writer

Despite the facts that they have been playing together since 1967, that they were nearly overshadowed by the opening band and that their lead singer doesn't quite have the voice that he used to, one thing was clear from the opening song — R.E.O. Speedwagon, after all this time, can still rock.

With his patented platinum blond hair and a white suit that could rival Elivs, Kevin Cronin, the long-time lead singer of R.E.O. Speedwagon, came onstage to a roar from the mostly 40-something crowd and moved right into R.E.O.'s most popular hits. Cronin struggled somewhat, especially in the beginning, to hit the notes that he used to, which became obvious as he changed some of them to better fit his voice. Particularly during their second song, "Take It On the Run," it was clear that Cronin didn't have the range that he used to, but it didn't take away too much from the performance on the whole.

The other members of the band had clearly lost nothing of their past ability, though some were not original members of the band. The bassist, Bruce Hall, has been with the band since 1977, but he still looks as though he is part of the rock scene. Neil Daughy, whose keyboard playing is one of the things that separates R.E.O. from the average rock band, was an original band member, and he is still playing keyboard for the five-man band. Guitarist Dave Amato and drummer Bryan Hitt are newer members of the band, having joined the group in the early 90s, but both perform up to R.E.O.'s high standards.

As the concert progressed, the band steadily improved, especially Cronin. His voice started to show signs of its original form, especially when the band performed ballads which didn't require him to sing over the electric guitar. Their performance of "Keep On Loving You" was a particularly well-done rendition of one of



their two number one hits. But Cronin seemed to have saved his voice for their penultimate song, "Roll With the Changes," which he belted out to near perfection.

Only twice did Cronin express his political views on stage, as members of the music industry are wont to do, and he did so tastefully (or as tastefully as one can). He did not mention anyone specifically, and he expressed his desire for a change that he thinks is coming in this country. One of these statements occurred during the performance of "Golden Country," a song written during the Vietnam War, and the other occurred just before the encore performance of "Riding the Storm Out," which brought down the house.

The opening act of the night was another famous rock band from the 70s, the British rock group Foghat.

It seemed that some members of the audience actually had come to see Foghat rather than R.E.O., and the band did not disappoint. Saving their three most famous songs for last, Foghat performed "I Just Want to Make Love to You," "Fool for the City" and finally "Slow Ride" to perfection. Though he is not the original singer, lead vocalist Charlie Huhn performed the songs almost exactly as they originally sounded. Guitarist Brian Bassett, originally from Molly Hatchet, and original Foghat drummer Roger Earl kept the band running smoothly.

Both bands performed excellently considering their ages and the wear that the rock and roll lifestyle must have put on their bodies. And despite the average age of the crowd, R.E.O. Speedwagon delivered a performance that, because of the familiarity of the songs and the pure enjoyment they expressed on stage, could be enjoyed by rock lovers of all ages.

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Superfreaks: Weird Music and the people who listen to it

By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

Studying brings out the worst in people. Anyone who has crumpled a piece of paper or sneezed in a library during finals week has learned this the hard way. Nevertheless, in the dark, dreary tunnel of books and noses meeting, there is a gleam of light: musical exploration.

Do yourself a favor and complete this little social experiment. Next time you're in the library and you have to go to the bathroom or pick up another book, creep on people's music. It's an awesome bored-in-the-library game. Walk up to a person, make a mental assumption about what they're listening to, then sneak a peak, and ... you're wrong. Totally, totally wrong. Guaranteed. Goth girl is listening to the "Pride and Prejudice" soundtrack, guy you thought would be all about DMB is actually all about "Weird Al." It's strange, and it's occasionally kind of frightening (say, when a Marilyn

Manson fan pops up), but it's true.

The experiment does not just have to target random people; friends are the best for creeping. They are the ones who will have the weirdest stuff, so be prepared to question everything about them. Welcome to the moment of finding the freak in people. For instance, say you've had a best friend since freshman year. Forget the person who can sing every Taylor Swift album word for word, note for note. She (or he) has been replaced by a pod-person working up a mental sweat to steel drums or to those weird relaxation CDs they keep by the greeting cards in Target. It might even have some album cover that is just a picture of a freaked-out eye — don't even try to find out what that's about (true story). The biggest confession in a friendship might be about someone's obsession with hip-hop violin music.

Everyone listens to some kind of quirky, random music. Maybe it's the Italian route — Andrea Bocelli, Frank [Sinatra], Dino [Dean Martin] and the boys — or

maybe a World Music CD happened to find its way into the space between the driver's seat and the console in your car. Here's another social experiment. Next time you go on a food run off campus, check out the loner guy who pulls up at the spotlight next to you (yeah, like you don't anyway), and guaranteed, three out of every four people is grooving out to what has to be some weird, embarrassing music, like that Kenny G's Christmas CD that chills out in the disguise of a Metallica case when other dudes are in the car.

Here's the deal: everyone wishes he or she could be cool about his or her music all the time, and oh, the lengths to which we go to hide the weird stuff. Hint, ladies: your boyfriend's iTunes "most played" playlist doesn't lie, and apparently, neither do his hips, because he is lovin' him some Shakira. Having perfectly hip music taste is just not possible, because we all have that weird compulsion that makes an Irish Catholic, Ralph Lauren-and-Gap girl want to krump on a

study break to some tribal dance music that may or may not have been bought on a whim at Ten Thousand Villages. It's the same whim that makes a guy who would sleep outside for three weeks and sell a kidney to see Slipknot turn up the Enya when the day gets a little stressful. Can't help it, can't stop it and definitely can't hide it.

That "Best of John Tesh" CD will eventually slide out from under the passenger seat, and at the worst possible moment, so own it. Let the musical freak flag fly, because everyone has it. A certain reporter for a school newspaper whose name may or may not be on this byline will out hers right here and now: Cajun music (Blind Uncle Gaspard, anyone?) and polka. It's a freeing feeling, trust. Don't let the haters get you down, because there's a reason Celine Dion had a sold out Las Vegas show for five years (hint: there are only so many middle-aged Canadians in the world). You are not alone.

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ND CLUB SPORTS

Squash squad beaten by Rochester in Cleveland

Irish top Purdue to earn a berth in the Midwest Rugby Playoffs; Rowers to compete in Indianapolis tournament

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women traveled to The Cleveland Racquet Club (CRC) to challenge the University of Rochester this weekend. Upon arrival the two clubs played in a mini-singles round-robin match in groups of three. Following the mini-tournament the teams played an official College Squash Association (CSA) match, falling 3-7 to Rochester.

The Irish began down a match after having to forfeit at the 9th position. Freshman Grace Lee and junior Brittani Russell split their opening matches. Russell adapted tennis background to the squash courts and won her match in three straight games, 11-4, 11-9, 11-8.

Sophomore Tess Fitzpatrick won her match in four games. Fitzpatrick won the first two games, 11-9 and 11-7, before dropping the third, 12-10. In the fourth game, Fitzpatrick stepped up her play to win, 11-5, evening the team score at 2-2.

In the next round of matches, senior Kelly Levis and junior Octavia Ratiu faced stiff competition but both played well in their CSA debuts. Seniors Melissa Curvino and Mariana Cuervo also turned in great early-season play, but all fell to their Rochester opponents.

Senior captain Kristine So took to the court with the confidence of a seasoned player. So won impressively, 11-0, 11-8, 11-7.

Following the match with

Rochester the team had a private group lesson with CRC Squash Pro Nathan Dugan, who was once the No. 52 player in the world,

The next match for Notre Dame Squash will take place on Nov. 14 when the men's squad will travel to Northwestern to play in a round-robin with teams from Illinois, Western Michigan and the host Northwestern.

Men's Rugby

The Irish defeated Purdue 14-10 Saturday in a match to determine a spot in the Midwest Rugby Playoffs. The match started off evenly, with neither team gaining an advantage in the opening 20 minutes of play.

Through heavy reliance on a strong kicking game by the Purdue side, the Boilermakers were able to push the Irish deep into their own zone late in the first half. After a costly penalty, Notre Dame gave up the ball on its own 5-meter line.

Purdue then was able to maul its way into the try-zone to give the Boilermakers a 5-0 lead with 5 minutes left in the half.

On the ensuing drive, the Irish came out with greater intensity, led in part by seniors Jaime Urquijo and Bob Huguelet. The Notre Dame side put the Boilermakers on their backs with quick ball movement through the backline, which scored on a 50 meter line-break to give the Irish a 7-5 lead going into halftime.

The second half started

much as the first half with strong play from both sides. However, on a costly line-break from the Purdue backline, the Boilermakers were able to score and take a 10-7 lead.

The Irish struck back as freshmen Sean Peterson was able to use his kicking ability to plant the ball deep in Purdue territory. After the Purdue side turned the ball over on their own 20-meter line, the Irish went to work on the weary Purdue forwards through a barrage of picking and rucking that moved the ball to within five meters of the try-line.

As the ball was passed out to the backline, the Purdue line shot up and freshman Sean Peterson slipped a perfectly placed grubber through their defense line.

Although the Purdue players were momentarily caught out of position, a costly knock-on by junior Alex Macomber turned the ball over on what should have been an easy try.

However, with 10 minutes remaining in the game, the Irish received the ball back and yet again pounded the Purdue defense with strong play by the forwards, pushing deep into opposition's zone.

Peterson was again able to successfully pass a grubber kick past the defensive line. This time, however, the kick was retrieved and the try was eventually converted by Macomber to give the Irish a 14-10 lead, which they would retain for the remainder of the game.

The Irish travel to

Wisconsin for the first round of the Midwest Playoffs on Nov. 7.

The B-side game was also a close-fought match between the two sides that ended in a 14-12 Boilermaker victory. The Irish took an early lead through superior back-line play.

With five minutes remaining in the 1st half, the Irish made a 35 meter line-break, which would give the Irish another try to go up 12-3 at halftime.

In the second half, the Purdue side took a quick start with a high up-and-under kick that would put the score at 12-9. The Irish defense held strong for the next 30 minutes as the score remained at 12-9. However, on the final play of the match, the Boilermakers were able to make a costly line-break on Notre Dame's 15-meter line, which would lead to the game-winning try.

Men's Rowing

The Irish traveled to the Indianapolis Rowing Center Saturday to compete at the Head of the Eagle this past weekend. A long day of racing, with some rowers competing two or even three times, meant everyone's fitness was pushed to the limit against other major schools such as Michigan, Grand Valley and Purdue.

The day started with the Men's open 2X, where Notre Dame took second, third, fourth and sixth places.

This race was followed closely by the Novice 8+ A and B races, perhaps some of the

most competitive races of the day. The Irish took fourth and sixth respectively, battling through heavy winds early in the day. The morning was wrapped up with the Men's Open 4+ race. The top 4+, led by senior coxswain Michael Lehmann and stroked by junior Michael Maggart took second in their race, while the second 4+, coxswained by junior Lisa Folkerth and stroked by sophomore Garrett Campbell, took first in their race. The third 4+ wrapped up with a third place finish in their race.

The afternoon started with juniors Graham Boechler and Kurt Krautmann taking fourth in the Men's Open Pair's race. This was followed closely by a third place finish by the Men's Quad.

The day closed with the Men's Open 8+ races, in which Notre Dame fielded four boats. The top Varsity 8+, was led by Folkerth and stroked by Campbell. Over the 4.5-kilometer course, the Irish pulled a 14:34.16 for third place, only three seconds behind Michigan and eight seconds behind Grand Valley. The second Varsity 8+, coxswained by Lehmann, took third in their race with a time of 15:14, and the club's two Novice boats took eighth and 11th in the Men's C/D 8+ race.

In two weeks the Notre Dame Rowing Club will host the annual "Frostbite Row" against Grand Valley State on the St. Joseph river in South Bend. This will be the last competition before going indoors for winter training.

NBA

Cavs guard West to ride bench after return to team

Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Delonte West sat under the basket after practice on Monday chatting with teammates. Cleveland's troubled star was expected to face reporters for the first time since taking two leaves of absence during training camp and missing the Cavaliers' first three games.

Instead, he quietly slipped through the door and out of the building.

He wasn't ready yet.

West has already shown he's good to go on the court, and coach Mike Brown isn't placing restric-

tions on him, although Brown won't start West on Tuesday night against Washington.

"I'm not worried about his minutes if he's active," Brown said. "There's no coddling or anything like that. If he can play, he's going to play."

West made his debut for the Cleveland Cavaliers during Saturday night's 90-79 win against Charlotte, scoring 13 points in 24 minutes.

It was a turbulent offseason for West, who has battled bipolar syndrome. He could still face a league suspension for misdemeanor weapons charges against him in

Maryland. Last week, his wife filed a domestic violence report against him.

Brown said Monday he is "definitely going to go with what we have right now," meaning Anthony Parker will continue to start and West will continue to come off the bench.

"I'd like to take a look and see how we're going to play right now," Brown said. "Only time will tell, but I'm definitely going to go with what we have right now, the way we have our starting five."

West started 64 games for the Cavaliers last season and averaged 42 minutes in the playoffs,

when Cleveland was eliminated by Orlando in the Eastern Conference finals. West can play either guard position and evolved into the team's second-most important player behind LeBron James.

The Cavaliers are 2-2 after opening the season with losses to Boston and Toronto. Brown and James both cautioned during the preseason that Cleveland could get off to a shaky start until West's situation was resolved and the new faces blended with the old.

After one week, that's already happening.

"Having (West) back is huge,"

guard Mo Williams said. "He had a great game when he came back. As a team, you see sparks where we can be elite. Then you also see times where we can improve."

Throughout the preseason, Brown referred to West's situation as a day-by-day process. Now that West has been cleared and has rejoined the team, Brown isn't anticipating further setbacks.

"He's here just as much as LeBron is here or Shaq or Mo," Brown said. "There is nothing special or different I'm thinking about doing with Delonte. In terms of all that other stuff, I don't even think about it."

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NCAA FOOTBALL



Florida coach Urban Meyer has suspended Brandon Spikes, left, for the first half of Saturday's game against Vanderbilt after the star linebacker attempted to gouge the eyes of Georgia running back Washaun Ealey.

Gators' Spikes suspended for eye gouging

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—Top-ranked Florida will be without star linebacker Brandon Spikes for the first half of Saturday's game against Vanderbilt.

Coach Urban Meyer suspended Spikes on Monday, two days after the defensive captain apparently attempted to gouge the eyes of Georgia running back Washaun Ealey in a 41-17 victory.

"I don't condone that," Meyer said. "I understand what goes on on the football (field), but there's no place for that. We're going to suspend Brandon for the first half of the Vanderbilt game. I spoke with him.

That's not who he is. That's not who we are. He got caught up in emotion."

Spikes issued a statement apologizing for what he did.

"I accept responsibility for my actions and I accept the consequences of my actions," he said. "I would like to apologize to my team and the coaching staff and Washaun Ealey. Football is a very physical and emotional game, but there is no excuse for my actions."

Meyer's wife mentioned Spikes' actions to him Sunday night, then defensive coordinator Charlie Strong did the same Monday morning. Meyer's said his first reaction was

to move on. Then he saw a replay of the incident, which shows Spikes shoving his glove-covered right hand into Ealey's facemask and moving it back and forth.

Meyer then spoke to Spikes and determined he was retaliating after getting his helmet ripped off and eye poked earlier in the game. Meyer also talked to Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive, but Florida officials said it was Meyer's decision to suspend Spikes.

"We understand the game of football," Meyer said. "Some of us have played it. Very emotional things happened in that game in particular that

were not good for either side, but the bottom line is we're Florida and he's Brandon Spikes and we expect certain things. He understands."

The SEC issued a statement saying it reviewed and accepted the discipline handed down by Florida.

The Florida-Georgia game was filled with chippy behavior, with pushing, shoving, five personal-foul penalties — three against Georgia and two against Florida — and plenty of smack-talking.

Officials even gathered Florida quarterback Tim Tebow and Georgia linebacker Marcus Downtin together in the second quarter and warned them

IN BRIEF

Ovechkin 'week-to-week' with upper body injury

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Capitals said Monday that the two-time league MVP suffered an "upper-body strain" in Sunday's overtime loss to Columbus.

Ovechkin had an MRI and will travel with the team while receiving treatment.

Ovechkin has missed only four games — and just two because of injury — since coming to the NHL in 2005. He sat out once during his rookie season with a groin injury and couldn't suit up for one game last season because of a bruised heel. He also missed two games last season to be with his ailing grandfather in Russia.

If Ovechkin is out a week, he would miss three games: Wednesday at New Jersey and home-and-home against Florida on Friday and Saturday.

He led the league in goals (14) and points (23) through Sunday's games.

Bills' Hardy back from disabled list after 10 months

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Buffalo Bills expect to promote James Hardy to their active roster because the second-year receiver has shown he's fully recovered 10 months after having left knee surgery.

Barring "something unexpected," coach Dick Jauron said Monday he's leaning toward promoting Hardy, who spent the first six weeks on the physically unable list. The 2008 second-round draft pick out of Indiana began practicing two weeks ago.

The Bills (3-5) are off this week and have until the start of next week to activate Hardy or place him on season-ending injured reserve.

Promoting Hardy would require the Bills to drop a player, potentially one of the six receivers currently on their roster.

The Bills are banged-up entering the break after four starters went down during a 31-10 loss to Houston.

PGA Tour suspends first player for substance abuse

SHANGHAI — Doug Barron, a 40-year-old journeyman who lost his tour card three years ago, became the first player to be suspended by the PGA Tour for testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

Barron has been suspended for one year. He played eight full seasons on the tour, with his best finish a tie for third at the Byron Nelson Championship in 2006.

"I would like to apologize for any negative perception of the tour or its players resulting from my suspension," Barron said in a statement released by the PGA Tour on Monday. "I want my fellow tour members and the fans to know that I did not intend to gain an unfair competitive advantage or enhance my performance while on tour."

The tour announced the suspension about two hours before the World Golf Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

NFL

Browns owner supports Mangini

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — The owner is sick about the state of his sorry NFL team. The fans are in an uproar. The starting quarterback is historically inefficient and may be about to lose his job. The star running back may retire with one year left on his contract.

The Cleveland Browns are beyond bad.

Their coach doesn't believe it will last.

Eric Mangini believes his plan for turning around the brutal Browns will work despite a horrid first half of the season. On Monday, Mangini said he spoke by phone with Randy Lerner and has the owner's support despite Cleveland's 1-7 start to a season growing worse.

"I never got a feeling otherwise in all my conversations with Randy," Mangini said.

The bye week arrived just in time for the Browns, who were thumped 30-6 on Sunday in Chicago, Cleveland's latest lopsided loss. After the game, an upset and frustrated Lerner told reporters he was "sick about" the team's slide but that he would not fire Mangini.

Mangini, too, is dismayed by the losing but remains confident the Browns will improve.

"This is a process," Mangini said. "We talked about that quite a bit, and that doesn't change. There's things that go along with that and that doesn't mean we're not looking to win every game, it doesn't mean we're not looking to improve each week. On the contrary, that's exactly what we're going to do."

"Randy and I share the same vision and that's something that we talked about and what we do talk about quite a bit is what's the best

way to achieve that. I've always had good conversations with him and always will."

Mangini said he shared Lerner's distaste for the Browns' putrid performance so far.

"But I also believe in the things that we're doing and I understand it doesn't happen overnight," he said. "There's not one formula in terms of specific ingredients, but there is a very specific approach that you have to

take and I believe in that. It has been successful. It will be successful here."

Mangini and his coaching staff will spend the next week — the Browns don't play again until Nov. 16 — evaluating and analyzing every aspect of the team. Despite Cleveland's offense being ranked 31st overall and scoring just five touchdowns, Mangini has no plans to change offensive coordinator Brian Daboll's duties.

However, he may rely more on quarterbacks coach Carl Smith, a former offensive coordinator with New Orleans and Jacksonville.

Mangini's also holding off on making a decision at quarterback. Derek Anderson posted a 10.5 rating in Sunday's debacle before he was yanked in the final minutes for Brady Quinn, who began the season as Cleveland's starter but was benched after just 10 quarters.

Mangini lamented Cleveland's five turnovers, including two fumbles — one by rookie wide receiver Mohamed Massaquoi, the other by tight end Steve

Heiden — following completions by Anderson that sabotaged potential scoring chances. Mangini felt the Browns were moving the ball and Anderson can't be judged solely on his atrocious statistics.

"You never just want to look at the numbers, you want to always look at it in the context of the game," Mangini said.

Anderson's numbers are impossible to ignore.

According to STATS LLC, his 36.2 QB rating is the lowest of any player through eight weeks since Oakland's Marc Wilson in 1981. Also, Anderson's 320 yards passing in the past four games are the fewest by any quarterback with a minimum of 80 attempts since Chicago's Vince Evans in '81.

Lerner expressed a desire to bring in a reputable football adviser, "a person that can provide leadership and

clarity regarding decisions and direction."

Mangini said he would be open to such a hire.

"If you can add quality people that can help you get better, then you do that," Mangini

said. "You're always searching for those opportunities."

Mangini's job security was not a topic in Cleveland's locker room, which was mostly vacant Monday.

Linebacker David Bowens, who played for Mangini in New York, feels the coach's system may not take hold until the team starts winning.

"Part of the problem is we have a lot of guys on this team that have been used to losing, been used to being on teams that have won a lot of games and don't understand the process," Bowens said. "I think just selling out and buying in. I firmly believe in just hard work and execution. The coaches can coach their tails off, they can get two hours sleep a week, but they're not playing the game."

"A lot of mistakes are made by us as players. Once we assess that and just buy in, commit ourselves to each other, I think things will change."

NFL

Lions' attack anemic going into bye week

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Jim Schwartz doesn't want his Detroit Lions to play an overly conservative offense.

Without Calvin Johnson, he doesn't think he has much of a choice.

Even with a bye week to prepare and the return of rookie quarterback Matt Stafford, the Lions (1-6) couldn't move the ball consistently against the hapless St. Louis Rams on Sunday, losing 17-10 to a team that hadn't won a game in over a year.

Schwartz doesn't think that Johnson is Detroit's only offensive weapon, but acknowledges that his presence is needed for his other players to get the space they require.

"Calvin affects the coverages we see and everything that teams do against us, because they always have to account for him," Schwartz said Monday. "That's true of every great player. For Minnesota, Adrian Peterson is a great running back that opens up the passing game because teams have to focus on him. Calvin does that for us."

The Lions have scored only one touchdown in the two games Johnson has missed with a knee injury. Against the Rams, Stafford hit on just 14 of 33 passes for 168 yards, and didn't complete a throw to a wide receiver until the fourth quarter.

Schwartz said the coaching staff counted six drops by Detroit receivers, including five in the first half. The first — and possibly most damaging — came on the Lions' opening drive, when Bryant Johnson couldn't hold onto a long pass that would have put Detroit into field-goal position.

"This is the first game where we have consistently had drops," Schwartz said. "Wide

receivers are going to drop some balls — it is unrealistic to think that they will catch every single pass — but when you have a situation like we had where there are consistent drops, there has to be some accountability."

Lions rookie tight end Brandon Pettigrew agreed.

"There were some drops and some that would have been tough plays, but we've got to

start making tough plays," he said.

"The drops are a matter of focus, but we have to do more than just routine execution."

Schwartz has never been forthcoming about the status

of injured players, and that didn't change Monday. When asked if he expected to have Johnson back for Sunday's trip to Seattle (2-2), he said only that Johnson's return was "closer."

Along with Johnson's absence, Schwartz sees another factor holding back Detroit's offense: the lack of big plays in the running game.

"There's a difference between running the ball effectively and explosively," he said.

"We've made consistent yards, but we need to break some longer runs — make a safety miss and go for 40 yards. That's really where our running game has been lacking."

Because of Kevin Smith's shoulder problems, he and Maurice Morris split time in the backfield against the Rams, but Schwartz said that isn't the plan going forward.

"Kevin is our workhorse running back, and he's going to get most of the carries," he said. "We've always wanted to get Maurice some work. That's the case everywhere. As great as Adrian Peterson is, Chester Taylor gets a lot of carries. We don't see this as a 50-50 split, but in this game, injuries kind of pushed us to that."

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NFL

Mora threatens to shake up roster

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The skidding Seahawks aren't worried about T.J. Houshmandzadeh's stomping and gesturing after he doesn't get the ball.

They have too many other concerns. Such as keeping their jobs.

Coach Jim Mora put his 2-5 team on notice following Sunday's 21-point loss at Dallas, which came after a 24-point home loss to Arizona.

"He basically said, 'I will evaluate this organization up and down and if I feel I've got to make changes, I'm going to make changes. If that means I've got to fire people, I'm going to fire people,'" quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said. "We've definitely been put on notice that the scrutiny is going to go up."

The Seahawks captain said that while some teammates are working harder to get better, "there are some guys just happy to have a job."

Travis Fisher no longer has one. The veteran was released Monday evening. But firing the third-string cornerback who wasn't even active for Sunday's 38-17 loss to the Cowboys isn't going to cure what ails Seattle heading into Sunday's home game against even worse-off Detroit (1-6).

"It's been a tough 24 hours, man," receiver Nate Burleson said.

This is the first time Mora, the coach of the Atlanta Falcons from 2004-06 who took over the Seahawks in January from Mike Holmgren, has been three games below .500 as a head coach. His public tone Monday was far more terse than it had been for two months.

"I don't like to lose," he said.

The coach had been optimistic and upbeat amid Seattle's many injuries and defeats. That was before the Cowboys blew out his team amid penalties, fumbles and missed assignments. A 14-10 game late in the second quarter became a 38-10 runaway.

Just as he did the day before, Mora relayed a statement emailed to him Friday by Bruce Brown, his old coach at Hyak Junior High School in the Seattle suburb of Bellevue.

"Adversity turns weak people into victims, and it turns strong people into competitors," was Brown's message.

"We are going to find out who the strong people are, and they are going to be here fighting with us until the end," Mora said Monday. "And we're going to find out who the victims are, and they aren't going to with us fighting to the end."

"We're up against it a little bit. People will reveal themselves at these times. And I will be looking hard."

Houshmandzadeh, who signed a \$40 million, five-year contract in the spring, has repeatedly proclaimed he wants the ball more in his first season with Seattle. Then Sunday the NFL's leading receiver over the last three seasons entering 2009 angrily gestured toward Hasselbeck to throw the ball with more loft immediately after he tried to zing a hard pass to the tightly guarded receiver while he was one-on-one with a defender near the goal line in the first quarter. The discussion continued at the bench. Both players made gestures but did not appear to be arguing so much as explaining themselves.

"You're talking about two

great competitors. They were just simply having an animated discussion," Mora said. "There was no animosity."

"You have to remember, these two guys, they've only had seven games together. They're trying to learn each other."

Hasselbeck said he thought Houshmandzadeh, who had 92 receptions last season with Cincinnati but has just 35 through seven games with Seattle, knew about an adjustment the quarterback had worked out previously while in a similar situation with Burleson.

"That's kind of his demeanor," Hasselbeck said of Houshmandzadeh's fire. "There's no issue there. The issue is, we have to complete more passes."

Hasselbeck made a point of mentioning he nominated Houshmandzadeh to be team's player representative for this season.

Then there's Deion Branch's proclamation into a FOX television camera caught live on the air Sunday, as the forgotten former Super Bowl MVP ran through the back of the end zone following his first touchdown catch of the season.

The oft-injured Branch hasn't fulfilled the huge contract and No. 1 draft choice Seattle invested in him after a trade with New England in September 2006, and he had been the subject of trade rumors before the league's deadline last month. He looked into the lens Sunday and shouted: "This is what I do! If anyone wants me, come find me!"

Mora dismissed that, too.

"Sounds like a challenge to me," the coach said. "Sounds like he's competing and challenging people."

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles to joust with Knights in playoffs

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team will take on the Calvin Knights for the second time in five days tonight, but with much more on the line.

The No. 7-seed Belles play their first round game of the MIAA tournament against the No. 2-seed Knights, a team that dominated Saint Mary's 3-0 on Saturday. The game was never close, and the Knights took the second set 25-4, the worst set score for the Belles all year. The Knights also swept the Belles 3-0 in the Dig for the Cure match on Oct. 6.

The Belles are currently on a seven-game losing streak, finishing the regular season with a sweep by non-conference foe Hanover. However, Belles coach Toni Kuschel said she hopes to have her starting middle hitter, junior Andrea Sasgen, back from injury for the playoffs. Sasgen, prior to her injury, had been an asset on offense, providing a second threat apart from primary target of senior captain Lorna Slupczynski. Sasgen notched a total of 181 kills, which is currently third highest on the team behind Slupczynski

and freshman outside hitter Stephanie Bodien. She also has been an asset on defense, accumulating nine solo blocks and 47 total blocks, both of which lead the team.

The Knights, on the other hand, are hitting their stride at just the right time, winning six of their last seven and amassing an overall record of 26-4. In conference play, their only trouble has come against Hope College, the No. 1 seed in the tournament, whom they lost to 3-2 and 3-0 in the regular season.

Other than that, the Knights have been the MIAA powerhouse they have been historically, outscoring opponents 2475-1995 over the course of the season. The Knights have won the tournament the past four years, not including last year when the semifinals and finals were cancelled due to illness on Hope College campus, and have finished either first or second in the regular season of every year since 2002.

The match is scheduled for 7 p.m. today. The winner will advance on to play the winner of No. 3-seed Alma vs. No. 6-seed Kalamazoo on Friday.

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Partnering for a Safer Neighborhood

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capabilities. Walsh took advantage of its talented quarterback, junior Amy Langnecker, in its victory against Lyons Sunday evening. While it was a quiet game offensively, Langnecker capitalized on Lyons’ penalties and on good field position provided by key defensive stops. She threw one touchdown late in the first half to put the Wild Women on the board. Their second touchdown came on a pass to junior Lindsay Schanzer.

Lyons did not score a single point this season and lost six games in the process. The team’s starting quarterback, senior Clair Connell, injured her knee in the season opener and never returned to lead the team. The offense was never able to regain pace without a consistent replacement quarterback.

Lyons’ sophomore receivers Caroline Maroney, Carolyn Henderson, and Katrina Rodriguez put forth a solid effort against Walsh, but were unable to string together enough plays to get to the end zone.

“It’s been tough since we lost our quarterback so early in the season,” Maroney said. “Next year we will have a permanent quarterback and it will be a lot easier for our offense to find a rhythm.”

The Lions’ defense put up a strong effort and held Walsh to the lowest number of points scored against Lyons all season. Such improvements inspired Maroney to speak about the future of the team.

“We have a very young team, so we plan on coming back stronger and more seasoned,” she said. “We may not have scored a point, but next year we are going to make the greatest comeback in interhall history.”

Henderson echoed Maroney’s high expectations for the future of Lyons football, and emphasized the importance of staying positive throughout the season.

“We didn’t just base the success of our season on wins or losses, and we had a lot of fun,” Henderson said.

Walsh will play Pasquerilla East in the opening round of the playoffs Sunday.

Badin 25, Ryan 0

Badin ended its season with an anticlimactic 25-0 rout of Ryan.

The Bullfrogs (2-4) scored early in the second quarter when sophomore receiver Ryan Cooney took a hand off and scampered 15 yards for a touchdown on an end-around.

“She has optimum cutting abilities,” Badin coach Michael Browder said. “She knows how to run with the ball and make moves. That’s just something that can’t be taught.”

On the Wildcats’ next possession, Bullfrog linebacker Ashley Okonta intercepted quarterback Kenzie Bowen and returned it for a touchdown. It was the first of six Wildcat interceptions. Okonta had two, senior cornerback Kelley Daniels one, and Cooney had three picks herself to pad her offensive statistics.

“We were very disappointed to have no shot at the playoffs coming into this game,” said Cooney. “So we decided to do just about whatever we wanted.”

And they did. The defense circled around Okonta before Ryan snapped the ball various times throughout the game in their circle-the-wagons formation.

“I could feel the energy of all my teammates as they circled around me,” Okonta said.

Aside from her interceptions and pivotal role as center of the circling wagon, Okonta did her

part to energize her teammates. Though the Wildcats did not challenge the Bullfrogs in the score column, they put up a fight in the comedy category. Ryan players came dressed for the game in costume.

“We wanted to have crazy, free-spirited outfits to match our game time emotions,” receiver Kayla Steinmann said. “Actually, we just didn’t change from Halloween last night.”

Their offense also remained in Halloween mode. An array of quadruple reverse passes was not tricky enough to get the Wildcats into the end zone.

The game ended true to form, as Bullfrog freshman receiver Tommasina Dolel caught her first touchdown pass of the year, but most importantly, earned her first crack at the Badin touchdown celebration.

Badin and Ryan capped their seasons with opposite results, but both teams enjoyed the process.

Pangborn 20, Cavanaugh 13

Two playoff teams faced off in their final tune-up of the regular season, as Pangborn edged Cavanaugh 20-13.

Pangborn (4-2) clinched a playoff berth with the win, taking the third seed from their division. The Chaos (3-3), who clinched a playoff berth with their 14-0 win over Lyons on Thursday, wind up with the fourth slot.

The Phoxes, coming off a 27-0 thrashing of Ryan on Thursday, didn’t miss a beat jumping out to a 14-0 lead in the first half. Junior quarterback Gabby Tate threw a long touchdown pass and the Phoxes took advantage of an interception deep in Chaos territory, punching it in to go up two scores.

“We didn’t play as well in the first half,” Cavanaugh sophomore wide receiver Brittni Alexander said. “They shut us out and then it was tough to come back.”

But the Chaos did make a game of it. They scored two touchdowns of their own, on a 15-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Rebecca Cink to Alexander and a quarterback run. But the Phoxes added another touchdown of their own on another deep pass by quarterback Tate, and pulled away just enough to get the victory.

“We played okay. It definitely wasn’t a bad game for us,” Alexander said. “We could have played better but [Pangborn] played a good game.”

Both teams now turn their attention to next Sunday and the playoffs. Pangborn will play Farley and Cavanaugh will take on Howard.

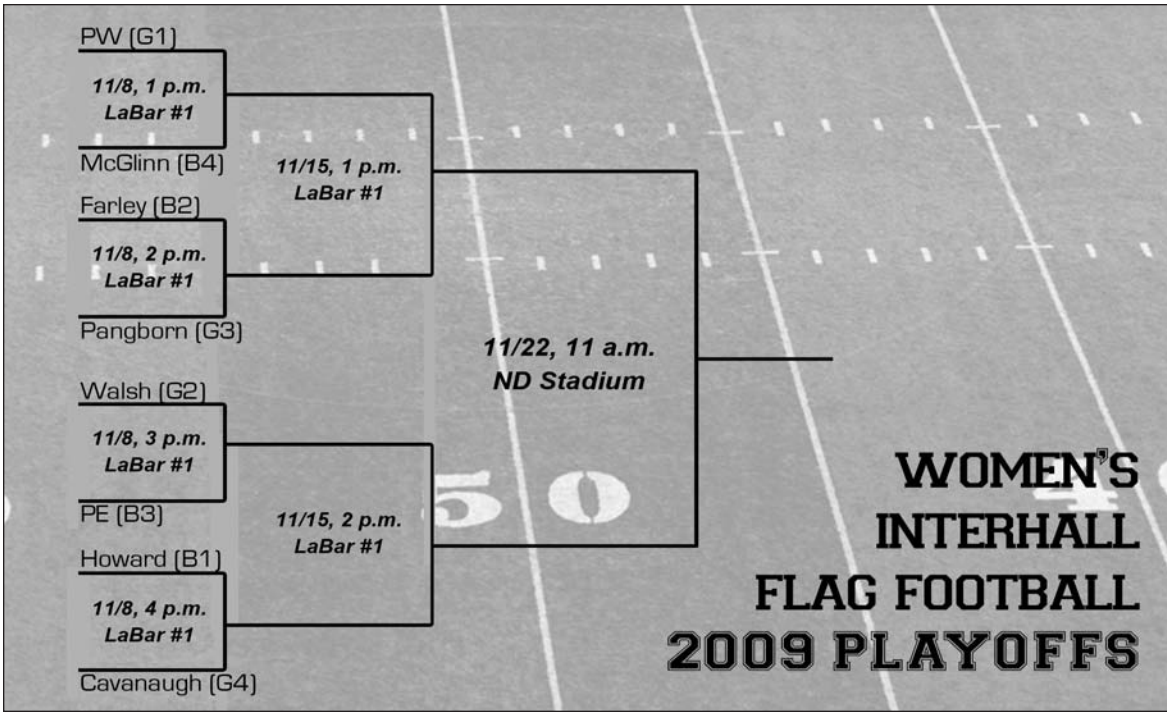
McGlinn 25, Lewis 21

McGlinn entered its game against Lewis needing a win to advance to the playoffs, and halted Lewis’ spoiler attempt with a 25-21 victory.

Both the Shamrocks (3-2-1) and the Chicks (1-5) scored on their first offensive possessions, marching down the field on 65-yard drives. While McGlinn had a balanced attack, utilizing both the run and pass, Lewis decided to run it down the Shamrocks’ throats, attempting only one pass on an 11-play drive that ended in a touchdown on a quarterback sneak.

After the teams went back and forth on the scoreboard for most of the game, it all came down to the final two possessions. With 1:50 remaining, Lewis scored on a 50-yard run, making the score 21-19.

When McGlinn took over with only 1:20 left on the clock, it seemed time was running out on both their drive and their season. However, the Shamrocks rallied, running a picture-perfect late game drive that ended in an aerial connection in the end zone as time



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was nearly expired. The Chicks had one last chance for a “Hail Mary” heave, but the Shamrocks ended the game definitively with a sack.

“We were expecting to win,” Shamrock senior captain Emily Dore said. “And we did. Our offense just looked awesome out there.”

Having now made it into the playoffs, Dore said McGlinn has some preparation to do.

“On defense we need to work on flag-grabbing,” she said. “But overall our team played well.”

The Shamrocks are certainly looking forward to a strong performance in their opening playoff game.

“It’s really exciting,” Dore said. “We want to get back to the Stadium, and today’s win gave us a lot of momentum heading into the playoffs.”

Sunday McGlinn will take on undefeated Pasquerilla West to begin its title defense.

Pasquerilla East 0, Farley 0

Farley and Pasquerilla East will both enter the playoffs after a

scoreless tie this past Sunday. Both teams played solid offensively, but the defenses performed even better and stifled any scoring threats.

The Finest (3-1-2) came out ready to win today but their offense was stopped multiple times in the red zone. Its not that the offense couldn’t get down field they just couldn’t get past the goal line. Captain Emma Klosterman felt that the Finest did well on defense but their offense definitely needs work.

“We need to make plays in the end zone,” Klosterman said.

The Finest’s defense on the other hand played an almost perfect game. In the second half both sophomores Katie Smith and Kaley DeNicola had interceptions, but the offense could not produce.

“Our defense was in gear,” Klosterman said. “The offense just couldn’t produce.”

The offense for the Pyros (3-2-1) also struggled to get down the field this game. Freshman quarterback Erica Cherard did a great job in the passing game, but Farley’s defenders were everywhere.

Senior captain Tara Pillai said that the Pyros offense needs some work before their first playoff game.

“Our offense was [full of] frustration,” Pillai said. “We have a lot to do before we start the playoffs next week.”

The Pryos defense was only frustrating to Farley, stopping the Finest passing and running game. After the Pryos’ intercepted passes their defense really stepped up to get the offense back onto the field.

“[Our] defense did great today,” Pillai said. “We just need to get our offense back on the same level.”

Pasquerilla East will face Walsh Sunday in the first round of the playoffs, while Farley plays Pangborn.

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From there, the momentum only increased with another touchdown early in the second half on a long run right up the middle by sophomore Matt Pepe, who went untouched after bursting by the defense. After a missed extra point following the first touchdown, a successful two-point conversion pass to senior receiver Jeremy Bruck brought the score up to 14-0.

“We have yet to give up a point this year, and we weren’t about to let it happen today in our last game of the season,” freshman linebacker Colin King said.

The Gentlemen had a few opportunities to score, but were never able to capitalize.

Their best opportunity came with three minutes left in the fourth quarter, when a fumble by Sorin was recovered by the Gentlemen, who quickly moved the ball downfield. But on fourth-and-goal, a Sorin interception by Bruck ended any chance for a St. Edward’s score or victory.

Sorin remains not only still standing, but continues with a strong record free of losses. During the regular season, they outscored their opponents 48-0.

“Defense wins championships, and our defense can play with anybody,” junior defensive end John Zic said. “Run, pass, we don’t care. We just love to hit.”

Sorin will meet Siegfried Sunday in the playoffs, and St. Edward’s will face top seed Stanford.

Siegfried 14, Duncan 0

In a must-win game, Siegfried (2-1-1) rode a smothering defensive effort and a strong ground game to a 14-0 win over Duncan (0-3-1).

Going into the game, the Ramblers knew their best route into the playoffs was a win followed by a Morrissey win over Knott in the following game.

The Ramblers wasted no time in taking care of their own destiny as the defense forced Duncan to fumble close to its own end zone near the end of the first quarter. Sophomore running back Mike

Isaacs quickly capitalized on the opportunity, reaching the end zone on a run around the right end.

Though the Ramblers struggled to pass the ball, Siegfried junior quarterback Matt Meinert said runs like Isaacs’ helped to define the team in the game.

“The game plan we come into every game with is to play tough and run the ball,” Meinert said. “We want to play smash mouth football.”

Duncan’s attempts to answer were hindered by false start penalties and a swarming Siegfried defense that made moving the ball difficult. The Ramblers got defensive pressure on Duncan freshman quarterback Chris Palmquist and harassed Duncan’s receivers all game.

“We played a team game, a real team effort,” Meinert said. “Everybody did their job on defense and stayed home. We didn’t give up any big plays.”

After the half, Siegfried padded its lead with a touchdown drive down the length of the field. The drive was punctuated by a long touchdown run by freshman running back David Whitmore to put the Ramblers up 14-0.

Although Knott defeated Morrissey, Siegfried still squeezed into the playoffs, earning the No. 7 seed. The Ramblers will play Sorin Sunday at 2 p.m.

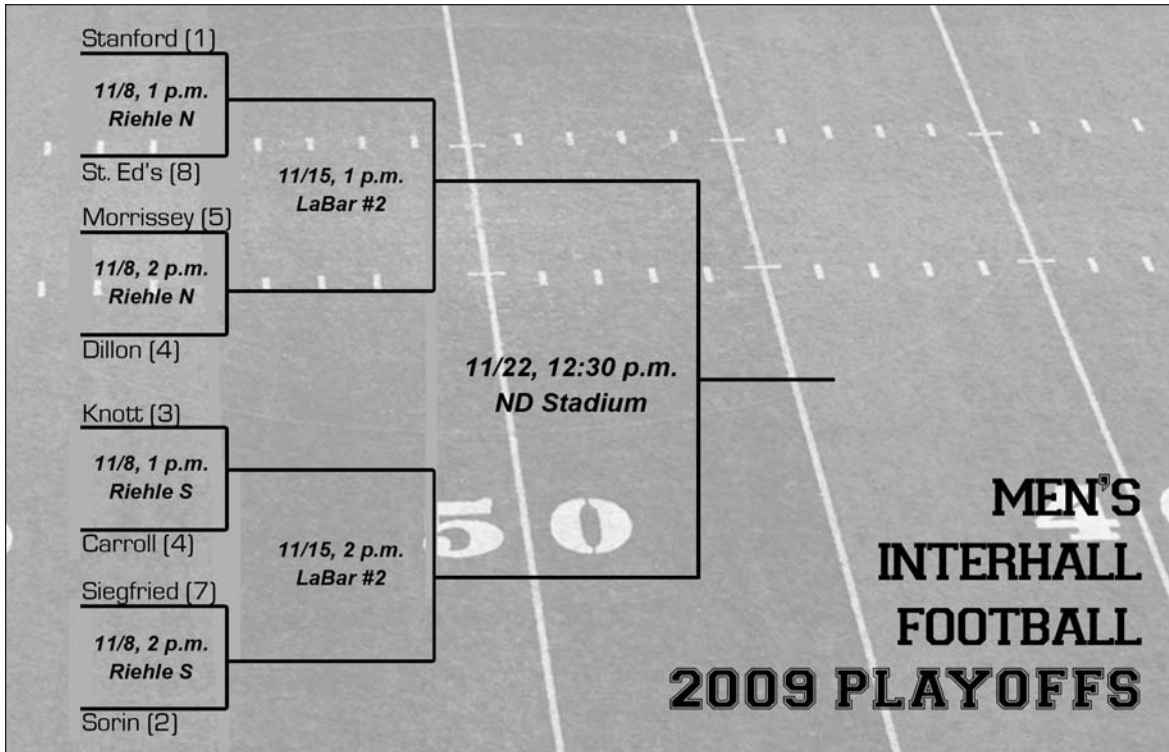
Knott 21, Morrissey 0

Knott defeated Morrissey 21-0 Sunday to solidify a playoff berth.

After a scoreless first half, the Knott defense quickly put points on the board to open the second half when senior cornerback Jeff Skorup intercepted a Morrissey pass and returned the pick for a touchdown.

“I recognized my opportunity to be aggressive because I was in man coverage,” Skorup said. “I read the quarterback’s eyes and made a good break on the football.”

Morrissey’s offense continued to show little life after the demoralizing interception. A lack of execution and intensity showed itself in low snaps, line breakdowns and mental lapses that hampered the team’s progression. On the defensive side of the ball, Morrissey could not find an



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answer to the efficient pass game established by the Juggerknotts (3-0-1).

Knott continued to advance the ball through the air, and a revitalized receiving package aided their second half success.

“We’ve always had a balanced attack, and we stuck to our game plan,” Knott senior captain Aidan Fitzgerald said. “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”

The Juggerknotts’ defense was just as effective. After Knott scored a touchdown on the ground, Morrissey (3-1) got the ball with some hope remaining of pulling themselves back into the game. However, Knott’s iron defense forced a punt after a few short downs.

The Juggerknotts proceeded to march down the field, and Fitzgerald sealed the win with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Skorup.

“This game was huge for us because we faced elimination,” Fitzgerald said. “It was a win or die situation, and we’re still standing.”

Knott will play Carroll in the first round of the playoffs Sunday, and Morrissey will meet Dillon.

O’Neill 6, Keough 0

In the battle for West Quad superiority, O’Neill outlasted an attempted Keough comeback for a 6-0 victory.

With nearly seven minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, O’Neill freshman quarterback Chris Delillo connected with sophomore receiver Julian Murphy to reach the Keough 7-yard line. However, on the next play, Delillo fumbled on a quarterback dive, giving the Kangaroos the ball with time to score.

The Angry Mob defense was not deterred, forcing a fumble after a 20-yard Keough completion.

As O’Neill (1-3) attempted to run down the clock, the Kangaroo defense came up big, forcing a three-and-out and a short punt. Entering the two-minute drill, Keough senior quarterback Matt Bruggeman went to the air, converting a fourth-and-15 to bring the Kangaroos (1-3) to the O’Neill 40-yard line with less than a minute remaining.

In dramatic fashion, the Angry Mob defense came up big again, forcing Bruggeman’s fourth down

pass attempt to senior wide-out Joe Maier to fall incomplete.

“They ran most of the same stuff the whole game, so we figured they would throw outs and hitches,” Delillo said. “We had a good pass rush from our defensive line to pressure their quarterback to scramble and our backfield made plays on the ball.”

Bruggeman credited the O’Neill defense for playing well and said it simply came down to making the big play, which the Kangaroos were unable to do.

The game’s outcome could have easily been different. Keough began the game with a long offensive drive, dominated by Bruggeman and the passing game. On fourth down, Bruggeman threw a perfect pass to Maier in the end zone. Unfortunately for the Kangaroos, Maier’s catch was ruled out of bounds.

“That was a definitely a heartbreaker,” Bruggeman said. “But from that point on we had to make plays.”

On the ensuing possession, O’Neill drove down the field with effective use of the passing game. Murphy capped the drive off with a touchdown reception. Although the extra point was blocked, the Angry Mob would only need the six points for victory.

Although neither team made the playoffs, they both took a positive view on the season. O’Neill was finally able to get a victory, one made even sweeter because it was over a rival. Keough has turned their program around for the future with a victory and a couple close finishes relying on young talent.

Stanford 8, Keenan 6

The Chapel of the Holy Cross between Stanford and Keenan will carry a new name this year as undefeated Stanford beat Keenan 8-6 in a characteristically close edition of the annual rivalry game.

“We came out and fought hard today... everyone had a good time,” Keenan sophomore captain Terry Mahoney said. “We are going to come out next year knowing that we have some weapons.”

The game picked up quickly in the second quarter when Stanford junior quarterback Tony Rizzo connected a 20-

yard pass to sophomore Griffin Naylor leaping over three defenders for the unlikely first and goal.

“Griffin’s catch was big,” senior captain Chris Gill said. “[He] played phenomenally at wide receiver.”

Two downs later, another pass to Naylor scored the first touchdown of the game. The Griffins (4-0) then confounded the defense by faking the extra point kick and throwing to junior Dave Galiyas for the two-point conversion.

After a missed field goal attempt and an intense defensive struggle through the third quarter, the Knights (1-3) put some points on the board after a series of crucial passing gains between freshman quarterback Trevor Yerrick and freshman Andrew McDonough that culminated in the team’s only touchdown. Unfortunately, the attempted two-point conversion sailed out of reach of the intended receiver, an error that would ultimately decide the game.

In the fourth quarter, Keenan’s defense was able to contain the Griffins’ passing game by overwhelming their offensive line and putting pressure on the quarterback. Senior left guard Alex Deak was essential to this effort and was responsible for a critical sack that forced Stanford into punting with a minute remaining, giving the Knights offense one last shot at victory, but the game ended with no added points.

With Sunday’s loss Keenan is now out of the playoff race, concluding an up-and-down season.

“I’m disappointed with the overall season but we played great today, even though we didn’t win in the end,” Mahoney said. “[We’re] looking forward to next season.”

For the Griffins, however, the season is not over. They go into the playoffs as the No. 1 seed and will face St. Edwards in the first round.

“We’ll continue doing what we’re doing and hopefully everyone will be back [healthy] next week,” Gill said.

Note:

♦ Zahm (0-4) forfeited its scheduled game Sunday against Fisher (1-2-1). This was the Green Waves’ first win since 2007, but did not impact the playoff picture.

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Western Michigan. Michigan State earned a 2-1 win at home Friday night before notching a 5-3 victory at Kalamazoo Saturday.

Alaska (5-0-1, 2-0-0), opened CCHA play by beating Ferris State 3-1 and 3-2, respectively, in Fairbanks, where the Irish will face the Nanooks this weekend.

Likewise, Michigan (4-2-0, 2-0-0) began its conference slate with a pair of easy wins over Lake Superior State. The Wolverines posted wins by the scores of 5-1 and 6-3, respectively.

Ohio State (2-5-1, 1-2-1-1) remains ahead of the Irish

and Nebraska-Omaha (4-0-2, 1-0-1) in the CCHA standings — with five points to Notre Dame’s four — after stealing a point with Saturday’s shootout win.

Nebraska-Omaha cracked the country’s top 10 for the first time this week after the Mavericks earned their first conference win at home Saturday, 3-1 over Bowling Green. The previous night, Nebraska-Omaha had fallen to the Falcons in a shoot out.

Bowling Green, Ferris State, Northern Michigan and Western Michigan all opened conference play over the weekend without a victory — and only the Falcons notched a point with their tie. But both Ferris State and Northern Michigan are expected to be competitive, particularly

because of the strong defensive style each traditionally employs.

Because of college hockey’s incredibly long season — the CCHA tournament does not begin until March, and the national title won’t be decided until April 10 at Ford Field in Detroit — the results of the conference season’s first weekend or two aren’t especially important in determining playoff positioning or the course of a team’s season. But if the first few games have been any indication, the Irish will be in for a dog fight if they hope to recapture the CCHA tournament title they earned at Joe Louis Arena last season.

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Defense

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second in the Big East Preseason Coach’s Poll, an accolade that McGraw is pleased to have received, but one that she believes the team has to work hard to justify.

“It is nice to look and say we have gotten some respect, it’s nice to have respect, but now we have to earn it,” McGraw said. “We have the ranking and now we want to get the work in behind it.”

McGraw also has high expectations for her team, as she knows they have to experience necessary to have a special year.

“Yeah, I have really high expectations for this year, we have a really veteran team,” McGraw said. “It will be nice to get some good post play because our guards are playing very well this year.”

Working on their defense is McGraw’s number one priority for the preseason, and playing a team like Indianapolis at this early stage will provide a good gauge of where the team is.

“We are just working on our defense and trying to create an attitude of defensive pressure,” McGraw said.

The preseason is also an important time for McGraw to develop her subbing strategies and see who plays well with whom.

“I have not been able to practice how I am going to sub yet, and that’s something else I am going to look at,” McGraw said.

The Irish return all 12 members of the squad that went 22-9 a year ago and earned a bid to its 14th consecutive NCAA Tournament.

“We have a veteran lineup, so our captains can concentrate on themselves a little bit more then having to worry about what the other ones are doing,” McGraw said. “Whoever we have in the game there are going to be some veterans to help the freshman.”

McGraw said the chemistry from the 2008-09 should carry over into this season because the players have spent so much time together.

“I think the chemistry is going to be good,” McGraw said. “It is going to be a lot more competitive.”

To create this competitive atmosphere, McGraw has upped the intensity in practice and allowed to girls to rough it up a little bit.

“This year we are practicing more against ourselves,” McGraw said. “We do not have the guy practice players and we are beating up on each other a lot more than we did last year.”

Sophomore guard Natalie Novosel has been the most improved player of the offseason, according to McGraw, and she said she expects to see big things out of her this upcoming season.

“[Novosel] is certainly the most improved player on the team,” McGraw said. “Natalie is more confident, she is shooting the ball more, she is more comfortable, and she is just playing and looking to score and to make things happen.”

Joining the team this year are two well-respected freshmen, guards Skylar Diggins and Kaila Turner, whom McGraw expects to be helped by the veteran presence on the team and develop nicely as the year continues.

“I need to see what they can do in game situations,” McGraw said. “Skylar is playing well and Turner is doing some good things too. It will be good for them to get the uniform on, get in some game situations. It is hard to be a point guard as a freshman, but I think they have learned a lot. I am really pleased with both of them.”

McGraw said the teams hope to create a powerful and intimidating atmosphere for visiting teams in the new arena.

“It’s just exciting walking in,” McGraw said. “Just coming in the tunnel and looking around and you feel like it’s a big-time arena. It will be exciting to see how it looks full. I think it is going to be a little bit more intimidating when the opponent walks in.”

The game will begin at 7 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center.

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Rowing

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The Irish hosted Indiana, Iowa and Michigan State as they concluded their fall season with races on both Saturday and Sunday. The event’s crowd was rather pro-Irish, team members said, but the three visiting teams also brought fans — some of whom created a tailgate-like atmosphere with RVs parked alongside the St.

Joseph River in South Bend, where the race was held. Some dressed up for the Halloween holiday while others waved Irish flags to cheer on the host squad, Robinson said.

The race began where the Logan Street bridge crosses the river and finished near the Notre Dame dock near Notre Dame Ave. The weather conditions cooperated nicely Sunday, with sunny weather and flat water, which encouraged fans and bystanders alike to watch the

races and cheer on Notre Dame, Robinson said.

“We know the river like the back of our hands, but it was such a different experience coming down this weekend,” Robinson said. “Pretty much at every major point on the river, there were at least 10 people yelling, ‘Go Irish,’ supporting us all the way down. It was a huge adrenaline rush, and it felt great to do that on our home course. It’s the river we row on every day, but there was such an energetic feel this weekend.”

Robinson said the team hopes it will have the opportunity to make the event an annual affair, and she cited the fan support as a good sign the program will be able to host additional races in the future.

“It brought us together as a team,” Robinson said. “Even though Sunday’s results weren’t as good as we hoped for, we did a good job, and we’ll just have to go faster next time.”

On Saturday, the boat including Rachel Louie, Christina Buckley, Stephanie Gretsche, Carol Ann Michel and Brittany Kelly finished first in the 13-boat race against Iowa and Indiana to highlight Notre Dame’s weekend. The Irish also had a second boat finish third in that race.

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Irish rowers carry a boat in preparation for a race Sunday. Notre Dame hosted three teams this weekend.

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1 Moth-repellent closet material

6 Osprey's claw

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14 Get around

15 First month in México

16 "Just kidding!"

17 "Dangerously unpredictable sort

19 Old "Up, up and away" carrier

20 Even-tempered

21 Last choice on a questionnaire

23 Nasty habit

26 Silverstein of children's literature

27 Christmas carols

28 Take a breath

30 Commercial prefix meaning "low price"

32 Add fuel to, as a fire

33 Harvest
- 35 "____ first you don't succeed ..."

38 Sleuth, slangily

39 *Junk

42 Monk's title

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45 Irish Rose's beau

46 Coming-clean declaration

48 Clued in

50 ____ Boys' Choir

51 Cousin of a foil

53 Bottom of a 40-Down

56 Three-strippers: Abbr.

57 Entrance to a bay

58 They're on your side

60 Bygone muscle car

61 *Inviolable, as rules

66 Abbr. on an input jack

67 Harold who directed "Groundhog Day"
- 68 May and June, but not July

69 "____ and ye shall receive"

70 "But of course!"

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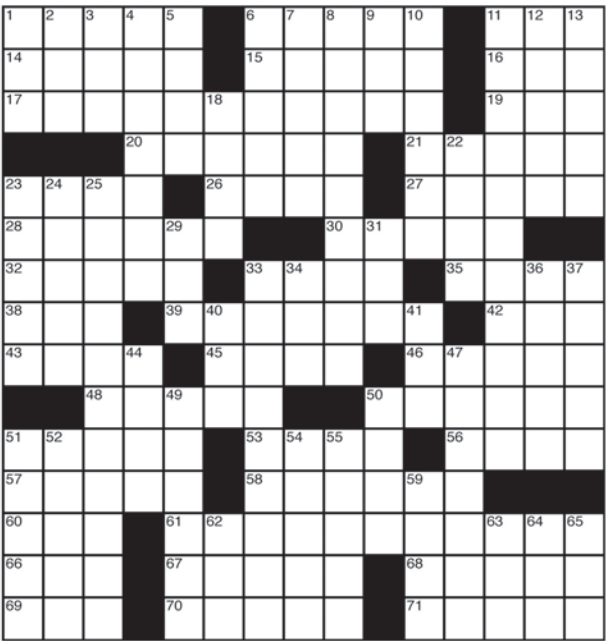
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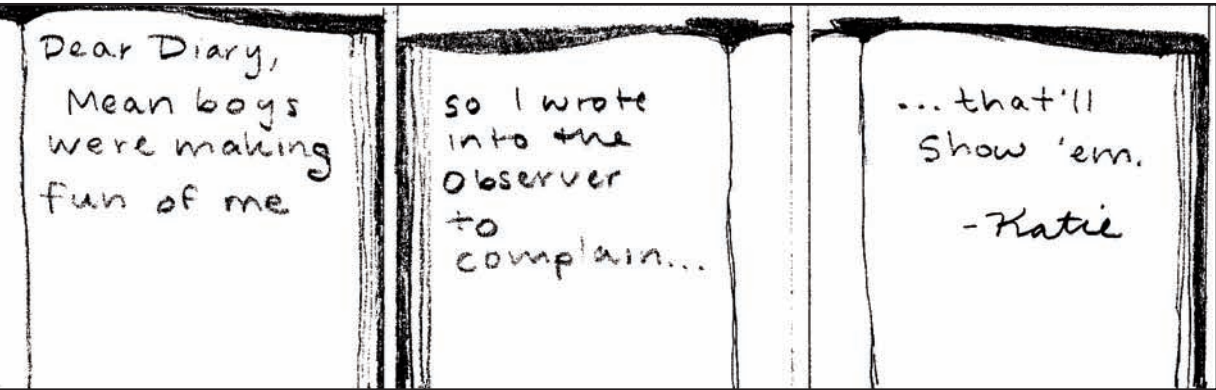
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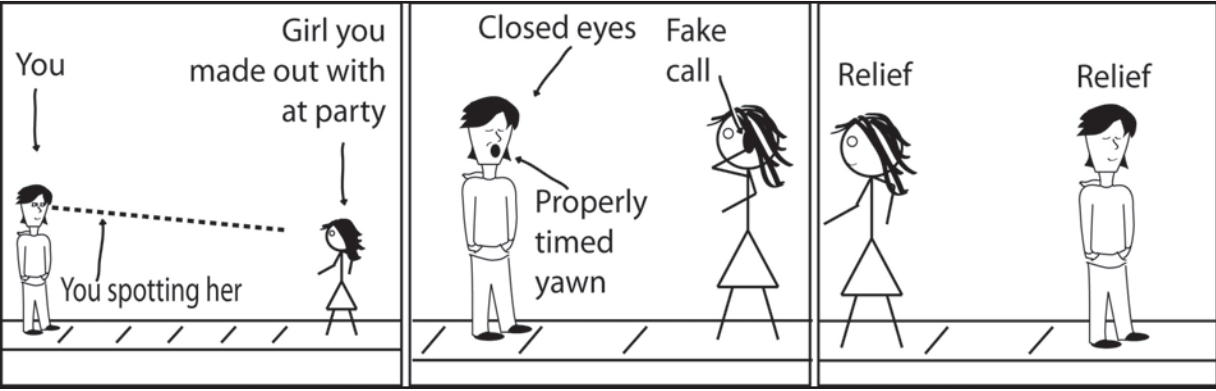
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): A challenge will strike an emotional chord. Chill out and let things come to you. Aggressive action will bring responses that are difficult to deal with and could compromise a partnership you are involved in. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will face ultimatums that can lead to relationship problems. Before getting upset or acting stubborn, consider the consequences. You may want to back down and compromise before you lose out altogether. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A relationship that interests you will be heightened by an opportunity to work with this person. Don't hold back; it's your playful actions that will intrigue and entice someone to take part in your game plan. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Embrace change and take advantage of any opportunity that comes your way, even if you are shy or reluctant to venture down new avenues. There is a surprise that awaits you if you dare to try something new. Don't let someone else's responsibilities become your own. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get caught up in the moment and overreact to something that is taken out of context. You have to be less opinionated and more perceptive if you want to make the right choices and avoid emotional pitfalls. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your communication skills will make an impression, opening up opportunities to experience different cultures, travel to distant lands or to organize a service for those less fortunate. Speak up and you will get what you are asking for. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can take care of personal business that will ensure greater security and financial benefits. People with similar interests will enable you to get something up and running that you've been wanting to do for some time. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't give in to emotional blackmail. You are likely to infuriate someone trying to take advantage of you. Set your rules and stick to them, no matter what. A partnership may have to be dissolved in order for you to move forward. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A little will go a long way, so don't go overboard financially, emotionally or physically. You will be able to take advantage of an unusual, interesting scenario that brings together what you've learned with what you are currently experiencing. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A pending personal issue can now be put to rest. A financial change is apparent but only if you are willing to do things a little differently. Walk away from a partnership that isn't working for you. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If someone is costing you too much, perhaps you should revisit your relationship. Emotions can lead you down the wrong path. If things aren't equal, you may want to move on to someone willing to give as much as you. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can tie up loose ends and plant some seeds that will lead to a financial gain, contract or settlement. Don't let a long time friend or partner hold you back because of a difference of opinion. Love is in the stars. Change is upon you. ★★★★★

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Howard continues perfect season with win over BP

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Sports Writers

With an undefeated season on the line entering the final game of the season, Howard coasted to a 20-0 victory over Breen-Phillips. The Ducks (6-0) entered the game undefeated and needed one

more win to be able to secure one of the top seeds for the playoffs. Although they had already locked up a playoff spot, the game still remained vital for Howard.

Throughout the game, the Ducks held control of the contest. Despite their win, the players know that they still have room to improve. Just one or two mistakes in a playoff game can cost a team a shot at the championship, junior captain Kayla Bishop said.

"We will be putting in plenty of

time in practice to be sharp for the playoffs," Bishop said.

Howard played a steady game and was consistent in the run and pass game. The Ducks also managed to capitalize on a number of Breen-Phillips turnovers. The Ducks converted a few of the turnovers into scores, with one of the interceptions being returned for a touchdown.

With the Ducks ending the season with a win and an undefeated record, this year's team will

remain in the history book. This is the first time that Howard has finished a season undefeated.

However, the season begins again as the teams enter into the playoffs.

"There is a brand new slate when we get in the playoffs," Bishop said.

Despite a losing effort, Breen-Phillips (0-6) looks toward a more positive season next year.

Howard looks towards the playoffs as one of the top seeds and

will face McGlinn Sunday at 1 p.m.

Walsh 13, Lyons 0

Walsh defeated Lyons 13-0 in its final test before the playoffs begin. The Wild Women finished the season 5-1, only losing at the hands of undefeated Pasquerilla West. Throughout the season, Walsh proved that it would be a force to reckon with in the playoffs, particularly because of its offensive

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Four on four

No. 4 Irish begin play with exhibition game

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish will open up their preseason schedule tonight in the Purcell Pavilion against a scrappy Indianapolis team that defeated a well-respected Valparaiso squad in their preseason opener. Indianapolis currently sits at No. 4 in the Div. II polls.

"We don't know a lot about Indianapolis, but from what we do know they are exactly what we need right now," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They shoot a lot of 3s, and they run a lot of screens. They are going to be a great challenge for our man-to-man defense."

The Irish were picked to take

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Senior captain Melissa Lechlitner readies a pass against a Michigan State defender on Nov. 29, 2008. The Irish begin their season to night with an exhibition against Indianapolis.

ND ROWING

Team gets chance to host races

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Last weekend represented the first opportunity for the Irish to compete on their home course since Oct. 29, 2005. And while the team said its final results could have been better, the long-awaited event itself lived up to its billing.

"It was really cool for all of us to have a race on our home course," senior Casey Robinson said. "Rowing is definitely a lesser known sport here at school, so having family and friends be able to come down and see what we were doing was really great."

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Sorin remains undefeated

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In the final match up before the playoffs, both Sorin (3-0-1) and St. Edward's (2-2) believed a win was essential to advance their seasons. In the end, it was the Otters who took control of their fate with a 14-0 victory.

With a little over a minute left in the second quarter, freshman receiver Ryan Robinson caught a long fourth-down pass from senior quarterback Casey McGushin in the end zone, scoring the first touchdown for the Otters.

"It was great," Robinson said. "I had to look hard to find the pass, but it was a great play by the quarterback."

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A Sorin receiver and a St. Edwards defender vie for the ball Sunday in the Otters' 14-0 win over the Gentlemen.

HOCKEY COMMENTARY

CCHA stays country's premiere conference

With four teams in the top 10 and a total of six in the top 20, the CCHA is making its case as the best conference in college hockey.

No. 1 Miami, No. 4 Michigan, No. 9 Notre Dame, No. 10 Nebraska-Omaha, No. 13 Alaska and No. 17 Michigan State have all established themselves as some of the top teams in the country. One other team, Ohio State, fell out of the rankings after a loss and a shootout win against the Irish (4-3-1, 1-0-1-0) over the weekend.



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While none of the conference's top teams have looked invincible in the early going, the same could be said for the best squads across the nation. Every team in the top 20 has at least one loss or tie — with the exception of Cornell and Yale, which had both played only one game through the weekend.

The top-ranked RedHawks (6-1-1, 3-1-0) have held the No. 1 spot all season and haven't done anything to suggest they don't deserve it. They posted 4-3 and 2-1 wins at Northern Michigan this weekend after splitting a home series with Michigan State (6-2-0, 3-1-0) to begin the conference slate.

The Spartans currently hold the second position in the conference standings following a sweep of previously unbeaten

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