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Safety issues arise at Irish Row

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

When the gun initially touched the back of her head on Oct. 29, she thought people were joking around in the spirit of Halloween.

In reality, she was being robbed at Irish Row Apartments, located just across the street from the east side of Notre Dame campus.

"I had the door halfway open to Building Three when two guys came up and put a gun to my head," she said.

The Notre Dame senior returned home around 3 a.m., according to the student watch alert issued to Notre Dame by Sgt. Pat Hechlinski of the South Bend Police Department (SBPD). The Observer policy is not to release the names of victims of crimes.

She had previously been at a

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MATTHEW SAAD/The Observer

A South Bend police car idles outside of the Irish Row apartment complex Monday. A Notre Dame student was robbed outside Building Three on Oct. 29.

Seniors DART for last time

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Monday and Tuesday marked that last DART registration period for the Notre Dame's Class of 2011.

Some seniors worried about getting into the classes they needed in order to meet graduation requirements, while others looked for fun electives to fill their last semester at Notre Dame. The majority, though, did not find registering for requirements difficult.

Senior Elaine Coldren said she did not face much competition for classes for her upper-level science classes.

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Students explore off-campus housing

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

Many sophomore students are beginning to think about an issue that, to many, is far in the future: off-campus housing for senior year.

With a variety of options such as an apartment at Irish Row, a townhouse in Legacy Village or a house through Kramer Properties or one of the other local landlords, students are moving fast in order to secure their top choice of homes.

Dave Kohlsaas, one of the owners of Legacy Village, said one reason students sign leases so early is because of the influx of quality homes that are springing up around Notre Dame.

"This is our second year at Legacy," Kohlsaas said. "We have a very unique product, brand new, fully-furnished, top-line amenities. When people hear of it, they tend to move sooner."

According to Kohlsaas, Legacy Village is completely booked for the 2011-12 school year and he believes it will soon be full for the 2012-13 academic year.

"We were booked almost a year ago, probably by last December 1 [for the 2011-12 school year]," Kohlsaas said. "For the sopho-

mores, I am 40 percent leased right now and I would again presume that probably no later than Christmas I will be fully booked."

Sophomore Lisa Daul said students should start thinking about living off-campus depending on where he or she wants to live.

"At first we wanted to live in a house, so we started looking at properties earlier this year," Daul said. "We heard that the good houses are the first things to go. But now we're leaning toward a town home in Lafayette [Square], so we figure we have a little more time."

Mark Kramer, owner of Kramer Properties, which includes and assortment of living options including houses and Lafayette Square, said his statistics reveal the same information.

"The houses we have are 80 percent leased for next year," Kramer said. "For Lafayette we're about 40 percent leased for next year, so there's still a lot available, but that's normal."

Kramer said 12 of his houses have already been leased for the 2012-2013 school year, but Lafayette and the apartments both won't be pre-leased until much later.

"Usually houses are the first

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Transpo ridership declines

Quick Facts:

ND TRANSPPO

- Transpo runs every Friday & Saturday night from roughly 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.
- It picks up students at Library Circle.
- It can pick up & drop off students anytime on the route as long as the bus can stop safely.
- Transpo wallet cards are available in the Student Government office.
- A map of the route is available in each dorm.

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By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

After a recent decrease in student use of the free Transpo weekend bus service, student government is exploring ways to promote the 7A route and encourage ridership. Student Senate Off-Campus Concerns chair Emily LeStrange said.

"The biggest issue with the route is inconsistency in ridership," LeStrange said. "One weekend in September, 237 people rode Transpo, but the next weekend only 23 used it. We usually average 150 stu-

dents per weekend, though."

LeStrange said her committee is working to determine the reason for the inconsistency. She said they are also developing new methods of promotion so the student body is more aware of the route.

LeStrange said "Whine Week," in which students could air complaints to student government, last week revealed that many members of the student body are not familiar with the Transpo system.

"Whine Week showed us that people don't know that much about the 7A Route, so we're going to increase our

promotional efforts in order to boost ridership each weekend," she said. "We want all students to know about the service and how it works, largely because it's a safe, free and reliable way of getting where you want to go on Friday and Saturday nights."

According to LeStrange, 283 students rode the Transpo this past weekend.

"We revamped the Transpo 7A wallet card so that it is easier to read and we included the updated schedule on the back of the card," she said. "We're still working on getting

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ANIMAL WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO BRING TO HOGWARTS WITH YOU?

				
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<i>“Platypus.”</i>	<i>“Goldfish.”</i>	<i>“Toad.”</i>	<i>“Naked mole rat.”</i>	<i>“Flying squirrel.”</i>

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KIRBY MCKENNA/The Observer
Junior Ashley Bara mans the collection table for the Northern Indiana Food Bank. The objective of the collection is to bring the issue of hunger to a more local perspective. It will continue throughout the week.

OFFBEAT

Man charged with theft for swallowing mom’s rings
WASHINGTON — Police in a southwestern Pennsylvania township said they’ve recovered one of two rings a man swallowed after he allegedly stole them from his mother — and are waiting for his digestive system to produce the other.

Fifty-three-year-old Robert Spriggs was charged with theft for allegedly stealing the rings, each valued at \$30,000, while visiting his 81-year-old mother on Saturday in North Strabane Township.

Police said Spriggs swallowed one he had in his pocket during questioning. Police said he has previously swallowed the other ring.

Spriggs is in the Washington County Jail in a cell without a flushable toilet. Police said they had recovered one ring Monday, but it wasn’t immediately clear if they had found the other. Online court records don’t list an attorney for Spriggs.

Police called to N.Y. kids’ cupcake sale
CHAPPAQUA — Some parents in a New York City suburb are upset because a local politician called police on two 13-year-old boys for selling cupcakes and other baked goods without a permit.

The Journal News in Westchester County reported Monday that New Castle Councilman Michael Wolfensohn had called police last month on the boys.

Andrew DeMarchis and Kevin Graff had a brisk business selling cupcakes, cookies, brownies and Rice Krispie treats in a Chappaqua (CHAP’-uh-kwah) park.

Kevin’s mother, Laura Graff, says the teens are “good kids” who were scared by the police call. She said Monday they haven’t set up shop anywhere since.

Wolfensohn says rules are rules. But he concedes calling the police might have been a half-baked decision.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

An **Interdisciplinary Workshop on Chinese Culture and Society** will meet today at 1 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies in Room C102. The meeting is open to all faculty and graduate students who are interested in topics pertaining to Chinese culture and society.

Driehaus Prize Winner Rafael Manzano Martos will give the lecture **“Mudejar Architecture: Balance Between East and West”** today at 4:30 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. A reception will follow in the Bond Hall Gallery.

eND Hunger is sponsoring a rally today at 5 p.m. at Field House Mall. The rally will conclude the Holy Cross Harvest campus-wide food drive. There will be a raffle for 2 tickets to the midnight showing of Harry Potter. All those who bring a non-perishable food item to donate are eligible to win.




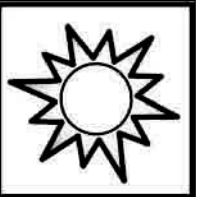


The next installment of the “Discussions on Development Series” will take place today at 7 p.m. Today’s discussion is titled **“Microfinance, Entrepreneurship, and Fair Trade”** and will be in Greenfield’s International Cafe in the Hesburgh Center.

Notre Dame Food Services Chef Miller will host an **international cooking class** in the Test Kitchen of North Dining Hall. The class will take place Thursday at 5 p.m. Students must preregister for this event in 204 LaFortune. The cost is \$5 and space is limited.

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

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thing to go, then the townhouses come in second, then the apartments a little later," Kramer said.

Sophomore Mike Cochran made his move early in the year to ensure that he would be able to lease the house of his choice.

"I signed my lease for senior year the first week of October," Cochran said. "I wanted to get one of the best off-campus houses."

Cochran, who currently lives off campus, said although he misses the day-to-day interaction with a lot of people in the dorms, he is happy with his decision.

"There's a lot more freedom and customization of your living," Cochran said. "What is most appealing to me is having my own room. It provides me with the necessary privacy to sleep and do my work without being disturbed."

The desire for fewer rules is a dominant theme among students who live or plan to live off campus. Chrissie Gotimer, a senior currently living in a house, said that freedom was a considerable factor for her and her friends.

"I moved off campus because most of my friends, including myself, wanted to move off," Gotimer said. "We anticipated wanting a change of scenery from

the dorms and a little more freedom."

Niall Fitzgerald, a junior who signed a lease as a sophomore to live in Legacy Village for the 2011-12 academic year, shared sentiments similar to those expressed by Cochran and Gotimer.

"While I enjoy life in Dillon Hall, as a 21-year-old senior next year I do not wish to be bound by many of the rules associated with living in the dorms," Fitzgerald said.

While some students believe living off campus may cause a sense of detachment from Notre Dame, Gotimer said she feels her experience enabled her to connect with the University in different ways.

"I've found that moving off campus has heightened my appreciation of campus," she said. "It's forced me to utilize many of the resources on campus that I otherwise would have likely never considered using."

The real downside for Gotimer was the addition of many new responsibilities.

"I have to be more aware of my surroundings and be responsible for not violating my housing contract," Gotimer said. "I have to be very aware that I lock my car and house every day when I leave for class. Furthermore, I have to be responsible for paying all my bills on time."

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Another senior, Caitlin Sullivan, said it was her desired classes, rather than the required classes, that were hard for her to get.

"I don't know if we're having trouble getting classes that we need to graduate," Sullivan said. "But I know some people are having trouble getting the classes they wanted."

Other students, however, decided to forgo taking the classes they wanted in order to save money. Choosing to become a part-time student for the final semester, such as Coldren did, saved seniors money on their tuition.

"Part-time students pay by credit, and to be a part-time student, you need under 12 [credits]. I'll be taking eight next semester," she said. "I'm still technically a Notre Dame student, even though I'll be taking less classes."

For Coldren, this academic time will be replaced by job and graduate university applications. Coldren said while taking her final pairs of classes and labs, she applied to 16 different schools.

"How much time the applications take depends on where I could be traveling. It might be twice a month but hopefully not that much," Coldren said. "Most people though, apply between 14 and 16."

Coldren said she wished she could stay as a full-time student.

"I like to learn so I would enjoy getting to take the extra elective classes," she said. "But in terms of finances, it's cheaper for my family if I'm part-time."

In general, seniors reported feeling less stressed academically about their last semester.

"I think that the last semester for seniors is more laid back," Coldren said. "There's

a lot less to do."

However, many other seniors find the academic burden is replaced by the weight of finding a job or applying to graduate school. Sullivan said her final semester would only be less stressful in terms of academics.

While the senior class DARTed for the final time, the freshman class just began to register on their own and many have found the registration process less confusing than they originally thought.

Freshman Catherine O'Donnell said she wasn't very worried about registering and she doesn't believe she will encounter much trouble getting into the necessary classes.

"I mean, no one wants to end up with a bum schedule, but it should end up all right," she said. "There are some [classes] that I need for major requirements, but they're still the really big lecture classes."

Many freshmen arranged for individual meetings with their advisors in the weeks leading up to registration.

"I spoke with my advisor," freshman Daniel Kokotajlo said. "We mostly talked about politics and my philosophy major."

After one semester at Notre Dame, O'Donnell said she felt she was well-prepared to register for the Spring.

"You have a better handle on classes," she said. "Plus, you realize just how much you don't want 8:30 classes."

Registration can be a stressful experience for students of all years, but many freshman said they don't have too many concerns.

"There are more than enough classes I'm interested in, so if I don't get my top choices I'll be fine," Kokotajlo said. "[My DART time] is on the second day, but it's early in the morning, so I suppose that's average."

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College hosts book fair to benefit Learning Tree

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Usborne Books, a supplier of educational materials, and the Learning Tree, a resource education center that benefits Saint Mary's students and faculty as well as teachers and parents in the Michiana community, co-sponsored a book fair, which began Tuesday at the College.

The fair will continue today from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium.

The selection of books covers a wide range of topics including history, science and fictional stories as well as activity and learning books.

There are books for a variety of ages and the selection is quite diverse, Usborne consultant Karen Richards said.

All of the books sold at the fair are published by Usborne Books, a company founded in England that has been a presence in the United States for the past 20 years.

Usborne books are published in 71 languages. Due to their international audience, Usborne books tend to be culturally neutral, Richards said.

Richards, a former teacher, is an advocate for Usborne published books because of their educational value and good quality.

The books are commercial free — they contain no references to movies, television shows, or toy brands — and they are both fun and educational, she said.

Usborne Books will donate 50 percent of all sales from the book fair at the College in the form of free books to the Learning Tree.

Jayne Fogle, director of the Learning Tree, said last year's book fair "turned out very nicely" for the center.

"Last year's [book fair] was very successful and we received a very nice selection of books," she said.

Fogle said the book fair was planned before Christmas due to the hectic nature that comes with the end of the academic semester.

She said she hopes students will be able to purchase books as Christmas gifts and that education majors at the College will be able to buy materials for some of their classes.

Though she has not yet purchased anything from the book fair, Elementary Education major Natalie Bartzen hopes she will be able to benefit from the fair's selection in the future.

"I really like that we are able to have something like this on campus," Bartzen said. "It is hard to know what to buy considering I do not know the grade level I will be teaching next year, but I know that it will be a great resource for when I do."

Education students at Saint Mary's are able to check out the books at the Learning Tree to help with their class projects and to be used when they are student teaching.

Students who tutor at local schools in the community are also available to check out books.

Bartzen said she believes the center is a valuable resource.

"The Learning Tree has all the resources and more that I need for my field placement," Bartzen said. "Jayne Fogle has all the teacher manuals, workbooks, and activities for us to refer to when creating units and plans. Also with the Ellison cutters and hundreds of cut outs the variety for projects and displays is endless."

While the Learning Tree is mainly focused on education majors at Saint Mary's, other College students and teachers from the South Bend School district come to the center for learning materials, Fogle said.

The Learning Tree sells a myriad of learning materials including educational games that focus on science, math, and language arts and other educational supplies. Most of the materials are geared towards students ranging from preschool to sixth grade.

The Learning Tree may charge for their services and supplies, but Fogle said this is not to make a profit.

"We charge for everything because we do not have a budget," she said. "However, the prices are reasonable as they are only used to replenish the materials."

The Learning Tree is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in 251 Madaleva Hall.

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SMC celebrates 'Potter'

By MIRANDA PERETTI
News Writer

As many students await Friday's release of latest Harry Potter movie, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Saint Mary's geared up with its own celebration entitled "Bellakazam."

The night included lessons in Quidditch, the popular sport in the series that is played on brooms, a Harry Potter themed dinner, a magic show and a viewing of the film version of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

The Student Activities Board, Residence Hall Association and Quidditch Club sponsored the event.

"Seeing everyone out here playing Quidditch makes me want to go back

up to my room and watch all six Harry Potter movies," sophomore Kristen Rice said.

The Quidditch Club hosted lessons on the library green and gave away scarves to the students who participated. The scarves were themed after the Saint Mary's dorm buildings.

Many Harry Potter enthusiasts engaged in

The candle-lit dinner included long tables, such as those in the movie, and banners to represent each residence hall of Saint Mary's. Students could also make chocolate dipped pretzel wands themed for dessert.

"The dining hall was well decorated and it got me excited for the movie."

Kerry Stewart
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"Seeing everyone out here playing Quidditch makes me want to go back to my room and watch all six Harry Potter movies"

Kristen Rice
sophomore
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the various Quidditch games and broom races. Following the lessons, students were invited to a "Great Hall" themed dinner in the Noble Family dining hall.

"The dining hall was well decorated and it got me excited for the movie," sophomore Kerry Stewart said.

sophomore Erika Wallace said. "However, I wish there were more Harry Potter themed foods."

After dinner, Magician Norman Ng put on a magic show in Carroll Auditorium.

Overall, Bellakazam tried to bring a little bit of Hogwarts to the College campus while giving Harry Potter fans a chance to gear up for the release of the "Deathly Hallows," and express their love for the Harry Potter series.

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Halloween celebration before the cab dropped her off in the parking lot near her building.

The victim said the distance from the parking lot to the building could typically be covered in a 30-second walk.

She said the two suspects started to pull her away from the building after approaching her from behind.

She fought back, but one of the suspects struck her with a gun, according to the student watch alert.

During the struggle, the victim's purse strap broke. The suspects left with her purse, she said.

After the suspects left, two students found the victim and called emergency services. The victim received medical and police assistance within 10 minutes.

The victim was sent to the hospital, where she received treatment and was released the next day.

Another robbery occurred on South Bend Avenue on the same night. The student said she believes the suspects from that robbery are the same one that assailed her.

The student watch alerts listed the suspects for both robberies as African-American males, between the ages of 16 and 25, dressed in black and armed with handguns.

"I never felt unsafe before," she said. "Part of the reason I moved [to Irish Row] is because it has a reputation for safety."

The Oct. 29 event would not be her last encounter with criminal activity at Irish Row.

On Nov. 9, she witnessed car vandalism in the parking lot near her building.

"I wasn't sleeping well and I heard noises," she said.

She looked out of her window and saw someone breaking car windows in the parking lot.

She called the police, but the suspects fled the scene prior to the arrival of the authorities.

"It's fairly unacceptable for how much we pay to not feel safe," she said.

Students pay around \$445 dollars per month if they are splitting a three-bedroom apartment in Irish Row, or \$700 per month if they are splitting a two-bedroom apartment, according to RentND, an off-campus website run by the student government.

"If something happens like [robbery], your security shouldn't allow a car break in a week and a half later," she said.

Tom Troeger, one of the owners of Irish Row and Irish Crossings, the neighboring town home complex, said the apartments have multiple security features including cameras and security lights.

"We're very proud with our security we offer," he said. "We've been lucky with it."

Troeger said these recent events were the only notable

security problems that have occurred in the two years since Irish Row opened.

The student watch alerts said three criminal incidents have occurred at Irish Row in the last month, including the robbery, vehicle vandalism and a bicycle theft.

Irish Row resident James Schwarber, a Notre Dame senior, said students should be more cautious.

"South Bend does have a lot of crime," Schwarber said. "We're still subjected to the same sort of risks."

Schwarber said the entrances to the Irish Row buildings are locked

and secure, but the location of Building Three and the parking lot can be safety risks.

"Building Three is set back from the street," he said. "The parking lot can't be seen from the street – you can't see what is going on."

Schwarber said he thinks the management has handled the incidents well.

"They seem to be pretty responsive," he said. "I can't think of any more they could do."

Irish Row resident and Notre Dame senior Dillon Bailey said the security problems arise on the trips to and from the apartment buildings.

"People are trying to find rides," he said. "They don't want to be on foot or on a bicycle."

Bailey said he believes the number of incidents will lessen when the colder weather sets in.

"It's almost always a crime of convenience," he said. "As soon as you take away the convenience factor, they won't go out of their way."

Bailey said he and other residents saw the outside door to Building Three could be easily pulled open until a about week ago.

"It took months to take care of," he said.

Troeger said he was not aware of this problem.

"If there was a problem and we were aware of it, then we would be out there," he said.

Bailey said he and other residents have seen a police car parked near the apartments and the parking lot for the past several days.

"It has definitely helped everyone feel a bit safer," he said.

Sgt. Hechlinski said SBPD officers are told at the beginning of their shift the location of events such as robbery and car vandalism.

"They make extra efforts to patrol these areas," he said. "There is still a dedicated beat car for that area."

Hechlinski said the best way for students to stay safe is to be cautious and to use common sense.

"If students see something, don't be afraid to call the police department," he said. "Don't be afraid to call us to investigate it. We appreciate those calls."

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the word out about the route to freshman who may be unfamiliar with the service, too."

LeStrange said her committee is working with the Campus Technology Committee and Off-Campus Council to explore the possibility of implementing a real-time Transpo GPS tracking system.

"Students could use the tracking system to find out where the bus is on its route by downloading an app on smart phones like iPhones, Blackberries or Droids," she said. "Similar services are available at Boston College, Auburn and Emory, and they have been widely popular."

LeStrange said student government's foremost concern is the safety of the students.

"The Transpo 7A route is an awesome resource for students on Friday and Saturday nights," she said. "It provides a free mode of transportation and, more importantly, it provides a safe way of getting where you want to go without having to walk through dangerous areas at night."

LeStrange said Student Government pays \$15,000 a year for the weekend bus service, but viewed the expense as a way of ensuring student safety, LeStrange said.

"It provides students with a reliable option of transportation that is fast and free," she said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

My Senior Day experience

A few weeks ago my friend underwent surgery that kept him temporarily bedridden at St. Liam's Hall, the University Health Services building. When I visited him at his luxury pad on the second floor (no sarcasm here — the rooms are nice) I bragged to him about my impeccable health record. It's true — since the day I was born, I haven't been to a hospital or any emergency health center on my own account. No broken bones, stitches, surgeries or serious illnesses.

Apparently I spoke too soon because this past weekend I found myself just sick enough to warrant an unforeseen trip to St. Liam's Hall. Luckily for me (unluckily for them), my parents were in town for the game, so I benefitted from their care and concern.

By 4:30 a.m. on Saturday morning — game day — after being sick with a fever for several hours, my parents decided to take me to the health center.

Off to the health center we went. Once inside, the nurses treated me as if I was their own sick child. They made me feel completely at home, putting me up in a comfortable room, caring for me and encouraging me to ring them at any time.

Several hours later, I felt immensely better after some sleep. My room was so quiet that it was almost easy to forget how noisy the campus below me must have been as tens of thousands of fans gathered for the Utah game.

While much of my senior class was out enjoying kegs and eggs for breakfast, I was nibbling on Saltine crackers and chasing them with tiny sips of Gatorade. It was impossible to be in a bad mood though, with such cheery nurses waiting on my every need.

My new friends at the health center fixed me up so well that although I wasn't able to participate in any tailgating festivities, cheers at the game, or post-game rushing of the field, I was able to join my senior classmates at Finnies that night and enjoy a celebratory ginger ale.

If you have never experienced a stay at the health center, I advise you to get sick right now, or at least pretend to be. Pull a Ferris Bueller and instead of romping around Chicago, enjoy a lazy day of room service in St. Liam's in the company of some of the nicest people around.

Okay, okay, I take it back. Stay healthy! But if you ever do feel really ill, don't hesitate to visit St. Liam's.

As great as the health center is, you never know when you might miss out on something exciting. Like horses showing up, uninvited, to your tailgate and ushering you out of the parking lot, toward the stadium entrance.

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The silent intellectuals

What defines an intellectual? Popular culture would conjure images of bespectacled professors talking Renaissance art, ancient literature and economic philosophy in the same breath. This image has remained static for a long time — as fitting in 1810 as 2010. The question thus arises as to whether it is relevant in the 21st century.

Jonathan Coravos, a student at Bowdoin College, in his article "Defining Modern Intellectualism," refutes the charge that Bowdoin students lack intellectualism. Interestingly, this claim has sometimes been levied against Notre Dame students as well. Initially, one might come up with many reasons why Notre Dame students are viewed as lacking intellectual vigor. Sports are a major part of the culture at Notre Dame, and the football program is arguably the most visible aspect of the University at any given time. Also, the fact that Notre Dame is a Catholic institution may lead outsiders to assume that Notre Dame students lack the questioning spirit that often accompanies intellectual curiosity. However, Bowdoin students have also been charged as lacking intellectualism, so major sports and religious affiliation can't be the whole story. Also, the criticism is oftentimes levied within the Notre Dame community itself. So, is the problem (as Coravos argues) due to the antiquated notion of intellectualism, or are modern students indeed intellectually lacking?

Intellectualism, in a broad sense, involves an embrace of learning and the life of the mind. This embrace is not simply cursory — it involves enjoying learning for learning's sake, and actively seeking it out. A close analysis of the modern age reveals that common notions of intellectualism are indeed in need of major changes. First of all, our idea of an "intellectual" is firmly rooted within the tradition of the humanities. Centuries ago, when science was on much more unstable footing than it currently is, this definition was understandable. However, in the modern era, science is an exhilarating area in which to focus one's fundamental curiosities about the way the world

works. Indeed, many of the great ancient Greek philosophers were actually aspiring scientists, and while their explanations of the movements of the heavens fall short of our modern standards, they certainly found science to be within the intellectual tradition.

While science today is much more specialized and less understandable to the uninitiated, the exploratory spirit that is present in the act of original research is as much an intellectual quest as ruminating on the works of Milton or Chaucer. Given such specialization of knowledge in the modern world, the idea of intellectualism could benefit from being defined more vertically than horizontally — knowing a lot about a few things, rather than a lot about a lot of things. The amount of knowledge in the world makes the latter almost impossible, whereas it was completely attainable centuries ago. Many students do research here at Notre Dame. This is certainly a valid intellectual endeavor, while not traditionally conceived as such.

As Coravos points out, our methods of engaging the world have changed drastically in the last century. Learning used to be a much more interpersonal endeavor — other people were often a fundamental source of information. This isn't necessary anymore — if you want to satiate academic curiosities or learn for learning's sake, you can easily do it on the Internet. Gone are the days of Socrates, when men talked philosophy at dinner parties. Even the physical act of going to the library to research topics can be done easily in a dorm room with a computer and a WiFi connection. It is quite possible that intellectuals haven't become extinct; they've simply become invisible. This silent intellectualism was enabled initially by the printing press, but it has rapidly expanded with the onset of the Internet. The most efficient way of learning, questioning and communicating is now an online experience.

Thus, the problem appears to be with the definition itself, rather than students being fundamentally uncurious. However, the idea that we are disengaged does contain some truth — and it is a major problem for our generation. Back in 2007, Tom Friedman labeled us "Generation Q" — the quiet generation.

The type of communication that once defined public intellectual activism now takes place on blogs, internet forums and Facebook. Someone could theoretically be engaged in all sorts of intellectual pursuits without ever leaving their room or speaking a word. The world needs leaders and bold thinkers to convert ideas into the reality; people who are willing to engage the world on the outside to affect change.

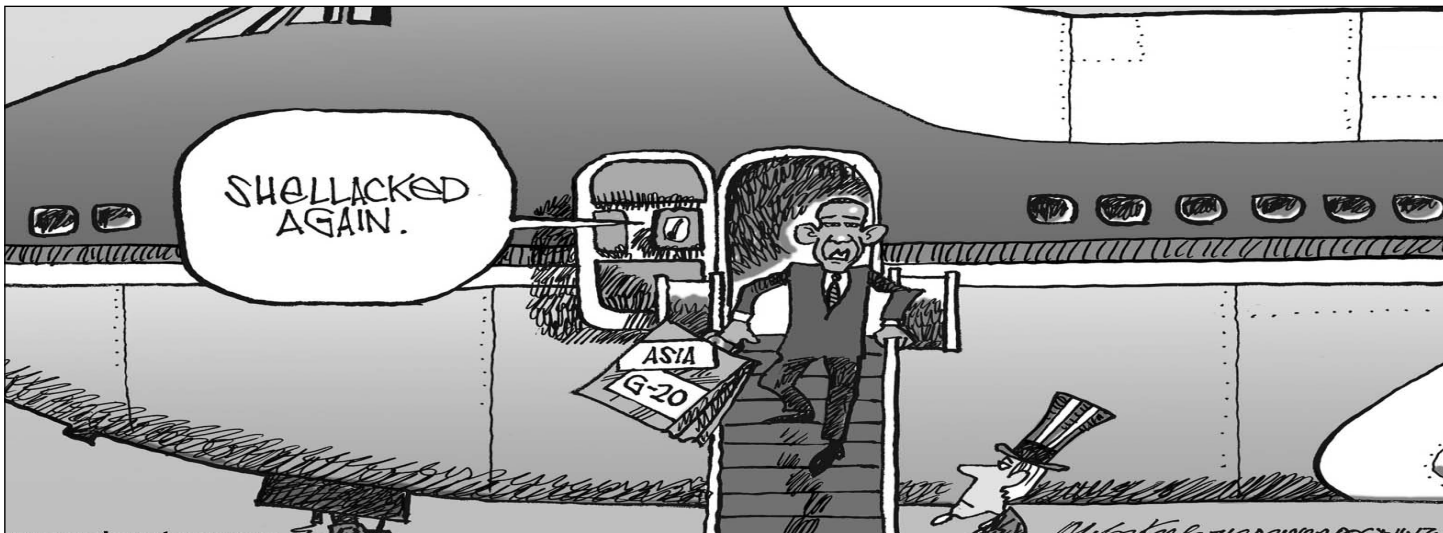
This task may be difficult from our generation — translating our learning, our debates, our ideas and our passions from the cool liquid of the Internet into the world at large. David Brooks of the New York Times wrote a column a few months ago lamenting the fact that while the world among college students has become more meritocratic, there is a greater feeling of institutionalization — everyone wants to stay inside the neatly defined lines rather than boldly venturing out. We are all great at getting A's, but when was the last time you saw a student really grill a professor in class? I see this as a symptom of our predicament - we don't lack ideas; we simply aren't as confident showing them in a world where it is seemingly not necessary.

College students today are intellectual when viewed through a more appropriate modern prism (though few of us could meet the high bar UrbanDictionary.com sets for an intellectual: someone who has found something more interesting in life than sex and alcohol). However, the fact that we are intellectual isn't enough. We need to translate this intellectualism into productive outlets in the real world. The changing nature of information gathering has made it much easier to maintain an insulated intellectualism. The challenge of our generation is maintaining the dynamic and crusading spirit of previous great generations in order to espouse the ideas of our time, despite the increasing ease with which we can slip into the silence.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To be great is to be misunderstood."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
U.S. poet

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain."

Lily Tomlin
U.S. actress

Living up to the “Spirit of Inclusion” at ND

Acceptance comes from both the top down and at the individual level. To truly create a spirit of inclusion at Notre Dame, there are things that both students and the administration can do. The administration must add “sexual orientation” to the nondiscrimination clause. True, these are just words. But words send a powerful message. Certainly the University does not condone violence or harassment towards gay, lesbian or transgendered students, but the lack of “sexual orientation” in the nondiscrimination clause seems inconsistent with these beliefs. Second, the University should begin a course selection on Queer Studies. Queer Studies would enable the students of Notre Dame to educate themselves further about the nature of homosexuality, would provide the administration a forum to thoroughly teach the Church’s position on homosexuality, and it would enable students to decide for themselves their opinion after being thoroughly taught about the issue. Third, students can become active in the CORE Council on campus. Heterosexual students can become Allies, standing up for the rights of their fellow students.

This year, the students of Notre Dame have another opportunity to stand for the dignity and respect due to all persons, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered students. This opportunity is presented in fighting for “sexual orientation” to be added to the nondiscrimination clause. When shirts were worn last year saying, “Gay? Fine by me,” opponents wore shirts saying, “Gay? Go to Hell.” The University quickly responded saying that it did not tolerate such a horrific remark. However, when it came time for the petition for “sexual orientation” to be included in the nondiscrimination clause, the University rejected it. One wonders if these T-shirts would have been made had the phrase already been included.

The petition for “sexual orientation” to be added to the nondiscrimination clause is nothing new. The Officers of the University issued a letter to the Notre Dame community on Aug. 27, 1997,

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Shard of Glass

addressing the issue and laying out the University’s reasoning for not adding “sexual orientation” to the nondiscrimination clause:

1. “The church distinguishes between homosexuality as an orientation and sexual activity between homosexual persons. The church teaches that homosexual orientation in a person is neither sinful nor evil. The call of the gospels is a call to inclusiveness.”

2. “The Church also teaches that all people, regardless of their sexual orientation, are called to live chaste lives in accordance with their vocations ... Neither heterosexual union outside the permanent bond of marriage nor homosexual union is morally acceptable.”

3. “We deplore harassment of any kind as antithetical to the nature of this community as a Christian community. Our discriminatory harassment policy specifically precludes harassment based on sexual orientation.”

4. “The University exists, however, within a social and cultural milieu that does not always accept gospel values as normative ... Within society at large, the phrase “sexual orientation” sometimes becomes a term that does not admit of distinction between sexual orientation and the manner in which people live out their sexual orientation — a distinction that is critical to us as a Catholic institution.”

5. “Institutional nondiscriminating clauses are highly stylized statements which are legally binding. Neither federal nor state law mandates that sexual orientation be included in nondiscrimination clauses. Thus, like a number of other institutions, our clause does not currently include sexual orientation.”

6. “After considerable reflection, we have decided not to add sexual orientation to our legal nondiscrimination clause. To make the change requested would mean that our decisions in this area would be measured by civil courts that may interpret this change through the lens of the broader social milieu in which we live. This, in turn, might jeopardize our ability to make decisions that we believe necessary to support Church teaching. We wish to continue to speak to this issue in the Catholic content that is normative for this community.”

The main argument that the University

makes for not including “sexual orientation” in the legal nondiscrimination clause is that while the Church distinguishes between sexual orientation and sexual conduct, the rest of the American public would not limit the language of “sexual orientation” to excluding sexual conduct. For this reason, the University cannot include the phrase because it could compromise their “ability to make decisions... necessary to support Church teaching.” First, along with adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause, the University has the power to make clear that it is distinguishing between sexual orientation and sexual conduct. If it is thus distinguished in the University’s legal statement, then it will be clear upon interpretation by the courts. Instead of protecting its own ability to make decisions by coupling its interpretation of sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination statement, the University fails to extend its protection uniformly by excluding gay members of the community. Notre Dame specifies that a number of institutions do not include the phrase in their nondiscrimination clauses. This is true, but many also have added it since 1997. 22 of the 28 Jesuit Universities in the United States include sexual orientation in their nondiscrimination clauses. These schools include Wheeling Jesuit, Loyola University of Chicago, John Carroll, Fordham University, Duquesne University and Boston College. After reading these schools’ nondiscrimination clauses, and then turning one’s attention to Notre Dame’s, the omission of “sexual orientation” is obvious.

While the distinction between sexual orientation and sexual conduct is critical to Notre Dame as a Catholic institution, the University, by not including sexual orientation in the nondiscrimination clause, itself does not distinguish between the two phrases. Instead, it errs on the side of discrimination against members of the gay community because it fears that the rest of the American community will not distinguish. However, if the University advocates that all sexual activity must be abstained from until marriage, and enforces this via parietals and educational programs on campus, then adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause will not be a problem for the

University with respect to distinguishing on campus between sexual orientation and sexual activity. It would appear then, that the University is in fact not changing the nondiscrimination clause for fear of what the outside community will think; however, Lance Gallop said it well in his letter to The Observer, “There but for the grace of God go I (Oct. 11)”: “[Gay members of the community] need a University which is brave enough to say, ‘It doesn’t matter if our donors or our trustees walk away because we choose to accept you. If we lose money and power and prestige because of you, we do not care. We love you more than this.’”

With the increase and prominence of teen suicides of people thought to be gay, there has come an increased focus on bullying based on sexual orientation. What happened at Rutgers University to Tyler Clementi could happen to someone at the University of Notre Dame. Rutgers was just about to implement workshops as a part of Project Civility, to teach students to be tolerant and accepting of others. Notre Dame cannot stand idly and pretend that this could not happen at the University. Rutgers has the right idea. They already have “sexual orientation” in the nondiscrimination clause, and the planned Project Civility is a great idea. Notre Dame is behind in this respect. Adding “sexual orientation” to the nondiscrimination clause is the first step.

In 1997, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops published the pastoral letter, “Always our Children.” Addressed to parents and pastors of homosexual children, the letter read in part: “First, don’t break off contact; don’t reject your child. ... Your child may need you and the family now more than ever. He or she is still the same person. This child, who has always been God’s gift to you, may now be the cause of another gift: your family becoming more honest, respectful, and supportive.” It is time the University of Notre Dame became more honest, respectful and supportive of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered members of its family.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To that guy who resorts to snarky letters

To that Guy who Resorts to Snarky Letters in The Observer, (“You know who you are” Nov. 16), rather than actually talking to a girl:

Why yes, I do know who I am. How astute of you to make that deduction.

Mr. Kachadoorian, I am disappointed in you. Have you really been in line behind me four times? Why did you not, at any previous time, speak up and say, “Excuse me, I seem to lack the ability to go around you so could you perhaps let me pass?” I would have happily moved aside for you.

Mr. Kachadoorian, it is your conduct that is unacceptable. While others respect the dignity of students who dislike paper-thin carrot shavings and instead choose the large ones, you literally stand there making snide comments in your head and ignore the fact that some of us would rather choose exactly what we would like to eat rather than scoop piles of carrots into our bowls and throw away the ones that we find disagreeable. Shouldn’t we all do our part to diminish the amount of waste the dining hall produces?

I sincerely doubt that your rage is uncon-

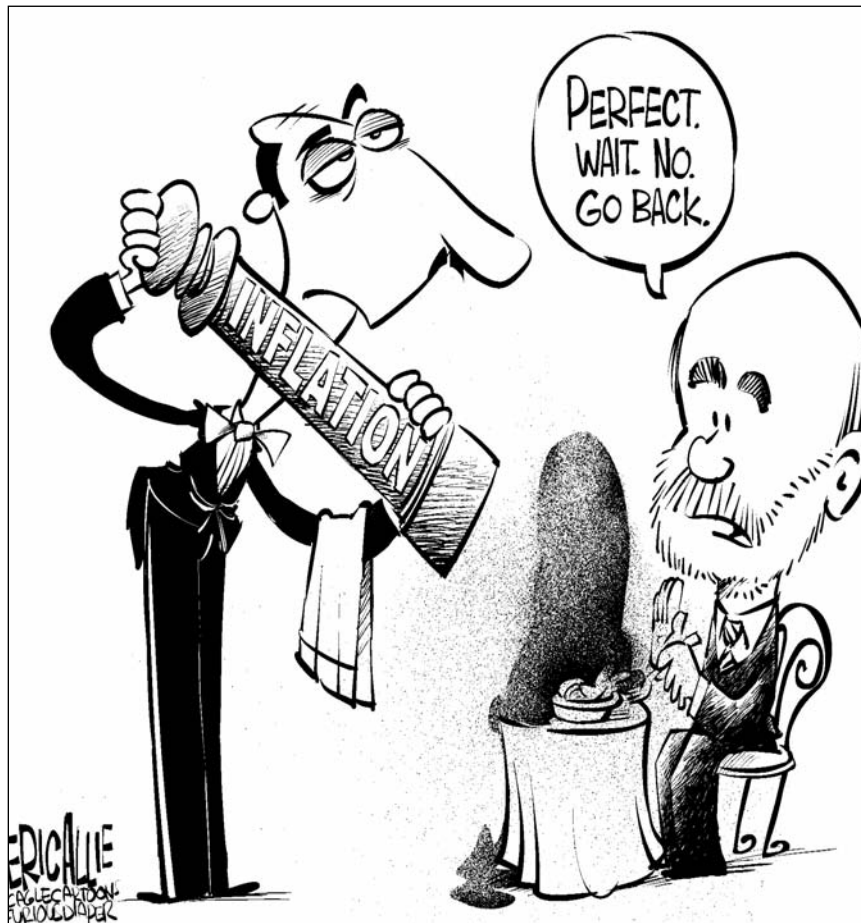
trollable, just as I doubt that I’ve impaired an otherwise pleasurable dining experience for hundreds of hungry students. Also, it certainly does not take me five minutes to fill a bowl with carrots. Hyperbole is unbecoming in an argument, so please forgive me if I disregard your letter and proudly continue to choose my carrots as I please. I refuse to stand aside as a silent victim of your rude, thoughtless crime against a harmless, friendly girl who simply doesn’t like puny carrots.

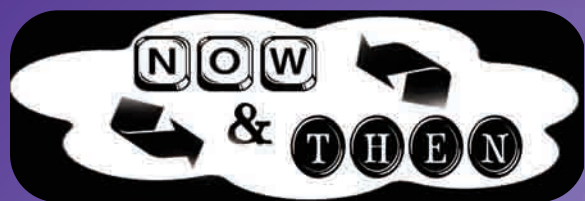
Haste makes waste, take time to smell the roses, you could always just go around me, etc. And please, Mr. Kachadoorian, if you truly didn’t want to resort to The Observer, you would have regarded common courtesy and said something to me first rather than making a spectacle of the situation. At five foot two, I’m hardly intimidating.

In Notre Dame,
That Carrot Girl, a.k.a. Kiely King

Kiely King
junior
off campus
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EDITORIAL CARTOON





Gender Relations

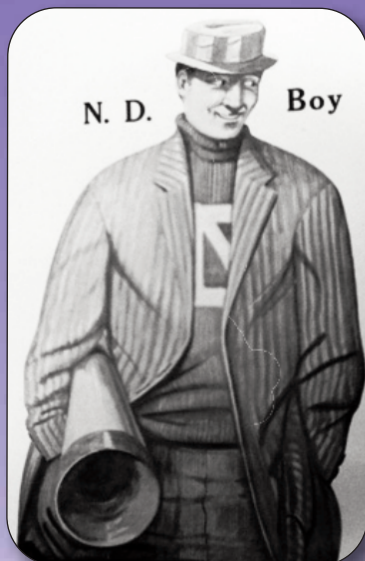
The University of Notre Dame was established as an all-male institution in 1842. Though women were admitted to the university in 1972, the men of early Notre Dame marked their territory on this campus. Their continuing legacy is reflected in the skewed gender relations present on campus today.

Maintaining single-sex dorms, parietals and numerous male-female stereotypes (i.e. the atrocious “ring by spring”), Notre Dame has preserved archaic notions of gender as a clear-cut social construct. Looking at the history of women at Notre Dame unearths some of the roots of Notre Dame’s unique view of gender.



Marissa Frobes

Scene Writer



The early 20th century “Dome” yearbooks are chock-full of abstract jokes, poems and caricatures, a nice departure from the current typical headlines of “Academic Life,” “Student Life” and “Sports.” One spread in the 1909 yearbook features dueling “N.D. Boy” and “N.D. Girl” poems. The male’s poem, seemingly written from the perspective of a woman, details the ND boy’s growing ego but then acknowledges submissively “with all your faults, we honor you.” The ND girl is described as “petite and coy” and beautiful — we learn only of her physicality, and the men’s hatred for her hat.



Though Saint Mary’s College was founded in 1844, only two years after Notre Dame, those women were not necessarily hot commodities in the eyes of Notre Dame boys around mid-century. “The Dome” of 1938 recounts tales of dances and balls on campus where “lovely guests arriv[ed] on every train... for those who waited too long, dates from the lake.” SMC students were a last resort.

And then WWII happened. The 1953 yearbook praises The Marriage Institute’s work on campus and introduces “Vetville,” which was a set of 39 housing units for veterans and their families. It was located just off the east end of campus and was autonomous from the university, but the vets were an integral part of the social community at ND.



As the idea of co-education began to loom at Notre Dame, “The Dome” presented conflicting views of the issue. One SMC student, cheerleader Terri Buck, was interviewed for the 1971 yearbook and expressed her support for the introduction of women to the university. She believed it would promote an improved social environment where women were regarded as peers, not just possible dates for the weekends.



“The Dome” of 1972 may actually be a representation of the university’s reaction to the inclusion of women that occurred that year. It did not include the individual portraits of graduates as is customary for yearbooks, and obscure lyrics rather than any expository text covers the pages — it seems as though women on campus were an issue too new to be addressed.

But a little later in the ‘70s, some progress was made. Pictures of a sign on South Dining Hall in 1973 states



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

“We’re Glad You’re Here,” as a welcome to the women. In the 1974 yearbook, a poem is included that expresses the woes of one student about “living on a campus.../ where men and women/ often seem too conscious/ of playing their roles / as male vs. female.” Discussion is often the best catalyst for change, so it was positive to at least have these issues recognized.

That brings us to today: when many current students’ mothers went to Saint Mary’s and fathers went to Notre Dame, when you can still see a handful of senior girls with rings on their finger after spring break.

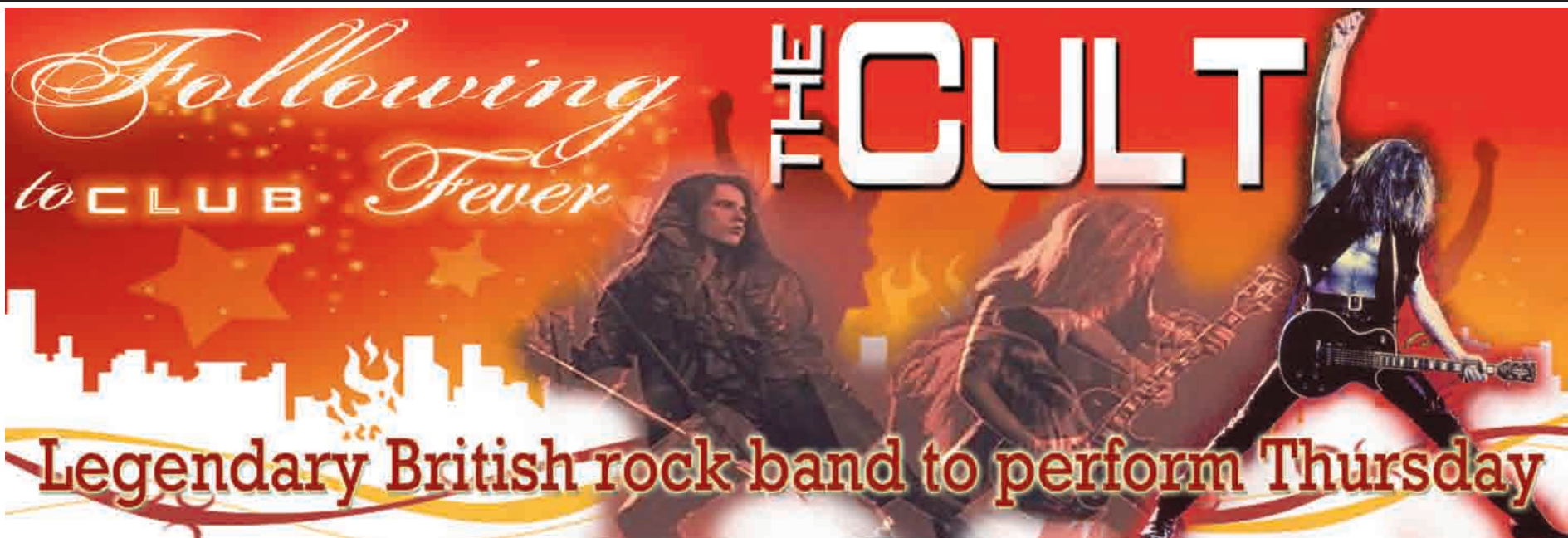
The legacy of these norms has provoked some newer conflicts with sexuality on campus. AllianceND, a gay-straight alliance group on campus, petitioned for the inclusion of sexual orientation to the University’s non-discrimination clause last spring. The university has yet to officially recognize the club or edit the clause, but at least

there is a community working toward those goals.

Also, the Gender Relations Center is in its seventh year, and serves as a campus resource for discussion to promote “the human dignity of each person” regardless of gender or orientation. The standard definitions of the “N.D. Man” and the “N.D. Girl” are changing.

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By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
Scene Writer

Club Fever hosts legendary British rock band The Cult Thursday, with an opening act by Australian alternative band The Black Ryder.

The group's origins can be traced to Ian Astbury's band Southern Death Cult, which was disbanded and changed to Death Cult, at which point guitarist Billy Duffy joined with Astbury (the band's songwriters), and in 1984 the band was changed to simply The Cult.

Their discography spans from the band's creation in 1984 to today, including albums like "Dreamtime," "Love," "Electric," "Sonic Temple," "Ceremony," and "The Cult." They are currently signed with New Wilderness.

According to The Cult's Facebook,

MySpace, and Twitter pages, new song "Embers" was released on on iTunes on Nov. 1, along with a free download of "White." Their newest album "Capsule 2" is now available for purchase and includes new songs in addition to live renditions of "White" and "Nirvana."

With influences and styles similar to The Doors, Led Zeppelin and AC/DC, the band's music can be described as a combination of heavy metal revivalist, pseudo-mysticism, post-punk goth rock, hard rock or alternative. Some of their hits are "She Sells Sanctuary," "Rain" and "Love Removal Machine." The Cult has been associated with bands such as Mötley Crüe, Aerosmith and Metallica.

Despite numerous break ups, hiatuses, members quitting or being fired and a long list of former members, The Cult returns to touring with Ian Astbury (vocals), Billy Duffy (guitar), Chris Wyse (bass), John Tempesta (drums) and

Mike Dimkich (rhythm guitar). The Cult comes to South Bend from Grand Rapids and will continue to Detroit and Milwaukee for the rest of the weekend.

The Black Ryder, hailing from Sydney, Australia, is a much newer band, founded by Miss Aimee Nash and Scott von Ryper in 2007. Self-produced and self-funded, the duo came together after leaving Australian band The Morning After Girls. Their sound has been described as psychedelic, shoegaze, alternative and experimental. Since 2007 the duo has released a video for "Sweet Come Down" from their 2009 album "Buy the Ticket, Take the Ride" with EMI Music Australia label and multiple compilations in 2007 and 2008.

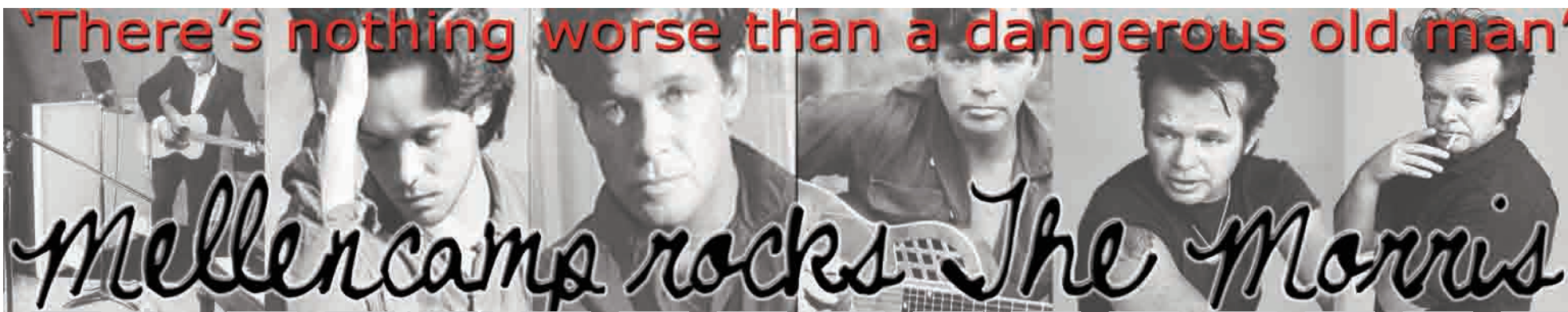
The doors for the concert open at 6 p.m. and the concert starts at 7 p.m. To make a reservation for dinner before the show at the Backstage Grill,

call (574)232-0222. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who attend the concert are able to stay for the Thursday night college night and will not have to pay a cover charge to remain at the club after the concert is over.

Around the Bend

What: The Cult featuring The Black Ryder
Where: Club Fever, 222 S. Michigan St., South Bend
When: Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.
How much: \$35
Learn more: Call (574) 234-5200 or visit clubfever.biz

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By **ROSS FINNEY**
Scene Writer

In more than 30 years in the music business, John Mellencamp has learned how to work a crowd. With plenty of charm, and more than a couple good jokes, the native Hoosier had the packed audience in the palm of his hand Saturday at his excellent performance at the Morris Performing Arts Center.

There was plenty of love for Indiana's biggest rock 'n' roll star, and the Morris, which can seem a little stuffy, didn't stifle the enthusiasm or the fun. More than a few moms rocked out, many right in front the stage, dancing and having a fantastic time. The booze was flowing, everyone clapped and sang along when they could, and one man even ran through the aisles with a John Mellencamp flag.

The show began with his band playing mostly acoustic instruments, and Mellencamp did a run-through of songs largely culled from his most recent albums "No Better than This" and 2008's "Life, Death, Love and Freedom."

He started out with his classic, "The Authority Song," which he gave a bit of

a rockabilly flavor that suited the song very well and really primed the audience. After that he broke into the new song, "Nobody Cares About Me," which was upbeat and amusing.

Later in the set, he covered Son House's blues song "Death Letter" to which Mellencamp's voice was surprisingly suited. Guitarist Andy York provided slide guitar, which was amazingly dark and moody. The song highlighted Mellencamp's great talent for channeling the more traditional styles of music that have so heavily influenced his last two albums.

Mellencamp told the audience about his interaction with a fan right before the show, when the fan asked him if he was playing the old favorites. To that Mellencamp jokingly said he tried to look ahead most of the time, but he just might make a promise to play one or two songs. He then went into an a cappella solo version of the favorite "Cherry Bomb," to which the audience knew every word.

The mostly solo acoustic set followed, the highlight of which may have been his great song "Jackie Brown." He was joined by violinist Miriam Strum, whose playing added a new depth and strikingly sad quality to what is already a rather bleak song, and it was spectacu-

lar. Throughout the night, Strum's violin added rich texture to the arrangements, and gave the whole performance a very likable rootsy feel.

"Jack and Diane" may have been the most controversial of the songs to which he gave new arrangement. Giving it a laid back country two-step, Mellencamp changed the tune from an Americana anthem to more thoughtful folksy reminiscence on life. Audience reception was lukewarm, though many still sang along as though the tune were its rocking former self.

Immediately following "Jack and Diane" was a solo acoustic version of the classic "Small Town," which was fantastic. Not significantly different in arrangement, but just stripped down, the song got at right to the core of South Bend's appreciation for Mellencamp. It was simple, bold and passionately sung, both by Mellencamp and the audience.

His full rock band closed out the night, performing many of the old favorites. He managed to slip in a couple new tracks, but the audience was really there to hear the songs they've loved for years. "Pink Houses" was as rocking as ever and its lyrics about the failure of the American Dream are as pertinent as ever.

The last song of the night was

"R.O.C.K. in the USA" which was a great closer. A cheerful ending note, the song sounded fresh, and Mellencamp even pulled a woman from the audience to dance with him, which was as hilarious as it was simply awesome on his part.

Among his many asides, he gave some advice to the younger folks out there, saying that when he was young he thought he knew a lot. But, he's also lived a great a deal since then, and that he might have picked up some knowledge along the way, and that made him dangerous. He humorously warned that there's "nothing worse than a dangerous old man." If a dangerous old man can continue to put on shows like his, there might be nothing better.

John Mellencamp
November 13 at the Morris
Performing Arts Center



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MLB

Uggla traded to Braves for Infante, Dunn

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Power-hitting second baseman Dan Uggla was dealt from the Florida Marlins to the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday for infielder Omar Infante and left-hander Mike Dunn in the first trade of the general managers' meetings.

A two-time All-Star, Uggla hit .287 with 33 homers and 105 RBIs last season and had been discussing a possible contract extension with Florida. He made \$7.8 million this year, is eligible for salary arbitration and can become a free agent after the 2011 World Series.

"We're satisfied he's here for one year," Braves general manager Frank Wren said. "He's a kind of guy we'd like to make long-term."

The trade reunites Uggla with former Marlins manager Fredi Gonzalez, hired by the Braves to succeed Bobby Cox following the longtime Atlanta manager's retirement.

Florida is close to replacing some of the lost power with free-agent catcher John Buck, who is nearing agreement on an \$18 million, three-year contract.

Martin Prado split time between second and third this year for the Braves, and the trade could be a sign Atlanta is unsure whether

third baseman Chipper Jones can return next year from surgery to repair a torn ligament in his left knee. Jones turns 39 in April.

Wren said Uggla will play second. "Martin plays left field as his primary position in winter ball, though he's not playing this year," Wren said. "So we have some flexibility depending on how Chipper responds."

Marlins president of baseball operations Larry Beinfest said the trade followed the failed contract talks. Uggla was taken from Arizona in the 2005 winter meeting draft when he was left unprotected.

"The deal just didn't work out. We just made the decision," Beinfest said. "Dan is a great guy. He understands. He's a great story in a lot of ways from where he came from five years ago to where he is today."

Terry Bross, Uggla's agent, said the player was in Mexico on a Nike tour and not available to discuss the trade.

"He loved Florida and wanted to remain a Marlin. I'm sure he's saddened by not being a Marlin anymore. But he'll be exited to be a Brave."

Florida offered Uggla a \$24 million, three-year extension during the summer, a person familiar with

the talks said, speaking on condition of anonymity because those details were not announced. The person said Uggla countered with a \$71 million, five-year proposal.

In recent weeks, the Marlins increased their offer to \$48 million over four years, and Uggla remained with his initial proposal.

Bross declined comment on those figures. He said he would be willing to discuss a multiyear deal with the Braves but called it a step-by-step process and said he will wait to hear from Atlanta.

Infante was a first-time All-Star who hit a career-high .321 with eight homers and 47 RBIs. Dunn was 2-0 with a 1.89 ERA in 25 games in his rookie season.

"There could be a little downturn in the power," Beinfest said, "but it's a different look now for the Marlins to get the high average, high on-base guy and then hopefully the guys in the middle, Hanley (Ramirez) and (Mike) Stanton can drive those guys in."

While the teams had been in discussions for awhile, it came together when the GMs gathered for their annual get-together.

"I think we exchanged some names 10 days ago or 12 days ago," Wren said. "As we got into our meetings today, I think it was just by



AP
Former Marlins second baseman Dan Uggla hit .287 with 33 home runs and 105 RBIs last season with Florida.

happenstance, we happened to be sitting beside each other. We didn't have assigned seats as we normally do. We started talking and it progressed by late in the morning we were exchanging names and were in basic agreement what the deal would be. It was just going ahead and getting some additional information."

Buck's negotiations were disclosed by a second person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal was not yet final. The person said the sides were working to wrap it up.

Buck was a first-time All-Star this year, when he hit .281 with 20 homers and 66 RBIs for the Toronto Blue Jays.

NFL

Vick's MVP-like resurgence sparks soaring Eagles

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Vick had just scored after another dazzling run against the Redskins when Eagles fans at a local sports bar began chanting: "M-V-P! M-V-P! M-V-P!"

It was a far cry from what Vick was being called a few years ago.

Once one of the NFL's biggest and highest paid stars, his career was in ruins and his life in shambles. He was broke, reviled and relegated to being a situational No. 3 quarterback after serving 18 months in federal prison for running a dog-fighting ring.

Now he's on top again, playing maybe better than ever, and just in time to become perhaps the biggest free agent on the market next year.

Vick may have had the best all-around game by a quarterback in NFL history Monday night against Washington. He

threw for 333 yards and four touchdowns, and ran for 80 yards and two scores in Philadelphia's 59-28 victory.

So much for everyone who protested his arrival in Philadelphia and threatened to boycott games.

"I thought what he did was disgusting, but the guy paid his dues and deserves a second chance," said Shaun Young, an 18-year season ticket holder who was inducted into the Pro Football Ultimate Fan Association's Hall of Fame last year in Canton, Ohio.

"He's playing incredible. I respect people's opinions that don't like him, but isn't this world based on second chances?"

Since signing with the Eagles in August 2009, he's been a model citizen off the field, working with the Humane Society of the United States and speaking to school and community groups about the cruelty of dogfighting.

On the field, Vick has been

downright spectacular, even more so than when he was a superstar with the Atlanta Falcons.

"I feel like I'm playing the best football only because of the coaches that I have, the guys I'm playing with. The offensive line is playing great," Vick said. "I have a great group of guys around me. Just as I'm doing a great job, those guys are doing a great job as well."

Fickle fans who were outraged when the Eagles signed him to a two-year deal are now demanding the team give him a new contract. Vick, who filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in July 2008, could be a top free agent on the market next year if Philadelphia lets him get that far. Teams who weren't willing to trade a high draft pick for him when the Eagles made him available last offseason just may be lining up to throw money at him.

"The other 31 teams out there need to save their money and

vote for Michael Vick or try to get a bid for him because the way he was looking out there, he was looking awesome," Redskins defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth said.

Some would argue that if Redskins quarterback Donovan McNabb can get a \$78 million, five-year deal from the Redskins, the 30-year-old Vick certainly should be worth more right now. He's younger and arguably playing better than McNabb did when he led the Eagles to the Super Bowl in 2004. McNabb was traded by the Eagles to Washington in April and the rest, well, is history.

"I could have never envisioned this," Vick said. "Signing here, I didn't even think I'd be starting as the quarterback this year. So, all of this is paramount for me, but at the same time it's somewhat surprising."

Hard to believe that Vick's No. 7 jersey, which was being sold at clearance prices last

December, is a hot item nowadays.

"He's my favorite player," said Ashley Walton, one of many fans wearing a Vick jersey at a sports bar in South Philadelphia. "I know what he did was wrong and it's something some people will never forgive him for, but he went to jail and he did his time. People can't judge him for one mistake forever. Everyone makes mistakes."

Indeed, Vick has made the Eagles (6-3) an instant contender in a season in what was to be a rebuilding season. They're 4-0 in games that he's started and finished, and are tied with the New York Giants for first place in the NFC East.

Check out his numbers, despite missing three games with a rib injury: He has passed for 1,350 yards and 11 TDs and rushed for 341 yards and four TDs. He hasn't thrown an interception or lost a fumble and his passer rating of 115.1 leads the NFL.

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NBA

Beasley settles into role with Timberwolves

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — It's taken a few weeks for Michael Beasley to find his way in the Minnesota Timberwolves offense.

Coach Kurt Rambis has flood-

ed the 21-year-old with responsibilities, asking him to play two positions, be aggressive but not TOO aggressive and take over when the time is right.

The message appears to be getting through.

For a player who was labeled irresponsible in his first two seasons in Miami, Beasley is embracing his role as the go-to guy in his first season in Minnesota. He scored a career-high 42 points in a win over the Kings last week, followed that up with 35 in a win over the Knicks and is averaging 32.5 points over the last four games.

Beasley's scoring binge has helped the Wolves go 2-2, showing a feistiness that wasn't there early in the season — or for the last five years, really.

Beasley welcomed a baby boy into his family on the same day he hung 42 on the Kings and is quickly settling into his new surroundings after two so-so seasons to start his career.

"I feel at home," Beasley said. "I definitely feel at home, on the court and off."

The precocious personality and free-wheeling spirit never really felt comfortable on South Beach after the Heat made him the No. 2 overall pick in 2008. He never got into the flow of the offense playing with Dwyane Wade and ran into problems off the court as well.

The Heat sent him to Minnesota in a salary dump to create room for LeBron James and Chris Bosh this summer. Rather than feel sorry for himself in basketball's version of Siberia, Beasley has shown signs of blossoming into the kind of player everyone thought he could be when he was drafted.

It's still very early in his first season with the Timberwolves, but teammates, coaches and fans are liking what they see so far.

"He's very outgoing," Rambis



Timberwolves forward Michael Beasley has averaged 32.5 points per game over the last four games. Minnesota is 2-2 on the stretch.

said. "He has a lot of fun playing. He loves the game of basketball. We certainly enjoy his enthusiasm."

And his game isn't too shabby, either. It's been a long time since the long-suffering Timberwolves have had a player with the kind of offensive versatility that the 6-foot-9 Beasley has at his disposal. He can get to the rim, knock down the 3 and create his own shot, a revelation for a team that has had to work so hard for offense in recent seasons.


"His talent is through the roof," shooting guard Wayne Ellington said. "He's just a baller man. Flat out."

Starting at small forward rather than his normal power forward, Beasley is shooting 55 percent from the field and 58 percent (7 for 12) from 3-point range during his surge, and is gradually picking up all the things that Rambis wants him to do — on both ends of the court.

"It's the hardest (basketball) thing I've ever done in my life," Beasley said. "I'm playing the three and the four on offense and defense. I'm banging with the big guys. I'm chasing the little guys. It's just focus. ... It's all mental. Coach tells me before every possession. Every time he gives me a new job he tells me and I lock in and do it."

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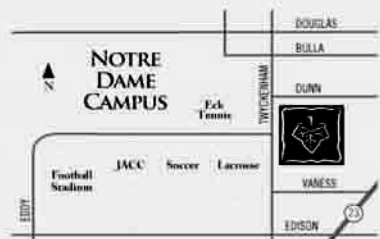
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Paterno sticks with McGloin for Saturday

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — College football's elder statesman has one of his youngest teams in ages.

Joe Paterno's roster at Penn State includes nearly five dozen freshmen and sophomores, and just eight senior starters — one of the factors JoePa cited for the second-half collapse last week in a 24-point loss at No. 8 Ohio State.

Chances for a conference title disappeared weeks ago, though it doesn't mean that Paterno is ready to use the last two regular-season games of 2010 as a warm-up for his younger players for 2011.

"No, I don't think that's fair to the kids ... who will be leaving us. And you know, they have worked hard. They are entitled to have the best season they possibly can have," the 83-year-old Paterno said Tuesday. "We are worrying about this year game-by-game. We'll worry about next year as soon as this season's over."

At 6-4 (3-3 BigTen), victories Saturday against Indiana in Landover, Md., and on Thanksgiving weekend at home vs. No. 11 Michigan State would solidify the Nittany Lions'

chances for a third consecutive New Year's Day bowl game.

But the outlook looks dramatically different from a week ago, when Penn State was riding a three-game winning streak and an emotional, come-from-behind win over Northwestern to snag Paterno's 400th career victory.

Paterno is sticking with Matt McGloin as the starting quarterback after the redshirt sophomore threw two interceptions returned for touchdowns by the Buckeyes in the second half last week. McGloin did toss two first-half touchdown passes before the team got overrun at the Horseshoe after halftime.

Ohio State counterpart Terrelle Pryor led a romp over a defense that played most of the second half without perhaps its best player in linebacker Michael Mauti (right shoulder).

It added up to the Nittany Lions' fourth loss this season by 20 or more points.

"You are bound to have those days when ... you can't make something happen for yourself, and anything adverse that happens, is probably a little bit more dramatic than it would be when you get all of the kids," Paterno said.



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MLB

Halladay wins Cy Young



Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay throws a pitch during the first inning of his perfect game against the Marlins in May. Halladay unanimously won the National League Cy Young Award Tuesday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roy Halladay arrived in Philadelphia to a standing ovation, a \$60 million contract extension and the billing as baseball's top ace. That was before he threw a single pitch.

Doc delivered, and then some.

Halladay added another victory to an almost perfect season Tuesday, unanimously winning the NL Cy Young Award and becoming the fifth pitcher to earn the honor in both leagues.

"It's by far the most fun I've ever had playing this game," he said on a conference call from Mexico, where he was golfing with Phillies teammate Mike Sweeney, Cardinals star Chris Carpenter and pitcher Chris Young.

"It was everything I hoped it would be," Halladay said.

In the Year of the Pitcher, he became the only one ever to throw a perfect game and no-hitter in the same season.

Halladay was an easy choice after going 21-10 with a 2.44 ERA and 219 strikeouts. He led the league in wins and topped the majors in innings (250 2-3), shutouts (4) and complete games (9).

Halladay received all 32 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Adam Wainwright of St. Louis was second and Ubaldo Jimenez of Colorado was third. San Francisco ace Tim Lincecum, who won the past two NL Cy Youngs, finished 11th.

"It's surprising," Halladay said. "There could have been a lot of cases made, strong cases."

This year's AL Cy Young Award winner will be announced Thursday. It could be a much more complicated race.

Felix Hernandez went 13-12, but topped the majors with a

2.27 ERA, led the AL in innings and was second in strikeouts. His Seattle Mariners had the worst record in the league and were either shut out or held to one run in 10 of his 34 starts.

CC Sabathia of the Yankees went 21-7 with a 3.18 ERA and Tampa Bay's David Price was 19-6 with a 2.72 ERA.

"Obviously, Felix's numbers are very, very impressive," Halladay said. "Ultimately, you look at how guys are able to win games. Sometimes, you find a way to win games."

Acquired from Toronto last December, Halladay quickly adjusted to a new league and added to the 2003 AL Cy Young he won with the Blue Jays.

Halladay threw a perfect game at Florida on May 29, then tossed a no-hitter against Cincinnati in his postseason debut.

Voting for the award ended after the regular season. Three

days later, Halladay completely overmatched the Reds, the top-hitting team in the NL, in their playoff opener.

Halladay split a pair of matchups with Lincecum in the NL championship series. The Giants won in six games, blunting the Phillies' bid to reach the World Series for the third straight year.

"We fell short," he said. "That part is definitely tough."

Halladay's seven-year gap between Cy Youngs ties the longest in history, matching Tom Glavine.

"To be able to do it again after so long," he said, "means a lot to me."

Halladay joined Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and Gaylord Perry as pitchers to earn the award in both leagues.

He credited catcher Carlos Ruiz, pitcher Jamie Moyer, pitching coach Rich Dubee and others for making his transition to the Phillies and the NL a smooth one.

"To be able to do it again after so long means a lot to me."

Roy Halladay
Phillies pitcher

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles dominate in opening win

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's made an emphatic statement in their opening game with a 72-36 victory against Wheaton College.

The Belles (1-0) were led by junior forward Kelley Murphy, who led the team with 21 points on 8-11 shooting from the field and notched 18 rebounds to earn the double-double.

The Belles defense stifled the Thunder all day, holding Wheaton to 24 percent shooting from the field, and four players had at least three steals.

Saint Mary's led 33-24 at halftime, but it was in the

second half of where the Belles put the game out of reach. They held the Thunder to just 12 points in the second half and outscored Wheaton by 27 in the final 20 minutes.

The Thunder (0-1) were led by junior Elisabeth Potts, who had 13 points and eight rebounds in 25 minutes of action, and senior Annie Bowen, who recorded a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The Belles will next be in action Friday against Aurora College at the North Central College holiday tournament in Naperville, Ill.

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NHL

Canadiens shut out Philadelphia

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Carey Price made 41 saves for his third shutout, Brian Gionta had a goal and two assists, and the Montreal Canadiens extended their winning streak to four with a 3-0 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

Price stopped 13 shots in the first and 20 more in the second on his way to his seventh career shutout, his second in four games. He stopped 34 shots one week earlier in a 2-0 win over Vancouver which began Montreal's current streak.

Gionta assisted on Michael Cammalleri's goal during a two-man advantage midway through the first period. The Canadiens' captain got his second assist on Tomas Plekanec's goal 13:48 into the second.

Gionta scored for the third game in a row when he added

Montreal's second power-play goal 6:24 into the third.

Sergei Bobrovsky made 25 saves for Philadelphia, which lost in regulation for the first time in three weeks. The Flyers, who beat Ottawa 5-1 on Monday, had gone 9-0-1 since a 2-1 loss in Columbus on Oct. 25.

It was the first meeting of the two Eastern Conference finalists since Philadelphia's series win last spring.

Montreal defenseman Andrei Markov was out of the lineup because of a right knee injury he suffered late in Saturday night's 7-2 win over Carolina after colliding with Hurricanes captain Eric Staal.

The Canadiens said prior to the game that Markov, who missed the first 10 games recovering from surgery on the same knee, will be sidelined indefinitely. There was no update on the nature of his injury.

Cammalleri scored 9:36 into the first during a lengthy two-man advantage. Flyers defenseman Chris Pronger was sent off for clearing a puck into the crowd at 8:39, 23 seconds after Matt Carle was called for slashing.

Plekanec scored in the second period to put the Canadiens up 2-0 moments after Philadelphia had two straight power plays, including a two-man advantage for 30 seconds.

The Montreal center took Gionta's pass and stopped in the right faceoff circle before surprising Bobrovsky with a shot under his right pad while Canadiens forward Travis Moen drove the left side.

Canadiens center Jeff Halpern had to be helped off the ice after he was hit by Philadelphia's Darroll Powe in the corner 27 seconds into the third. Powe appeared to get his elbow up on Halpern's head, though no penalty was called on the play.

Halpern's helmet came off after his head struck the boards and the back of his head struck the ice when he fell.

Powe fought with Montreal's Maxim Lapierre at 2:06.

Gionta got his third point at 6:24 when his backhand toward the net got past Bobrovsky for his fourth goal in five games.

Nash

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especially hot hand from deep, hitting nine of his 15 three-point attempts.

Both Abromaitis and Nash are also averaging double digits for the Irish — a scoring diversity that Brey foresaw.

"We will be a little more diverse [in scoring], with guys being able to make plays," he said. "Certainly Ben [Hansbrough] and [Tim Abromaitis] are the most confident to make plays, especially during our early non-league slate. They have been in the battles a little longer."

Notre Dame faces Chicago State tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

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Hurley

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Hurley finished 61st out of 136 competitors. At the event, it was announced that Hurley won the 2009-10 World Cup Trophy as the best junior epee competitor. According to Bednarski, Hurley can use the international competition as motivation to be in a continual process of improvement.

"The whole world is challenging her," Bednarski said.

Hurley's sister Kelly was a fencer at Notre Dame as well and also competed in the World Championships.

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“Our goal was to win the regular season and we weren’t able to do that, so we have another opportunity here this weekend to win the tournament, which would be awesome to have a Big East championship this year,” Brown said.

Once again, the Big East features a number of powerhouse squads, with Cincinnati, Louisville, Marquette and Villanova taking the top four seeds. Each of these squads defeated the Irish this season and threatens to take them down once again this weekend,

but Brown isn’t letting that get her team down.

“One of the things that’s fun about it is that we’ve played each of these teams before, so to have the opportunity to see them again and to be able to make the adjustments and to be able to look at the little things, what we didn’t do well against them the time before, makes it a fun and challenging situation,” Brown said.

Of the four teams ahead of the Irish, only Cincinnati registered a 3-0 sweep.

At the opening of the confer-

ence season, the Bearcats were unanimously selected as the favorite in the Big East preseason coaches’ poll. Louisville, the defending tournament champion, was picked second, and Notre Dame followed in third. The Irish have struggled with Louisville in the Big East championship before, falling to the Cardinals in the title game in both 2008 and 2009 after defeating them in the regular season.

“It’s a matter of being sharp for three matches in a row.”

Debbie Brown
Irish coach

But Brown isn’t allowing her team to worry about the past. Instead, she’s working to keep them focused on being ready to play three difficult matches in a matter of three days against some of the Big East’s best competitors.

“The challenge is the tournament, always, that you play, if you win the championship, you play three matches back-to-back and its always good competition,” Brown said. “It’s a matter of being sharp for three matches in a row.”

Notre Dame doesn’t have to look far for the key to its success and playing on top of its game. The Irish found that key much earlier this season, and were reminded of it this past weekend as they swept both Rutgers and Seton Hall when

everything was about the team.

“Our main focus is on the team and whatever we can do,” Brown said. “All through out the season and it was really noticeable this last weekend, how the team was really united and everybody was really selfless and really happy for their teammates, whenever their teammates would do something well.

“I want to definitely implicate that as we go into the tournament. It’s definitely a team time, it’s something where everybody’s really focused on doing what they can to make the team better,” Brown continued.

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Junior midfielder Chris Sutton contests the ball against Marquette in a Big East conference tournament quarterfinal on Nov. 6. The Irish received the No. 9 overall seed in the NCAA tournament Monday.

Louisville

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Committee on the same side of the bracket as No. 1 overall Louisville. For Notre Dame, this means the road to the College Cup runs through their old Kentucky foes.

Several things bode well for Clark’s squad with their seeding and their draw. They will be playing familiar foes nearly all the way through. In their opening game, the Irish will play the winner of a Wednesday night tilt between Dartmouth and Monmouth. Clark should have no trouble game planning for a Dartmouth squad that he knows well, as he coached at the school from 1985 to 1993 and led the Big Green to the NCAA quarterfinals twice.

Clark’s oldest son Tommy also graduated from and played soccer for the Ivy League school. Waiting for the Irish in the next round, if top seeds hold, would be UCLA, who handed the Irish a 1-0 defeat in Notre Dame’s season opener. The next logical opponent would be Louisville, provided the Cardinals are able to knock off lower seeds in their first two games. On the whole, it’s clear that there is no lack of familiarity for the Irish on their side of the bracket.

While the results against the

Bruins and Cardinals haven’t been positive, this is a different Irish team than the one that took the field in the early stages of the season. Senior forward Steven Perry and junior midfielder Brendan King have been sensational in the second half of the season, with Perry seemingly scoring in every match. Notre Dame has been scoring goals against better defenses than the ones they struggled to score against early in the season. If there is one trend that the team can ride through the postseason, it is the fact that their main striker — Perry — is scoring goals. Soccer coaches have a lot to smile about when that happens.

The teams who win championships are not always the best overall teams, but the teams that are playing the best going into the postseason. Clark’s squad is playing well at the right time, and if fate smiles on them, they will get the chance to take on the team that has tormented them throughout the regular season and beat them when it really counts.

Isn’t that really all they can ask for?

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Several things bode well for Clark’s squad with their seeding and their draw. They will be playing familiar foes nearly all the way through.

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WILL SHORTZ

- Across
- 1 "The Da Vinci Code" priority

5 Disgusting-tasting

9 The first to stab Caesar

14 Feminine suffix

15 Key point

16 Gordon and Ginsburg

17 Dog in whodunits

18 Fine-tune

19 Register

20 Place with a "You Are Here" map

23 Brew source

24 Dermal opening?

25 Fleet letters

26 Packed away

28 Left at sea

30 Anchor-hoisting equipment

33 Go straight

35 Howard who parodied Adolf

36 Affirmative actions?

37 Longtime Greenwich Village music venue, with "the"

40 Source of bubbly

43 The other army

44 Innumerable

48 Protection for Pele

51 Slowly, to Solli

52 Ground breaker

53 Breakfast orders at a 55-Down, briefly

54 Altar agreement

56 Muslim convert in 1964 news

57 Glen Campbell hit, the last word of which is this puzzle's theme

61 Half of diez

62 Verve

63 Instrument played with a mallet

64 "I don't care if they do"

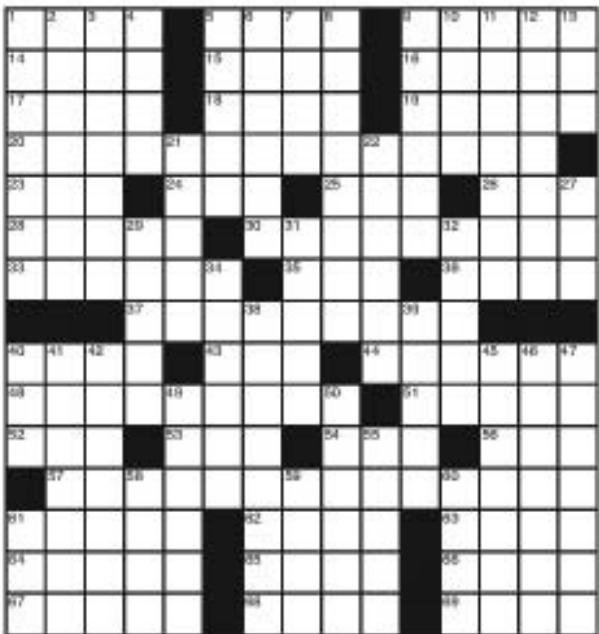
65 Learning by flash cards, e.g.

66 Seek out

67 Decrease, as support

68 Poll closing?

69 Badlands locale: Abbr.



- Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld
- 29 Batpole user

31 Mideast leader: Var.

32 Core group

34 Japan's highest point: Abbr.

38 Wedding reception participants, often

39 Hose material

40 Smokestack emission

41 More ostentatious

42 Connect with

45 Sulky

46 Emory University's home

47 Hanging in there

49 "Beat it, kid!"

50 Get wider

55 Where hash is "slung"

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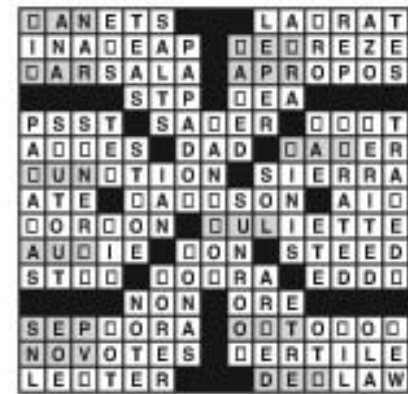
59 Millions

60 Orders at a 55-Down

61 A.L. Central city

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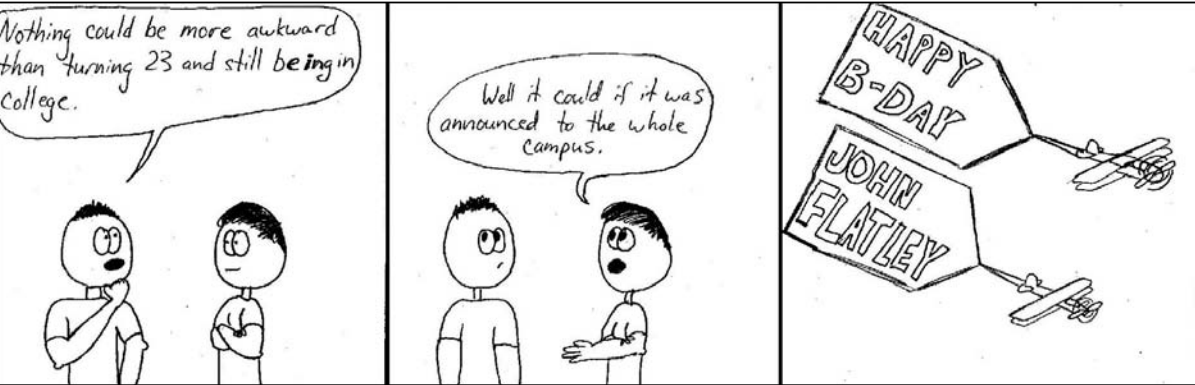
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



The answers to the 12 starred clues start with abbreviations for the months of the year, in order.

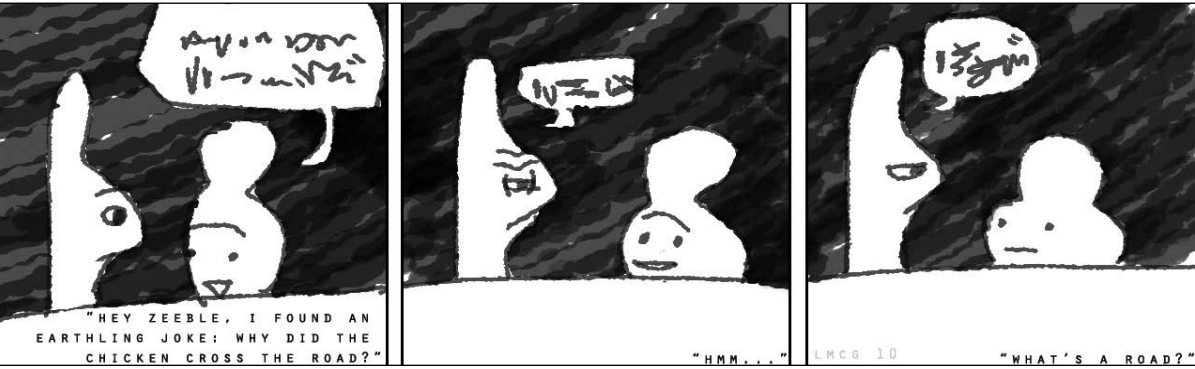
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TUESDAY VARIETY SHOW

LAURA McGLINN



HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Maggie Gyllenhaal, 33; Martha Plimpton, 40; Dwight Gooden, 46; Marg Helgenberger, 52

Happy Birthday: Do everything in your power to make your home user-friendly and relaxing. It has to be your place to go, chill out, get the most done and spend time with the people you enjoy. Making a difference will count for something this year and must be given ample effort and time. The sooner you put change into play, the easier it will be to get everything else in your life up to par. Your numbers are 3, 11, 21, 24, 33, 38, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Getting emotional over money, legal or health problems will stand in the way of doing what needs to be done. There are all sorts of opportunities available to you if you are willing to speak up and respond. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have to take the initiative and stay in control. Serious effort will bring the type of reaction and rewards you are hoping for. A partnership will adapt, no matter what choice you make. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do the best job possible and don't worry about what anyone else thinks or does. Love is on the rise and getting involved with someone new or rekindling the flame with your current partner will do wonders for you personally and emotionally. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may think it's best to keep things exactly the same but you can do so much better if you adapt and update the way you do things. Socializing more will help you broaden your perspective professionally and personally. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Getting along with people you want to do business with or get something from should be your top concern. You will learn from connections made through networking functions you attend. A lifestyle change will do you good. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let someone bully you into putting him or her first. Take care of your own business whether it's personal or professional. A change in one of your partnerships will be sudden; don't let it disrupt your plans. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There will be plenty to be concerned about. Don't let anyone infringe on your time when you are supposed to be taking care of important details. You must finish what you start. Excuses will lead to a poor reputation. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You've got so much going for you. Don't think you aren't ready because every last detail isn't in place. Whatever you have to present is a changing playing field, ready to morph into something different with the contributions made by others. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll find it difficult to get along with others if you take what's said literally. Hostility will not help your situation. Hold onto your thoughts until you are sure you aren't going to offend or damage your chance to advance. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Think back to your old dreams, hopes and wishes and you can incorporate the past with the future. Be open to what others are doing. Making changes at home will help to ease your stress and your overhead. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You need to partner with someone who has the potential to help you, not pull you down or lead you astray. Utilize your vision and ability to express your desires to invite potential people into your circle and your plans. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your emotions will escalate. Don't let anyone provoke you into an argument. It's important to get along if you want to get ahead. Get legal matters out of the way before making a presentation. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are adaptable, sensitive and outgoing. You are well liked and intent on getting others to see things your way.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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SCEXIE

Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLANK LEECH CANNED BYWORD
Answer: When the spy made a secret call, he — HAD A CODE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Let's have one more—to Frankie!

WHAT THE FRIENDS DRANK TO AT THE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Opening volley

Notre Dame set to begin conference tournament with match against Pittsburgh

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will head to Pittsburgh this weekend to compete for their 10th Big East title.

Unlike last season, when the Irish (17-11, 10-4 Big East) went into the tournament at the top of the conference, this year's squad has a lot more to work for.

"[The tournament is] huge because of two reasons, but the primary [reason] is that it gives the winner of the tournament an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, and for us this year, that is huge," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "And obviously, anytime you can go to a tournament and win, and win a championship that would be obviously, the second part of it and certainly our goal."

Notre Dame was not able to win one of its earlier goals for this season, a goal it achieved flawlessly last season with an undefeated conference sched-

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Freshman setter Sammie Brown sets up teammate Kellie Sciacca for a kill against Northern Iowa Oct. 7. The Irish will begin the Big East tournament against Pittsburgh this weekend.

TOM LA/The Observer

MEN'S SOCCER

ND's road to Cup is familiar

Evidently, baseball bats aren't the only high-quality product to come out of Louisville. The Louisville men's soccer team is pretty good too, a fact the Irish and head coach Bobby Clark know all too well.

Notre Dame has lost twice to the top-ranked Cardinals on the season, falling 2-0 on the road in Louisville in October, and dropping a heartbreaking 1-0 decision in the Big East semifinals in New Jersey Friday.

After Friday's loss, Clark expressed his hope that the Irish might get another shot against Louisville in the NCAA Tournament. He may get his wish.

The Irish were seeded No. 9 overall by the NCAA Selection



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FENCING

Hurley sets sights on national excellence

Sophomore grows after 50-5 freshman season

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

When sophomore Courtney Hurley came to Notre Dame, she was an enthusiastic young fencer looking to find her way in the sport. Slightly more than a year later, she is an internationally competitive athlete with her sights set on becoming one of the best in the world.

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski has watched her develop over the last year and a half, and has noticed marked improvements in both her tactical approach and maturity as a fencer.

"She's getting more and more mature," Bednarski said. "She's controlling her performance the whole day and it helps her."

Because fencing competitions can last up to six or seven hours, Hurley must be able to sustain her performance throughout the day by relaxing between bouts, not expending too much energy in celebration of a victory, and saving energy on weaker opponents.

"Winning the bout is not the primary goal," Bednarski said. "The primary goal is to win the competition. She's

starting to learn. You have to be a very smart and very self-controlled person to know what needs to be done to win the tournament."

Bednarski noted the many challenges that come with being a student athlete while training to keep up with the rapidly developing sport of fencing.

"She needs to follow up with the technical nuances that her opponents are bringing from the work with their coaches," Bednarski said. "It's time-consuming, but she has to find the time for this. It's not easy with studies, but that's how she has to improve."

Even as a young competitor, Hurley has accomplished a great deal in the sport. At one point, she was ranked as the No. 2 junior fencer in the world. As a freshman last season, she went 50-5 in the regular season on her way to first-team All-American honors in the NCAA Championships. She fell in the semifinals of the national tournament a year ago, but she should compete for a title this season.

This year at the FIE World Championships in Paris,

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish to host Chicago State



BRIAN VOGT/The Observer

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough chases down a loose ball against Georgia Southern on Nov. 12. The Irish will host Chicago State Wednesday after starting the season 2-0.

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Edu

Two games into the season, Notre Dame has outscored its opposition by a combined 58 points. In their third game of the season, the Irish (2-0) face a Chicago State team that was outscored by 34 points against DePaul Sunday.

Tonight's match-up will be the second in a month-long road trip for the Cougars (1-

1), while it ends a six-day stretch for Notre Dame filled with three games. Friday night the Irish topped Georgia Southern 98-61 to open the season, and defeated Liberty 72-51 Sunday.

In both games, Notre Dame started five seniors - guards Ben Hansbrough and Scott Martin and forwards Tim Abromaitis, Carleton Scott and Tyrone Nash. Four of the five - excluding Martin - are team captains.

"We have five guys that are technically seniors that have been around so it is a great group to build and grow with," Brey said of the team's elder statesmen before the season began. "Trying to stay old with the guys that are on the floor as much as possible is really important to us."

Of those five, Hansbrough leads the team in scoring with 20 points against Georgia

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