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Ready for round two



Photo courtesy of Terrence Rogers

Mike Orlando, left, hits Terrence Rogers in a 1977 Bengal Bouts match. Rogers went on to win that round but lose in the 1977 finals. Rogers returned to compete this year.

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the second installment of a three-part series about Terrence Rogers, a 1979 Notre Dame graduate who has returned as a graduate student with the goal of winning Bengal Bouts.

Terrence Rogers plans to become the oldest boxer ever to compete in the Bengal Bouts,

after three attempts to win the boxing tournament as an undergraduate in the 1970s — and he could not have come this far without the influence of a few key people.

Rogers' story begins as a 10-year-old with dreams of following his oldest brother to Notre Dame and being a boxing champion like his hero, Muhammad Ali.

"Me and my best friend were pint-size, but we thought we were Muhammad Ali," Rogers said with a laugh. "We would go

around the neighborhood beating up the other kids, and when we ran out of kids to beat up, we'd beat up each other."

Rogers kept that passion alive as an active athlete in high school. Rogers was a varsity wrestler at Chaminade High School, where he won the New York state championship for all private and Catholic schools in his senior year.

When college time came,

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Professors discuss midterm elections



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Matt Storin, left, Jack Colwell, center, and David Nickerson discuss the midterm elections Tuesday.

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

The 2010 midterm elections might not be the bloodbath for Democrats that many analysts predict, American Studies professor Matthew Storin, said Tuesday.

Storin, along with journalism professor and former South Bend Tribune reporter Jack Colwell and political science professor David Nickerson, offered insights on this year's elections Tuesday

night at the first lecture in a series titled "Pizza, Pop and Politics."

Storin said Americans hold five common assumptions about this year's election: that the Democrats will suffer massive losses, there is a gap in enthusiasm between the Democrats and Republicans, this year's election could be a defining one for political races in the future, that the Tea Party is a game changer and the Tea Party could also cause a "civil war" among

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Bookstore offers 'Race to New York'

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

How can you get free Hacienda chips and salsa, a free T-shirt and backpack, and the chance to win roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations and tickets to the Notre Dame vs. Army game at Yankee Stadium?

By participating in the Race To New York, an "Amazing Race" style contest run by the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Teams of two will travel around Notre Dame's campus, competing to perform various tasks and solve clues.

The race will take place on Oct. 2 at 8 a.m. The entry fee is \$50 per team, or \$25 per person. All money benefits the United Way Agency Partners, said Kristin Blitch, marketing manager at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

Blitch said if your team gets stumped during competition,

all is not lost.

Teams are permitted to carry up to \$50, Blitch said, which can be used to buy \$5, \$10, and \$20 clues. These clues will make where a team is headed more obvious. For example, a \$20 clue might plainly state where the team is going, Blitch said. This extra money is also donated to the United Way.

This year, Blitch said the race has added a new rule that should make the game even more exciting.

"By paying \$50, one team can hold another team back for a half hour," she said. "The only way that team can get out of the hold is to find someone with a cell phone, and make calls to get [an outside source] to donate \$20."

The Race To New York event, in partnership with Anthony Travel and the United Way, was created in 2009. Last year, the Bookstore held the Race to

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Forum: market, morals discussed

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Notre Dame staff attempted to answer difficult questions about moral development at the panel discussion "Morals and Markets: Being Catholic in a Global Economy," one of the first large events for this year's Notre Dame Forum.

"Our theme for the Forum this year is the global marketplace and the common good," University President Fr. John Jenkins said in his opening remarks. "I think that it is a specific calling for Notre Dame to address these issues with expertise."

The panel featured Dr. Margaret Pfeil, assistant professor of moral theology, Dr. Bill Evans, professor of economics and Dr. Douglass Cassel, professor of law and director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights at the Notre Dame Law School. Mary Hirschfeld, a Ph.D. student in moral theology at the University, moderated the panel.

"[Forum] issues are complex and demand a discussion on



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Economics Professor Willaim Evans discusses moral development at the first lead up event to the 2010 Forum Tuesday.

morality from a variety of perspectives," Hirschfeld said. "In modern times, we tend to specialize in our one form of knowledge and we may miss the other sides of the issue, which is why a discussion like this is so important."

Each panelist was given 12 minutes to deliver their views on

the interplay between morals and the market, using Pope Benedict XVI's 2009 encyclical, "Caritas In Veritate" as a foundation for how the Catholic Church should respond to the issues raised by the financial crisis and their

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK THE OUTCOME OF THIS WEEKEND’S GAME IS GOING TO BE?



Chelsea Crane

senior
off campus

“Pshhh.”



Christie Draddy

junior
Regina

“We are on a losing streak at the moment. Hopefully, it will change”



Megan Weinandy

senior
Le Mans

“Well, about that...”



Meghan Farina

junior
Regina

“I love Notre Dame... but...”



Amanda Lester

junior
Holy Cross

“Hopefully we will have the luck of the Irish on our side this weekend!”

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



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Daniel Diaz serves Mexican food for the Hispanic Heritage Month dinner at Saint Mary's Noble Family Dining Hall. During the meal there was live music, Latin candy and desserts.

OFFBEAT

Children’s pocket money falls to 7-year low

LONDON — British children's weekly pocket money has fallen to a seven-year low, in a sign parents are still cutting back on non-essential spending even as the country emerges from recession, a survey showed Monday.

Halifax, part of Lloyds Banking Group, said average pocket money fell to 5.89 pounds (\$9.23) a week in 2010 from 6.24 pounds in 2009. The new figure is the lowest weekly sum since 2003 when parents paid an average of 5.79 pounds.

Children's pocket money has fallen despite a small rise in their parents' wages over the past year. Average weekly pay in Britain in the three

months to July was 431 pounds excluding bonuses, 1.8 percent more than a year earlier.

Parents paid daughters less pocket money than sons, in a parallel to the gender gap in the earnings of grownups.

Dresses, weddings and parties — it’s a dog’s life

BERLIN — A German woman has come up with a novel idea to give dogs going to weddings or festivals a bit of style.

Nicole-Juliana Schrei-Jakobi has discovered a new market: clothing for dogs. They can now look the part at the Oktoberfest in Lederhosen and dirndls -- a traditional dress with a blouse, bodice and apron.

The 36-year-old even has a dog buggy so her own Maltese dog does not get trampled in the crowds of people congregating at Bavaria's annual beer festival.

For male dogs invited to a wedding she offers dinner jackets with ties, whilst females can don bridal dresses replete with veils and trains or bridesmaid outfits.

buyers.

Her own dog, Emmily, who recently won first prize for the best-dressed dog in the contest "Germany's next dog model," will be wearing one of the bridesmaid dresses soon.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The University Counseling Center will sponsor **Peace of Mind: The Art of Mindful Relaxation** today at 4:05 p.m. This program is designed to help you help you to manage stress and clear your mind. It will take place in the **Saint Liam Hall Conference Room**.

In conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month, the MSPS Fine Arts Lecture Series will begin with **American Politics in the 21st Century: The Latino Vote**. This lecture will take place today at 7 p.m. in the **McKenna Auditorium**. Professors from various schools will share their perspectives of Latinos' roles and influences in American politics in the new century.

The seminar "**Engineering in 2030: How the Engineering Profession Is Changing**" will take place tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. This is the next installment in the Fall 2010 Seminar Series — Challenges and Innovation in Civil and Environmental Engineering. It will take place in **138 DeBartolo Hall**.

The 2010 Rev. Bernie Clark, C.S.C. Lecture "**Globally Engaging Charity in Truth**" will take place tomorrow at 7:15 p.m. in **Andrews Auditorium, Geddes Hall**. The speaker will be Ken Hackett, President of Catholic Relief Services.

The lunch session **Fostering Global Citizenship Learning Community** will take place Friday at noon in the **Geddes Hall Coffee House**. Subsequent Global Citizenship lunch sessions are scheduled for the second Friday of each month for the 2010-11 academic year.

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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Daly accepts position to be head of task force

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

The University announced earlier this week that 2010 Notre Dame alumnae Mary Daly has been appointed to the newly created position of coordinator for University Life Initiatives.

Daly, a former president of the University's Right to Life club, will be in charge of implementing the recommendations set forth by last year's Task Force on Supporting the Choice of Life.



Daly

"I am very pleased with the University's decision to create this position and I'm grateful and honored to have been invited to work with the University on this," Daly said.

Daly will serve as a liaison between various University units to facilitate collaboration on life issues and will also work to deepen the sanctity for life within the Notre Dame community and beyond, according to the press release.

University President Fr. John Jenkins created the pro-life task force a year ago to make recommendations on how the University can support the sanctity of life.

"I would like to thank the members of the task force for their exemplary service over the course of the last academic year," Fr. Jenkins said, "and I look forward to continued progress in this important area as we work together in future years."

The task force was created partially in response to the controversy over President Obama's 2009 Commencement Address.

As an undergraduate, Daly was a leader of ND Response, a student group that held

prayerful protests opposing the administration's decision to invite Obama. The group also requested to meet with Jenkins regarding the issue, but was denied.

Jenkins withdrew his invitation to meet with the group because "they issued a set of demands as a precondition to meeting," University spokesman Dennis Brown said in an April 17, 2009, issue of The Observer.

John Cavadini, the McGrath-Cavadini Director of the Institute of Church Life, will oversee Daly's position and said the sanctity of life is more important than past disagreements.

"We all must learn to disagree respectfully when necessary, yet work together on issues of profound importance. Mary and I share a deep commitment to the sanctity of life," he said. "As a student, she was a responsible and energetic leader on campus, and now I am delighted to work with her ... on current and new initiatives related to life issues."

Daly said her previous conflict with the administration would not affect her ability to perform in her new position.

Daly said part of the task force's recommendation was to create more permanent structures to coordinate pro-life efforts in the long term. One of her first initiatives will be to assist in the organization of a faculty advisory committee on life initiatives, which will be chaired by Cavadini.

Daly also plans to strengthen the University's supportive policies for pregnant and parenting students and to create academic scholarship related to life issues across campus.

Daly's office will be in the Institute for Church Life. She will report to Cavadini and through him as well as reporting to Jenkins.

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Race

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San Antonio, which raised \$2,200 for the United Way, Blitch said.

The course last year took students to the far reaches of campus, including the Aquatic Center, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, and various parking lots.

"Last year's race was very successful," Blitch said. "Those who participated had a fun time."

Blitch said the Bookstore hopes to raise even more money for the United Way at the Race for New York.

"It may not happen this year, but we'd like to see this event eventually raise \$5,000 for United Way," she said.

This year, the course will bring participants to different parts of the Notre Dame campus, including some areas they may have never visited before.

"There is nothing people won't be able to do physically," Blitch said. "We have our staff run it, so we know it's all possible."

Blitch said it has been difficult

keeping specific details of the race in complete secrecy. The planning team has been cautious not to reveal the names of the various campus partners.

"We started mapping out the route on a campus map, but you have to be careful not to leave that map out anywhere or someone could have a cake-walk," she said.

Blitch encouraged students to participate, because for just a small fee you can have a great time, donate to a good cause, and get a shot at winning a \$2,000 prize package.

"[Students] are at an advantage," Blitch said. "This is their campus. For 25 bucks a person you get to see if you can win a chance to go to New York."

For those concerned about Notre Dame's football game against Boston College, Blitch said, "there's no need to worry. The race will be over well in time for the BC game."

Students interested in participating can contact Blitch at (574) 631-6469 by Sept. 24, or visit HammesRaceTo.com for more information.

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Forum

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effect on the developing world.

"Caritas In Veritate" is about people-centered economics," Pfeil said in her speech. "The encyclical tells us that social justice is possible."

Pfeil said Pope Benedict relied heavily on the concept of the universal destination of created

goods throughout "Caritas," and this should be a guiding concept for all people when concerning the role of the marketplace in today's economy.

"God is the giver of all creation and humans respond to his gifts, primarily the gift of life," she said. "He tells us that humans need to exercise responsibility in the world."

Pfeil said signs of the current times speak to a disregard for universal responsibility, which

elicits the need for more than a change in perspective.

"The ongoing crisis shows there is an urgent moral need for a new solidarity, especially between developing and industrial nations," she said.

While Pfeil focused on building a social conscious, Evans approached how the market system itself can be used to achieve the goals laid out in "Caritas."

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College holds accounting awards reception

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Five students received awards Sept. 14 during the annual accounting awards reception held in Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall at Saint Mary's College.

The students were recognized for their achievements within the accounting department at the College.

The awards were given to one junior and four seniors to recognize outstanding achievement in the principles of accounting, intermediate accounting, public accounting, accounting leadership and personal and corporate tax.

Junior Peggy Dobihal was the recipient of the Bridget



Dobihal

Anderson/KPMG Award. Dobihal said the award was given to the student with the highest grade in both principles of financial accounting and principles of managerial accounting.

"I feel truly blessed that God has given me the intelligence necessary to succeed here at Saint Mary's, and I am honored that I was chosen to receive this award," Dobihal said.

Senior Betsy Reed received the



Reed

PricewaterhouseCooper Award for accounting leadership.

According to Reed, she received the award due to her involvement on campus, within the Business and Economic Department and her strong grade point average (GPA).

"It was an honor to win an award and be in the presence of professors and their alumnae committed to academic success and who have been successful in their accounting careers," Reed said.

In addition, senior Maureen Temchuk won the Deloitte Award.

Temchuk said the award was for the student who had the highest average grade in two semesters of intermediate accounting.

"It was a great honor to receive this award because it was a validation of all the hard work I put into both my major and the intermediate courses," Temchuk said.

Senior Marianne Jones was awarded the Crow Horwath Award for the highest grades in



Temchuk

personal and corporate tax.

"It was a really nice ceremony, and it was a great honor to receive an award from the accounting program," Jones said.

Senior Amanda Gajor was the recipient of the Ernst & Young award.

Gajor said the award was for the student who was most likely to succeed in public accounting. The student who received the award was the most well rounded who performed well across the board in accounting classes.

"It was exciting to know that all the hard work I put in was recognized," Gajor said.

She said the award pushes her to succeed.

"It gave me motivation," Gajor said. "It makes me want



Jones

to succeed more because I have people behind me believing in me."

Though only a few students receive awards each year, the majority of the accounting students attend the reception, Jones said.

"The Saint Mary's accounting awards ceremony is a great tradition," Temchuk said. "It allows others to recognize those students who have gone above and beyond in their time at Saint Mary's. The faculty is devoted to their students and love giving outstanding student achievement the opportunity to shine. It's that devotion that makes our school such a special place."



Gajor

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Saint Mary's to host 'Tailgate'

By ALISON MEAGHER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Student Activities Board (SAB) will host a Twilight Tailgate on Library Green this Thursday at 9 p.m.

"Twilight Tailgate has been a traditional event each year that has varied from outdoor movies to concerts," SAB president Allie Courtney said.

This year, SAB will be screening "Toy Story 3" and serving caramel apples, apple cider, hot cocoa and popcorn.

"Toy Story 3" was chosen because it was most readily available through Swank Motion Pictures Incorporated, the company through which SAB purchases movies, Courtney said.

"We also picked 'Toy Story 3' because of its popularity this summer and it seems like a movie that fits perfectly with the culture on campus," she said.

The event is free to all Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross students.

The first 400 students to arrive will receive a free fleece blanket.

SAB receives a certain allotment of money from the Student Government Association (SGA) a year in order to pay for student events, Courtney said.

Courtney said the Board has been trying to create new events and enhance old ones, and that she wants SAB to establish a name on campus.

"SAB's goal is to increase participation, variety and volume at all of this year's events," Courtney said.

SAB is currently planning an Oktoberfest on campus, a screening of the sixth Harry Potter film before the new Harry Potter movie release and arranging artists for Spring Tostal.

"This is our second big event of the year," Courtney said. "We are really excited and hope a lot of people come out."

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Officials discuss campus water supply

By CASEY KENNY
News Writer

Notre Dame students might wonder why the water from different campus drinking fountains may differ in taste. A drink of water from a drinking fountain in the Rock might taste quite differently than that from a fountain in DeBartolo or a residence hall.

Mike McCauslin, assistant director of the Risk Management and Safety Department (RMSD), the entity responsible for monitoring and sampling the University's water supply, offered several explanations for the disparity in the taste of water from various drinking fountains.

"The taste of drinking fountain water depends on a variety of components," McCauslin said. "Taste depends on the location of the well, the age of the pipe and the amount of time the water sits in the pipe."

There are six wells serving the water system, all of which are located on the campus proper. The water is drawn from deep aquifers surrounded by substantial clay barriers that serve to protect the groundwater supply, according to the RMSD's 2009

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

"The wells are high in minerals and, depending on the well, the iron and manganese levels can fluctuate," McCauslin said. "When water sits in a pipe for an extended period of time, these minerals can precipitate out and cause this different taste."

The change in taste may not please students, but McCauslin said it isn't harmful.

"While these minerals might create an objectionable aesthetic in the water, they present no health concern and have no effect on the water quality," McCauslin said.

RMSD carries out routine monitoring and sampling of water on campus for harmful contaminants and, together with Notre Dame's Department of Facility Operations, has added filters on several drinking fountains — all done just for aesthetic reasons.

According to Paul Kempf, director of utilities for the Office of Business Operations, his office works closely with RMSD to ensure the safety of campus drinking water.

"We don't treat our water like most municipalities, which simply add chlorine," Kempf said. "A lot of the research done on cam-

pus needs water without chlorine and we ensure quality by testing rather than adding chlorine."

Water taste varies from individual to individual, particularly those with sensitive taste buds.

According to McCauslin, there is a step that students can take to improve the taste of water from the drinking fountains.

"Taste often depends on the frequency of use: the more you use the fountain, the better the water will taste," McCauslin said. "Let the water run for 15 to 20 seconds and this should improve the taste."

Sophomore Ryan Lynch has his preferences on where he gets his drinking water.

"I am not a big fan of some of the water fountains on campus and usually stock up on water bottles, but the ones in the dorms are alright and taste good," Lynch said.

Others are not so willing to spend their money on bottled water.

"I try not to buy bottles of water so if the taste of the water from some fountains bothers me, I just get it from the dining hall," senior Shannon Coyne said.

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Notre Dame alumnus Bishop appointed to VP position

Special to The Observer

Donald C. Bishop, a long-time admissions leader in higher education and a University of Notre Dame graduate, has been appointed associate vice president for undergraduate enrollment at Notre Dame, effective Dec. 1. He succeeds Daniel J. Saracino, who retired in June.

In addition to directing the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Bishop will oversee the Office of Student Financial Services, a new collaboration that will help Notre Dame attract and recruit highly talented students whose interests and aspirations align with the University's mission as a

Catholic university.

"Don Bishop brings broad experience, honed skills, and a deep understanding of Notre Dame to this position" said Thomas G. Burish, Notre Dame's provost. "He has been highly effective in advancing the enrollment objectives at each university he has served, and doing so in a way consistent with the culture of the institution. He has used innovative marketing and financial aid strategies to help attract and recruit superb entering classes."

"Don also understands, and is committed to, the special mission of Notre Dame. I very much look forward to working

with him as we build upon the momentum that Dan Saracino established during his 13-year tenure."

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president, added: "As an alumnus and the parent of a Notre Dame graduate, Don has a deep love for this institution and appreciates the distinctive educational opportunities that Notre Dame offers as a premier Catholic research university. I am delighted to welcome him back to his alma mater."

After earning a bachelor's degree in economics from Notre Dame, Bishop began working in the University's admissions office in 1977.

Later, as associate director of the office, he initiated the University's first comprehensive marketing research activity for admissions and financial aid, which led to increased recruitment initiatives and improved results. During that time he also earned a master's degree in economics from the University and served on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

In 1985, Bishop was appointed dean of enrollment management at Ohio Wesleyan University, where over the next decade he successfully recruited more academically talented students who were drawn to the institution's commitment to

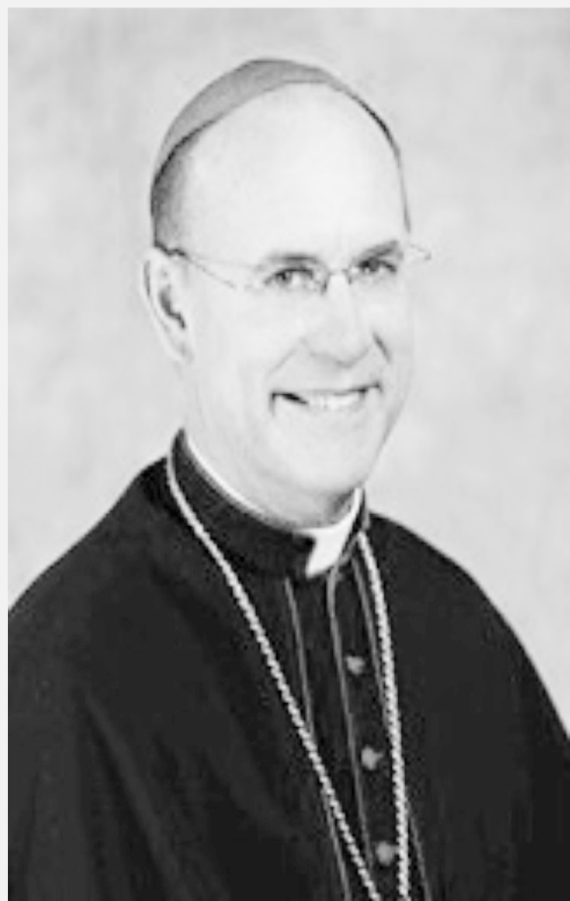
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From 1996 to 2002, Bishop served as the associate dean of students and enrollment management at the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration, the world's leading school in the field. During these years, the academic profile as well as the student's leadership and entrepreneurial abilities achieved record levels.

Bishop was the associate vice president for enrollment management at Creighton University from 2002 to 2009, helping the Catholic university reach historic highs in freshman enrollment and doubling the number of students of color.



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Republicans.

Storin said the notion that Democrats could suffer massive losses may hold true, but a lot of political pundits are biased by personal investment in the election.

“A lot of predictions and analysis is colored by what people want to happen,” he said.

Storin also said this election is unique in that polls are showing that voters are increasingly dissatisfied with their own representatives in Congress. He said under normal circumstances Americans don’t approve of Congress as a whole but support their representatives.

Despite the Democrat’s troubles, Storin said there is some hope for the party.

“We live in a time of short attention spans. Maybe by November people might swing the other way,” he said.

Storin mentioned enthusiasm is off-pace for Democrats, mainly because of the probable decline in turnout of young voters.

“There is going to be a huge drop-off in younger voters,” he said. “That is seen as one reason why Democrats are expected to suffer.”

Storin added that one of the reasons this election is viewed as a defining election is that the majority party typically loses an average of 12 seats in midterm elections.

“Americans like divided government,” he said. “Right now, they don’t have divided government.”

Despite this, he said the long-term impact of the election, especially in terms of how it might impact the president, is being overstated.

“Even though Obama is getting criticized a lot, he still is at a 46 percent approval rating in tough times,” Storin said. “It is hard to predict that a strong Republican result could impact him down the line in two years.”

Storin closed his commentary with some discussion of the Tea Party. He said the political group has had some slip ups, but could make some strong gains this November, doing more good for the Republicans than bad.

“You could make a point that there is harm [to the Republicans], but they are creating a great deal of excitement in some states with more conventional candidates,” he said.

He said the reason the Tea Party has enjoyed recent success is that it embodies apathy.

“The influence of special interest groups on congressional votes is huge, and the one group who is not represented is the ordinary people,” Storin said. “The one group who comes close to representing these people is the Tea Party.”

Colwell started his commentary by overturning the misconception that political races don’t gear up until after Labor Day, stating some races have been determined as early as Labor Day of last year.

He also said part of the GOP’s expected success involves how women usually tend to vote Democrat.

“The Republican tide started to become a tsunami. The enthusiasm gap involves the gender gap,” he said. “Polls now show females are less likely to get to the polls. They seem disillusioned.”

Colwell said the main question for this election is the margin of victory Republicans will ultimately enjoy.

“It’s going to be a Republican year, there is no doubt about it,” he said. “What we’re talking about is the size of their victory.”

Colwell said the local congressional race between current congressman Joe Donnelly and challenger Jackie Walorski could be one that ultimately decides whether the House turns Republican or remains Democrat, and between \$10 and \$20 million could be spent between the two campaigns.

“The congressional race here is one of the premier house races in the country,” he said.

Nickerson spoke on the importance of campaigns and turnout, saying ultimately it is not what the candidates do that matters as much as the state of the nation.

“The campaign stuff doesn’t matter,” he said. “What does matter is the state of the economy and how happy people are.”

Part of the reason that campaigning is difficult is the very nature of convincing people to change personal or political views.

“Persuasion is super hard. People are pretty set as Democrats or Republicans,” Nickerson said.

Nickerson’s closing statements related the nature of campaigns to go after specific voters to the enthusiasm gap Democrats are suffering from.

“When they target their messages, they are very narrowly targeted,” he said. “This makes the enthusiasm gap very important.”

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Bengal Bouts competitors participate in an award ceremony during the finals of the 2009 Bengal Bouts tournament.

Rogers

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despite Rogers’ Notre Dame dreams, his parents pushed him to attend West Point instead, he said. So Rogers joined the military academy, where he continued to wrestle — and finally tried out boxing for the first time.

“West Point has a full boxing program, required for all first-year cadets,” Rogers said. “Most cadets wanted nothing to do with it, but I got an ‘A’ in the class.”

Rogers didn’t join the West Point boxing team, but instead continued with varsity wrestling. Although he loved West Point, Rogers’ dream of attending Notre Dame refused to die — but transferring schools was much harder than it sounds.

“I had family pressures keeping me at West Point, and the military had invested in me so they wanted me to stay,” Rogers said. “Most of all, West Point is paid for by a government scholarship. Who was going to pay for Notre Dame?”

Despite the pressures, Rogers finally transferred after his junior year at West Point, but maintained close connections to his West Point classmates.

“The West Point community has been very supportive, giving me advice on how to box, and especially on how to box at my age,” Rogers said. “I have some distinct advantages and I intend to use them.”

Rogers paid for his entire Notre Dame education out of his own pocket. Although he had earned 116.5 class credits at West Point, Notre Dame’s rules required Rogers to enter Notre Dame as a junior, so he used those extra

credits to graduate with two degrees — in electrical engineering and psychology.

Between earning a dual degree and having to repeat his junior year, Rogers had no choice but to stay at the University for two and a half years.

“That was fine with me, because it gave me an extra semester at Notre Dame and an extra year to fight in the Bengal Bouts,” Rogers said.

After graduating, Rogers pursued a business career, but that was not enough, he said. As early as 1987, he became interested in a law career.

“I was doing it all for me, with my corporate career and as a bachelor for all those years,” Rogers said. He kept thinking of his father, an FBI agent, who worked to protect civil rights in the 1960s South.

“As an FBI agent, my dad was the enemy in some of those Southern states,” Rogers said. “He investigated kidnappings, disappearances and burnings of black people.”

Rogers’ dad helped keep the peace during the Little Rock, Ark., school integration, Rogers said, and in 1952 he was in a gunfight on the streets of Manhattan with a criminal on the 10 Most Wanted list.

“My dad had a very colorful career,” Rogers said. “This was dangerous work. It was about fighting abuse of authority and protecting human rights. So as a law student, civil rights became my focus.”

Rogers’ dad inspired him to go to law school and to use his boxing skill to help the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh, Rogers said. But after several rejections, Rogers gave up on Notre Dame Law School.

He instead graduated from the University of St. Mary in San Antonio in 2007.

“It was so hard to get back in. I was competing with a pool of greater talent,” Rogers said. “I was accepted three times in the 1970s, then rejected 11 times. Then I came back strong like a fighter and got in.”

Rogers is now a student in the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Human Rights. That’s not the only change in his life — Rogers married for the first time in August 2009.

“I met Michelle at my 30-year West Point reunion,” Rogers said. “As a former Marine, she has the spirit to back me in this somewhat unusual endeavor. She’s a part of my story now.”

Muhammed Ali, West Point classmates and Rogers’ dad all influenced his quest to win the Bengal Bouts tournament — but today, his wife is his biggest support, Rogers said.

“She believes in me,” Rogers said. “She believes that I’m going to achieve what I want to achieve.”

After the influence that others have had on his quest, Rogers says it is his turn to inspire others.

“I will be fighting on behalf of the missions, on behalf of myself and on behalf of every 40-plus-year-old guy that wants to get a vicarious thrill out of this,” Rogers said. “Life doesn’t end at 40 or 50.”

The third and final installment of this series will examine Rogers’ current life as a Notre Dame graduate student and his goal of winning Bengal Bouts in 2011. It will run in tomorrow’s Observer.

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Forum

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“‘Caritas In Veritate’ picks up on the importance of trade after the ferocious development we’ve seen over the past 40 years,” Evans said. “Much of this trade is coming from the developing world.”

While “Caritas” may be viewed as an attack on markets, Evans said Benedict actually expounded on the benefits of globalization and how it brought a new level of awareness to the world’s poor that had not previously been seen.

The rapid development of trade

combined with more global awareness of world poverty brought about an opportunity where economic development and globalization can be used to actually improve the lives of those living in poverty, Evans said.

“In a lot of circles, the phrase ‘economic growth’ is considered to have a dirty connotation,” he said. “But for others in the developing world, it can mean the difference between going hungry or not, or watching your child reach his first birthday.”

Evans told the students that it was their job to think about what effect their “everyday decisions” have on the developing world, but he also addressed the negative aspects that inevitably come

as a result of globalization. However, he said there is no easy answer to these problems and the simplest solution may lie in the development itself.

Cassel said he believed the greatest way for students to address these issues was to be truly informed about the global economy and to understand the relationship the Catholic Church has with the market.

“There has always been a balance between the Church and the market,” he said. “The Church has never worshiped the market as a cure-all to the world’s problems, but they have also never declared it to be an instrument of pure evil either.”

Cassel said he thinks “Caritas

In Veritate” stated that the market is subjective to communicative justice.

“We admit the market can be a negative force but only because a certain ideology can make it so,” he said.

Cassel focused his talk on real-world examples and how specific marketplaces hurt global development when they try and further their own country’s interests by unethical and even illegal means.

“You should not for a single second believe China is the success of the free-market system, because it is not free,” he said. “China purposely keeps its currency weak, thereby creating a false trade market. When coun-

tries do this, they prevent other countries from access to markets that they desperately need.”

Knowing the truth about China’s market system is one example of several instances where Cassel believes students need to be educated in order to succeed at understanding morality’s role in the global marketplace.

“Part of the answer to these problems is what you’re doing tonight,” he said in his closing remarks. “You need to be informed. You need to use your faith so that you care. And most importantly, you need to act.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Musical time capsule

A strange phenomenon in popular music is its ability to capture and become eternally correlated with periods in our life. Without our conscious control, certain songs become forever linked to periods in our lives because of their inherently overplayed and finite nature.

Matthew Robison

Sports
Production
Editor

One of my fondest memories of my first semester freshman year was the inevitable blaring of the Miley Cyrus classic "Party in the USA" at one point (or several) during a dorm party. Other songs, such as the Black Eyed Peas' "I Gotta Feeling," Jay Sean's "Down," Jason DeRulo's "Whatcha Say" and Ke\$ha's "Tik Tok" will also forever conjure up dorm party memories from freshman year for me.

Maybe I just have not realized it yet, but that song has not been present yet this year. There have been songs with serious potential, such as Katy Perry's "Teenage Dream" and Taio's Cruz's "Dynamite" but we have no definitive musical time capsules.

There are several reasons why this could be. Primarily, now that I am a big, bad sophomore, I do not attend nearly as many dorm parties as I did my first few weeks as a freshman. Secondly, it is only a month into school and no song has really had time to catch enough traction to become party-viral. The one other possibility is that no musician has been able to put out a song that has the immediate dance party appeal combined with the perfect amount of staying power. The correct mixture of an infectious beat, autotune and lyrics that could be memorized by an amnesiac has not been reached.

In order to solve this situation, we can wait for an artist to put out that song, or we can decide amongst ourselves to create it. The latter is my suggestion.

Be that guy who causes his roommate to roll his eyes every time he walks in the room because you are playing the same song over and over as loud as your MacBook Pro will allow. Be the person who puts the same song once every seven songs on your "Dance Party" playlist on iTunes. Be the slightly drunk girl or group of girls who hijacks a carefully prepared playlist to play your favorite song. That's right. Risk being annoying to your roommate, maligned by party hosts and generally overbearing with your dedication to one awful song.

A few possibilities: "F*** You" by Cee Lo Green and a song that has been around but one that I feel never got the play it deserved, "Like a G6" by the Far East Movement. But be sure to check out those songs if you have not — they have potential.

Maybe the song of Fall Semester 2010 will present itself organically, and maybe that's the way it should be. Forcing the issue may be against the true nature of these songs. However, I'm afraid that if we do not act soon, this semester will be swept away in time, forever lost in our musical memory. That I cannot bear to accept. To modify one of Maximus Decimus Meridius' famous lines in *Gladiator*, "What songs we listen to repetitively in life echo in eternity."

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Counterculture

I've had many discussions with friends about Notre Dame's lack of 'counterculture' or 'alternative lifestyles' or whatever you want to call it. But recently I had an epiphany: Notre Dame does indeed have a counter-culture, in the sense that many of the core beliefs shared by this culture go very much against prevailing trends outside "the Notre Dame bubble." I would single out the Irish Rover as one of the premier exponents of this counterculture — the voice thereof, if you will.

Brooks Smith

Intellectual

The Irish Rover is quite possibly the only "alternative" publication at Notre Dame.

The only other potential "alternative" publication was mass e-mailed anonymously to Notre Dame kids sometime starting in fall 2009, and stopped production at the end of spring 2010, when the would-be Jonathan Swift apparently graduated. The Prodigal Son was an all-out attack on Notre Dame, the liberal version of the Irish Rover. Where the Irish Rover desperately strove to overcome its low readership, The Prodigal Son reveled in its pseudo-underground trappings, even featuring a masked man holding up a big sack of marijuana at the end of its first issue. Shocking and edgy, amirite?

The most interesting thing is that these two publications were much more similar than they were differ-

ent, even if the Irish Rover's inspirations were Rush Limbaugh, FOX News and St. Augustine, where the Prodigal Son's were Maddox, Christopher Hitchens and the Internet. The common element is tone: self-congratulation for 'getting it.' The best evidence of this tone in the Rover is in the masthead, which states with no hint of irony, "It behooves a watchdog to bark. Good, Rover." The best evidence of this in the Prodigal Son is the extended story about a business major experiencing romantic rejection in Club Fever. (Fever-bashing is a fresh and relevant form of humor.)

In both cases, the critiques of the larger culture seemed more rooted in personal disappointment than responsive to actual social need; and sadly enough, in neither case were the critiques funny. Obviously the second point is more important than the first.

What initially tripped me up in considering Notre Dame's 'countercultural elements' was the innate assumption that counterculture equals hip, cool and interesting. As often as not, 'counterculture' is more or less an elaborate structure of inside jokes, signs and countersigns, which is unintelligible to outsiders; and "coolness" is merely a measure of how badly those outsiders want to get "on the inside" and understand. Smug self-congratulation can actually be an asset to "cool" "scenes" in terms of making "outsiders" feel like "huge losers."

Unfortunately, where outsiders

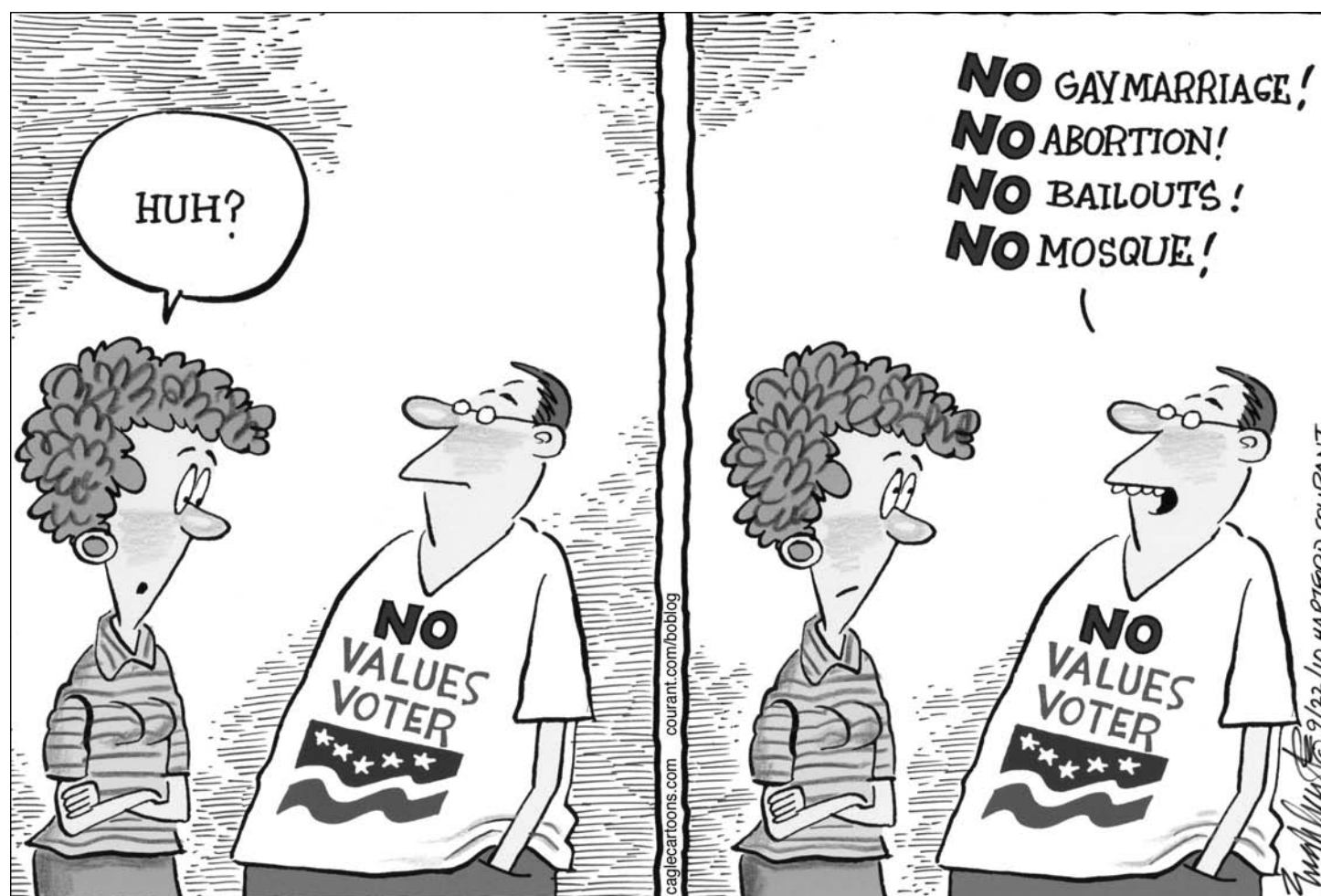
experience no discernible attraction from the outside, these scenes tend to remain the same size. The Prodigal Son, where the size of the scene was one person, forms an extreme version of this. The Irish Rover's scene is of course bigger (to be extremely generous, say one in 40 undergraduates) but still not on its way to any sort of growth. And that's probably the way both scenes like; it preserves the aura of exclusivity, even if the number of applicants is zero.

So why aren't there any other "alternative" publications, given the profusion of smart, driven Notre Dame students? I think the answer is that most of the smart, driven students are looking for jobs that will make them millions of dollars, to be completely reductive and overgeneral. Many students may not be like that, but it seems like people are busy enough here that they don't have the time or energy to put one more constraint on their lives — starting and running a consistently entertaining, interesting and useful indie student publication. In any case, that's my theory for why we don't have one of those things. As for why everyone at Notre Dame dresses basically the same and why everyone's social life revolves around football Saturdays ... that's a topic for another editorial.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions."

Oliver Wendell Holmes
American author

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Life is a risk."

Diane Von Furstenberg
Belgian-American fashion designer

The Latino vote

Tonight Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS), the Institute for Latino Studies, the Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy and the Center for Social Concerns will host a panel discussion titled, “American Politics in the 21st Century: The Latino Vote.” The event is open to the public and it is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in McKenna Hall Auditorium with a reception to follow at the conclusion of the event.

Maxx Paez

Guest Columnist

Dianne Pinderhughes, the President’s Distinguished Professor in the Departments of Political Science and African Studies, will moderate the four person panel which includes: Michael Jones-Correa, Matt Barreto, Maria Torres and Ricardo Ramirez. Michael Jones-Correa is Professor of Government at Cornell University. He is the co-author of *Latino Lives in America: Making It Home* (Temple 2010), the author of “Between Two Nations: The Political Predicament of Latinos in New York City” (Cornell, 1998) and the editor of “Governing American Cities: Interethnic Coalitions, Competition, and Conflict” (Russell Sage

Foundation, 2001), as well as the author of more than two dozen articles and chapters on immigration, race, ethnicity and citizenship in the United States. Matt A. Barreto is an Associate Professor of political science at the University of Washington in Seattle, and he is currently the Director of the Washington Institute for the Study of Ethnicity and Race. Matt specializes in Latino and immigrant voting behavior, and teaches courses on Racial and Ethnic Politics, Latino Politics, Voting and Elections and American Politics at UW. Maria Torres is the Director and Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of Illinois in Chicago. She is author of two books, “The Lost Apple: Operation Pedro Pan, Cuban Children in the U.S. and the Promise of a Better Future.” Currently she is a co-Principal Investigator for another book on Youth Politics in the Age of Globalization, funded by Chapin Hall and the Kellogg Foundation and was Co-PI for a National Science Research Foundation Project: Civic Engagement in Three Latino Neighborhoods. Ricardo Ramirez is a Visiting Associate Professor at Notre Dame’s political science department. He studies diversity in politics by analyzing differences among Latino voters and

patterns of political mobilization by naturalized Latinos. His work is part of a larger effort by the political science department of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences to understand the nuances of the state’s diverse electorate by watching how African Americans, Asians and Latinos cast their political opinions.

Ricardo Ramirez notes that, after studying the data from the 2008 general election, it is evident that the number of Latinos voting soared to historic levels. There was a large influx of young Latino voters, along with many naturalized Latinos submitting their votes for the first time. Since 2006, these two factors have heavily influenced the tremendous growth in the number of Latinos eligible to vote in elections. As for the 2010 midterm elections, Ramirez states that he expects this trend to continue. Although it is difficult to predict which party most Latinos will align with for the 2010 midterm election, Ramirez’s research reveals that Latino voting patterns are heavily influenced by the level of interaction they experience with political candidates. He also details, “Given that it will be an interesting race between a Republican, a Democrat and an Independent candidate, the Latino vote could heavily influence the out-

come of the election.” Based on data Ramirez has collected from previous elections, Ramirez believes that the overall number of Latinos participating in the 2010 midterm election will largely reflect the participation rates of the general population. Ramirez elaborates, “Similar to the general population, in states that are very competitive, you will have more Latinos coming out to vote, while in states that are not competitive, you will have less Latinos voting.” In the next 15-20 years, the Latino voting landscape should mirror the current growth trends, both in the number of Latinos eligible to vote and the number of Latinos participating in elections. However, Ramirez admits that it is very difficult to forecast which party the majority of Latinos will choose to align with down the road.

The discussion, “American Politics in the 21st Century: The Latino Vote,” will further explore these topics, in addition to others, as Ricardo Ramirez and the other panelists share more of their research.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cheer for Old Notre Dame

The class of 1964 holds the current record for most losses at 25. The class of 2011 has witnessed 23, and we are only three games into our fourth year.

Don’t tell me it’s been a tough season. We’ve been giving our players, our school, and our tradition their due for three years straight. We’ve been rewarded with heartbreaking losses, a bowl game in Hawaii that no students could reasonably travel to and an overall ransacking of tradition. We’ve lost 23 football games, the Dillon pep rally (the real one), and pep rallies in the JACC (which students actually attended).

I will continue to support our team as fervently as possibly. I personally believe everyone should be cheering their hearts out for the entire three to four hours of the game on a football Saturday. But don’t tell me that you can’t understand why a senior might be less enthusiastic after these last three years.

Mike Carter

senior
off campus
Sept. 21

Gingrich Visit to ND

Notre Dame policies and Notre Dame double standards never cease to amaze and appall those of us who work here: just two days after we faculty and staff received a letter reminding us of the policy that prohibits using university funds to sponsor partisan speakers to campus, Notre Dame received the Republican poster-boy Newt Gingrich, who was in town to “Stump for Walorski” according to today’s South Bend Tribune.

Great use of university subsidies, to pay for Newt’s trip to town. Great way to reveal the double standard operating on this campus and its non-partisan politics.

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Sept. 21

The point of the gospel of life

We would like to tactfully contest some points Mr. Mullen brought up in the discussion of Mr. Williams’ editorial (“Gingrich is not Obama” Sept 20). Regarding the death penalty, Mr. Mullen’s quotation of Church teaching is correct, but he makes a very common misinterpretation. While it is true that the Church believes the death penalty to be defensible in some cases, in which it is “the only possible way of defending human lives against the unjust aggressor,” that should not be a concern in the United States today.

In Biblical times, and in many developing countries, there was/is no other way to protect people from the potential of repeat offenses, but in the U.S. today, we have the sentence of life without parole in a maximum security facility. Also, Mr. Mullen’s connection of the death penalty with self defense is illogical because self defense is a defense used in criminal court for a crime committed in order to protect oneself from serious bodily harm, while the death penalty is a criminal punishment used in the most serious (or politically

charged) murder trials.

Certainly abortion is a much more salient political issue, but the morality of an issue is not tied to the number of lives lost ... Mr. Mullen seems to be trivializing the legal homicide of 1,200 people. In addition, Mr. Mullen puts words in the mouth of Mr. Williams when he suggests Mr. Williams implied that abortion, capital punishment, waterboarding and health care access all lie in the same moral field. Rather, it seems to us that Mr. Williams is simply curious to see if Mr. Gingrich’s visit would go completely unnoticed, considering the constant scrutiny on Notre Dame about upholding Catholic tradition. If putting an end to abortion is the only issue that Catholics are willing to stand up and fight for, we are missing the point of the gospel of life.

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Give me a reason to shake up the thunder

I am writing in response to Todd Velianski’s letter to The Observer (“Shake up the thunder,” Sept. 21). In the letter, Todd expresses his “dismay” over the “abuses” by majority of the upperclassmen not cheering on the football team enough for his liking.

Although some may agree with Todd’s desire for more enthusiasm and zeal from the juniors and seniors, I do not believe it is a sentiment shared by many of the upperclassmen. What Todd seems to not understand is how awful the football seasons have been for these upperclassmen. This senior class will graduate with the worst four year record in Notre Dame history. We have seen one win against Michigan, zero wins against USC and zero home wins against Navy. That’s right, Navy. Excuse us, Todd, if we no are longer cheering our hearts out for

a team that has shown us nothing but disappointment for four years.

The truth is, tailgating and socializing with your friends is too much fun to let something like the football game ruin it. So, Todd, my friends and I will continue to enjoy ourselves on football Saturdays, throw out the occasional cheer and not get too down when the team loses another game in the last minute. You keep cheering your heart out and see where that gets you. Oh, and you don’t know what a “rough season” is until you’ve experienced 3-9.

John Harig

senior
off-campus
Sept. 21

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SYR season is in full swing. Whether you have already attended one this past weekend or are attending one in the coming month, take a look into the not too distant past to see how this tradition has evolved.

Marissa Frobes

Years ago, it was typical for each dorm to host one semi-formal SYR and one more formal dance each semester. The host dorm held the SYR in any large space available within the dorm — decorated hallways, 24-hour lounges, entire floors or whatever was available. Formals were held at various on- or off-campus locations such as the Senior Bar (now Legends) or hotel ballrooms.

Scene Writer

In 2002, Notre Dame enforced a new policy insisting that all dances be held outside of the dormitories. Many dances moved to locations like South Dining Hall or the LaFortune ballroom, where they remain today.

SYR, an acronym for “Screw Your Roommate” (or “Set-up Your Roommate” according to the modest “Dome” editors of the early 2000s), is a term used to describe the process by which students acquired dates to their dorm’s dance. Roommates picked out dates for one another in a completely arbitrary fashion.



Students were as creative as they liked — picking out gems at the dining hall, from the “Dog Book” or through friends of friends. Some people ended up with the dates of their dream and new significant others, while others endured a painful evening with a purposely awkward date as a joke. While some still put this tradition to use today, date hunting has become a largely individual process.

One other noteworthy change has arisen in the past few years: the disappearance of “the gift.” Before an SYR could begin, the boy or girl of the host dorm had to present their date (blind or chosen) with a gift. Serious options included books, flowers or candy, but most opted for gag gifts. Shannon McGonigle could even stand inside the present she received from her gracious date in 2003 — a massive Easter basket. Needless to say, the ND student body should work collectively to revive this hilariously gratifying tradition.

Though location and pre-SYR preparations have been modified within the past decade, one aspect of SYRs has not: the theme. It has been customary for quite some time for SYRs to declare themes that imply a dress code, which can range from full-out costumes to semi-formal apparel. Some have become tradition (the Keough toga dance, the Lewis Hall Crush), while others are suited to the time, like an Austin Powers themed dance held in Pangborn in 2000 or the dance entitled “Thug Life” of 2002.

Yes, freshmen are curious of this SYR tradition looming upon us all now, but some veterans are skeptical of its ability to make a night worthwhile. This year, try embracing some tactics of decades past to guarantee you will have a good time — set up your roommate, buy your unknown date a gift, find a creative costume and hope for the best!

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Black and white photo: “The Dome,” 2000
Color photo: “The Dome,” 2004

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Scene Writer

Being strange is a tricky business. It’s tough to tell if putting an unmodified profile shot of a character from a recent TV series on your album cover will be well received. Weezer is about to find out.

Weezer’s new album, following last year’s belly flop “Raditude,” is titled “Hurley” after one of the characters from the recently concluded television series “Lost.” The assumption would be that the allusion to this contemporary character was meant to reveal something about the approach of the songs.

So who was Hurley? He was an overweight Cali dude. He was the comic relief for the show. He was probably a Weezer fan. In fact, Jorge Garcia, the actor who played Hurley in “Lost,” admitted that it was more than an honor to have been placed on the album’s cover.

Suffice it to say, the album appears to be a salute to the lovable dudes in the world in all their average glory. Sound

like a Weezer album yet? That’s exactly what it is.

Front man Rivers Cuomo is at his best in writing catchy neo-punk anthems. The album explodes with the dynamite track “Memories.” The

song is a retrospect of the 90’s, but not in the revisionist-VH1 tendency. Weezer was there, making great music and hanging out with the weirdoes — the guys who thought they were Buddy Holly.

“Trainwrecks” and “Unspoken” are almost as strong as “Memories.” “Unspoken” rises from acoustic punches to a punk rock plea. “Trainwrecks” is a classic Cuomo song about being young and kind of a loser, and how that’s OK.

The remainder of the tracks taper off into the zone of the likable but forgettable. The few songs that you don’t forget will be the ones you skip over the second time through. “Where’s My Sex” consists of several statements about sex that appear to actually be about socks. Don’t look for meaning — you might get

nauseous.

“Smart Girls” is a song about, well, smart girls, who are everywhere, like zombies. Cuomo asks, “Where did all these smart girls come from?” If he’s going to make songs about attending

someone” almost sound tongue-in-check, and Cuomo’s intentionality is in question.

Critically acclaimed neo-folk artist Joe Henry said of his 2007 album “Civilians” that the sound and feel of the music had been structured around a certain black and white photograph, which eventually

became the album’s cover. Henry presented his strategy as unique.

Though most don’t work from cover to music, the idea of matching the album artwork with the overall feel of the music is actually almost as common as albums themselves.

In this aspect, “Hurley” shines. The 10 tracks, more or less, are the soundtrack for the life of a 21st-century dude, lovable and unsophisticated. It’s a

catchy mix of idiosyncrasy and pop. It’s weird and light hearted. It will never change your life, or even your mind. It’s good Thursday night music. Good for, after winning the lottery, riding around with your buddy and savoring the remaining hours of the simple life. It’s Hurley’s music.

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**“Hurley”
Weezer**

Label: Epitaph

Best Tracks: “Memories,”
“Trainwrecks,” “Unspoken”



This Thursday, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) is welcoming Esperanza Spalding. Never heard of her? Well, it's time to change that.

Spalding is a hot up-and-coming jazz artist whose most recent album, "Chamber Music Society," debuted number one on the iTunes and Amazon Jazz charts. She also performed at 2009 White House Poetry Jam, the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony, on "Jimmy Kimmel Live," and on many other shows and other venues.

Even if you do not consider jazz to be "your thing," Spalding has a voice that will draw you into her music. On her website, she's described as having "a multi-lingual voice that is part angel and part siren."



Kaitlyn Conway

Scene Writer

Her songs are laid back and mellow, while at the same time being catchy and upbeat. Spalding has a wonderful command of both vocal and instrumental range. Her music is both old-school jazz and contemporary. Her approach to jazz is bright and pop-oriented, while still maintaining that smooth jazz sound that everyone knows and loves.

Spalding's love of music came first and foremost from her mother, who also shares a passion for singing. Her pursuit of bass came from a respect that grew out of watching Yo Ma perform on an episode of the childhood classic, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." Spalding began to pursue music on her own, basically teaching herself to play the violin within the year. She then joined the Chamber Music Society of Oregon, of which she remained a member for ten years.

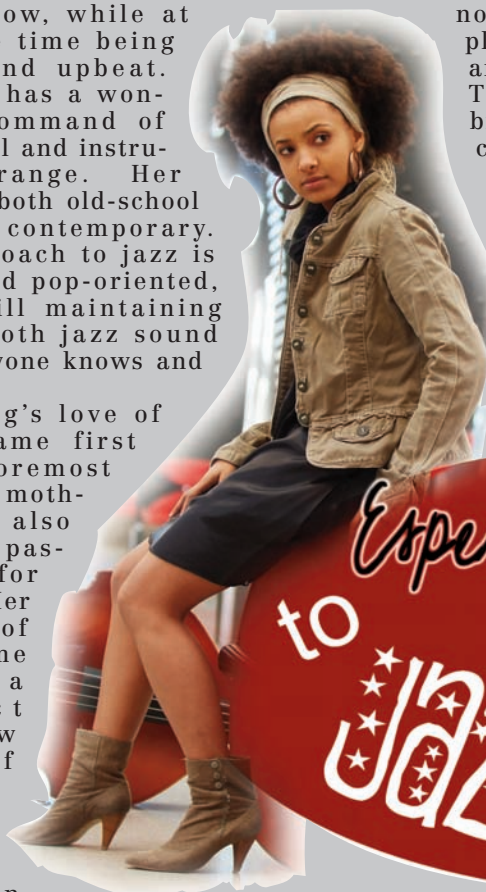
During this time, Spalding discovered something that con-

tributed more to what she is now: bass. She started to play blues, hip-hop, funk, and, you guessed it, jazz. The sound of her music brought flocks to the local clubs she played at.

Spalding released her first album, "Esperanza," in May 2008. It remained at the top of "Billboard's" Contemporary Jazz chart for over 70 weeks. She

released in August 2010. Inspired by the classical training she had when she was younger, the album keeps the surprise of jazz alive through improvisational jam moments. Other musicians on the album include pianist Leo Genovese, drummer Terri Lyne Carrington, percussionist Quintino Cinalli, guitarist Ricardo Vogt, vocalists Gretchen Parlato and Milton Nascimento, violinist Entcho Todorov, violist Lois Martin and cellist David Eggar.

Thursday night's performance promises to be a spectacular one, featuring catchy, unique jazz music. The performance is at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DPAC.



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Is it Camp Hope, or Camp Hell? Therein lies the central question behind the 1995 fat camp movie "Heavyweights."

Most will remember this classic piece of American cinema, billed as "a comedy of gigantic proportions," from countless reruns on the Disney channel back in the '90s. Some may also recognize it as that movie at Blockbuster with the kids and the guy in the giant cheeseburger on the cover.

For those unlucky enough to have missed it, you should probably fix that. Like right now.

"Heavyweights" takes place at the idyllic Camp Hope, a summer camp for overweight boys. Amongst these portly protagonists are Kenan Thompson (of "Kenan and Kel" and "SNL"), Shaun Weiss (Goldberg from another '90s favorite, "The Mighty Ducks") and Aaron Schwartz (also of "Mighty Ducks" fame, and recently seen on "Gossip Girl").

There's this kind-of famous guy named Ben Stiller you might have heard of, but back in the day, when "Zoolander" wasn't even a glimmer in someone's creative lobe, Ben Stiller took on the meaty role of Tony Perkis, new owner of Camp Hope. He "eat[s] success for breakfast ... with skim milk," but is, perhaps, a little crazy.

Camp Hope, once a place to spend a fun-filled summer with Go-Karts and the Blob, turns into a living

nightmare for the boys when Perkis takes over the camp in an attempt to sell weight-loss videos.

Some would argue that Tony Perkis is the true embodiment of evil. Though he could be considered "over the top," he does know how to "repulse the monkey" and "part the wild horse's mane." The Go-Karts are trashed, the Blob is stabbed (learning about the Blob is as good a reason as any to check the movie out) and fun is kicked to the curb in favor of Perkisizing. So, obviously, general hilarity ensues.

"Heavyweights" newbies can revel in the glory of the mysteriously foreign Lars and his

severely deviated septum, learn about the

"body" system, discover the lesson of "don't put Twinkies on your pizza," find out the real meaning of downloading and watch a good vs. evil showdown of epic proportions.

For those in the know, "lunch has been cancelled due to lack of hustle. Deal with it."

Ultimately, "Heavyweights" harkens back to a nostalgia of days gone by, when Kenan was funny, fat camp could be more than just a subject for "True Life" and the Disney Channel still put on quality television. In those days, a movie didn't have to be directed by Michael Bay or center on a vampire love story to be deemed quality entertainment. No, all it took was a classic story of good vs. evil and the fight for the right to eat whatever you want.

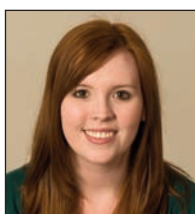
Perhaps most importantly of all, "Heavyweights" really does have some important lessons about health, body image and doing your personal best to share with even a modern, sophisticated audience.

"Heavyweights" can be found on Ebay for a mere 99 cents. You've got nothing to lose. So take off your political correctness caps for an hour or so and sit back and enjoy what the '90s were all about: absolutely hilarious, though ridiculous, movies that go straight for the funny bone. Oh, and Jeffrey Tambor from "Arrested Development" also makes a few brief appearances.

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How the **PerkiSystem** changed my life



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NCAA FOOTBALL

Status of Cardinal's Whalen remains mystery

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh would not reveal any information Tuesday about the injury that knocked star receiver Ryan Whalen out of last week's game against Wake Forest.

"I'm not going to tell you anything," Harbaugh said when asked about Whalen's status at his weekly news conference. "As soon as we tell you, you tell Notre Dame. There's no advantage to doing that."

Harbaugh has taken a tightlipped approach to injuries this season, revealing as little information as possible in interviews.

That's the same approach he is taking with Whalen, who appeared to hurt his left arm while being tackled following a short catch in last Saturday's 68-24 victory over Wake Forest.

Whalen was not listed on the three-deep depth chart for the 16th-ranked Cardinal (3-0). But Harbaugh wouldn't say anything about his status for Saturday's game at Notre Dame, saying it would give the

Fighting Irish a competitive advantage.

"I would want to know that about the status of every player on their team, whether they're going to play, what percent they are, how many plays they're going to play, how they're going to be used," Harbaugh said. "That's valuable information."

Whalen had 10 catches for 113 yards and one touchdown before being sidelined. Whalen led the team with 57 catches for 926 yards last year and has 109 career receptions for 1,558 yards and six touchdowns.

He provides even more intangible help to an offense that is averaging 51.7 points and 475.3 yards per game this season.

"Whales is the leader on offense for us. He's our captain," quarterback Andrew Luck said. "He's been there and done it all at Stanford. It will be a serious blow if he's out for a while. We have guys who can step in and fill that role. He knows he's going to have to be out there coaching the guys up. Whatever happens I think we'll be fine."

Cushioning any blow that Whalen's absence would present was last week's healthy return of big-play receiver Chris Owusu, who missed the first two games with a reported knee injury.

Owusu caught touchdown passes on his first two drives of the season last week against Wake Forest. He turned his first reception into an 8-yard score and also made a leaping 35-yard touchdown catch later in the first quarter.

Owusu added a diving 22-yard catch over the middle as his speed brings an added dimension to an already high-powered offense.

"It was great to get him into the mix early, get him a touchdown, get him in the end zone," Harbaugh said. "It was really good to have him back. He's just one of our best players. You try to put him in as many situations as you can for him to have success."

Owusu had five touchdown catches last year and also returned three kicks for scores. He did not return kicks in his first game back but Harbaugh said that could come soon as Stanford looks to get him even



Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh, shown during Stanford's game against Wake Forest Saturday, refuses to report the status of Ryan Whalen.

more involved heading into the toughest stretch of the season.

"He has a lot of speed and explosiveness that adds a lot to the offense," Luck said. "I don't think the wide receiver corps was lacking with him out, but he definitely brings the level of play up."

After visiting Notre Dame on Saturday, the Cardinal travel to No. 5 Oregon next week and host No. 20 Southern California the following week.

PGA

Finchem expects Tour to go without some title sponsors

Associated Press

ATLANTA — PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem expects three or four tournaments to be without a title sponsor going into the 2011 season, although he said the tour has no plans to subsidize them.

Finchem painted an optimistic picture Tuesday of the

tour, noting its cumulative TV audience — number of viewers who tune in to a PGA Tour at any point during a tournament — was down only 2 percent despite Tiger Woods not playing the first three months of the season. And despite a weakened economy, the tour has signed or renewed some 18 title sponsors since 2009.

But when asked about being

"happy" with how well everything appears to be going, Finchem added some context to the situation.

"We're pleased that we're competing. We're not falling backward when we're in a difficult environment," Finchem said. "On the other hand, you would much prefer to grow. We'd much prefer the growth levels that we had for charitable contributions in the three years before 2008 than bumping along with very slight growth. And the same thing with financial benefits to players."

"But given the circumstances, given the difficulties, given the cutbacks we've seen in other sports and given the fact that we're headed into television negotiations, we are cautiously optimistic. And we have to be pleased about that."

Finchem described the 2010 season as "eventful" and "interesting," which takes in a lot.

On the golf course, there

were two scores of 59 within a month of each other, by Paul Goydos and Stuart Appleby. And while Woods is enduring a miserable season on and off the course with his personal travails, a younger class of competition has emerged through Dustin Johnson, Rory McIlroy, Hunter Mahan, Jason Day and Rickie Fowler, the first PGA Tour rookie to make the Ryder Cup team.

Most noticeable was Woods, who has failed to win a PGA Tour stop for the first time in his career.

His downfall — from the extramarital affairs that led to his divorce to finishing in the top 10 at only two tournaments — comes at a time when the tour is about to start negotiations on the next TV contract.

Finchem said he doesn't think the performance of golf's most popular player will have much bearing.

"I think Tiger brings a lot of unique viewers to the tele-

cast," he said. "Tiger doesn't generate the core audience that we have week in and week out. I'll say this for maybe the 50th time — we have 47 tournaments, Tiger plays in 16. ... The economy is the problem, not Tiger."

"Having said that, there isn't any question that when you have not just the No. 1 player on this tour but the most dominating player in a sport in history, you want him playing because it makes a lot of things work a lot better," Finchem said. "And we want him playing, we want him playing well. And given his intensity, we assume that'll be the case."

The tournaments without title sponsors are the Bob Hope Classic, Hilton Head, the St. Jude Championship in Memphis, and the World Golf Championship at Doral. Finchem said he expected a title sponsor for Doral.

As for the others, he said they have enough funding to get by another year.



PGA Commisioner Tim Finchem remains optimistic ratings will hold steady despite the struggles of Tiger Woods so far this season.

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NFL

Texans lineman Brown suspended four games

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston left tackle Duane Brown was suspended Tuesday for four games without pay for violating the NFL's policy on performance enhancing drugs, joining linebacker Brian Cushing on the sideline for the same infraction.

Brown, the Texans' first-round draft choice and the 26th overall pick in 2008, said he wouldn't appeal the suspension, meaning his next game will be Nov. 1 at Indianapolis. He will miss the undefeated Texans' home showdown Sunday with the Dallas Cowboys and the next three games.

Brown apologized to the team's owners, coaches, fans and his teammates.

"I take full responsibility for putting myself in this situation," he said. "I unknowingly took a supplement tainted with a banned substance and now have to deal with the consequences. After reviewing the appeal process and speaking with legal counsel, I have decided not to appeal my suspension. I under-

stand the rules and accept my punishment."

The team didn't identify the supplement.

General manager Rick Smith said the team was disappointed and called the suspension "a significant blow."

"Our players have to understand that they are responsible for what goes into their bodies and that they take risks anytime they use a supplement not approved by the NFL," he said in a statement released by the Texans. "Our head athletic trainer, head strength and conditioning coach as well as our team nutritionist have had many meetings and presentations constantly reminding our players about the dangers of the supplement industry and risks associated with taking non-approved products."

Right tackle Eric Winston said the Texans have raised awareness among the players about the risks of using supplements since Cushing was punished.

"We talk about it, there are signs up in the locker room," Winston said. "There are all kinds of things, but it's an indus-

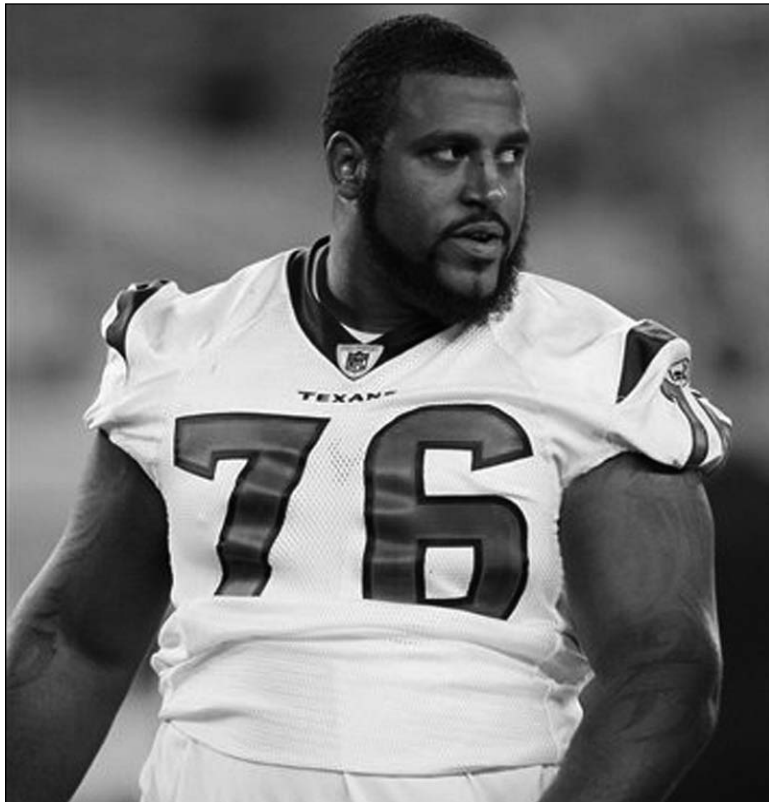
try problem, too. They can put whatever they want in there. There's no regulation to it. Until there is something done about that, these things are going to happen."

Team owner Bob McNair had no comment on the suspension. Brown had started all 34 games since he was drafted, and the timing of his punishment could hardly be worse.

The Texans are aiming for their first 3-0 start and a validating victory over the high-profile Cowboys, who still get most of the attention in the state.

"You never want to have to deal with this too much," Winston said. "But that's the adversity we're dealt right now, and we're just going to have to keep moving forward as a team. Everyone is going to have to play better and just pick up the left-overs."

The Texans reacquired tackle Ephraim Salaam after announcing Brown's punishment, according to Salaam's agent, Joby Branyon. The 34-year-old Salaam played for Houston in 2006-08.



Texans lineman Duane Brown walks off the field after a practice in April. Brown was suspended for four games Tuesday. AP

NCAA FOOTBALL

Purdue quarterback Marve plans to start

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Robert Marve's latest knee issue was just a scare.

The Purdue quarterback expects to play Saturday against Toledo after bruising his left knee last week against Ball State. He was hurt on a quarterback sneak in the second quarter against the Cardinals, and he played a limited role in the second half.

It was the same knee he had ACL surgery on last year, so he's relieved it wasn't a bigger deal.

"It was the weirdest situation," he said. "My foot got stuck in the ground. Somebody just rolled into me. I feel fine now. All the doctors looked at it and said I'm going to be fine to play on Saturday."

Marve has helped the Boilermakers to a 2-1 start. He has completed 69 percent of his passes for 502 yards and three touchdowns. The Boilermakers are dealing with numerous injuries to offensive players, so Marve's status is a positive for a team that already has lost top receiver Keith Smith for the season with a knee injury.

Purdue coach Danny Hope said he will be careful with Marve this week.

"I think he'll be a little limited in practice," Hope said. "A bad bruise. And bruises take a couple of days to go away, so he'll be maybe somewhat limited a little bit early in the week. But I anticipate him full speed and ready to go this weekend."

Rob Henry stepped in against Ball State and passed for 89 yards and a touchdown and ran for 65 yards to help

the Boilermakers in a 24-13 win. Hope was pleased to see the redshirt freshman perform well in Marve's place.

"He's a great talent," Hope said. "You know, a guy on the team that the other players believe in as well. So when he's in there, that's a good thing. It helps us offensively because he's going to have to play some, and the more he plays now, the better off we're going to be."

Hope has expressed concern that Marve's style of play puts him at risk. He runs often, but doesn't slide and tends to avoid the sideline. He has gained 87 yards rushing, including a 23-yard touchdown run against Notre Dame, but he has taken 43 yards in losses.

Hope said he will continue to emphasize self preservation in conversations with Marve.

"There is a lot of different areas from the quarterback standpoint that, you love to see them take those steps and the light to come on," Hope said. "You know, getting the ball out of your hand in a hurry. If you never get your quarterback to take a sack, you're taking a huge step as a quarterback. Then, obviously, teaching the quarterback to protect himself."

Hope said he wants Marve to be smart, but remain aggressive.

"I like the way he goes out playing a game," Hope said. "He plays to win. He's a physical player. He finishes runs. He's an emotional player. He plays that way, and that's good for our football team. So I certainly trust him. We'll continue to school him up a little bit as far as taking care of himself. But I love the way he plays."

NFL

Edwards admits to charges

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York Jets star wide receiver Braylon Edwards told a police officer he'd been partying and drinking before being pulled over in his luxury SUV, but he suggested letting him leave the car and go home, prosecutors said as he was arraigned Tuesday on drunken-driving charges.

A solemn Edwards was released without bail in a case that could compound his legal troubles while he's on probation after a fracas in Cleveland last year. He declined to discuss the drunken-driving arrest as he left a Manhattan courthouse, thronged by reporters.

"There will be plenty of time to talk. I'll address everybody," said Edwards, wearing a black T-shirt and fashionably torn gray jeans.

Defense lawyer Peter M. Frankel said Edwards was exhausted and focused on getting back to his team.

"Obviously, this is very difficult for him," Frankel said. "Without question, absolutely, he understands the seriousness of the situation, and he is committed to getting back on the football field and doing what he does best for the Jets."

A breath test showed Edwards had a blood-alcohol level twice the legal limit after he was stopped on Manhattan's West Side around 5 a.m. Tuesday, prosecutors said. Chief police spokesman Paul Browne said officers on the lookout for such violations as overly tinted windows stopped Edwards because his Land Rover's windows were too dark and then noticed a strong smell of alcohol.

Authorities said there were four other people in the SUV, and the Jets confirmed Tuesday that starting left tackle D'Brickashaw Ferguson and

defensive end Vernon Gholston were among them. Neither of those players was charged.

Edwards told an officer he'd had "a couple of drinks," the last about an hour before, assistant district attorney Alyssa Gunther said.

"We were coming from a party. How about if I just leave the car and take a cab and go home?" he asked, according to Gunther.

Edwards also quizzed the officer about why he wasn't first given a field sobriety test, saying "they do it in Michigan," where he was a college standout, and questioned the basis for his arrest, Gunther said.

"Why was I stopped for having tints if my driving didn't lead you to believe I was drunk driving?" Edwards asked, according to prosecutors.

It's unclear where Edwards was coming from or going. Teammate Jericho Cotchery told WFAN-AM Tuesday morning that Edwards and other Jets had attended a Manhattan event Monday night for Cotchery's nonprofit foundation benefiting underprivileged youths.

Edwards was charged with

driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor, and driving while impaired, a violation. He's due back in court Nov. 9. If convicted, he could face up to a year in jail.

While awaiting the outcome of the New York case, Edwards may have to return Cleveland to face a possible probation violation, which could carry jail time. The Cleveland Municipal Court judge handling his case has been notified of his New York arrest, court spokesman Ed Ferenc said.

In January, Edwards was placed on probation for 18 months after pleading no contest to misdemeanor aggravated disorderly conduct; he'd been accused of punching a friend of NBA star LeBron James outside a Cleveland nightclub. The Cleveland Browns traded Edwards to the Jets two days after the October nightclub encounter.

Edwards also could be in line for an NFL suspension for violations of league policies on alcohol and player conduct.

The NFL had no comment, but Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum said Edwards had shown poor judgment.



Jets receiver Braylon Edwards makes a catch in the AFC title game last year. Edwards was charged with drunk driving Tuesday. AP

NBA

Mark Cuban faces SEC in case revival

Associated Press

DALLAS — A federal appeals court revived the Securities and Exchange Commission's insider-trading lawsuit against Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban on Tuesday, saying it was "plausible" he had agreed not to sell company stock to avoid a loss after receiving confidential information.

The case was sent back to a lower court in Dallas for further discovery and, if necessary, a trial. The appeals court declined to rule on whether Cuban was wrong in selling the stock, saying that was a question for the Dallas court.

The SEC's civil lawsuit accuses the Dallas billionaire of selling shares in the Internet search engine company Mamma.com Inc. in 2004, avoiding a \$750,000 loss after learning the company was going to offer stock to private investment companies at a discounted rate.

U.S. District Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater dismissed the lawsuit in July 2009, ruling there was no agreement binding Cuban to not act on this confidential information.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, however, said in its ruling Tuesday

that it was "plausible" Cuban knew he was not to sell his shares until after the announcement of the offering. The court also acknowledged that under the law, it had to view the government's appeal in a manner most favorable to the SEC — in other words, accepting the agency's version of events.

"Under Cuban's reading, he was allowed to trade on the information but prohibited from telling others — in effect providing him an exclusive license to trade on" his confidential knowledge of the stock offering, the appeals court wrote.

"We are pleased with the court's decision and look forward to presenting our case," SEC spokesman John Nester said in a statement.

Hours after the appeals court ruling, Fitzwater denied Cuban's motion to have the SEC pay his attorney fees and expenses. Cuban's motion accuses the agency of misconduct and alleges he is a victim of wrongful prosecution because the SEC wanted to target high-profile individuals.

Fitzwater dismissed the motion without prejudice, meaning Cuban can refile it later if the SEC lawsuit proves to be without merit.

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NCAA

Turner Sports and NCAA agree to 14-year deal

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Turner Sports and the NCAA announced a 14-year digital rights deal Tuesday that includes management of NCAA.com, the primary web site for all 88 NCAA tournaments and other services.

“We’re doing this for a couple of reasons, and we would never do a stupid economic deal,” said Lenny Daniels, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Turner Sports. “The long-term television world is going to change, and we think everything is, eventually, going to be interconnected.”

Financial terms were not immediately disclosed.

If Daniels is right, Turner Sports’ second major coup with the NCAA in five months may put the network in a stronger position to land future contracts.

In April, Turner and CBS announced they were teaming up as broadcast partners for the NCAA’s marquee event, the men’s basketball tournament, winning a bidding war with a 14-year, \$10.8 billion deal that means each game will be broadcast live for the first time in the 73-year history of the event. The NCAA will get an additional \$740 million per year, on average, from that deal — money it says will go back to individual schools and conferences.

But Turner Sports could be

the big winner.

Beginning this season, Turner will carry games on three of its cable channels (TBS, TNT and truTV), will begin alternating title game broadcasts with CBS in 2016 and now holds digital rights to all NCAA championships across all three divisions.

“I think people won’t understand until March how prominent their (Turner’s) role is going to be in this agreement,” said Greg Shaheen, the NCAA’s interim executive vice president of championships and business strategies. “The tournament is going to have a different look and a different feel and how it is covered will be a much better experience for the viewer. They (Turner) are the ones who did a lot of the homework on this and they’re formidable.”

Turner already has operational oversight of March Madness On Demand, which drew 3 million viewers on the first Thursday of last season’s NCAA tourney, as part of its television deal with CBS.

While the governing body’s primary web site, NCAA.org, will continue to be run by the national office, Turner Sports wants to add the other NCAA digital platforms to its long list of successful web sites. Among those already being managed or operated by Turner are NASCAR.com, PGATOUR.com and PGA.com and NBA.com and WNBA.com.

Turner Sports is a division of Time Warner Inc.’s Turner Broadcasting System Inc., based in Atlanta. It also oversees the operation of SI.com.

What will change on the NCAA sites is not exactly clear yet.

Daniels said Turner Sports is still researching what Internet surfers want to see. He’s already committed to adding more live coverage and more highlights from championship events.

Shaheen hopes to see more coverage of “The Road to the Final Four,” though it is unlikely to include open coverage of the currently closed-door selection process.

“We’re going to see if something is missing,” Daniels said. “If you look across the whole college sports world, you’ll see it (Internet coverage) is pretty fragmented. We want this to become the place you go to for college sports.”

The free streaming, on-demand services could also get a facelift.

“We would expect March Madness on Demand to take the next step forward,” Shaheen said, though he didn’t explain what that would be. “I’ll defer to the experts, but they know we want to explore what provides the best possible experience for the viewer.”

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Ferentz says Hampton likely out for season

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said Tuesday that running back Jewel Hampton will have knee surgery and is likely gone for the rest of the season.

Hampton, a redshirt sopho-

more, hurt his left knee in the second half of Saturday’s 34-27 loss at Arizona.

Hampton, who missed all of last season after tearing the ACL in his right knee, had been splitting carries with starter Adam Robinson, rushing for 114 yards on 27 carries this season.

Ferentz wouldn’t say whether Hampton had suffered another ACL injury, but stressed that his surgery will require ample recovery time.

“He’s very disappointed. He’s invested a lot. He’s one of the competitive guys on our football team,” Ferentz said. “It’s not the end of football life, necessarily, but it just feels that way and it’s going to feel that way for a couple of days I’m sure.”

No. 18 Iowa (2-1) opened fall practice with three experienced sophomore backs — Hampton, Brandon Wegher and Robinson — and only so many carries to go around.

Now nearly all of them will go to Robinson.

Wegher left camp because of personal issues and isn’t expected to return this season. Robinson assumed the starting job after Hampton was suspended for the opener, but the two began rotating every series in a 35-7 win over Iowa State.

Robinson broke Iowa’s freshman record with 834 yards rushing in 2009, and he had a team-high 270 yards rushing and four touchdowns this season.

NFL

Broncos say McKinley showed no warning signs

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Denver Broncos wide receiver Kenny McKinley, who is thought to have killed himself with a gunshot to the head, had made previous statements about committing suicide, according to a sheriff's investigative report released Tuesday.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's report quoted one investigator as saying McKinley had been depressed over a knee surgery he had a month ago.

"He had made statements while playing dominoes shortly after the surgery that he should just kill himself," the officer reported. "No one believed he was serious."

The report provided no explanation for the source of the investigator's information.

The report also said McKinley had made statements about not knowing what he would do without football. It said McKinley had flown to South Carolina 10 days earlier to see his young son and had brought him back with him to Denver on Sunday night.

Two female friends who were taking care of his son discovered McKinley's body Monday and called 911. Detectives who responded to his home a few miles from the Broncos headquarters found McKinley's body with a pillow over his head and a semiautomatic pistol on top of the pillow. They also noted a strong odor of freshly burned marijuana, according to the report.

Arapahoe County Coroner Michael Dobersen said Tuesday that McKinley died of a gunshot wound to the head. He said a preliminary investigation "suggests the wound to be self-inflicted."

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McKinley's teammates and coaches said Tuesday that they didn't see any hint the gregarious 23-year-old wide receiver was suicidal. Neither did the players at his alma mater, South Carolina, when he visited them earlier this month.

"I actually saw Kenny a week and a half ago. He was over here picking up some stuff out of his locker," Broncos linebacker Wesley Woodyard said. "He was always a guy that used to love to joke with me and I would joke back and forth with him. But he had a big smile on his face. He just walked out of the building."

"And that's the last thing we remember, that huge smile. Like coach said, he always showed every tooth in his mouth, just smiling and being happy."

This is the third time in four years the Broncos have had to deal with the death of a teammate under stunning circumstances. Cornerback Darrent Williams, 24, was slain in a drive-by shooting on New Year's Day 2007, and three months later running back Damien Nash, 24, collapsed and died after a charity basketball game in St. Louis.

Broncos coach Josh McDaniels said in a tearful news conference Tuesday that nobody with the Broncos sensed any warning signs from McKinley about his state of mind.

"We've all seen him recently. He's been the same person every time we see him. Liked junk food and chips and things like that," McDaniels said. "He was in the cafeteria, or in the training room, when we were seeing him the last so many weeks here. Nothing that would alarm us to anything like this."

Woodyard said McKinley was his usual joking and jovial self in recent weeks even as he was recovering from his second knee operation this year.

"Every memory that we have of Kenny is a joke and a big smile," Woodyard said.

Woodyard said despite what it might look like to fans, NFL players have lots of pressures in their lives even though they're living the dream.

"Well, you know, football's a stressful job," he said, adding that players have to reach out for help. "It's the same thing with people in everyday life, you've got to talk to somebody in your life, so just to help you work out those problems."

McKinley was a fifth-round draft choice out of South Carolina in 2009. He remains South Carolina's all-time leading receiver with 207 catches for 2,781 yards. He returned to the school earlier this month, watching the Gamecocks beat Georgia 17-6 and visiting with his college coach, Steve Spurrier.

None of his old friends in Columbia, S.C., sensed anything was wrong.

"No, all of our players said the same thing. When he was here, he was happy, smiling, the usual Kenny," Spurrier said. "In fact, I think he watched the Georgia game from up in my office there (in Williams-Brice Stadium) because he was on crutches from his knee surgery. I saw him up there right after the game. He was his usual self. It's hard to comprehend how that can happen."

People who are dealing with depression or suicidal thoughts aren't always outwardly despondent, said Dr. Michael Allen,

director of research at the University of Colorado Denver Depression Center. He said suicidal individuals don't always reach out for help, even to those closest to them.

"Warning signs depend on the run up," Allen said, adding that suicidal people who have been depressed and thinking about killing themselves for weeks may sometimes reach out, or have trouble keeping a happy face to cover up their feelings.

"For many people in the mild to moderate range you wouldn't know they're depressed. They're able to put up a good front of joviality," Allen said.

Allen, who wasn't addressing McKinley's death specifically, said reaching out can be difficult for those in the military or on sports teams: "In any group of men where toughness is valued, talking about anything that may be viewed as weakness goes against the grain," Allen said.

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NFL

Vick to start for Eagles Sunday against Jags

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Vick earned himself a starting job by being — of all things — a pocket passer.

Vick will take over as the Philadelphia Eagles' No. 1 quarterback, coach Andy Reid said Tuesday, a day after he announced he would go back to Kevin Kolb.

"When someone is playing at the level Michael Vick is playing, you have to give him an opportunity," Reid said. "This isn't about Kevin Kolb's play. You're talking about Michael Vick as one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL right now."

Vick is considered the greatest scrambling quarterback in NFL history, but he won the job over Kolb by demonstrating he no longer has a run-first mentality.

Kolb missed the last six quarters because of a concussion, and Vick played well in his absence. Kolb was cleared to practice and was expected to run the first-team offense on Wednesday.

"Kevin is fine. It's not an injury-related issue," Reid said. "It's not about judging him. He's going to be a championship-caliber quarterback."

Vick threw for 175 yards and one touchdown and ran for 103

yards in a 27-20 season-opening loss to Green Bay. He had 284 yards passing and two TDs in a 35-32 win at Detroit on Sunday.

Kolb started two games in his first three seasons before he became the team's No. 1 quarterback after Donovan McNabb was traded to Washington. Kolb struggled in the first half against the Packers in the season opener, but he became the first QB in league history to throw for 300 yards in his first two career starts last year.

Though the Eagles have been grooming Kolb to be the starter since drafting him in the second round in 2007, Vick forced Reid to make a difficult decision by playing better than he did when he was a superstar in Atlanta.

"Michael did an exceptional job and my job is to evaluate the players," Reid said. "It's my obligation to make the proper decision."

Vick's start against the Lions was his first in nearly four years. A three-time Pro Bowl pick during six seasons with the Falcons, Vick missed two seasons while serving an 18-month sentence in federal prison for his role in a dogfighting operation. He signed a two-year contract with the Eagles before last season, then played sparingly behind McNabb and Kolb.

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don't fumble the ball or turn it over in the red zone like we did twice."

In the two losses, the Irish have given up four scores of 29 yards or longer, and turned the ball over three times in each game.

"We've got to make those plays," Kelly said. "But you ask me why you see there's light at the end of the tunnel, it's those things we know that we can correct ... They're very correctable, but those are areas that we have to do a better job with, and those are the things that you can look back and go, hey, there's some points that you left out there that would have made it a different game."

Aside from the mistakes that led to those four long scores, Kelly said he has been pleased with the defense's play, especially the effort shown going up against a Michigan State team that relies on the run.

"What I liked about our defense that will carry the day is they played tough when tough was required, and that's what we've been preaching," he said. "Be tough gentlemen."

Those "tough gentlemen" took Saturday's loss personally, Kelly said, and that fact encouraged him.

"This group, [losing] hurts," he said. "They want to win, and that's why for me we just kind of stick with what we've been talking about since day one, and that's stay together."

Jamoris Slaughter update

Junior safety Jamoris Slaughter sprained his ankle during the season-opener against Purdue. Slaughter missed the second half of that game, all of the game against Michigan and only played two plays against Michigan State.

But, this week's depth chart has Slaughter listed as a starting safety, and Kelly said he would stand by that expectation.

"[Slaughter] moved around a lot better," Kelly said after practice Tuesday. "I'm very confident, after watching him move around today, that we're going to have him ready for Saturday."

While Slaughter was sidelined — along with fellow junior safety Dan McCarthy — Notre Dame only had two healthy safeties. When sophomore Zeke Motta's helmet was damaged Saturday, Slaughter was Notre Dame's only option, Kelly said.

"Zeke had an equipment problem. Jamoris ran in the game without anybody putting him in the game," Kelly said. "So he's anxious to get back out there."

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Conway

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Building upon their successes during their sophomore season, both Conway and Park began to step up and assumed leadership roles on the Irish squad in the 2009-2010 season with the help of last year's co-captains Annie Brophy and Kristin Wetzel. Conway played in all 11 events as a junior, up from playing in only eight events her sophomore year, while Park took part in 10. Both players closed the conference season by tying for 25th at the Big East Championships with a three-round score of 246 (Conway 87-82-77 and Park 81-81-84) and their third consecutive trip to the NCAA Regional Tournament.

"They have been part of the most successful three years the program has had with three consecutive trips to the NCAA regional tournament," Holt said. "They know what it takes to get there and we need their experience to get us past the regional tournament and into the finals."

But Conway and Park's success isn't limited to the golf course. Both are exceptional students with GPAs over 3.7 in the Mendoza College of Business and have made the All-Scholar golf team each year.

"They are solid role models for their teammates both athletically and academically," Holt said. "They are the full package of what a student-athlete should be. Both have outstanding work ethic."

As part of that work ethic, Conway and Park are working towards leaving a legacy they'll be proud to have been a part of, which includes winning the Big East championships and competing in the NCAA finals, a first for the Irish women's team.

"My goal for this year is to be able to hang up my clubs at the end of the year with no regrets," Conway said. "I want to leave it all out there on the course and know that at the end of the year, my four years here elevated the program from

where it was when I started freshman year. We have a chance this year to play in some really great events and to put ourselves in a good position for postseason play. I know we can do it if we stay confident throughout the season. It would be a perfect ending to my time here."

"I think we have a great chance to achieve these goals this year and our teamwork has never been better especially with the two new freshmen, Nicole [Zhang] and Kristina [Nhim], who are exceptionally good and talented golfers," Park said. "We can't wait for our season to start."

The Irish will begin their season this weekend at Michigan State's Mary Fossum Invitational.

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Bears

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never played. The Bears won the National Championship in 2005, and advanced to the Final Four last year, only to lose to eventual champion Connecticut.

The Irish will face Connecticut twice this season, on Jan. 8 and at Connecticut on Feb. 19. Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she sees the match-ups with teams like Connecticut and Baylor, or any of the other nine teams on the Notre Dame schedule that

played in the NCAA Tournament last season, as beneficial for the Irish in the long run.

"I think when you talk about the schedules we've had through the years, this has to rank right up there as one of the most challenging ones we've put together," McGraw said in a press release Monday. "Our philosophy has always been to test ourselves during the non-conference season in order to prepare for the demands of playing in the Big East, which is the toughest conference in the country."

The Irish men will take the court at Purcell Pavilion two

days before the women, opening with an exhibition game against Marian University on Nov. 1 before their season opener on Nov. 12 against Georgia Southern.

Georgia Southern opens a four-game homestand for the Irish, which then head to the Old Spice Classic in Orlando, Fla. At the Old Spice Classic, Notre Dame will play Georgia on Thanksgiving night, and then either California or Temple on Nov. 25. The Irish will play one more game on Nov. 28 against either Boston College, Texas A&M, Wisconsin

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FOOTBALL

Cleaning it up

Kelly speaks of need to avoid turnovers

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

After suffering a second last-minute loss, the Irish do not need to learn how to win. Notre Dame simply needs to play “cleaner,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said in a press conference Tuesday.

“We’re all frustrated. We want to win football games,” Kelly said. “We need to play cleaner ... They play hard. They played with great physical toughness. We played tough. We’ve got to play cleaner.”

By cleaner, Kelly was referring to Notre Dame’s three turnovers on Saturday, two inside the red zone, and defensive lapses that led to big plays for both Michigan and Michigan State in the past two weeks.

“It’s not not knowing how to win,” Kelly said. “It’s playing the game at a level that you don’t give up a 56-yard run or you

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Irish wide receiver Michael Floyd drops a pass against Michigan State Saturday. Irish coach Brian Kelly said the Irish need to clean up such issues as dropped passes, fumbles and interceptions.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles drop tough one in four sets

By KATHARINE MACK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s (3-9) lost a tough one to MIAA conference foe Kalamazoo (7-5) last night by a score of 1-3 (10-25, 25-16, 12-25, 29-31), dropping the Belles to 1-3 in conference action.

The Belles’ offensive consistency didn’t quite match that of the Hornets, as Kalamazoo held a slight edge over with 23 errors to Saint Mary’s 27.

“We just needed to be more consistent,” Belles head coach Toni Kuschel said. “We had really high highs and really low lows. Our team did a lot of things right, we just came out a little short in the end.”

There were key momentum shifts throughout the entire match, as the Belles came out slowly in the first game (10-25), won the second game decisively

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MEN’S GOLF

Freshman Platt adapts well to Division I competition

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

While Niall Platt admits there’s a learning curve as he transitions from tiny Laguna Blanca School in Santa Barbara, Calif., to Division I golf at Notre Dame, it’s tough to find evidence of one.

After playing most tournaments solo throughout his high school career, Platt was excited by the opportunity to play with a group of teammates who share his talents.

“I’ve never really been on a good golf team; the team environment was a first for me,” Platt said.

As it turned out, Platt did quite a bit of the heavy lifting for the Irish, rather than the other way around. For his opening act, the freshman fired a one-over-par 217 to finish in a tie for second place overall in Notre Dame’s runner-up finish at the College of Charleston Invitational at Kiawah Island, S.C. The pressure of playing his first tournament for the Irish on The

Ocean Course, one of the toughest in the nation, never affected his play. The rookie did not shy away from the spotlight, admitting that he was comfortable at the highly competitive Invitational.

“I wasn’t thinking as much about my individual scores, which takes the pressure off, knowing the team’s going to pick you up,” Platt said. “It was the most fun I’ve had in a golf tournament.”

Irish head coach James Kubinski was one of many who came away impressed after Platt’s

performance, and the talented freshman said he does not take the Kubinski’s trust for granted.

“It means a lot to me, to know he has such confidence in me,” Platt said.

Platt said the confidence of both the coach and player is largely a result of the team’s excellent chemistry and the Irish coaching staff.

“The guys on the team are great characters, very welcoming, and the coaches are helpful too in getting me adjusted,” Platt said.

With a full season still ahead, Platt acknowledged that the Irish roster is laden with talented upperclassmen and he had a lot to learn from his teammates.

“They have all played really well in their careers. I’m trying to learn from them as much as I can,” Platt said

Given Platt’s impressive performance so far, it’s also possible the other golfers could learn a

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ND BASKETBALL

Irish release 2010-11 schedules

Observer Staff Report

As hard as it may be to believe, the 2010 Irish basketball opener is less than six weeks away. Notre Dame released both the men’s and women’s 2010-2011 regular season schedules this week, and both schedules hold many challenges for the Irish.

The women open their season on Nov. 3 with an exhibition game against Michigan Tech at Purcell Pavilion. Their regular season opener is on Nov. 12 against New Hampshire, and their first road game is at Kentucky on Nov. 21. Less than two weeks later, the Irish will travel to Waco, Tex., to face Baylor — the only former NCAA champion Notre Dame has

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Irish forward Tim Abromaitis attempts a lay up against UCLA on Dec. 19. Notre Dame’s schedule was released Tuesday.

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ND WOMEN’S GOLF

Conway, Park look to lead in tournament

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Leading the Irish as they prepare to step back onto the course this weekend are two familiar faces who are no stranger to the success the Irish have achieved in the last few years. Seniors Katie Conway and So-Hyun Park hope to use their experience to lead the Notre Dame team to a higher level of play this year, and they are just the people to do so.

“So-Hyun and Katie bring a wealth of experience to the team,” Irish coach Susan Holt said. “So-Hyun has played in 31 of 32 events in her career

and Katie has played in 30 of 32 events in her career. Both players are ranked in the top seven in career stroke average in program history.”

Conway and Park have been challenging the Irish standards since joining the team in the fall of 2007. Conway ranked third on the team with a 76.75 average while Park became the program’s first All-American and set the Notre Dame record for a single-season stroke average at 73.63 in their rookie season. Winning the Big East that year topped off a stellar inaugural campaign for both Conway and Park.

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