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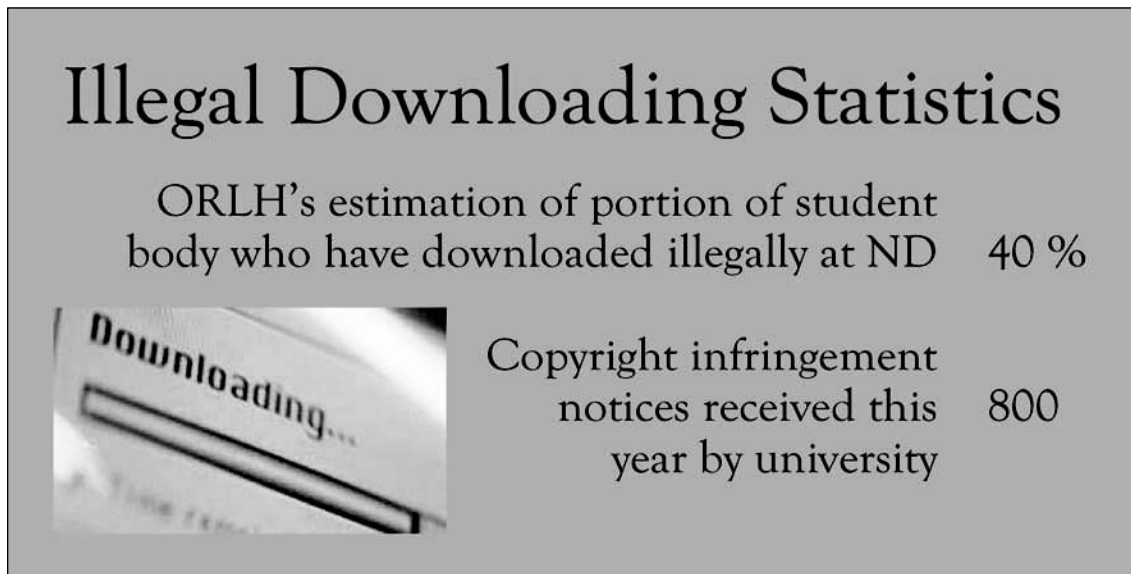
By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

A campaign to inform students about illegal file sharing began recently, Robert Casarez, assistant director of the Office of Resident Life and Housing (ORLH), said Wednesday.

The campaign, held in conjunction with the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and help from the Office of General Counsel (OGC), launched this week to educate students about the consequences of engaging in illegal file sharing, Casarez said.

"We would like to take a proactive approach on the issue rather than waiting for the violations," he said. "Over the last year, the number of copyright infringement notices that the University has received has more than doubled, and we are aiming to keep as many students out of the disciplinary process as possible for these types of violations."

Casarez said the University does not actively look for illegal file sharing, but ORLH "conservatively estimates" more than 40 percent of the student population



is engaging in illegal downloading or sharing of copyrighted material on the University's network at any given time. This year alone, the University has received more than 800 copyright infringement notices.

Illegal file sharing is defined as the downloading or sharing of copyrighted material without having purchased or received

expressed permission from the copyright owner, Casarez said. File sharing is monitored on the internet by major organizations, such as the Recording Industry Association of America and the Motion Picture Association of America.

"These organizations then send a copyright infringement notice to our Digital Millennium

Copyright Act representative in the OGC, which is then forwarded on to our office for identification," Casarez said. "Illegal sharing or downloading is traceable, and once the student responsible is identified, they are notified by our office of the violation."

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Professor researches education

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Peace studies Professor Catherine Bolten, an anthropologist by trade, has focused her research on the state of education in post-war societies, specifically Sierra Leone.

"I started out working as an apprentice for a medicine man studying ethnobotany in Botswana 15 years ago, Bolten said. "When I went to Cambridge for my master's I wanted to study AIDS, but after I made a very good friend from Sierra Leone, they convinced me I would be better off studying war and resources."

In 2003, Bolten made her first trip to Sierra Leone. The West African nation had recently ended a ten-year

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Club donates money, time to orphanages



Photo courtesy of Michael Daly

Senior Michael Daly poses with children at an NPH orphanage in Honduras. FOTO sponsors trips to the country during school breaks.

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

As many Notre Dame student clubs begin to wind down their activities for the year, the Notre Dame branch of Friends of the Orphans (FOTO) still has big plans.

FOTO is a student group that raises funds and awareness for Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) orphanages. Consistent with the orphanage group's name, which translates to "our little brothers and sisters," the orphanages provide homes for

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Employees take courses

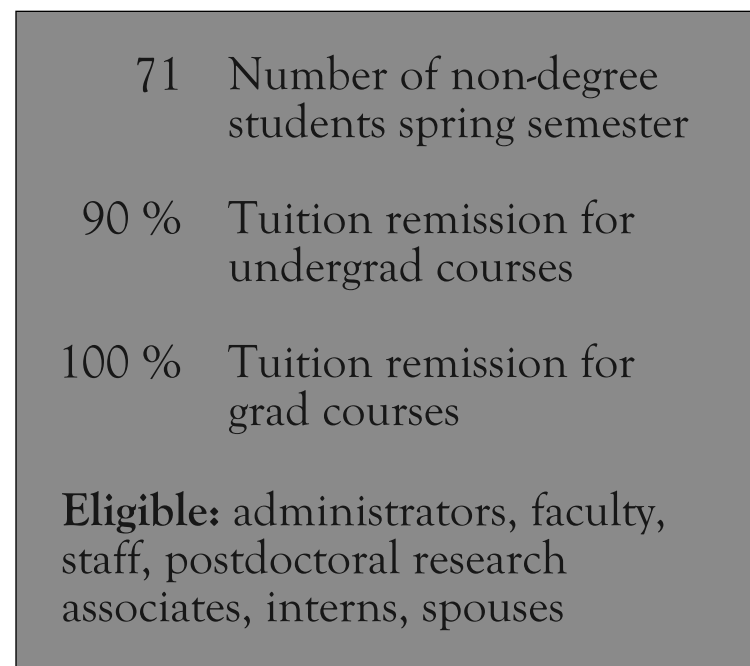
By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

While many students spend some of their free time at campus jobs, a number of University employees do just the opposite, electing to enroll in courses while employed at Notre Dame.

This semester, 71 non-degree students have taken advantage of an employee benefit facilitating ongoing education for those on the University payroll, Assistant Registrar Chris Temple said.

"There's a 90 percent tuition remission for an undergraduate course and 100 percent for a graduate one," Temple said. "Payroll does some tax considerations because the benefit is taxable, which is part of the reason why Human Resources comes into play."

Eligible candidates — including administrators, faculty, staff, postdoctoral research associates, interns and spouses — must meet academic prerequisites for any course they enroll in. In addition to this, they must obtain the approval of their immediate supervisor,



Temple said.

Once employees meet these requirements and receive approval, they have access to courses with spots available after degree-seeking students have finished registering and can begin classes alongside regular students.

Temple said employees often take classes out of a

desire to learn without necessarily having a goal of receiving a diploma.

"I really do believe the main reason employees choose to enter classes is personal enrichment," Temple said. "Some, though, have hope of using these

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD INTERBREED ANY TWO SPECIES, WHAT WOULD YOU PICK?



Gabby Triplette

grad
off campus

“Panda and
penguin.”



Sean Flanagan

freshman
Dillon

“Cheetah and
rhinoceros.”



Anthony Cossel

sophomore
Alumni

“Dolphin and
squirrel.”



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freshman
Pangborn

“Emu and
dachshund.”



Patrick Walsh

junior
Dillon

“Giraffe and
monkey.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

A shot is blocked during a Bookstore Basketball game between Charlie Sheen Bit My Finger and Blinkie’s Beauties yesterday. The annual tournament continues until May 1.

OFFBEAT

Man loses at poker, fails to repay defrauded investors

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — An Albuquerque man was sentenced to prison Wednesday after he asked to repay his investment scam victims through poker tournament winnings, but failed to find luck at the card table.

“This was long overdue,” said J. Dee Dennis Jr., the superintendent of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department. “This individual wanted to con us into believing that keeping him out of prison would help his victims get their money back. ... We’re calling his bluff. It’s about time we sent him to prison.”

Samuel McMaster Jr.

stayed out of prison after prosecutors agreed to a request from his attorney to delay sentencing so that he could earn money to repay his victims. The former insurance agent was accused of stealing nearly \$450,000 from 23 investors over several years.

The way he chose to attempt earning money for restitution was through gambling, said Phyllis H. Bowman, lead prosecutor with the state Securities Division.

After he failed to pay, McMaster was sentenced Wednesday to 12 years in prison, five years of supervised probation after his release and ordered to make full restitution to his victims.

Georgia woman cleans purse, finds lottery ticket

FAIRBURN, Ga. — A Georgia woman’s decision to clean out her purse paid off in a big way when she found an old lottery ticket worth \$189,302. Fifty-five-year-old Rhonda Williams of Fairburn says she found the winning Fantasy 5 ticket in the bottom of her purse after cleaning it out over the weekend.

WSB-TV reports that the ticket is from a Jan. 17 drawing. Williams picked all of the winning numbers: 18, 25, 28, 29, 35.

Williams says she plans to pay off bills and may take a cruise.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Dr. Donald Drakeman, a regular visiting professor at Princeton University, will be giving a lecture titled “An Unprincipled Approach to the Establishment Clause” in room 1130 of the law school. The lecture will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today.

A lecture titled “Understanding Genocide: Advances and Challenges in the Study of Mass Extermination” will be held in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies from 4 to 5:30 p.m. today. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Tonight from 4 to 8 p.m. the Irish softball team will play a double header against Butler in Melissa Cook Stadium. Student admission is free. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and youth.

As part of Multicultural Student Programs and Services Semana De La Mujer (Women’s Week), there will be a discussion of latina body image in modern media titled “Dangerous Curves” from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight in the McNeil Library of Geddes Hall.

The Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will host “The God Debate II: Is Good From God?” from 7 to 9:30 p.m. tonight. The debate will feature theologian and philosopher William Lane Craig and neuroscientist and philosopher Sam Harris.

Tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in room 117 of DeBartolo Hall, Jonathan Bloom, author of “American Wasteland: How America Throws Away Nearly Half of Its Food (and What We Can Do About It),” will give a lecture titled “Watch your Waste.”

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

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SENATE

New administration sworn in

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

During its first meeting under its new administration, the Student Senate approved new committee chairs and passed three resolutions Wednesday.

Student body president Pat McCormick officially assumed his office when he was sworn in to his position during the meeting.

“I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of student body president of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, and to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the undergraduate student body,” he said, taking the traditional oath of office.

Student body vice president Brett Rocheleau and the incoming senators were also sworn into their new positions.

As the body began its term, the senators approved the new committee chairs.

Senate approved freshman Heather Eaton to head a new committee on constituent services.

“We are supposed to be the gateway between the students and student government to make sure student voices get heard,” she said. “We will really be the direct link to getting things done that students want.”

Eaton said managing student input on grab-and-go, pep rallies and other day-to-day issues of student life will fall under her jurisdiction.

Sophomore Ellen Carroll assumed the role of social concerns chair.

“We will be working a lot to challenge students to see beyond their immediate needs on campus and look to the needs of people in South Bend and in the world,” she

said.

The Off-Campus Committee began its second year with a new chair, Katie Zemlock.

Zemlock said she hopes to improve the discount program for local businesses and possibly host a Taste of South Bend fair on campus.

Erika Hansen was voted as chair of community relations. She said she hopes to plan trips into South Bend as well as events with local organizations such as the Robinson Community Learning Center.

Senate approved freshman Neal Ravindra as academic affairs chair. Ravindra said he wanted to plan more academic activities for students and faculty outside the classroom.

“That’s how we can benefit from an education at this University, by planning what goes on outside the lecture halls,” he said.

John Sanders, the new residence life chair, said his committee would begin work on plans for move-in in August and the possibility of a third meal-plan option. The new university affairs chair, Jason Lovell, said his committee would focus on campus safety and security as well as continuing plans to renovate the DeBartolo Lounge.

Sophomore Yiting Zheng assumed her position as campus technology chair. She said she hopes to revamp insideND and make progress on a mobile system to monitor laundry.

The group also unanimously voted for junior Hallie Brewster as gender issues chair, junior Nick Ochoa as multicultural affairs chair and junior Ben Noe as oversight chair.

The body also designated senators to represent the group in the Financial Management Board,

Campus Life Council, the Council of Representatives and Judicial Council.

The new Senate passed three resolutions to bestow emeritus status on the previous student government administration.

When former student body president Catherine Soler received emeritus status, McCormick said her term laid the foundation for future student government projects in the community.

“I think that Catherine demonstrated true leadership in her work on behalf of student safety here on campus and her commitment to foster improved community relations here in South Bend,” he said.

Student body vice president emeritus Andrew Bell also received praise from his successor.

“Andrew was a great vice president,” Rocheleau said. “He has been a great mentor to me in the past month and a half, and he was always a great role model in the office.”

Chief of staff Claire Sokas recognized former chief of staff Nick Ruof for his contributions to student government.

“I had the opportunity to work with Nick in student government for the past two and a half years,” Sokas said. “Nick is one of those strong but silent types, and I am lucky to call him a friend and a role model.”

McCormick said he looked forward to the year ahead of his administration.

“I would like to just express my gratitude for you being here,” he said. “My hope is that we can channel the hopes that came from your campaigns and our campaign to the student body.”

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College recognized for use of social media

By JILLIAN BARWICK
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College has taken No. 97 in StudentAdvisor.com’s “Top 100 Social Media Colleges” ranking. The college review site attributed the ranking to Saint Mary’s interactive 2010 Commencement website.

“Last year Saint Mary’s created a social-media driven commencement website allowing students to create a ‘digital keepsake’ with photos and streaming videos,” the rankings page states.

Daniel Miller, director of Web and Interactive Communications, assembled last year’s site with Assistant Director Peter Mlodzik. Miller is responsible for managing all of Saint Mary’s websites, ranging from the main site to the College’s Facebook pages.

Miller said the ranking considered both the quantity and quality of sites operated by colleges.

“The rankings look at the number of sites a college has, for example, YouTube pages and Twitter pages,” he said. “They liked what they say on our 2010 Commencement page specifically, which allowed us to be on the Top 100 list.”

Last year’s commencement page included YouTube, Twitter and Flickr feeds. Miller and Mlodzik helped popularize “SMCgrad” as a Twitter hash tag, drawing attention from students and alumnae alike.

Twitter was used to share pho-

tos of pre-commencement activities and was updated with video and photos throughout the ceremony.

“We went to Twitter because it gave us the ability to have external commenting easily allowed and accessed,” Miller said. “Facebook did not allow broad user content for what we were aiming for.”

Miller said he was pleased to see the College’s use of social media receive recognition in the online ranking.

“It is nice to be recognized amongst big and small institutions across the country, especially because the idea was conceived and built from inside Saint Mary’s,” Miller said. “The idea to the design to the implementation, it all came from SMC.”

Miller said the constant process of change in social media will always leave room for improvement, and he hopes experimenting with new ideas will be the key to the College climbing in the rankings.

“We have learned a lot in the building of the 2010 Commencement site. Now we can see what to implement for the 2011 Commencement site as well as sites for reunions, admissions, and development,” Miller said. “Having a longer timeline to create the site helps, and we are really looking to get more people involved for the future.”

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Former prof. speaks on disease, music

By MEGAN DILLON
News Writer

While music provides simple entertainment to many, Dr. Clayton Henderson said it plays a major role in managing his Parkinson’s Disease (PD) when he spoke at LeMans Hall Wednesday.

Henderson was diagnosed with PD in 2001. He retired from the Saint Mary’s department of music in 2005 after 25 years of teaching.

He contacted the College hoping to do something to educate students about his disease during Parkinson’s Awareness Month.

As his condition has worsened, Henderson has turned to music for both relief and distraction from the symptoms. In early 2010, a severe episode left him with speech difficulties, and he especially struggled with long pauses between words. Henderson found singing helped him string words together.

Henderson said not just music, but anything that someone is passionate about can help people deal with physical challenges and suffering.

“I like to consider it fooling the brain,” he said. “Any passion a person has that lets them do something without thinking about it can do this. For me it is music.”

Despite the relief afforded him by music, Henderson said the effects of PD, caused by a lack of the neurotransmitter dopamine, are severe. Besides tremors, he suffers from insomnia, hallucinations, mood swings, freezing of his arms and hands and slowed speech. While there is medication, people with PD will see an increase and change in symptoms if the dosage is not perfect.

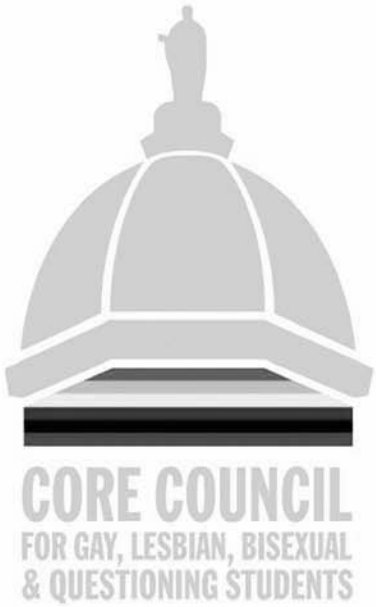
“Even right now as I’m talking to you it’s as if someone is controlling me, and the same when I’m playing,” he said. “I’m conscious of all this but sometimes it’s like I’m not in control of it.”

Henderson played several short excerpts on the piano, mostly slow ballads with one quicker jazz piece, to the amazement of the audience.

Henderson emphasizes the importance of keeping a positive attitude. He considers having PD in some ways a gift and sees finding new ways to deal with it, such as music, a positive challenge.

“I have PD but PD does not have me,” he said. “I have no fear of the future because I don’t have the future. I have today and I’m learning to enjoy today.”

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University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students

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Contact: Fr. Joe Carey, CSC, at 1-7800

University Counseling Center
(Individual counseling)
Contact: Dr. Maureen Lafferty at mlaffert@nd.edu

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Saint Mary's junior Claire Egan hugs an orphan during her trip to an NPH orphanage in Honduras.

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more than 3,600 children at nine facilities.

Sophomore Erin Wright, FOTO's 2011-2012 president, said the club is sponsoring a 24-hour fast for Haiti on April 19.

"Students who sign up for the fast pledge to abstain from food, or if they cannot commit to food, something like their phones or computers for the day," she said. "They are asked to contact friends and families to support them through donations and prayers."

Wright said the club is also planning a "Henna for Honduras" fundraiser on April 27 in LaFortune Hall, where donors can receive a henna tattoo and have an opportunity to learn more about FOTO and NPH.

Although the group focuses its work overseas, students can still make a difference here in South Bend, Wright said.

"While our club does sponsor trips to Honduras during school breaks, the majority of our members are involved on

campus," she said. "Through meetings, fundraisers and general awareness events, we all work together to raise funds and foster compassion for the children of NPH."

Current FOTO president Michael Daly said individual students, residence halls and many athletic teams have acted as "godparents" by sponsoring a child at one of the NPH orphanage locations this year.

"As a godparent, you play an essential role in the lives of NPH children by providing for a child's basic needs and hope for the future," he said. "Union of prayer with and for the pequeños at NPH is a wonderful and supernatural way to connect in solidarity and, on a spiritual realm, radiate our relationship of love and support."

Some members of FOTO will make a visit to the NPH Honduras home during the last week of May, Daly said.

"It's an opportunity for sponsors to experience their labor of love and solidarity in action, making the world a more healing place," he said.

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classes to apply to a degree program at some point in the future."

One such individual is Wendy Wolfe, a Program Administrator for the Glynn Family Honors Program. Through the ND Learning at Work Academy, Wolfe is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in English at Notre Dame.

"Being a part of this environment on a daily basis has been life-changing and enriching," Wolfe said in a statement on the Office of Human Resources site. "It has given me a real thirst for knowledge and a desire to continue the learning experience for myself."

While some of the courses were especially challenging, she said she has enjoyed her classroom experiences since beginning taking courses in the 2009 fall semester. Wolfe won the Fred E. Freeman Staff Scholarship last August. The scholarship awarded her \$1,000 per semester to continue her

education.

"The Fred Freeman Staff Scholarship has opened up a world of opportunity to me," Wolfe said in the statement. "I cannot think of a better way to relate to my students and my career than to join them in their learning experience and keep learning right along with them."

Temple also said taking courses has offered him greater engagement with his work.

"Over the eight years I've been employed here, I've taken nine classes. Aside from further-

ing my education, I stay in touch with academic life on campus," Temple said. "In the Registrars' Office we handle commencement, registration and scheduling so I like to stay engaged in what's going on in the classroom."

After being away from academics for a number of years, Temple said returning to the classroom can be

intimidating, although student engagement in some classes helps to break the tension.

"Walking into a class of undergrads is not easy," he said. "Some classes are discussion focused so you get to know [students] and some are lecture style so you don't."

Despite the challenges of re-adjusting to the classroom, Wolfe said the opportu-

nity to continue her education at Notre Dame outweighs any difficulties. Wolfe said she enjoyed the anthropology course she took with Professor Meredith Chesson last semester and has found the course she is taking now just as fulfilling.

"I'm currently in a Political Science class with Professor Eileen Botting which studies Mary Wollstonecraft and Mary Shelley," Wolfe said. "I'm loving this course as well and have found it to be more than rewarding."

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Wendy Wolfe
program administrator
Glynn Family Honors Program

"Aside from furthering my education, I stay in touch with academic life on campus."

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as we mourn the loss of

Sean Valero

Keenan Hall



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Thursday, April 7, 2011
10:00 p.m.

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Rev. Thomas P. Doyle, C.S.C., Homilist



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Casarez said the most common violations come from students using peer-to-peer file sharing websites, such as BitTorrent.

“While some may not know the scope of their actions, they are indeed violating the law and University policy,” Casarez said. “Students can face legal action from one of these outside organizations for violating copyright law.”

Besides breaking federal laws, illegal file sharing breaks some University rules, too, he said.

“Not only is this type of file sharing illegal, it is against the University’s

Responsible Use of Information Technologies Policy,” Casarez said. “First time violators are notified of the violation via a letter from our office which requests that they cease any illegal downloading or sharing or face a disciplinary conference with our office. Continued violations can result in the loss of access to the University’s network resources and/or a substantial fine.”

Casarez said the current campaign is not meant to crack down on student violations, but rather

to educate students about the legalities of internet downloading.

“We will continue to react to those notices the University receives, but we hope that this campaign will cut down on the number of notices by informing the students that this is happening,” he said.

Casarez said students should look for alternatives to illegal file sharing to avoid the possible consequences.

“One of the more recent trends is the downloading of television shows,” he said. “While most people assume that if they can watch the episode on their TV or online for free that they can download it legally on a peer-to-peer

program like Limewire, it is in fact illegal,” he said. “Streaming video websites like Hulu compensate the copyright holders and creators via the money they make from advertising, which makes viewing the material on their site legal.”

Visit oit.nd.edu for further questions on the Responsible Use of Information Technologies Policy.

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Robert Casarez
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Office of Residence Life
and Housing

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war. While the conflict had a number of causes, it was widely attributed to the struggle over diamond resources.

“The war wasn’t actually fought over diamonds,” Bolten said. “Young people were calling for democracy and end to the corrupt state — many factors converged in this war.”

Her three-month visit was academic in nature, as she hoped to lay the groundwork for her PhD. While there, she decided to go to the city of McKinney because of the reputation the city had in Freetown.

“People in Freetown really b a d m o u t h e d M c K i n n e y ,” Bolten said.

“They said that the people there were helping the rebels during the war and that ex-combatants still lived there.”

When Bolten reached McKinney, what she found was a city that had been stigmatized and marginalized for many years. Due to the environment people were living in, they had very flexible relationships and morals, Bolten said.

“People could justify not helping others or shelving relationships because they could barely help themselves,” Bolten said. “Once they could take care of themselves, it was a trickle down effect of development.”

The greatest problem Bolten observed was the state of education, which was in disarray at the end of the war in 2002.

“There was a youth crisis,”

Bolten said. “Here you have a person who is 34 years old but has not fulfilled all the tenets of adulthood, like education or getting a job. They’re in limbo and they don’t know what’s going to happen to them.”

To help solve the youth problem, the government adopted a national curriculum to be taught in all schools, both public and private.

Problems persisted as the new system was ineffective at creating competent workers out of the students, who

found few jobs awaiting them after leaving school.

“They are buying into this idea of education, applying themselves in school, but there are no jobs,” Bolten said. “They expect the government

to give them jobs because the government expects them to be educated.”

Through her research, Bolten will take a critical look at these failed developmental and educational programs in an attempt to determine why they are implemented despite their shortcomings.

While Bolten is returning to Sierra Leone in 2012, she is also hoping to draw insight from a faraway and unexpected locale — Glasgow, Scotland. Drawing on similarities between the state of education and employment in Sierra Leone and Glasgow, Bolten hopes to approach the issue from a new angle.

“This will be a complementary perspective,” Bolten said.

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“They are buying into this idea of education, applying themselves in school, but there are no jobs.”

Caterine Bolten
peace studies professor

Beck ends sinking Fox talk show

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Glenn Beck later this year will end his Fox News Channel talk show, which has sunk in the ratings and has suffered from an advertiser boycott.

Fox and Beck’s company, Mercury Radio Arts, said Wednesday they will stay in business creating other projects for Fox television and digital, starting with some documentaries Beck is preparing.

Beck was a quick burn on Fox News Channel. Almost immediately after joining the network in January 2009, he doubled the ratings at his afternoon time slot. Fans found his conservative populism entertaining, while Comedy Central’s Stephen Colbert described Beck’s “crank up the crazy and rip off the knob” moments.

He was popular with tea party activists and drew thousands of people to the National Mall in Washington last August for a “restoring honor” rally.

Yet some of his statements were getting him in trouble, and critics appealed to advertisers to boycott his show last summer after he said President Barack Obama had “a deep-seated hatred for white people.”

Beck said that he went to Roger Ailes, Fox News chairman and CEO, in January to discuss ways they could continue to work together without the daily show.

“Half of the headlines say he’s been canceled,” Ailes said. “The other half say he quit. We’re pretty happy with both of them.”

Beck said he noted on his show Tuesday “how many times can I tell the (George) Soros story,” referring to the liberal donor Beck has made a target of attacks.

“We felt Glenn brought addi-

tional information, a unique perspective, a certain amount of passion and insight to the channel and he did,” Ailes said. “But that story of what’s going on and why America is in trouble today, I think he told that story as well as could be told. Whether you can just keep telling that story or not ... we’re not so sure.”

Beck, who outlined on Wednesday’s show his reasons for believing that “we’re heading into deep and treacherous waters,” told his viewers at the end of the show that his Fox talk show would conclude.

“I will continue to tell the story and I will be showing other ways for us to connect,” he said.

More than 400 Fox advertisers told the company they did not want their commercials on Beck’s show. Beck’s advertisers were dominated by financial services firms, many touting gold as an investment.

Ailes dismissed the financial impact of the boycott but expressed some frustration with it.

“Advertisers who get weak-kneed because some idiot on a blog site writes to them and says we need to stifle speech, I get a little frustrated by that,” he said.

One of Beck’s most prominent critics — David Brock, founder of the liberal watchdog Media Matters for America — said that “the only surprise is that it took Fox News months to reach this decision.”

“Fox News Channel clearly understands that Beck’s increasingly erratic behavior is a liability to their ratings and their bottom line, and we are glad to see them take this action,” said James Rucker, executive director of ColorofChange.org, which organized the advertiser boycott.

Beck was a lightning rod for other critics, as well. The Jewish Funds for Justice organized a petition drive last fall to get Beck fired for what it called his misuse of Nazis and the Holocaust phrases against political opponents.

Viewers had begun turning away. Beck’s 5 p.m. ET show averaged 2.7 million viewers during the first three months of 2010, and was at just under 2 million for the same period this year, the Nielsen Co. said. His decline was sharper among younger viewers sought by advertisers.

Increasingly, the show began to be dominated by Beck standing in front of a chalk board giving his theories about the world’s troubles.

However, Beck has built a powerful brand for himself through a daily radio show, best-selling books and personal appearances. Mercury Radio Arts is expanding and a key Fox executive, Joel Cheatwood, is joining the company later this month.

Beck’s company created and operates a news and opinion website, TheBlaze.com. For \$9.95 a month, he offers fans access to “Insider Extreme,” a website that beams documentaries, Beck personal appearances and a video simulcast of Beck’s daily radio show, with an extra hour featuring Beck cohorts.

Beck said ratings for his television show were not an issue, noting that “we have buried the competition in every sense.” His supporters believe that the recent decline is more a reflection that ratings were abnormally high early last year.

“Call CNN and MSNBC and ask them if they’d like to have Glenn’s ratings at 5 in the afternoon,” Ailes said.

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Police pepper-spray mischievous 8-year-old

Associated Press

DENVER — Eight-year-old Aidan Elliott had thrown a TV and chairs at his Colorado elementary school and was trying to use a cart to bust through a door to an office where teachers and other students fled for safety.

No one could calm the boy, not even the staff in a program for children with behavior problems like him. So they called police, who had intervened with Aidan twice before.

Police found him with a foot-long piece of wood trim with a knife-like point in one hand and a cardboard box in the other.

“Come get me, f-----,” he said.

When they couldn’t calm him down, one squirted Aidan with pepper spray. He blocked it with the cardboard box.

A second squirt hit the youngster in the side of the head, and down he went, according to an account of the Feb. 22 standoff in a police report first obtained by KUSA-TV.

Aidan and his mother went on national talk shows on Wednesday to say using pepper spray on an unruly 8-year-old was too much.

Police and officials at Glennon Heights Elementary in Lakewood, Colo., say it could’ve been worse.

“Had the officers chosen to be

hands-on with him, the potential for him getting some type of injury and, maybe even officers, would have been much higher,” police spokesman Steve Davis said.

“It was the best choice made,” he said.

Aidan started acting up while on the bus to school, the police report said. He began screaming and then continued after breakfast while throwing chairs at his teachers.

“He was being very aggressive, very violent,” said Melissa Reeves, the school district spokeswoman.

There were eight students with Aidan in the classroom, Reeves said, and teachers removed them after he became violent. They barricaded themselves in an office, as he tried to bust in, Davis said.

Aidan was swearing and shouting expletives at his teachers and threatening them, Davis said. He taunted police when they arrived.

“I wanted to make something sharp, like if they came out, ‘cause I was so mad at them,” the boy said on NBC’s “Today” show. “I was going to try to whack them with it.”

After hitting him with the second squirt, officers took Aidan outside for some fresh air to help dissipate the spray. Paramedics were treating his red, irritated face with cool water when his mother arrived.

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My confession

Forgive me, journalism, for I have sinned. It has been three years since I converted to the craft, and never in that time have I felt the need to confess — until now. You see, journalism, I've tried hard to aspire to your virtues, and to avoid your vices. I fought temptation for years. But this year, I gave in.



Laura Myers

Senior Sports Writer

It was innocent, at first. A silent fist pump in the press box when Notre Dame scored its first touchdown against USC this November. No one was hurt by my action.

But then, at halftime, as it became clear who had the upper hand, it happened. A colleague and I went to the bathroom of the Coliseum's press box and jumped up and down at the idea of Notre Dame's first defeat of USC in nine years, cheering like fans, not reporters.

For shame.

It was an isolated incident. I made my peace with it and moved on. It's not isolated anymore.

When Skylar Diggins came into my place of employment last Tuesday morning wearing the Dayton Regional champion hat she had more than earned the night before in a win over Tennessee, I didn't try to talk shop or get a scoop. I simply handed her a bagel and said, "By the way, I like your hat."

Because I did.

Before the Connecticut game Sunday, I painted my fingernails green, a silent act of rebellion against a rule of professionalism that I truly do believe in. Then we beat Connecticut. At that point, old rules were out the window, journalism. I've reported on six losses to the Huskies in the past two years. To watch a win, a win by nine points, a win that sent us to the championship game? I cheered on press row. Not loudly, or obnoxiously. But I did.

Two days later, we were back for the national championship. My fellow senior reporter and I dressed up like Muffet McGraw. Other than that, we kept our professional demeanor intact for most of the game.

But when Tyra White hit that 3 with 1:07 minutes to go, an audible "No!" slipped out before I could stop it. When senior Becca Bruszewski went to the bench with seconds left in order to get a much-deserved round of applause for an excellent career, we quietly clapped along.

And today, I wore my Notre Dame women's basketball T-shirt to class, to show how proud I am of this team, my fellow students, for such an amazing year.

So please forgive me for my indiscretions, journalism. As penance, I will attempt to remove myself from temptation by never again covering Notre Dame sports. I'll simply be a fan.

That's as good as I can do, journalism. In respect of your biggest virtue, absolute truth, I have to give my real confession.

I'm not sorry at all.

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Having gone through the bread and butter years of college, I now understand that not all we learn here is adequately preparing us for the future. As I enter the last two semesters of my college career, there are many classes within my major that I won't have the opportunity to take — classes that could be very useful in finding my career path. I came to college specifically to prepare myself for my future career in private industry. But, regardless of our ambitions, what we all get is a smorgasbord of liberal arts education enforced through a core curriculum. Yes, there is something more to college education than just what you learn in your major, but in this day and age, where children across the world are gunning to beat us in business and innovation, can we really afford to take the extra time?

Preface: I am a computer science major and a Chinese minor. I chose these because they offer a clear path to employment and allow me to learn skills that are in demand, a main motivator to pursue a college degree.

Looking back, freshman year essentially was a waste. I learned things, maybe not as much in the chemistry department, but these things were not



Mark Easley

Elephant in the Room

very relevant to my future work. For many of us there is a lot of garbage we have to wade through before we can get to the meat and potatoes of our degrees. In our younger years, we push through the less than desirable general requirements so that we can see how great our major classes really are. We've lived through science, math, history, literature, theology, and philosophy. I know Notre Dame is exposing us to a holistic education, but I think there is a point when we are jumping through too many hoops to get to where we want to be.

All these required classes can be defended. It is important for a college-educated adult to know some basic scientific theory as well as have a decent competency in mathematics. Literature is not only something we use on regular basis, but can be quite rewarding on a personal level. A grounding in history is useful for informed intellectual discussion. Theology is totally understandable as we go to a Catholic school and probably don't mind getting exposed to a little religion while we're here; otherwise, we would have matriculated to one of the many secular options available in higher education. And philosophy opens the mind and engages you to think at a higher level. However, the time between the first required class and the second required class is where exposure can actually lead to torture. Granted, depending on your major you can still have an overexposure to any one of these core disciplines. However, eliminating a

required second theology and philosophy frees up two classes that you can choose to pursue something relevant or explorative. Eliminating excessive science and math courses would give people the choice to continue those studies or pursue other interests.

If we want to more effectively compete with the world, we need to stop weighing down college students, who only can afford to pay for four years of education at a private university at best, with less personally important subject material. Every subject has merit at some level, but only a select few are imposed on every student. The fewer courses that are impressed upon students, the better college scholars will respond. I am not advocating lessening the amount of knowledge gained by a four year undergraduate, but giving them the freedom to shift the focus in a direction they want to pursue. A college should provide guidelines on what to study, not dictate what to study. This problem is not just specific to Notre Dame, but American higher education at large, and change must take place at many institutions. It is a minor gripe in terms of the big picture, but a small fix here and a small change there can make a big difference to a generation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#leggingsforlife

To the leggings-haters,

There has been a lot of people writing Letters to the Editor recently who are quite decidedly against wearing leggings as pants. We have read your anti-leggings comments and heard quite a few ourselves. Our question to you — why are leggings not pants? They serve the same purpose as jeans, cords or slacks, all of which are generally accepted as pants: to cover the legs. Is there some other intrinsic value to pants that we are missing? Are leggings too tight to be considered pants? Take a look at many of the jeans-wearers around

you, many of them appear to be painted onto the legs of the wearer. Do you object to the variety in the length of leggings? We own jean capris, flare-leg jeans and ankle-cropped jeans. Are these not all considered pants?

We are eager to understand why so many people hate on leggings. As girls, we've received criticism for wearing skirts that are too short. We've taken flack from Notre Dame boys who hate that we wear sweatpants. But to be chided for actually attractively covering our legs? That's new.

And to Mr. Brainard, we hope peo-

ple do see our outfit choices. Leggings are an extremely comfortable alternative to jeans, but a classy upgrade from sweatpants. So next time you see one of us in leggings, consider that we may have been up late working on a project, paper or test. We hope that a true gentleman can recognize our dedication to our academics.

Sincerely,

Danielle Guidry

junior
McGlinn Hall
Apr. 6

We were not defeated

Dear Observer staff,

We were not defeated. The women's basketball team fought with true Fighting Irish spirit, beating Tennessee and UConn to get to that championship game, and that is nothing to be ashamed of.

Stacy Hill

sophomore
Ryan Hall
Apr. 6

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not."

Oprah Winfrey
U.S. actress & television show host

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric."

Bertrand Russell
British author & philosopher

Towards God together

John’s Gospel opens with an unexpected twist, a twist perhaps important to note especially as our community unites again to mourn the loss of one of our members. John the Baptist is preaching by the Jordan River. Suddenly, a figure appears in the distance. John stops his preaching and points in the direction of the figure. He says, “Behold, there is the Lamb of God, the one I have been preaching about.” And a couple of the disciples, curious, start to follow Jesus as he passes by.

Fr. Lou DelFra
Faithpoint

Jesus seems to realize he is being followed, so he turns and asks, “What are you looking for?” Perhaps like us in tragic times, they don’t have much of an idea, at least not one they can well articulate. So they ask Jesus a question in return: “Teacher, where do you live?” And Jesus, succinctly but beautifully, responds, “Come and see.”

And then, the twist, the impact of which we might even miss, in the midst of a culture that prizes individualism and the challenge and adventure of “how far can you

get on your own.” For thousands and thousands of years, the Jews, who comprise the audience that has been listening to John the Baptist, have been waiting for the Messiah. Now, John — who has whipped them into a frenzy with prophecies that this Messiah who is about to arrive — abruptly stops talking and says simply, “There he is.” A courageous couple of disciples begin to pursue Jesus. And then Jesus himself turns to them, looks them in the eye, and says, invitingly, “Come and see.”

So, what should be the next movement in the story? Something like: “So the disciples followed breathlessly, overjoyed that the one they and their ancestors had been waiting for through the millennia had possibly, finally, arrived!”

But, surprisingly, this is not the next movement in John’s narrative. Instead, we hear that Andrew, one of the disciples who is pursuing Jesus, after being invited to “come and see,” departs from Jesus, and begins searching for his brother Simon. When he finds Simon, he says to him, “We have found the Messiah.” Might this not be important, that the first declaration of the

finding of Jesus in John’s Gospel is not “I have found the Messiah” but “We have found the Messiah” — the “we” apparently referring to Andrew and the second disciple who had first been pursuing Jesus. Finally, John concludes this interlude with a simple, poignant sentence: “And Andrew brought his brother to Jesus.”

Immediately afterwards, in case we missed the crucial point, Jesus calls Phillip to follow him, and an identical cycle ensues. Again, John interrupts the natural flow of the story to report that, after Philip begins to follow Jesus, “Phillip left and called his friend Nathanael, and he brought Nathanael to Jesus.”

The whole point of writing a Gospel, it seems fair to say, is to invite people to encounter and follow Jesus. Yet, in John’s Gospel, as soon as a disciple begins to follow Jesus, John interrupts the story to tell us, “But first that person went and got someone else.”

Clearly, John is trying to get an important point across about the Christian life: it is not, has not, and never will be about a solitary journey. The journey towards Christ always involves other people, and takes

place in the context of community. We can’t nourish the presence of Christ, so needed in days like these, by ourselves. Otherwise, when Jesus said, “Come and see,” the next line of John’s Gospel would be, “And they took off, left the others behind and had Jesus all to themselves.” These Lenten days ask us to examine the quality of our discipleship, to search more deeply for the presence of God in our lives. John’s Gospel issues a clear challenge that included in this self-examination must be questions like: With whom am I following Christ? Who am I bringing to Christ? Who am I allowing to bring me closer to Christ? Am I giving time to the relationships in my life that are gifts — indeed, necessary gifts — from God in my journey towards God? For, like the first disciples, we journey towards God together.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Allies for spirit of inclusion

We all may have different reasons for deciding to come to Notre Dame — academic, religious, athletic, familial or some combination of these and more. Notre Dame’s tradition attracts people with similar values and aspirations, acknowledging their uniqueness while providing them with a firm sense of commonality. More often than not, over time one can firmly establish a reassuring sense of community here.

For lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and especially questioning individuals (LGBTQ), the opposite has often been true. From the beginning, they are inundated with abrupt and firm assertions of heteronormativity. Frosh-O, Domerfest, SYRs and dorm parties negatively reinforce commonly held assumptions about “normal” sexuality and orientation. LGBTQ individuals are faced with a choice: either adhere to the standards of “straightness” or face ostracism and exclusion. And yet this is their home, and a place close to our hearts as well, where comfort thrives — or at least should thrive — from the freedom to be oneself.

As AllianceND’s officers our mission statement is as follows: “The purpose of AllianceND shall be to further embody Notre Dame’s Spirit of Inclusion, in accordance with the Catholic Church’s Doctrine of Universal Acceptance, and to address aversive homophobia towards Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning persons and their Allies.” Knowing the needs of the Notre Dame community, we have grounded ourselves in an ongoing social conversation. The best way to combat prejudice is to know people that experience prejudice; and with campus culture being as it is, we have realized that we need to speak up — to let people know that everyone knows someone that this

impacts. The involvement of allies is crucial in developing this alliance. All we ask from our allies is to be supportive and understanding of the fact that past our differences, we are all individuals of the same community who deserve to be treated equally. We therefore invite you to come together with many of your current classmates, roommates and friends and begin a conversation. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact alliancend@gmail.com, and we’ll add you to the listserv. We meet at 9 p.m. in the Great Hall of O’Shag on Wednesdays. Please come by to discuss what being an ally means both in general and here at Notre Dame!

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A humble request

Dear Ladies,
Every single one of you reading this right now is absolutely beautiful. You may not think so, but I insist that you trust me. Sadly, you may not see it, or others may not acknowledge it, because so many of us are sick. Even personally, I have not been what I would hope to be, and have pushed women (even those I cared about!) to be less than what they are. Ladies, forgive those of us who have taught you that the “only” way to win a man’s affection is by appealing to his lower appetites.
I cannot speak for all men, and there are certainly plenty who are innocent, but accept this humble letter in response to the issues surrounding the letter (“Ladies, be decent” Apr. 4). In both my personal experience and the witness of others, it has become clear that women feel pressured to dress and act a certain way. I may be only one man, but I’m certain that others would say the same: I want you to dress

modestly. This is not because I do not like your style or that I am judging your character, but because I do care about who you are and I do not want my weakness to blind me from seeing who you truly are beyond the surface.
If I am lucky enough to be a father, I want my daughter to dress modestly so that men will be forced to see how beautiful she is on the inside rather than on the outside. Imagine your future daughters: what do you want to tell them? Ladies, forgive me if I ask too much, and you are free to ignore me. Know that even if you ignore me, I will still strive to give you as much respect as you deserve. But I hope you will listen.

Jason Runkle
junior
Duncan Hall
Apr. 6

Remembering Sean Valero

Death.
It’s a five letter word that makes a lot of people uncomfortable. Yet it is also one of the few things we all have in common. Sooner or later, everyone will die. Death has a way of putting things in perspective. So many things we spend our time worried about do not seem to matter in the face of death. How people act in response to a death speaks volumes about their character.
As almost everybody knows, Notre Dame student Sean Valero died last week. If so many people know about his death, then why am I writing a Letter to the Editor about it? Because I do not want Sean to be forgotten. Notre Dame moves at a very fast pace and even tragic events like these can get lost in the hustle and bustle of life under the Dome. Too often we become preoccupied with stuff that can make us lose sight of the big picture. We cram every minute of our day with homework, papers, projects, study breaks, lunches, dinners, texting friends, tweets, Facebook posts, etc.
I think we should take a moment to examine what is really important in our lives. What I would like everyone to do is take five minutes out of their day to stop and think about the wonderful students we have lost this year. Their names are Declan Sullivan, Lizzy Seeberg and Sean Valero. Maybe this will inspire some self-reflection. Maybe this will lead to a meaningful conversation with a friend.
We spend so much time talking about trivialities. Why can’t we just spend five minutes talking about those who have died? Notre Dame is a place that prides itself on valuing community. Our tight-knit community is great at times, but for those who feel that they don’t belong, it might make them feel more isolated. It is great that Notre Dame has rigorous academic standards ... until we spend every minute possible cramming our schedules to get better grades when we should be cramming every inch of our heart with love for each other.
The time has come to ask ourselves the hard questions, such as “What do I believe?” and “Does the way I live my life accord with those values?” Have I spent my time at Notre Dame developing meaningful relationships with people or am I constantly counting down the days to the weekend? Are my conversations aimed at getting to know and love the person in front of me or am I just trying to fill an awkward silence? Do I see other people, even strangers, as getting in the way of my own happiness or do I see loving them as the only way to be truly happy?
I realize that other things in the world and at Notre Dame are going on. And that’s a good thing because life must go on. But I would ask that amid the hullabaloo of Bookstore Basketball, women’s basketball and whatever else may be competing for your attention, that you give time for serious reflection and meaningful conversation. Thank you.

Cornelius Rogers
senior
Keenan Hall
Apr. 5

Weekend Events Calendar

thursday



"The Two Gentlemen of Verona"
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.
\$15 regular, \$12 senior, \$10 student/youth

Two men travel to Verona, Italy, and fall in love with the same woman. Want to see how this Shakespearean comedy ends? Don't miss the first ever collaboration between the department of Film, Television and Theatre and the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival.

friday



SUB Concert: O.A.R. and Chiddy Bang
Stepan Center
7:30 – 10 p.m.
100 tickets available, Friday, 5 pm, \$15

O.A.R. and Chiddy Bang are coming to Notre Dame this weekend as part of SUB's annual concert. With such high-profile names, this year promises to be great. So go with a group of friends and enjoy their great music in what promises to be a fun and exiting event.

saturday



"The Breakfast Club"
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
11:59 p.m.
\$3 with Student ID

After an amazing and energetic SUB Concert, take a day off to relax with friends and watch this week's Midnight Movie at DPAC. This Saturday, enjoy the classic which transcends cliques and stereotypes. Bring a date or your friends and catch this '80s classic that never gets old.

sunday



Holy Half Marathon
Joyce Center
10-1 p.m.
\$25 Dining Hall registration and \$30 Online/Race Day registration

Been training for the Holy Half? The day has come for you to race throughout Notre Dame's beautiful campus. Not running this year? Go and cheer your friends as they run 13.1 miles and raise more than \$20,000. Proceeds benefit local charities.

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'Waiting for Superman' at DPAC Come see the flaws inherent in the system

By ALEX KILPATRICK
Scene Writer

"Waiting for Superman," which plays at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center this weekend — though certainly not a lighthearted, fun movie — is the must-see documentary of the year. Davis Guggenheim's highly politicized film analyzes the flaws in the American public school system and received the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. Guggenheim is also the director of "An Inconvenient Truth," the 2006 informative documentary about global warming, and several TV shows, including "Alias," "24" and "Deadwood."

The movie keeps the audience on the edge of their seats as it follows the education of five children ranging from kindergarteners to eighth graders in urbanized areas across America, including Washington, D.C., Harlem, the Bronx, Los Angeles and Redwood City, Calif. Viewers watch a moving back-story that presents serious, ambitious students who wish to gain a decent education.

The kids' hardworking parents are more than determined to give their children an adequate education. They want them to eventually attend college in spite of numerous obstacles in the way. Nakia, six-year-old Bianca's single mother, has taken pay cuts at

her job as a receptionist living in Harlem, but is nonetheless driven to put Bianca through college.

"I don't care what I have to do. I don't care how many jobs I have to obtain, but she will go to college," Nakia said.

As the film quickly shows, charter schools are one of the best options academically for families with financial concerns. Unfortunately, in order to attend smaller, less crowded charter schools with excellent track records, public funds and high standards of curriculum, the students' parents must enter a random lottery system that has low acceptance rates. The intensity of the cinematography as Guggenheim cuts back and forth between the anxiously awaiting families as the lottery winners are called only heightens the suspense in the theater audience.

The sentimentality of the documentary does not interfere with Guggenheim's responsibility to depict an accurate portrayal of facts behind America's successes and failures in the public school system in a way that viewers can easily understand. Along with the narratives of the five families, he displays national statistics in animated clips, presenting national test scores in reading and math, the astronomical dropout rates of public high schools in urban areas and the flaws of the tenure system.



Guggenheim also criticizes the movie's assumed target audience of upper to middle class Americans. At the film's beginning, viewers see him driving past several Los Angeles pub-

lic schools to drop his children off at a private school. He does this to show that many in the audience have sufficient resources to give their young students a private school education, yet do nothing to improve the public education system.

Although Guggenheim presents many failures in the nation's public education system, he also shows the successes of such leaders as Michelle Rhee, the chancellor of schools in Washington, D.C., who radically persuaded the teachers' union to exchange tenure for merit-based salaries that could reach sums of approximately \$130,000 per year.

Overall, "Waiting for Superman" is an emotional journey for the average movie viewer, but is still worth a watch if only for a better understanding of American public education.

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In Defense of Culture tantrum facebook

It has come to my attention through a number of encounters and conversations that there is a negative sentiment growing like a weed in the hearts and minds of collegiate uprights everywhere. At first it seems absurd. But I have heard through the grapevine something that goes far beyond anything I could ever imagine to conceive during my tenure in college. It is just this: Facebook is bad.

Let us back up a moment. Let me take you to Texas, a quaint little state I had the pleasure of visiting over Christmas break. While there, I met an intriguing young man with wide musical tastes and graphic design skills as impressive as my knowledge of Lord of the Rings trivia. After a lengthy conversation I mentioned that I'd find him on Facebook. Did I jump the gun? Assume too much? Apparently I did, because he responded, "Oh, I don't have a Facebook."

What? Who are you? Go back into the hole in the ground from whence you came! Who doesn't have a Facebook? But that's not what really shocked me. The true shock was the flippant irreverence for the line he spoke, as if his hipster juice were so strong that I should have smelled the non-Facebook vapors emanating from him the minute he walked into the room. Touché, I could hear him think. She thought I was a slave to social media, but unlike her, I have defied it! Now, let's exam-



Stephanie DePrez

Scene Writer

ine this reasoning for a minute.

It is true that millions of students including us spend copious amounts of time on Facebook every day. Gotta' get a bowl, gotta' get serial updates about what everyone was doing between the hours of 2am and 8am, etc. The worst part is when people are on Facebook in class. It's an hour and fifteen minutes. You do not need to comment on your friends' dance pictures in the middle of Philo. Just because you can, doesn't mean you should. Welcome, therefore, to the end of the thought process.

People abuse Facebook all the time. Too many people treat it like alcohol, and binge to the point of making themselves sick. Except with Facebook, you don't get physically sick, but it is your grades/social life/relationship with your roommate that is infected by your inattention. This is wrong.

Facebook was created as a social networking site. As Aaron Sorkin spent too many millions of dollars informing us, it is the social network — singular, all-encompassing and substitutes need not apply. If you need to find someone in class to ask a question about a day you missed, you look them up on Facebook. If you want to tell your friends from high school that you're going to be in town, you post on their wall. If you want everyone to know how much cooler your weekend was than theirs, you change your profile picture to show it off.

When you accept friend requests you literally make them part of your network — which can help with business and beyond. This is a useful tool and is essential today. You need to have a presence on the Internet, a little corner where people can go to when they want to

initiate communication but don't have the means to find you any other way. Facebook itself is not bad, wrong or evil. It is your inability to use it properly that has caused you such distress and, in the case of my Texan friend, distrust.

If you cannot pull yourself off Facebook for three hours, you are the problem, not Facebook. It's not making you look at it. It doesn't pop up in front of your paper and say "Check me, Please right now! Oh please, oh please!" No — you pull it up. You have to click on it, or enable it to receive chats. If you had the self-control to close the tab, to sign out or to move away from your computer completely, this wouldn't even be an issue.

It isn't a glory moment when you inform your friends that you're "off Facebook" or haven't ever had one. Someone who doesn't drink isn't morally superior to someone who drinks in healthy moderation. When you declare yourself free from the confines of Facebook, that's fine, but don't act like it's a demonic enterprise set to suck up your life and time.

Facebook allows you to message former teachers with new questions, post pictures for your family to see (your mom's got a Facebook, get over it) and post articles and videos on the walls of people who you think would enjoy them. Don't blame Facebook for your inability to leave it alone. Instead, use it for its benefits and have some self-control.

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By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL
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Ark Music Factory. The first thing to pop into most people's heads after that sentence probably ranges from "Rebecca Black" to "auto-tune" to "exploitation." Some people may have even experienced nausea. Basically, unless you are Ryan Seacrest, you most likely have a fairly negative view of the new music production company.

But, despite common misconceptions, Ark Music is not only about auto-tuning tweens and reaping the financial benefits. Meet CJ Fam, an 11-year-old from Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. Currently, she works for Ark Music and her music video, "Ordinary Pop Star," can be found on their YouTube channel, trizzy66.

CJ began singing three to four years ago, drawing inspiration from her drama classes. She began collecting singing gigs, including performing the national anthem at a rodeo.

"It took my parents a few times watching me perform, but eventually they said to themselves, 'Man, this girl can really sing,'" CJ said.

Before benefiting from her talent, CJ improved her musical talents through music and acting lessons. She draws her inspiration from artists like Lady Gaga and Katy Perry. CJ especially admires them for their sincere attitudes and drive to be themselves.

"Everyone says [Lady Gaga's] wack, but she's not. She's just trying to get her name out there," she said.

And that is exactly what CJ wants to do. Unlike Rebecca Black, who reportedly paid to have Ark Music produce her video, CJ sent audition tapes to Ark Music. The new production company was looking to start a girl band, but called CJ back to launch her as a solo artist.

"It's been a rollercoaster. It's once in a lifetime," CJ said of the experience.

Ark Music has received a lot of criticism for their business model. People have claimed they exploit children's desire for fame to make money,

but CJ would like to debunk this myth. She has enjoyed every minute she has worked with the producers, Patrice Wilson and Clarence Jey.

"[Patrice and Clarence] have been very supportive. They're just starting out too and they're not what people [have] been saying about them," CJ said, thankful for their support and help.

And CJ has enjoyed getting to know her fellow Ark Music artists. Before the launch of the company's website, Ark Music hosted a meet and greet with the artists, both those who have launched and those who are still in production. She calls the group "one big family."

But this 11-year-old with the bouncing blond curls doesn't just have a powerful voice. CJ has performed in professional plays, both in the United States and internationally, including "Annie" and "The Sound of Music." She also wrote her single, "Ordinary Pop Star," which is nearing almost 1 million hits on YouTube. She also wrote it when she was ten years old.

Regarding the song, CJ also wanted to clear up some misconceptions about the message behind the song. She was not trying to imply that she is a pop star and has to deal with everything that life entails.

"The song is not that I'm already famous, it's about that girl who has the choice between living the life of a star or being a normal girl," CJ said. "She just wants a little bit of both, but she has to decide."

Although CJ has not had to experience these choices yet, she is well on her way. Her road to fame currently involves trips back and forth between Los Angeles and Florida to meet with record labels and to hype her new single, which should be hitting iTunes soon.

So check out this rising star on YouTube and iTunes. She's only 11, but she has a voice that belies her age and promises to keep her on the music scene for years to come.

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MLB

Young leads Arizona over Cubs with his glove and bat

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chris Young wanted to give the Diamondbacks a little momentum heading into their home opener.

He did, with his bat and glove Wednesday as Arizona beat Chicago 6-4 to end a three-game skid. Young doubled, tripled and drove in two runs to help his team snap an eight-game losing streak against the Cubs.

“You just want to go out there and play good baseball and get the wins to back up your effort,” he said.

Young also got very acquainted with the Wrigley Field outfield, making a diving catch in the first inning to rob Kosuke Fukudome of an extra-base hit, then successfully chasing down Tyler Colvin’s flyball into the outfield wall in the fourth.

“(The ivy) is kind of dead out there right now but that kind of makes it worse. It’s all twigs,” the centerfielder said of his fourth inning grab. “It’s completely worth it if you catch it, but if you drop it you’ll be mad at yourself for even going after it.”

Armando Galarraga (1-0) won in his first NL start, giving up five hits and four runs in 7 1-3 innings. J.J. Putz pitched a perfect ninth for his

second save.

Gerardo Parra had three hits and scored a run and Miguel Montero hit his second homer of the season for the Diamondbacks.

Diamondbacks manager Kirk Gibson met with his players early Wednesday to alleviate some of the pressure he thought they were feeling.

“I just kind of reaffirmed some of the things we worked on play the way they’re capable of,” he said of his pregame speech. “Go out and play loose, play aggressively. Have fun playing the game, that’s what we did.”

Alfonso Soriano hit his third homer of the season and Aramis Ramirez hit his second for Chicago.

Ryan Dempster (0-2) gave up five runs — four earned — and 10 hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and didn’t walk a batter.

“I made a lot of good pitches today,” Dempster said. “For the most part, I like the way I was throwing the ball.”

After the Cubs tied it in the fourth, Arizona scored three times in the fifth.

Willie Bloomquist singled to drive home Parra, who led off the inning with a double to right. Bloomquist scored on a defensive lapse by Soriano.

Young lifted a flyball into the left-field corner, which

Soriano tracked to the wall. But the ball glanced off his glove as he reached the yet-to-bloom ivy. The play was scored a double. Young went to third when a relay throw got away from Cubs catcher Geovany Soto, who was charged with an error on the play, and scored on Kelly Johnson’s double.

The Cubs committed three errors.

“We don’t play well at times, but we still gave ourselves a chance,” Cubs manager Mike Quade said. “We just didn’t do enough things well today to win a ballgame.”

Trailing 6-3 in the eighth, the Cubs loaded the bases on a pair of singles and a walk. Colvin bounced out to first base, scoring a run. With two outs and runners on second and third, Arizona reliever Juan Gutierrez struck out Soriano, spurring another round of boos for the embattled slugger.

Galarraga made his debut for Arizona after being acquired in the offseason from Detroit. He retired the first nine Cubs, gave up a single to Byrd leading off the fourth.

Ramirez then turned on the first pitch he saw from Galarraga and lofted it into the basket in left-center for



Willie Bloomquist, left, and Chris Young celebrate after Young’s RBI triple in the third inning of Arizona’s 6-4 victory Wednesday.

his first homer of the season, tying the game at 2.

The Diamondbacks broke on top in a third inning defined by aggressive play by both teams, with varying results.

Parra led off the frame with a looping drive that landed just beyond the glove of Cubs second baseman Blake DeWitt, who recovered to throw out Parra trying to stretch the hit into a double.

One batter later, Bloomquist singled and stole second. It was Arizona’s eighth stolen base of the season in five games, the fastest the Diamondbacks have reached that mark in franchise history.

Young then followed with a sinking drive to center. Cubs centerfielder Marlon Byrd, in an effort to save the run, raced in and reached for a shoestring catch. He came up short and the ball rolled well behind him.

NFL

Judge does not see immediate labor resolution

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn.— As she wrapped up the five-hour hearing on the legality of the NFL lockout, the federal judge overseeing the case said she’d take “a couple of weeks” to rule on the players’ request to return to work.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson, however, urged the two sides not to wait that long.

“It seems to me both sides are at risk, and now is a good time to come back to the table,” Nelson said, noting her willingness to facilitate the resumption of talks toward a new collective bargaining agreement that would put pro football back on track.

Owners and players failed to reach that goal last month, leading to the decertification of the

union, the lockout of the players and the antitrust lawsuit against the owners filed here by the players.

But the two sides don’t agree on much these days.

Attorneys for the players said they’re open to talking again. Lawyers for the league hedged on their eagerness to take Nelson up on her offer, by saying the owners prefer to be back at the bargaining table.

The injunction request — a plea to the judge that the lockout be immediately lifted on the grounds that their careers are being irreparably harmed — was the sole purpose of Wednesday’s hearing.

The court appearance was the first round — call it the first quarter — between the NFL and the players in their legal fight over the future of the \$9 billion

business and the 2011 season.

Teams of attorneys from both sides, officials from the now-dissolved union, several NFL players and dozens of reporters crowded the courtroom, but little was accomplished other than the formal launch of the legal process.

David Boies, a lawyer for the NFL, argued that the court shouldn’t have jurisdiction while the National Labor Relations Board is considering an unfair labor charge filed by the league that players didn’t negotiate in good faith. The NFL’s contention is that the union’s decertification was a tactical maneuver and that it has the legal right to keep players from working.

Boies claimed players are still acting like a union, that the NFL Players’ Association is funding the litigation and has set up other services for the players as if it

were a fully formed labor entity. DeMaurice Smith, the head of the NFLPA, attended the hearing, and the players, lawyers and union officials arrived and departed together in a bus.

“They’re financing this lawsuit,” Boies said. “They’re saying, ‘We’re no longer a collective bargaining agent, but we’re going to continue to do all these things.’”

James Quinn, an attorney for the players, dismissed the accusation that the decertification was a sham, pointing to unanimous participation in a player vote to approve the move.

“It’s not some kind of tactic. It’s the law,” Quinn said. “It’s what we’re allowed to do.”

Plaintiffs Mike Vrabel, Ben Leber, Vincent Jackson, Brian Robison and Von Miller were joined in court by veterans Tony Richardson and Charlie Batch,

members of the union’s executive committee prior to dissolution. Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees, the three highest profile players named on the lawsuit, did not attend.

Hall of Famer Carl Eller, the lead plaintiff in a separate, similar case filed by retirees, former players and rookies, was also present. Nelson approved a motion to consolidate those cases, and attorney Michael Hausfeld — on behalf of the Eller group — took turns with Quinn arguing against and rebutting Boies.

Nelson listened to arguments from lawyers for the players and the league Wednesday, asking questions often and speaking politely but directly while acknowledging her difficulty discerning which components of the laws apply to this complicated case.

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Modern Family Quotes

Phil:

I love Westerns, the bloodier the better, that is my favorite type of movie - that and anything set against the backdrop of competitive cheerleading.

Claire:
We need a game plan, we need to map out exactly what we are going to say, because that is the only way I will be able to hold it together while our babies look at us with judgment and disgust.
Phil: That is how they always look at us.

Phil:

While Claire watched one of the most highly-acclaimed films of the year, I sat through a badly made schlock-fest, with absolutely no redeeming value - and it was awesome!

Phil:

Yeah, he gives me a hard time. But that is the deal with a father-in-law.

The key is I never let him see just how much it devastates me.

Claire:

You cannot have two fun parents... You know that kid Liam who wears pajama pants to school and pays for things with a hundred-dollar bill?

Two fun parents.

Give me one shot at my life today. One shot at my life today. I don't want to be a stranger. I don't want to be just a passerby. Stand in line wrapped around the world. I don't want to be just a parasite. Holding on tight. Holding on tight.

I got this feeling and it's down in my bones. I got this feeling and it's burning up my soul. I got to get just one shot, baby one more day. Got to gie me one shot today. I got this feeling just give me one day.

NBA

Bulls gear up for Celtics, look to secure No. 1 seed



Chicago guard Derrick Rose dribbles past Utah's Devin Harris in the Bulls' 118-100 win March 12.

Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Joakim Noah has a pretty good idea what to expect on Thursday night.

The Chicago Bulls host the

Boston Celtics in a game that could have a big impact on the race for the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference, and he anticipates a charged atmosphere at the United Center.

"I think it's going to be a zoo in here on Thursday," he said. "It's very exciting."

These, indeed, are exciting times in Chicago.

With 16 wins in 18 games and the No. 1 seed in reach, the Bulls haven't had it this good since the Michael Jordan championship era.

They were three games ahead of Miami and Boston at 57-20 after hanging on to beat Phoenix on Tuesday. A win over the Celtics would all but eliminate them from the race for the top seed. The Bulls would be four games ahead of Boston four to go in the regular season.

The next tiebreaker if they finished with identical records would be conference play, and at the moment, the Celtics are 35-12 with the Bulls 34-13 against the East.

"It means a lot," veteran forward Luol Deng said. "(The top seed) gives you the homecourt, but also, just having the best record tells a lot about the kind of season you had."

Big things were expected after a major offseason overhaul that came on the heels of back-to-back 41-win seasons and first-round playoff exits.

The Bulls fired coach Vinny Del Negro and replaced him with Tom Thibodeau. They

were big spenders in free agency, landing Carlos Boozer and adding depth on their bench after failing to sign LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

Even so, most expected them to finish behind Boston, Miami and Orlando. Well, now look at them.

Derrick Rose is challenging for the MVP award. Thibodeau is a strong coach of the year candidate, and the Bulls are leading the East even though Boozer and Noah have missed significant chunks of the season due to injuries.

"You want to go step by step," said Thibodeau, who broke Phil Jackson's club record for wins by a first-year coach. "You focus on each game. You want to put as many things in your favor as possible. Being the highest seed possible is important. You can't say that it's not, but you have to take it step by step."

Beating Boston would be a big one.

Beyond that, though, the Bulls realize they also need to address some issues.

They were beaten on the boards for the third time in five games Tuesday, although they're still outrebounding opponents by a league-high 5.56 per game, and they let a

22-point lead in the second half dwindle to two before pulling out a 97-94 win over the Suns. Noah was a bit out of sync after missing three games with a sprained right ankle, finishing with 12 points and four rebounds.

"A lot of balls have been coming out of my hands," he said. "I have to do a better job of that."

The Bulls need to do a better job finishing off opponents. Besides the late drama with Phoenix, they had some defensive lapses against Toronto in the previous game and struggled to put away the Raptors.

"It's a lot of things we need to tighten up," Deng said. "We all know that. We're not panicking. The last few games, we've got to do a better job, especially in the second half. ... It's stuff that I'm sure we'll sort it out."

This would be a good time, with Boston coming to town.

Is it a statement game?

"No," Thibodeau, the former Celtics assistant, shot back. It is, however, an important one.

"They're a very talented team, they're well-coached," Thibodeau said. "There's not anything that we're doing that they don't know, and there's not anything that they're doing that we don't know. It'll come down to how well we can execute and how well they can execute. They're the defending Eastern Conference champions. Until someone knocks them off, you've got to be ready to compete with them."

"A lot of balls have been coming out of my hands. I have to do a better job of that."

Joakim Noah
Bulls forward

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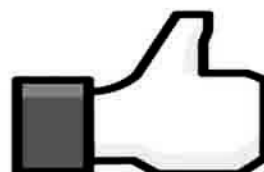
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MLB

White Sox come through with three runs in the 12th



Royals starting pitcher Jeff Francis delivers to White Sox batter Juan Pierre in the first inning of Chicago's 10-7 win Wednesday.

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Chicago White Sox committed four errors and were down three runs with two outs in the ninth, facing one of the hottest teams and one of the best closers in the majors.

So they put five straight men on base and wind up with a 12-inning, 10-7 victory Wednesday over the stunned Kansas City Royals.

“Crazy game. Very crazy game,” White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. “Both sides. But thank God we win.”

Carlos Quentin had four hits, including a solo home run in the eighth and a two-run double in the ninth that capped a four-run uprising against Joakim Soria.

A two-time All-Star, Soria had never allowed four runs in a game in his five-year career, let alone four with two out in the ninth.

“I never thought this was going to happen ever, Soria give up that many runs with two out,” Guillen said.

Neither did Ned Yost.

“Taking a three-run lead into the ninth, you feel pretty good every time Soria comes into the game,” said the Royals manager. “He got two quick outs and then they just kept finding holes. They didn’t really smash the ball. They just kept finding holes.”

In the 12th, Brent Morel hit a

two-run single off Sean O’Sullivan (0-1) for the go-ahead runs as the White Sox broke the Royals’ four-game winning streak.

The energetic Royals were in position to improve to 5-1 after Soria retired the first two batters on easy grounders. But Alex Rios and Paul Konerko hit RBI singles and Quentin’s two-run double capped a four-run comeback for a 7-6 lead that held up until Kila Ka’aihue’s RBI double off Matt Thornton tied it 7-all and set up the Royals’ third straight extra-inning game.

Quentin said the White Sox were fully aware of who they were facing in their improbable ninth-inning rally.

“You’ve got to look at it as the beauty of baseball,” Quentin said. “Sometimes that happens. Guys will lock in. Pitches are made and swings are put on pitches that are proper swings. We’re well aware of what Soria has done in his career. He’s a quality pitcher and today we were fortunate enough to come back.”

Soria may have been tired.

“In his defense and he’ll never admit it, he’s worked five of six days,” said Yost.

Quentin doubled to start the 12th. After a bunt single and an intentional walk, Morel hit a two-run single and Juan Pierre added a sacrifice fly.

Winner Chris Sale (1-0) went two innings, giving up one hit

and striking out two.

The Royals had won their previous four games all in their final at-bat, and had their chances in this one, too. Kansas City had runners at first and second with one out in the ninth and didn’t score, and put runners at the corners with one out in the 11th without getting a run.

Royals starter Jeff Francis had a six-hit shutout going until Ramon Castro homered on a 3-1 pitch with two outs in the seventh. Francis was lifted after Morel singled, and Pierre hit an RBI triple off rookie reliever Tim Collins.

White Sox starter Mark Buehrle went five innings and gave up five runs. He allowed eight hits and had two strikeouts.

Alex Gordon had an RBI double in the first inning and scored on Billy Butler’s single for a 2-0 lead off Buehrle. Elcides Escobar’s RBI double made it 3-0 in the fourth and was followed by Brayan Pena’s RBI single and an RBI ground out by Mike Aviles.

Quentin homered off Robinson Tejada in the eighth.

With two outs in the Kansas City eighth, Chris Getz scored from first when left fielder Mark Teahen dropped Mike Aviles’ fly ball for the third Chicago error.

The White Sox stranded runners at first and third in both the fourth and fifth innings.

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PGA

Woods seeks fifth Masters

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — There was a time when Tiger Woods would have responded to the perceived slight in the way he knew best — with his clubs. A 65 on Sunday, perhaps, good enough to slip on another green jacket while Ian Poulter waited at the airport for a flight home.

Getting even used to be easy when life was so much easier. A thrashing on the golf course usually took care of anyone who challenged the great one's supremacy, lest they dare open their mouths again.

Could still happen, of course. Woods tees off Thursday hoping a retooled swing and his intimate knowledge of Augusta National could carry him to a fifth Masters title, and you can't completely discount the possibility no matter how erratic he's been.

More likely, though, is that Poulter was spot on when he said he didn't see Woods finishing in the top five this week.

Best clue why? Woods himself says it's true.

"Well, Poulter is always right, isn't he?" Woods said.

Sure, the words were spoken sarcastically. But the fact they were spoken at all was telling.

The old Woods would have simply responded to the Englishman's comments by narrowing his eyes or shaking his head. There was nothing to say when his clubs could say it all.

He dominated Augusta National just by his presence. There was never any need to check his tee time because you could hear it coming.

"He walked to the range and it was like a freight train arriving," three-time Masters champion Nick Faldo said.

For the first time in 12 years Woods is not the favorite to wear the green jacket that goes to the winner. Phil Mickelson is, and the wise guys in Vegas don't even make it close.

At his peak, bettors could put down \$20 to win \$30 on Woods in the Masters. This week they can bet \$10 and win \$100, but even the prospect of a big payoff hasn't lured them to put a lot of money on Woods.

"They've definitely figured out over the last year and, especially in this tournament, Tiger is obviously not on his game," said Jay Kornegay, who runs the sports book at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Woods' fellow players have figured that out, too, though they are careful to avoid looking as if they're dancing on the carcass of the Tiger of old.

Some, like Mickelson, keep quiet, perhaps fearful that the Tiger of old might reappear and start snatching majors away from them. Asked Tuesday whether Woods' problems since his sex scandal erupted might keep him from winning five more majors to break the record of 18 held by Jack Nicklaus, the normally loquacious Mickelson clammed up.

"I don't have an opinion, no," Mickelson said.



Tiger Woods putts on the 18th hole in a practice round at the Masters golf tournament Wednesday in Augusta, Ga.

The Europeans aren't nearly as cautious. Rory McIlroy said in a bylined piece in Sports Illustrated magazine's "Golf Plus" section earlier this year that Woods was "playing like an ordinary golfer" and that he doubted he could ever dominate again.

And Poulter said Monday that Woods' shots were too inconsistent for him to finish in the top five this week — though he later sent out a few tweets saying his words were blown out of proportion.

"Note to self when asked about Tiger: always (B.S.) & say what they want to hear, or you will be ridiculed," Poulter tweeted to his 1 million-plus followers.

Just what is wrong with Woods is the subject of debate from the locker room at Augusta National to pubs in Scotland, the birthplace of golf. He insists it is simply a matter of technique and that things will be fine once he gets his swing dialed in, though others believe it runs far deeper than that.

"He still hasn't fully come to terms with the fact that he's not the same person he was before," said Patrick Wanis, a Los Angeles human behavior and relationship expert. "He still has a sense

of shame, a sense of guilt."

What is clear is that Woods is a shadow of the player who, 10 years ago, completed the Tiger Slam by winning the Masters and becoming the first person to hold all four professional major championships at the same time. He followed that with another streak after his father died in 2006, winning 18 of 33 tournaments worldwide and had a seven-month stretch without ever losing.

Now he hasn't won in more than 500 days and seems more a curiosity to his fellow players than a threat. There's a new wave of players who are beating him at his own power game and winning the tournaments he used to own.

Once intimidated, now they're not even distracted.

"In the past a lot of guys used up a lot of energy thinking about Tiger and what he's doing," Faldo said. "Now they're doing their own thing and thinking about what they're needing to do."

That's not good for Woods, but it is good for golf. As remarkable as his run was, it had to end sometime so new stars could emerge.

They're going to win, and they're going to talk.

And there seems nothing Woods can do about it.

NBA

Miami's Wade sits out with bruised thigh

Associated Press

MIAMI — With a week left in the regular season, Miami guard Dwyane Wade is ailing.

Wade was held out of the Heat game against the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday night because of a bruised right thigh, even though it's a critical time for Miami in the Eastern Conference playoff chase. The Heat entered the game tied with Boston for the No. 2 spot in the East.

"He's still very sore," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Couple days of rest, we want to make sure he's as healthy as he can be down the stretch and for the playoffs."

James Jones was in the starting lineup in Wade's usual spot.

Wade is listed as day-to-day. After Wednesday, Miami will have four regular-season games remaining, including what looms as possibly a critical matchup

Sunday at home against the Celtics.

Wade was injured in the first half of Miami's win Sunday against the New Jersey Nets. He played in the second half of that game, but needed treatment because of deep soreness Monday and Tuesday. He did not participate in Miami's shootaround practice Wednesday morning, either.

The Heat host Charlotte on Friday.

"If he doesn't feel like he's able to go out there and give 100 percent, then he should take the rest," Heat forward LeBron James said. "I don't think it's about the Boston game, either. I think it's about the playoffs. We want him as close to 100 percent as possible before the playoffs start. If he's ready Friday, he should play. If not, he should sit. If he's ready Sunday, he should play. If not, he should sit then too."

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COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer
Junior wide receiver Michael Floyd advances the ball in the Sun Bowl December 31, 2010. The Irish beat Miami 33-17.

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coach Mik Aoki said. “It was nice to see.” Senior infielder Mick Doyle reached base on a throwing error and advanced to second on a fielding error. Freshman infielder Eric Jagielo reached base via a fielder’s choice, and rookie first baseman Trey Mancini stroked a double down the leftfield line to plate both runs.

The sloppy play by Western Michigan (14-16, 3-0 MAC) continued, as Mancini reached third base on a mis-timed throw to the Broncos cutoff man. Senior outfielder Herman Petzold took advantage by flying out to deep right field, good enough for a sacrifice fly to drive Mancini home.

While far from robust, Notre Dame’s offense has come alive over the last four games. Despite a 2-2 record over that stretch, the Irish (12-14-1, 3-3 Big East) have averaged close to six runs per game.

The offense generally takes time to catch up to the level of a team’s pitching, especially for teams that compete in cold-weather environments such as Notre Dame. Mancini has disregarded that rule of thumb, as the freshman leads the squad in nearly every offensive category.

“He’s a kid we all thought

had a lot of offensive ability,” Aoki said. “He’s produced in really big moments. He’s [a] kid who has developed and continued to get better. I think you can say the same thing about Eric Jagielo.”

Jagielo and Mancini have handled the pressure of batting in the three and four spots in the Irish lineup with more poise than their freshman standing would suggest. The two lead Notre Dame in slugging percentage, hits, RBIs and doubles. The rookies have also combined for six of Notre Dame’s seven home runs on the season.

Sophomore right-hander Adam Norton tossed five innings while giving up only two earned runs to improve to 2-1 on the year. Aoki said Norton gives the Irish a competitive advantage with his versatility.

When Norton is not starting on the mound, the outfielder can serve as a designated hitter or play in the out-field.

“That is a good thing for us,” Aoki said. “It allows us to get a guy who is swinging the bat well, but give us the flexibility to put him in the game as a pitcher.”

Looking to improve upon its 4-2 home record, Notre Dame will take the field Friday through Sunday in a weekend series against Connecticut.

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Mik Aoki
Irish coach

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Dame’s critics who argue that athletes are not held to the same standard as the rest of the student body. But what about Floyd — no one seems to have his best interests at heart.

Behind the 6-foot-3, 227 lbs. frame that has had professional scouts drooling for years now, is a young man who made a mistake. A big one. And it was not his first.

But what good does it do to cut him loose and suspend him for the entire 2011 season? Not to speculate what Floyd would do if that turns out to be his punishment, but there is a strong possibility that he would opt for the NFL Supplemental Draft, rather than finishing his degree and hurting his draft stock by sitting out a year. It is

important for Floyd’s recovery process that both academics and athletics are readily available and continue to be a part of his future. Why put him into a corner and make him break the promise he made to his mother that he would get a degree before moving on?

Irish coach Brian Kelly said last week that Floyd has shown remorse and realizes he needs to seek help.

“He’s already taken definitive action,” he said. “I’m not going to get into his personal life, but I think you can read between the lines. He’s already reached out to make that happen in a very positive way. He understands that he needs to be educated, and he’s started that process.”

Some will say Floyd has only taken action in order to lessen the blow from the Office of Residential Life. Maybe that’s true. But the point is, he is seeking help. Hopefully that help,

whatever form it is coming in, will get Floyd back on the right track.

Kelly seems to be giving Floyd the support he needs during this time, while using the incident as a learning tool for the rest of the team.

“It’s college and we want kids to make good decisions,” Kelly said. “Alcohol never seems to be a conduit for good decisions. As a football coach and somebody in college athletics, I think we all look at it the same way.”

So, before making a judgment on what Floyd’s punishment should be, think about the remorseful receiver and what this decision means for his future.

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Butler

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“I don’t know much about Butler but as always, we expect teams to have their best games against us so we have to come out swinging,” Winter said.

The Irish have not taken anything for granted this season, particularly after a few tough losses during spring break that left the team disappointed but ready to compete. Since then Notre Dame has been honing in on the details and improving significantly, especially in the pitching realm. Offensively the Irish are rolling, with several seasoned batters who have led the team to totals of nine, nine, seven, 12 and seven runs in its previous five games.

That continued offensive momentum will be key tonight as the Irish take on Butler at home at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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TOM LA/The Observer
Irish junior infielder Dani Miller steps into a pitch during Notre Dame’s 9-0 victory over Providence April 3.

SMC TENNIS

Belles continue winning streak

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Winning big is becoming business as usual for the Belles. They’ve won eight of their last 11, and seven of those eight wins have been by five matches or more. Their matchup last night was no exception, as Saint Mary’s bested Olivet College, 7-2.

The Belles (8-5, 2-1 MIAA) got after the Comets (8-5, 1-3) right away, and did not let up until the final point was played. Singles play has been a strength for Saint Mary’s all season. The Belles won five of the six singles matches, including a dominating 6-0, 6-1 victory by senior Mary Therese Lee at No. 6 singles.

Another highlight from the

singles side was in the No. 4 spot, where senior captain Franca Peluso won the last nine games to win 6-2, 6-0. Peluso missed much of the early season due to injury, but returned in mid-March and has now won three singles matches in a row.

Freshmen have also played a large role in Saint Mary’s recent success. Four of the Belles’ 10 roster players are freshmen, and their growth has been very noticeable over the course of the season. A prime example of this growth is the recent play of freshman Mary Catherine Faller. Faller has been a regular in both singles and doubles at the No. 3 position, and has made an immediate impact in both. Last night, Faller teamed up with senior Jessica Kosinski to win

8-4 in doubles, and then turned around to win a 6-2, 6-2 straight set decision. The two wins marked her third straight singles victory and her fifth straight in doubles.

While the Belles have been firing on all cylinders lately, they won’t have much time to recuperate before they take to the courts again. The team will be on the road all of this weekend, as they first head to Bethel College for a non-conference showdown Friday. Saint Mary’s will then travel to Holland, Mich., to take on conference rival Hope College. The Flying Dutchmen are undefeated in MIAA play, and will be an important match moving forward for the Belles.

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Junior Shannon Mathews prepares to serve in a 4-3 loss against Michigan Feb. 10. The Irish face Northwestern today at 4 p.m.

Reynolds

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the doubles side of competition in the past twelve matches.

The close location has pinned the two teams against each other multiple times in the past. While the Irish hold the

latest victory, a 5-2 win on Feb. 21, 2010, the Wildcats (11-5) lead the series 24-11. Today, the Irish hope to change that.

"As a team we definitely need to play smart and compete hard, especially against Northwestern because we have such a rivalry with them," Frilling said. "I think we did that well last weekend, and as

we get closer to finishing the regular season, it's important for us to keep that drive up."

Notre Dame must carry a strong force of momentum as they face Northwestern, who holds a 7-1 record at home and brings a six-match winning streak to the match after recently taking down Wisconsin (7-0), Ohio State (5-2) and Penn State (7-0). Of those three, the Irish have only faced Wisconsin this season, as they beat the Badgers (6-1) on Feb. 13.

The Wildcats bring four nationally ranked singles players to the table, including senior Maria Mosolova, who is ranked 16th in the country. Mosolova is a three-time All-American with 13 straight wins in singles play and was named this week's Big Ten Player of the Week.

Facing Mathews and Frilling at the No. 1 doubles spot will be the pair of sophomore Linda Abu Mushrefova and freshman Nida Hamilton, who rank seventh as a pair nationally with a 12-3 record over the season.

Mosolova certainly brings a threat, but is still a force that can be reckoned with. Frilling defeated her in the tour season in the semifinals of the USTA/ITA Midwest Championships 6-4, 6-2.

"I've played Maria a lot, so I know what to expect. It's going to be a good match nonetheless," Frilling said.

Including today's contest against the Wildcats, the Irish have only three matches left before the NCAA championships begin. Play in Evanston begins at 4 p.m.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles look to recover losses

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Coming off back-to-back losses against conference foe Alma Saturday, the Belles look to capture a pair of wins in their second MIAA doubleheader of the season.

When it squares off against Trine (14-5), Saint Mary's (10-5, 0-2 MIAA) has a chance to improve on its most recent outings in which overall good play was nullified by short stretches of offensive explosions by the opposition.

In their 10-6 loss in the first game against Alma, the Belles allowed four runs each in two innings. In the second game, the Belles surrendered three runs each in two more big innings, as they fell by a score of 7-1.

To ensure that they are on top of their game as they try to add to their win column, the Belles head into the matchup with a special focus.

"We go in there knowing what we have to do, knowing our strengths and making sure [we] have good communication," junior pitcher Monica Palicki said.

That communication will be crucial against the Thunder, as Saint Mary's will have to adjust to its opponent's style in a number of ways, Belles coach Erin Sullivan noted.

"They like to play a lot of small ball, a lot of suicide squeezes to try to score their

runs," she said. "Their first pitcher throws very hard, so we are just preparing for a little bit faster pitching and we are preparing our defense for working on a lot of small ball situations in practice."

The doubleheader marks the midway point of a conference road trip of sorts, as the Belles traveled to Alma last weekend and will travel to Aidan on Saturday. Despite the grueling schedule that includes six away games in the span of one week, Palicki says the Belles still manage to enjoy themselves.

"The schoolwork [is a challenge] when we get really busy," Palicki said. "But being on this team, we have to learn how to do time management, so I think that helps us a lot. [The traveling] is actually kind of fun — it is like team bonding on the way there and then team bonding on the way back."

If team unity improves as a result of their travelling, the Belles will be better for it. Palicki said the team's unity is especially important to her when she is on the mound, as it gives her added confidence and allows all of Saint Mary's to shift its focus on how to best the opposition.

"Being a pitcher, I know that my team is behind me and that we are going to have great defense and good offense, and then [we can focus] on finding their weakness and bring those out so

we can capitalize on that and [score] on them," she said.

Palicki leads the Belles with a 3.32 ERA this season and brings a 5-2 record into the upcoming contest. Freshman pitcher Callie Selner has fallen right into line behind the veteran, as she carries a 3.55 ERA to go along with her 5-3 record.

Both pitchers look to receive support from a Saint Mary's offense that has haunted opposing pitching with a .363 batting average, while scoring 106 runs through the first 15 games of the season. Despite somewhat meager offensive outputs in their two most recent contests, the Belles remain confident they can use the experience gained in every game to ultimately improve their play.

"We are learning a lot more about ourselves and I think that we are a great team," Palicki said. "We are a young team, but we have connected pretty great and we have found what works for us, and how to keep that going — how to take things from past games and take them into the next games."

The Belles take the field looking to capture their first conference win of the season against Trine. The first pitch of today's doubleheader is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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Blue-Gold

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recorded a team-high 133 tackles last season, has been participating in practice, but the coaching staff has been cautious because of the knee.

"[Te'o] took some seven-on-seven reps today," Kelly said.

"We want to develop him over the next five days where, if we wanted to play him, we certainly could in the spring game. I don't think we will, but we want to develop that too."

The development of junior running back Jonas Gray has caught Kelly's attention recently. Due to the knee injury to freshman Cameron Roberson, Gray and sophomore Cierre Wood are the only two active running backs under scholarship.

"[Gray's focus] is getting better," Kelly said. "He did a nice job

running today. You have to remind him every time — it's not muscle memory yet for him. You still have to remind him, but it is getting closer."

Despite competing in their first semester of practices at Notre Dame, linebacker Ishaq Williams

"[Gray's focus] is getting better. He did a nice job running today. You have to remind him every time — it's not muscle memory for him. You still have to remind him, but it is getting closer."

Brian Kelly
Irish coach

and defensive end Aaron Lynch have already made an impact as early enrollees for the Irish.

"It has not been a situation where every time they are in there we say, 'Let's do this,' Kelly said. "They can run our defense and certainly they are going to be able to do it in the fall ... Both of those guys in the fall will be able to line up and compete, but we will only do it if they can play full speed and not have to think."

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22 Bagel flavor

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58 Passport, e.g.: Abbr.
- 60 Gilbert ____, author of "A Void," a 290-page novel without the letter E

62 See 39-Across

66 Shot that's hard to miss

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68 "The Scandalized Masks" painter

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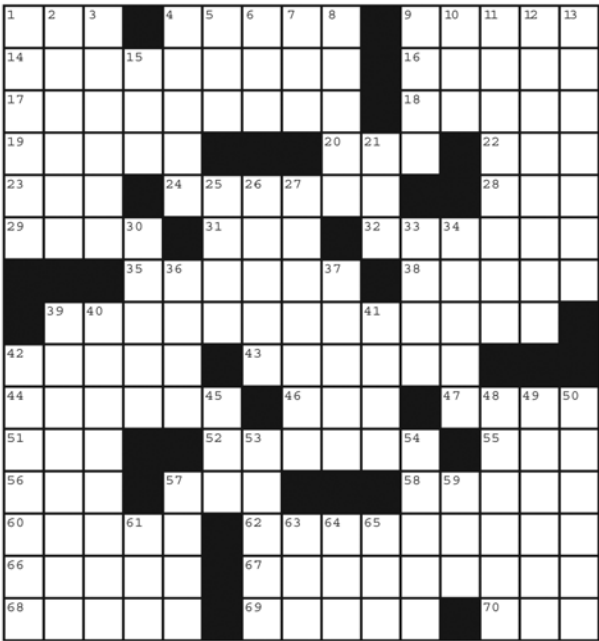
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41 Captain James of the high seas

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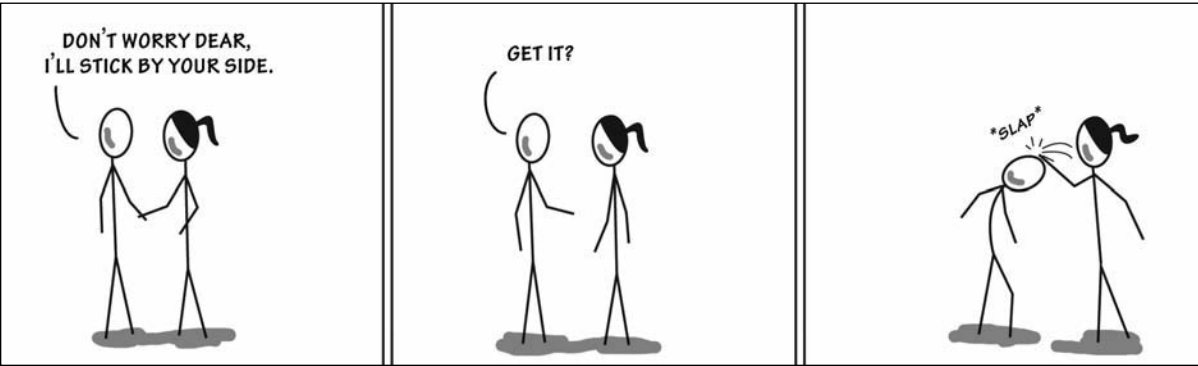
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Happy Birthday: Trying to do too much is always your downfall. Size up your situation and be real about your expectations. High energy, coupled with desire and opportunity, will help you maintain and encourage growth. Aggressive action will bring greater productivity. Your numbers are 3, 12, 16, 22, 27, 30, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Question your direction and consider your options. Knowing that you aren't stuck in one place should make your decision easier. A challenge will get you moving toward goals you may not have considered in the past. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be sure to be fully aware of any repercussions that may develop should you make a mistake. Allow everyone a chance to voice an opinion before you push your plans. For now, put your effort into being the best you can be. ★★★

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put your feelings aside and finish what needs to be done. You cannot let personal problems slow you down. You can make changes that will ensure better times but not before you catch up with jobs that take precedence. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have some cost-effective ideas that can turn your home into a much better place to entertain and get work accomplished. Be sure you are prepared to deal with any personal matters that can change your current status. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be feeling anxious if you have fallen behind. Indecisiveness can cost you financially. Stress will be at the root of all your problems. Do everything in your power to eliminate whatever is weighing you down personally or financially. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Talk about your feelings. You will come to an understanding that will surprise you and the person who concerns you. Changes at home may be difficult at first but, once you get started, you will see how favorably everything unfolds. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let someone else's uncertainty rain on your parade. Go after what you want and settle for nothing less. The changes you make at home will benefit you personally and professionally. Larger quarters or someone new in your life will bring you great joy. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't give away too many of your secrets until you are positive you can trust the people you are sharing information with. Stick close to home. Problems while traveling or dealing with outsiders or organizations with a different belief system can be expected. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's time to put the past behind you and face your emotions head on. Once you realize what you want out of life, you will be able to set your goals and follow through until you reach your destination. You have the strength and tenacity needed. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Revamp your look and lift your spirits. Upgrading is necessary in today's society, so get a makeover or sign up for a self-improvement seminar. Do whatever it takes to raise your self-esteem and pamper your tired mind, body and soul. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You will always find a way to get what you want. You have a good eye for quality. You act quickly and speak succinctly.

JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK
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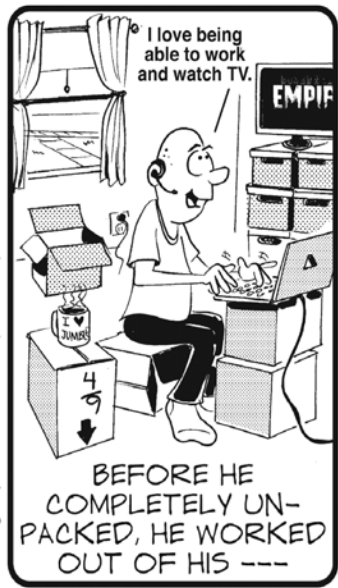
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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: PLANK HATCH OFFEND FLAVOR

Answer: What the math teacher used in his coffee to make it whole — HALF AND HALF



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FOOTBALL

Heading outdoors

Te'o out for spring game, Gray stepping up

By ANDREW OWENS
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame practiced outdoors Wednesday for the first time during the spring season, giving Irish coach Brian Kelly a different view of his squad as the 82nd annual Blue-Gold exhibition quickly approaches.

"You can stretch the field a lot further [when practicing outdoors]," Kelly said. "We can do some things in our passing game and defensively, just working on tracking the ball in the air. Having more space out there obviously allows us the freedom to not have to worry that every time a ball is in the air, someone is going to run into somebody."

Kelly said he does not expect sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o, who underwent a knee scope in the offseason, to play in the Blue-Gold game April 16. Te'o, who



TOM LA/The Observer

Junior running back Jonas Gray receives a handoff in spring practice March 26. Gray is expected to have a more prominent role in the Irish line-up next year.

University still deciding Floyd's fate

Since the morning of March 20, when junior receiver Michael Floyd was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, there have been two main schools of thought on the incident and his subsequent punishment.



Andrew Owens
Associate Sports Editor

One group wants the future NFL talent to face virtually no suspension because they are concerned about what the team's record would be without him. The other camp wants to see the University make an example out of Floyd and end his collegiate football career, in order to put a muzzle on Notre

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ND SOFTBALL

Captain Johnson continues to lead Notre Dame with hits

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

Looking to extend a five-game win streak, the Irish return home today to carry the momentum from Tuesday's rout of Wisconsin into a doubleheader against Butler.

Though Wisconsin was not one of the toughest competitors of the season for Notre

Dame (22-7), the team was able to overcome a slow start and come away with a 9-1 victory.

"You can never take any team for granted," freshman pitcher Laura Winter said. "We have to go out thinking they are the best so that we bring our best game to the table. I didn't come out sharp but the team did and we were able to bury them."

The Irish struggled to gen-

erate offense at the outset of the game, but the drought was broken by reigning Big East player of the week and senior captain Heather Johnson, who knocked home Notre Dame's first run in the third inning. Johnson not only extended her 12-game hitting streak, but kicked off a flurry of runs for the Irish including a three-run homer by junior infielder Dani Miller and consecutive triples by senior

infielder Katie Fleury and sophomore catcher Amy Buntin.

"We definitely had a rally going and we took advantage of their errors by taking extra bases when we could," Winter said.

Notre Dame was propelled to the victory by the offensive team effort, which the squad will look to continue tonight against Butler (18-11), a team that has earned some acco-

lades of its own this past week. Butler junior first baseman Erin Falkenberry recently became the school's all-time home run leader and was named Horizon League co-player of the week. The Bulldogs are also coming off a five-game win streak, with all five having occurred on the road. Notre Dame will hope to end that series tonight.

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BASEBALL

Broncos' errors boost ND

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

In a sharp contrast to the first half of the season, Notre Dame capitalized on its opponent's mistakes in the field and the pitching made it stand as the Irish took down Western Michigan 6-2 Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

After plating a run in the top half of the opening frame, the Broncos committed two errors in the Irish half that led to three runs.

"They were a little sloppy with the baseball early, and we were able to put up that three-run inning early and answer the early run," Irish



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Sophomore pitcher Adam Norton winds up in the 6-2 Irish win against Western Michigan Wednesday.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish prepare to face local rival Wildcats

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The No. 20 Irish take the court earlier than usual this week, traveling to the Combe Indoor Tennis Center in Evanston, Ill. to face No. 16 Northwestern in a midweek match.

Notre Dame (11-8) is coming off a two-match winning streak as it heads into the contest, as the team defeated Texas A&M 6-1 last Saturday and Long Beach State 5-2 on Friday.

Contributing largely to the two wins was junior Shannon Mathews, who was named Big East Player of the Week

for the first time in her career Wednesday. She added wins in both singles and doubles in the two matches against Long Beach State and Texas A&M. She now stands at 14-2 at the No. 2 singles position, and the pair of junior Kristy Frilling and Mathews ranks 22nd in the country with a record of 15-3 in doubles play.

Frilling, Mathews and freshman Jennifer Kellner hold nationally ranked positions at 3rd, 63rd and 105th, respectively. The three have helped lead the team on the singles front, while the junior doubles pair has added win to

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The
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Northeast Regional MVP Mike Johnson leads
Notre Dame into its second Frozen Four

Young Irish must seize the moment

Three years ago, I was lucky enough to cover the 2008 Frozen Four in Denver. I was just a lowly freshman sports writer, in awe that The Observer would actually pay for me to go to an awesome city and watch hockey.



Sam Werner

Senior Sports Writer

By now, every Notre Dame hockey fan knows how that weekend played out. In the national semifinal, the Irish beat Michigan 5-4 in overtime to earn — at least prior to this weekend — the biggest win in the program's history. Two nights later in the championship game, Notre Dame came up short against Nathan Gerbe and Boston College, falling 4-1.

Even though the Irish came up short, I — along with the entire Irish fan base — was hopeful for the future of the program. Given its trajectory, I was fully preparing to cover the team in Washington, D.C. in the 2009 Frozen Four.

Despite a record-setting 2009 regular season and CCHA tournament championship, the No. 1-seeded Irish fell to Bemidji State in the first round of the tournament. The months of hard work and success were wiped away in a game that Notre Dame may well have won nine out of 10 times.

The next season was basically a four-month long version of the Bemidji State game. The Irish roster was loaded with talent, but for whatever reason, the team never clicked, and the season ended with a losing record and a first-round CCHA tournament loss to Ohio State.

The past two seasons have been living proof of something that many, including myself, lost sight of in the optimism following the 2008 playoff run: It's really, really difficult to make it to the Frozen Four.

Even for the biggest and most storied programs, the Frozen Four should not be an annual expectation. Denver, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Boston University and Boston College — along with their 27 combined national championships — will be watching this weekend's games from home.

Notre Dame learned in 2009 and 2010 that anything from a fluke loss to unexplained intangibles can submarine a potential championship run.

It's this uncertainty that makes this weekend all the more important for Notre Dame. Sure, with all the

youth on the roster, the program will certainly have championship-caliber talent for the foreseeable future. But, as the past two years have shown, you just never know. Notre Dame is two wins away from its first national championship, and the Irish need to seize the moment now.

Much has been made of the fact that Notre Dame has made this run to the Frozen Four with 12 freshmen on the roster. Rookies T.J. Tynan and Anders Lee — who will probably need more closet space after all the hardware they picked up at Sunday's team awards banquet — are already among the top players in college hockey. Whether or not the Irish "should" be playing in Saint Paul this weekend or not, the fact is they are, and there's no excuse not to take advantage.

Fortunately for the Irish, the upperclassmen are in a unique position to offer advice to all the freshmen. Seniors Ben Ryan, Calle Ridderwall and Ryan Guentzel were all freshmen in Denver three years ago. They know that the younger players cannot afford to assume that there are definitely more Frozen Fours to come.

There were times even this season when it looked like a return to college hockey's biggest stage just wasn't in the cards. In my prediction for the first two rounds, I said the team appeared to be "one year away."

This team showed in the regional in Manchester, N.H. two weeks ago that they are definitely not one year away. Winning on back-to-back days in virtual road games against local teams Merrimack and New Hampshire, the Irish proved they clearly have the talent, chemistry and attitude to win it all this year. Once you get down to four teams, it's just a matter of how the puck bounces.

Throughout my four years at The Observer, I've watched football games from the Notre Dame Stadium press box, been on the field at Yankee Stadium and seen an Irish bowl win in person. For some reason, though, whenever anyone asks me what my favorite event I've covered was, the answer is always that Frozen Four three years ago. With smart coaching, a few timely plays and maybe one or two lucky bounces, this weekend has the chance to be even better.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Bulldogs await Notre Dame



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Freshman right wing Mike Voran handles the puck during Notre Dame's 4-3 overtime victory in the NCAA first round against Merrimack March 26.

By **ALLAN JOSEPH**
Sports Editor

When the Irish first reached the Frozen Four in 2008, then-freshmen Calle Ridderwall, Ben Ryan and Ryan Guentzel entered the Pepsi Center with wide eyes. Now seniors, their eyes display focus instead — a focus they feel is crucial to pass on to Notre Dame's 12 freshmen if the Irish are to claim the program's first-ever national championship.

"[We've] just got to let [the freshmen] know it's just another game," Ridderwall said. "We've got to keep our eyes on the prize — we're trying to win a championship, we're not just going there just to have a great experience. I think it's important to realize that we're still playing for a championship and these are just two playoff games."

Notre Dame (25-13-5) will face Minnesota-Duluth (24-10-6) Thursday in a matchup that seemed improbable just two weeks ago. The Irish backed into the NCAA Tournament, losing two games in the CCHA playoffs by a combined six goals — a far less-than-auspicious start to playoff hockey. When Notre Dame gave up two early goals to Merrimack in its first-round game, a Frozen Four berth seemed out of the question — yet the Irish clawed their way back past the Warriors and then past New Hampshire to reach Saint Paul.

"We had a bad weekend in Detroit," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Every time this team has had a bad performance they've shown the resiliency to come back and play well. It was a new season in the NCAA tournament — a new life."

On the other side of the bracket, the Bulldogs had to face a hot Union team and then a matchup with the tournament's overall No. 1 seed Yale — yet they won each game by a comfortable two-goal margin to reach the Frozen Four. Now,

the two meet on college hockey's biggest stage just 150 miles from Duluth. The potential home-field advantage won't intimidate the Irish, however.

"Some of the guys mentioned it last week," Jackson said. "They'd rather play in a loud environment with a jam-packed house than a half-empty building whether home or away."

That jam-packed house will pose challenges of its own, as the sold-out Xcel Energy Center (home to the NHL's Minnesota Wild) seats over 18,000 compared to the 3,000 who usually pack the Joyce Center for Notre Dame home games. On the other hand, the Irish have played in a number of large arenas, including Ralph Engelstad Arena (capacity 11,640) and Joe Louis Arena (capacity 20,066).

"Just knowing you can play in big games and having that confidence is huge when you go into a series like this in the Frozen Four," Ridderwall said. "All you can do out there is just play your game. We've practiced all year — we know what we can do. We just can't get carried away with everything going on around the ice."

Literally one or two games away from the end of their Notre Dame careers, Ridderwall and the other seniors have had the opportunity to reflect on the new heights to which they have taken the program.

"It's very special to be in the Frozen Four half the seasons you're in college," Ridderwall said. "It's very exciting."

Jackson hopes his seniors will use that reflection to better their younger teammates in their quest for a title that has thus far eluded the Irish.

"I think it's certainly a help that they can let [the freshmen] know about all the distractions that take place," he said. "It's going to be a circus in a lot of ways, so to make sure they stay focused and don't get distracted by all the things going on around them is really important."

If Notre Dame can defeat the Bulldogs, it will take on the winner of the Michigan-North Dakota game. The Irish have faced both the Wolverines (28-10-4) and Fighting Sioux (32-8-3) this season. Notre Dame went 1-2 against Michigan, with the lone win coming in Ann Arbor. The teams' most recent meeting was March 19 when the Wolverines won 4-2 in Detroit in the CCHA third-place game. Notre Dame took an early-season road trip to Grand Forks, dropping the first game to the Sioux but responding with a hard-fought tie in the second game.

When asked if his team's familiarity with either possible national championship opponent was an advantage, Jackson could do nothing but give a wry smile and shake his head.

"I'm not worrying about it," he said. "It's one game. We don't win it, it doesn't matter. We have to win [Thursday], and that's all that matters at this point."

Yet again Jackson taught focus, and his team seems to have heard him. With 12 freshmen leading the way, it has been up to the seniors to preach the gospel according to Jackson — and they have been its apostles.

"I think we have to focus on Minnesota-Duluth," Ridderwall said. "I don't think we really have to focus on what's going to happen when we get up there — what nice hotels they're going to be, how big a rink it's going to be. I think we just need to keep focusing on Minnesota-Duluth."

Notre Dame faces the Bulldogs at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Xcel Energy Center. The game will be televised on ESPN2 and ESPN3.com. The national championship game will take place in the same venue and will be televised live at 7 p.m. Saturday on ESPN and ESPN3.com

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Man of the hour

Sophomore goaltender endures up-and-down season, rebounds with strong postseason performance

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

There's a very good reason that Mike Johnson leads Notre Dame onto the ice before every game he plays.

He is the goalie — a position that, in postseason hockey, can either carry a team to a championship or prove its ultimate downfall. This means that, whether he likes it or not, as Johnson goes, so go the Irish. Luckily for No. 3 Notre Dame, the sophomore relishes the spotlight.

"I like the pressure that comes with the position," Johnson said. "I also like the fact that I'm on the ice all the time and can make an impact in every game."

It takes a special, almost quirky mentality — for example, Johnson eats "a banana before every game," — to play a position that is among the most high-pressure and mentally fragile in sports. While all other players skate on and off the ice in shifts, the goalie remains on the ice, responsible for every shot put on net. The net minder needs an entirely different mindset and skill set from a forward or defenseman, but Johnson said the position was something he went into without much thought.

"I played street hockey when I was younger and always played goalie," he said. "I kind of liked watching the goalies when I watched hockey, so it was one of those things that I just sort of fell into, I guess."

After learning the game on the ponds in Wisconsin, Johnson eventually set his sights on playing the game at a higher level in junior hockey and at the collegiate level. After one season with the St. Louis Bandits of the NAHL in 2007-08, he moved onto the USHL with the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders for the 2008-09 season. With the RoughRiders, Johnson enjoyed a breakout season, posting 25 wins and starting for the North Division squad in

the USHL Prospect/All-Star Game.

Tradition of greatness

That success eventually led the Verona, Wisc. native to Notre Dame and coach Jeff Jackson's program. By putting on the pads as an Irish goalie, Johnson was stepping into the skates of two of the best goalies in Notre Dame history in Jordan Pearce and All-American David Brown, whose careers spanned the 2004-09 seasons. Despite his youth, Johnson saw notable time in his freshman season in 2009-10, making 28 starts and being selected to the CCHA all-rookie team in a subpar Notre Dame campaign. Johnson said he was surprised by the early playing time.

"I didn't expect to play so much early," Johnson said. "I knew that if I worked hard I was going to get my chance, and it came a little sooner than I expected which was awesome. I'm a competitor, and I always want to be in there. It was a really good experience for me to get a year under my belt so early."

One reason for Johnson's quick acclimation to the college game is the presence of Jackson as a teacher and mentor. A former goalie himself during his playing days, Jackson has a hands-on influence in the play of his goalies; something that Johnson said elevates his game.

"It's huge. [He and I] work one-on-one all the time, and sometimes me and [freshmen goalies] Steven Summerhays and Joe Rogers go out there with him and we work on things we need to get better at," Johnson said. "He's full of insight, and he knows a lot about the position. It's helped me mentally."

Splitting time

Coming off a surprisingly successful rookie campaign, Johnson entered the 2010-11 season as the apparent starter between the pipes from the opening game

despite the arrival of talented recruits Summerhays and Rogers.

During Notre Dame's bounce-back campaign, Johnson enjoyed a season that saw both its ups — a 28-save performance in a 2-1 win over then-No. 1 Boston College on Oct. 23 — and its downs, sprinkled throughout the conference schedule. It became evident to Jackson that his first-choice goalie was struggling with consistency in big games, something the coach attributed partly to Johnson's tendency to overthink.

"I think part of it is he wants to do well so badly and that is a factor," Jackson said. "But I also think he thinks too much sometimes when he plays. When he's in the zone, as they call it, he's focused on the environment and the process — just about making the save and trying to control the rebound."

Eventually, Johnson's somewhat erratic play opened the door for Summerhays to crack into the lineup in a handful of key CCHA series. Johnson and Summerhays split time in Notre Dame's final four regular-season series. Johnson took the demotion of sorts as a chance to rest up for playoff hockey.

"I think it was a break, both physically and mentally," he said. "You know, Steven earned that job. He's worked really hard this year, and he deserves to get in there and play. It was great to see him do well. It was really great for me to take it easy physically and mentally toward playoffs."

Though the two competed for playing time in some of the biggest games of the Irish season, Summerhays said his relationship with the elder Johnson is close on and off the ice.

"I think Johnson's one of the top goalies in all of college hockey, not just the CCHA, and last weekend he showed that he is one of the top goalies in college hockey," Summerhays said. "To be able to split time with him and



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Sophomore goalie Mike Johnson collects himself during a break during of Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Merrimack March 26.

be able to watch him every day in practice has made me a better goaltender.

"On and off the ice, me and Johnson are really close, it's not just that we work together, it's that in practice we're both really big competitors and we can push each other every day to get better."

Frozen asset

Johnson responded to the platoon situation in a big way in the postseason, wresting control of the starting job with his experience and — after a disappointing CCHA Championship in Detroit — by turning in his best performances of the season in the NCAA Regional in Manchester, N.H. Johnson turned in a dazzling performance in overtime of Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Merrimack and followed that up with perhaps his best game of the season against New Hampshire in the Regional Final. Johnson's 37 saves earned him Regional MVP honors, and the sophomore said confidence was key in his performance.

"I think the confidence and the excitement from the Merrimack game just carried over," he said. "I was just 'playing.' It was like I was out there on the pond when I was eight years old, just playing. I wasn't thinking about anything. We had no pressure on us."

Playing his best hockey of the season, Johnson gets to live out one of his childhood dreams by playing in the Frozen Four, something made all the more sweet after enduring ups and downs in the regular season.

"I've wanted to go to the Frozen Four my whole life," Johnson said. "It's always been a dream of mine, and to be able to go there this year is absolutely

incredible. I'm excited and I know the team's excited to get up there."

Entering the national semifinal against Minnesota-Duluth, Johnson said he understands the importance of seizing the opportunity on the national stage. Notre Dame's current senior class played in the Frozen Four in 2008, but endured a disappointing first-round exit in 2009 and missed postseason play in 2010.

"The seniors had told us how they made it in their freshman year and they hadn't made it back since," Johnson said. "We knew that this opportunity doesn't come around often, so we needed to take advantage of it."

Though the Frozen Four is full of traditional powers this season, including nine-time title winner Michigan and seven-time winner North Dakota, Johnson said Notre Dame's underdog mentality served it well in the regional round.

"Going into the tournament, I don't think we felt a lot of pressure on us. Everyone was kind of overlooking us," he said. "But we knew how good we could be. The guys in the locker room know that we could be the best team in the country. I think we showed that we can play with the big guns of college hockey, and that just boosted our confidence in knowing that we can play two games in a row."

If the Irish can once more win two games in a row, then Johnson, the young gun who's undergone a benching and won a regional MVP in the same season, will reach a plateau that no Irish goalie has before — a national championship.

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Sophomore goaltender Mike Johnson and senior defenseman Joe Lavin track the puck during Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Merrimack March 26. Johnson had 32 saves in the contest.

Notre Dame

Record: 25-13-5
USCHO: 9 USA Today: 4
2010-11 Schedule

Oct. 3	University of Guelph	W 5-3
Oct. 8	Holy Cross	W 6-3
Oct. 10	Boston U.	L 5-4
Oct. 14	Lake Superior State	W 4-2
Oct. 15	Lake Superior State	W 4-2
Oct. 23	Boston College	W 2-1
Oct. 29	Western Michigan	W 3-2
Oct. 30	@ Western Michigan	T 2-2 (OT)
Nov. 5	@ Bowling Green	L 3-2
Nov. 6	@ Bowling Green	W 6-3
Nov. 12	@ Michigan	W 3-1
Nov. 13	@ Michigan	L 5-3
Nov. 19	Michigan State	W 6-2
Nov. 20	Michigan State	W 4-2
Nov. 26	@ North Dakota	L 6-3
Nov. 27	@ North Dakota	T 2-2 (OT)
Dec. 3	@ Miami (Ohio)	W 5-4
Dec. 4	@ Miami (Ohio)	L 5-2
Dec. 11	Northern Michigan	L 3-2
Dec. 12	Northern Michigan	W 5-2
Dec. 29	Canisius	W 10-2
Jan. 1	Minnesota State	L 4-3
Jan. 2	Boston U.	T 3-3 (OT)
Jan. 7	@ Northern Michigan	W 8-1
Jan. 8	@ Northern Michigan	W 3-1
Jan. 14	Alaska	W 2-1
Jan. 15	Alaska	L 4-1
Jan. 21	@ Ohio State	L 6-1
Jan. 22	@ Ohio State	W 4-1
Jan. 28	Miami (Ohio)	T 5-5 (OT)
Jan. 29	Miami (Ohio)	T 2-2 (OT)
Feb. 11	Bowling Green	W 2-1
Feb. 12	Bowling Green	W 5-1
Feb. 18	@ Ferris State	W 3-2
Feb. 19	@ Ferris State	W 5-2
Feb. 25	@ Western Michigan	W 3-2
Feb. 26	Western Michigan	L 2-0
	CCHA PLAYOFFS	W 3-2 (OT)
March 11	Lake Superior State	L 4-3
March 12	Lake Superior State	W 4-2
March 13	Lake Superior State	
March 18	Miami (Ohio)	L 6-2
March 19	Michigan (in Detroit)	L 4-2
	NCAA TOURNAMENT	
March 26	Merrimack	W 4-3 (OT)
March 27	New Hampshire	W 2-1

Notre Dame's key players

24
D



Sean Lorenz
6' 1"—201 lbs.

32
G



Mike Johnson
5' 10"—194 lbs.

33
D



Joe Lavin
6' 2"—198 lbs.

27
RW



Ryan Guentzel
6' 0"—184 lbs.

18
C



T.J. Tynan
5' 8"—156 lbs.

9
LW



Anders Lee
6' 3"—218 lbs.

GOALTENDING

Sophomore Mike Johnson has seen the bulk of the action in net for the Irish. Late in the year, though, Irish coach Jeff Jackson began rotating Johnson and freshman Steven Summerhays. Johnson took the rest and turned in his best play of the year in the NCAA regional, turning in a 37-save performance in the regional final against New Hampshire en route to winning the regional MVP honor.

DEFENSE

Captain Joe Lavin is the only senior on the blueline for the Irish, but the defensive corps is probably Notre Dame's most experienced unit. Lavin is joined by junior defenseman Sean Lorenz, who turned in an outstanding junior season en route to winning the CCHA's Best Defensive Defenseman Award. Sophomore Sam Calabrese also played well for the Irish on the blue line, seeing time in 41 of Notre Dame's 43 games.

OFFENSE

The Irish offense has been something of a surprise this season after the team struggled to score goals during the 2009-10 campaign. Notre Dame season MVP and center T.J. Tynan and wing Anders Lee, both freshmen, have been the main offensive threats for the Irish, with Tynan posting 53 points, the highest total for a Notre Dame player during Jeff Jackson's tenure. Senior wing Ryan Guentzel, junior wing Billy Maday and freshman wing Jeff Costello have shared the load with the the talented freshmen.

POWER PLAY

Notre Dame's power play has been up-and-down all year, with the team struggling to find a consistent rhythm. Overall, Notre Dame scored 33 power-play goals on 203 chances for a percentage of .163. Freshmen provided most of the Irish power play firepower, as Tynan's 15 power-play points led Notre Dame, and Lee and Costello shared the team lead in power-play goals with six. North Dakota's .234 percentage is the highest of the remaining teams in the tournament, with Frattin and Gregoire leading a strong power play unit.

PENALTY KILL

The constantly improving Irish penalty kill unit paid big dividends early on in the year, as Notre Dame displayed a knack for key shorthanded goals, particularly by defensemen Lavin and Lorenz. The Irish gave up 34 power-play goals in 186 chances over the course of the year. The penalty kill unit featured strong performances by primarily offensive players such as Tynan and senior center Ben Ryan, who saw frequent time on the penalty kill despite their primarily offensive role when not on special teams.

INTANGIBLES

Irish coach Jeff Jackson is one of the best coaches in the entire country. Jackson's championship pedigree from his time at Lake Superior State, where he won two championships, as well as his experience with USA youth teams and the NHL's New York Islanders, brings an unmatched level of knowledge and strategy to the Notre Dame bench. Minnesota-Duluth will benefit from playing in their home state, in an arena familiar to them, though the Irish faced two local teams in the Northeast Regional two weekends ago.

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2011 NCAA Frozen Four

No. 1 North Dakota Fighting Sioux

How they got here
Defeated Denver 6-1 in Midwest Regional final

Between the pipes
Aaron Dell (1.82 GAA, .924 save percentage)

Top scorers
Matt Frattin (36 goals, 24 assists)
Corban Knight (14 goals, 30 assists)
Jason Gregoire (25 goals, 18 assists)
Evan Trupp (17 goals, 24 assists)
Brad Malone (16 goals, 24 assists)

By the numbers
Goals per game: 4.1
Goals against per game: 2.1
Power play percentage: 23.4
Penalty kill percentage: 85.9
Shorthanded goals: 11
Power play goals: 52

Frozen Four history
19th appearance

No. 2 Michigan Wolverines

How they got here
Defeated Colorado College 2-1 in West Regional final.

Between the pipes
Shawn Hunwick (2.26 GAA, .922 save percentage)

Top scorers
Carl Hagelin (18 goals, 30 assists)
Louie Caporusso (11 goals, 19 assists)
Matt Rust (5 goals, 20 assists)
Jon Merrill (7 goals, 17 assists)
Scooter Vaughan (13 goals, 10 assists)

By the numbers
Goals per game: 3.4
Goals against per game: 2.3
Power play percentage: 18.9
Penalty kill percentage: 87.1
Shorthanded goals: 8
Power play goals: 33

Frozen Four history
24th appearance

No. 3 Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs

How they got here
Defeated Yale 5-3 in East Regional final.

Between the pipes
Kenny Reiter (2.29 GAA, .914 save percentage)

Top scorers
Jack Connolly (17 goals, 41 assists)
Justin Fontaine (22 goals, 33 assists)
Mike Connolly (27 goals, 26 assists)
J.T. Brown (15 goals, 19 assists)
Travis Oleksuk (13 goals, 18 assists)

By the numbers
Goals per game: 3.4
Goals against per game: 2.6
Power play percentage: 22.5
Penalty kill percentage: 81.8
Shorthanded goals: 7
Power play goals: 46

Frozen Four history
Fourth appearance

No. 3 Notre Dame Fighting Irish

How they got here
Defeated New Hampshire 2-1 in Northeast Regional final

Between the pipes
Mike Johnson (2.57 GAA, .906 save percentage)

Top scorers
T.J. Tynan (22 goals, 31 assists)
Anders Lee (24 goals, 20 assists)
Ryan Guentzel (6 goals, 31 assists)
Billy Maday (10 goals, 17 assists)
Ben Ryan (6 goals, 18 assists)

By the numbers
Goals per game: 3.4
Goals against per game: 2.7
Power play percentage: 16.3
Penalty kill percentage: 81.7
Shorthanded goals: 12
Power play goals: 33

Frozen Four history
Second appearance

Our Picks



Sam Werner
Senior Sports Writer

The seniors, who were freshmen on Notre Dame's 2008 Frozen Four team, know what to expect this weekend and can prepare the freshmen for the experience. The Frozen Four is more about cool heads and getting bounces than anything else. Still playing the underdog, Notre Dame's looseness from two weeks ago carries over — as does Mike Johnson's superb play in net — and the Irish leave Saint Paul with the program's first national championship.

Notre Dame 3, Minnesota-Duluth 1
Notre Dame 4, North Dakota 3 (OT)



Allan Joseph
Sports Editor

This year, Irish coach Jeff Jackson has had to talk about his freshmen after seemingly every game. This weekend, though, it's going to be about the seniors. Ben Ryan, Ryan Guentzel and, most especially, Calle Ridderwall will step up in the second Frozen Four of their careers. Expect to hear techno blasting Saturday when Ridderwall puts the Irish past Michigan, just like 2008 — except this time for the title.

Notre Dame 5, Minnesota-Duluth 3
Notre Dame 3, Michigan 2



Chris Allen
Sports Writer

Reason would dictate that North Dakota will take home the championship Saturday. They are the deepest, most experienced, most talented team left in the field. It is a good thing, then, that Notre Dame's young roster hasn't been around the college game long enough to listen to reason. Notre Dame's 12 freshmen become instant legends in front of our eyes, reason takes a backseat, and the Irish win their first title.

Notre Dame 2, Minnesota-Duluth 1
Notre Dame 4, North Dakota 3



Sam Gans
Sports Writer

The experience of Notre Dame's senior class from 2008's Frozen Four will lead the Irish to victory in the semifinals, as the upperclassmen will help keep the freshmen calm and loose. But Saturday's likely opponent, North Dakota, has great offense, strong defense, and superb goaltending. And their 12-1 combined margin of victory in the Tournament's first two rounds shows that, quite frankly, they're the nation's best team.

Notre Dame 4, Minnesota-Duluth 2
North Dakota 5, Notre Dame 2

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Talented Minnesota-Duluth finally breaks through

Dangerous first line of Connolly, Connolly and Fontaine headlines local Bulldogs

By ALLAN JOSEPH
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It happens every year. Stinging from one last defeat at the hands of a familiar opponent to end the season, disappointed in the previous year's campaign and frustrated that its talent has not broken through, a team sets a goal — reach the Frozen Four. Rare is the team that can actually accomplish that goal, and rarer still do the stars line up as they have for Minnesota-Duluth. With the Frozen Four just a few hours down the road, in the very same arena that ended their season last year at the hands of North Dakota, the Bulldogs saw a golden opportunity and capitalized.

"It's been a goal of this group since last year," Bulldogs coach Scott Sandelin said. "It's nice to be close to home."

Their roster was chock-full of talent, and yet Minnesota-Duluth hadn't found a way to get back to the Frozen Four — until this year. This year, the Bulldogs were finally able to earn those ever-elusive post-season wins.

"It's definitely been a little while since we've been to the Frozen Four," junior center Jack Connolly said. "We thought we had all the potential in the world this year. We've battled hard in the postseason and we've given ourselves an opportunity to make history in our program."

As recently as two weeks ago, however, that history was in question. Facing Bemidji State in the opening game of the WCHA postseason tournament known as the Final Five (again at Xcel Energy Center), the Bulldogs dropped a 3-2 decision in overtime — and they had lost only once in 14

other overtime games all season long. Only the tight-knit nature of the team allowed Minnesota-Duluth to find its way back.

"I think the Bemidji game was a low point for our team. It did sting," Sandelin said. "This is a pretty close group. They've never lost two games back-to-back all year — it shows the character of this team. They pull together when their backs are up against the wall."

Nine days later, coming off a 2-0 victory over Union in the NCAA first round, the Bulldogs took down the tournament's overall No. 1 seed Yale, earning their first trip to the Frozen Four since 2004, and the fourth in the program's history. Yet their work was not done.

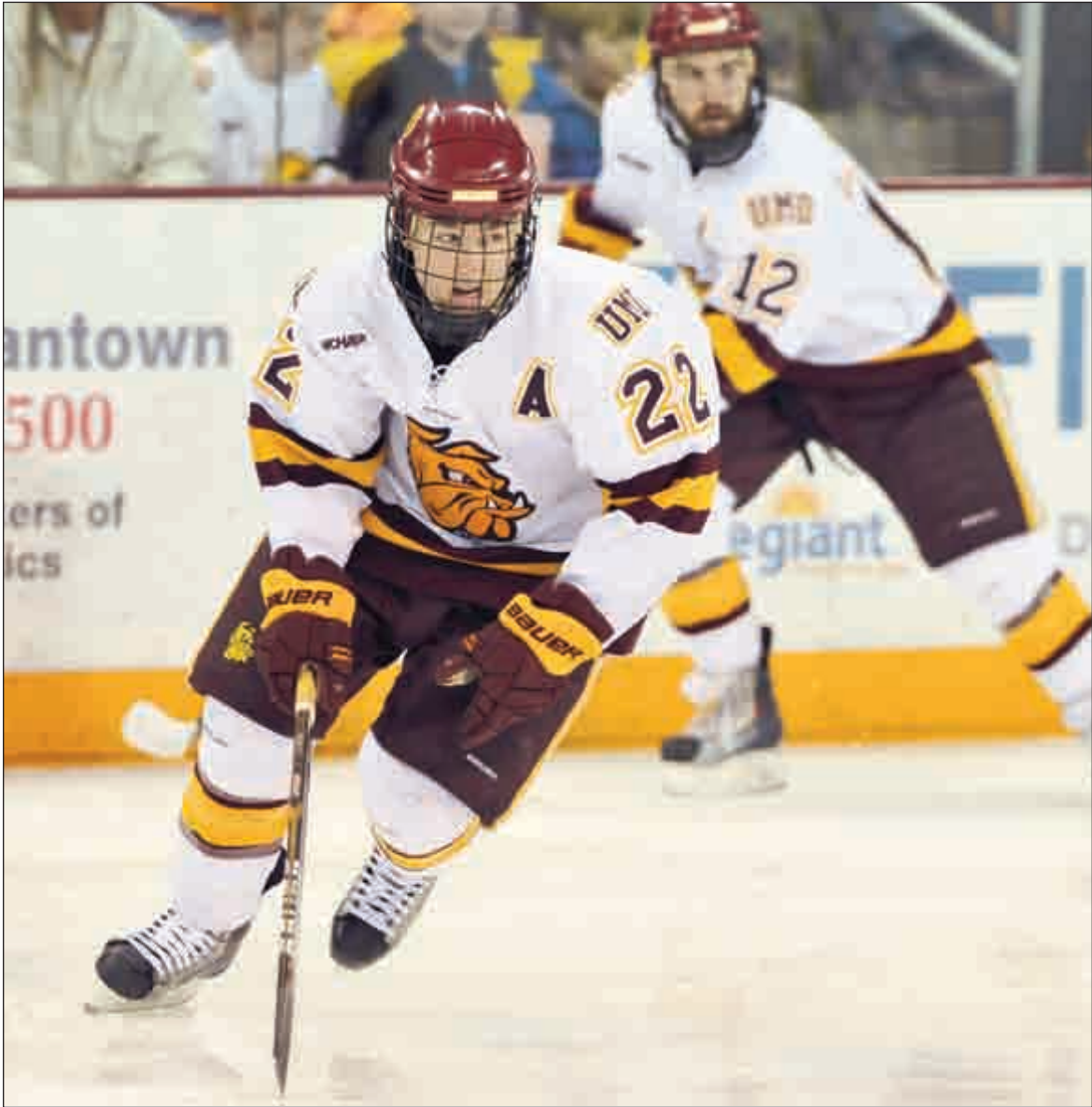
"Our guys were excited but not overly excited," Sandelin said. "I thought it was a neat thing. They took it in stride. They were looking forward to not just getting there, but hopefully playing two games and having a chance to win a national championship."

If Minnesota-Duluth does win its first-ever crown, it will be in large part due to its top attacking line, made up of Jack Connolly, junior wing Mike Connolly and senior wing Justin Fontaine. Together, the three are an absolute nightmare for opposing defenses.

"They're one of the best lines in college hockey," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

The outcome of Thursday night's game may well depend on how well Notre Dame can contain that top Bulldog line.

"We're going to have to be really aware of when they're on the ice and try to shut them down," Irish senior wing Ryan Guentzel said. "They have a lot of guys with some talent, so we're going to have



Courtesy of Brett Groehler, University of Minnesota-Duluth
Minnesota-Duluth junior wing Mike Connolly chases down the puck during Minnesota-Duluth's first-round 2-0 win over Union (NY) March 25.

to be fresh."

For his part, Hobey Baker nominee Jack Connolly (who has notched 41 assists on the season) defers the credit to his linemates. "It's line chemistry," he said. "I'm playing with two phenomenal linemates. They make my job a lot easier. The

reason I got so many assists this year was in large part because of those guys."

The Bulldogs have accomplished their goal of a home-state Frozen Four chance at redemption. Even when bemoaning a loss to Bemidji State, they knew their potential and realized it, leaving

only one emotion for Thursday.

"We felt like we could go pretty deep into the postseason," Jack Connolly said. "I think the guys are really excited."

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Top-seed North Dakota enters as Frozen favorite

Hobey Baker finalist Frattin serves as leader, source of inspiration after roster dismissal

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

The NCAA Tournament began with four No. 1 seeds eyeing a national championship. As the Frozen Four begins, only one is still standing.

North Dakota has emerged as the runaway favorite to hoist its eighth NCAA championship trophy Saturday night in Saint Paul, largely due to the fact that it is the highest-ranked team remaining, but also because it is dominating play in recent weeks.

After capturing the WCHA tournament title with a 3-2 double overtime win against Denver March 19, the Fighting Sioux (32-8-3) defeated the Pioneers again March 27 to advance to the Frozen Four, this time by an impressive 6-1 margin. North Dakota also beat Rensselaer 6-0 in the first round. The victories are part of an 11-game winning streak and the Sioux haven't lost in 15 games.

Focus is the driving point behind the Sioux's run, said North Dakota coach Dave Hakstol.

"I think what we did well [in the NCAA regionals] is really keep ourselves focused on the job at hand as a team and play a good, team game," Hakstol said. "When you go through and break a game down on video, [there are] a lot of points in a hockey game where momentum can shift in one direction or the other if you get distracted, if you allow a bad bounce or a tough play to affect you. I thought our team did a good job on having just a real, good, strong perspective."

The Sioux roster features one of the top players in college hockey, senior right wing Matt Frattin. Frattin, who was recently named

one of three finalists for the Hobey Baker Award given annually to the best player in college hockey, tallied an NCAA-leading 36 goals on the season and is second in the country with 60 points.

Frattin is a source of inspiration for North Dakota. Following a pair of underwhelming freshman and sophomore seasons, Frattin was charged with a DUI in August 2009, resulting in Hakstol kicking him off the team and removing his scholarship. Yet Frattin fought his way back onto the squad in December 2009, with a new attitude and this time paying his own way.

"I don't know if I would have thought he'd have 36 goals," senior captain and defenseman Chay Genoway said. "If you had said that at the beginning of the year, I might have been a little bit surprised. But we knew what Matt was capable [of] when he came in as a freshman. And when he had his back up against the wall [after] what he went through, when he came back to our program a couple years ago, you could just see a change in him and I think the sky was the limit from there."

What truly makes North Dakota so dangerous is the number of matchup problems it provides. Five Sioux players are in the top 43 in scoring in the country. The Sioux also have first-team All-WCHA members at forward, defenseman and goaltender, in Frattin, Genoway and sophomore netminder Aaron Dell.

"We really pride ourselves on depth," Genoway said. "I think we can really roll four lines and play six [defensemen], and [we have] two goalies who can play any given night."

This depth was developed in



North Dakota's Brad Malone celebrates after scoring the game-winning goal against Denver in overtime of the WCHA's Final Five championship March 19.

large part due to injuries sustained during the season. Genoway, forward Jason Gregoire and defensemen Derek Forbort and Andrew MacWilliam, among others, have missed significant time this season. All are now back.

"I think [injuries are] one thing that's strengthened this group," Hakstol said. "It's given them probably a deeper belief in themselves. Whoever is available, whichever 20 guys are dressed, have an expectation to go out individually, contribute and collectively find a way to win a

hockey game. This past weekend, we had everyone available and we went out and we did the job."

Despite the fact that Dakota is expected to win it all, Hakstol knows nothing is guaranteed, especially in a single elimination tournament facing a historical power in the semifinals. There is no looking too far ahead.

"We play a game Thursday night against the University of Michigan," he said. "There's nothing beyond that in our mind. That's our job, that's what we're preparing for."

Hakstol is primarily concerned

with making sure his team simply plays its typical game. They are the favorite, after all.

"Michigan's a great hockey team. But at the end of the day, we really concentrate on preparing ourselves to play our game and to play the way that we can and the way that we've been successful to this point in the year. You don't change the things you do at this time of the year. You try to do them well and put your best foot forward."

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Nine-time champ Michigan seeks 10th title

Confident coach Berenson counts on senior Hagelin to counter Sioux offensive edge

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

Heading into the Frozen Four, each participant has a set of intangibles that it believes could provide an edge. North Dakota is the highest-ranked team, Minnesota-Duluth has home-state advantage, and Notre Dame is coming in with an underdog, "might as well be us" mindset and little pressure.

Yet the one thing those teams

do not have is the most national championships in NCAA history. That distinction belongs to the Michigan Wolverines.

Michigan is trying to add their 10th to the trophy case and first since 1998 this weekend. After a 3-2 win in overtime against Nebraska-Omaha in the first round, the Wolverines (28-10-4) advanced to the regional final March 26, where they faced the No. 4 seed Colorado College, who upset No. 1 Boston College 8-4. Michigan was victorious 2-1.

"I think it was a foregone conclusion that Boston College had the best team and they were the No. 1 seed," Wolverine coach Red Berenson said. "But Colorado [College] just spanked them. It was unbelievable and I think that was the surprise of our region. And we were lucky to win in overtime [against Nebraska-Omaha] and win a close game against Colorado. So we're here [at the Frozen Four], but I think people were surprised that we came out of that region."

Despite what many view as a stunning regional conquer, the Wolverines have been quite impressive recently, winning eleven of their past twelve games, including a 4-2 victory over Notre Dame in the CCHA Tournament third-place game March 19. The Irish and Michigan also met twice earlier, splitting a series in Ann Arbor, Mich. Nov. 12 and 13.

In the Wolverines' path is the lone No. 1 seed remaining, North Dakota — a challenge Michigan knows will demand its best.

"I think [North Dakota] has pretty much all you can ask for in a team," senior center Louie Caporusso said. "They're deep, they're strong, they're big,

they're fast, they can score. Their defense was stingy. We understand we have our hands full with North Dakota and they're probably the best team in the nation."

The Wolverines will counter the Sioux with an offensive unit led by senior left wing Carl Hagelin. Hagelin, a New York Rangers draftee, is tops on Michigan in scoring with 48 points. Caporusso is second with 30 points.

On the blueline, freshman Jon Merrill has emerged as a stalwart, earning second team all-CCHA honors. The Wolverines also hope to have junior Brandon Burlon back in the lineup to protect senior goaltender Shawn Hunwick. The status of Burlon, who missed the regional tournament due to illness, will be Berenson's game-day decision.

Regardless if the Honorable Mention all-CCHA defenseman is back or not, the Wolverines are still beaming with confidence.

"I definitely feel we have a great team here," Caporusso said. "Being here four years, I think we do have a special team."

The Frozen Four is not a new experience for the program's seniors. Just like North Dakota

and Notre Dame, the Wolverines last qualified for the national semifinals in 2008.

"It's an honor to be at another Frozen Four, especially for the senior class," Caporusso said. "It was a great experience our freshman year. I think we took a lot from that year and it was unfortunate that we weren't able to make it the following two years. We learned a lot from that experience and we're very happy to be back here again."

Whether Michigan's seniors can turn the experience gained then into a championship this year remains to be seen. Though North Dakota's talent appears to give them the edge on paper, Berenson, sixth on the NCAA's career victories list, knows anything can happen.

"I don't know if we can match North Dakota's speed and/or skill. And I don't think anyone's found a way to take that out of the game. They've got the edge on special teams and they've got the edge on offensive skill, so we've got to play our game. Our team's going to give it their best shot. We've seen three other No. 1 teams go down and this is the last team standing."

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Notre Dame and Michigan face-off before their CCHA third-place game March 19. The teams met three times this season.



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Notre Dame rebounded from two losses in the CCHA Championship in Detroit by winning back-to-back games in the NCAA Northeast Regional. The Irish defeated Merrimack 4-3 in overtime in the first round before knocking off New Hampshire 2-1 in the regional final.

The Irish are playing in their second Frozen Four and first since 2008. They will play Minnesota-Duluth in the semifinal with the winner to face the winner of the second semifinal between North Dakota and Michigan.



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