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Constituent Services welcomes student input

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Students with suggestions or complaints to improve campus life will soon have a designated student government committee tasked solely with fielding student feed-

back.

The Constituent Services committee will offer the campus a more direct line of communication to student government, student body president Pat McCormick said.

"The Constituent Services committee is hopefully going

to function as the 'front door' to the student government office," McCormick said. "Anyone who has a complaint, suggestion or criticism — they can take those and submit them online or in person to the chair, who will either work on them directly or distrib-

ute them to the right committee."

McCormick said the new committee is built upon Whine Week, a weeklong event run by student body president emeritus Catherine Soler and vice president emeritus Andrew Bell. During the event, student

government representatives stationed themselves around campus to collect student feedback.

"Our hope is that the Constituent Services committee will build upon Whine Week and make Whine Week

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Irish Guard to hold auditions for 2011

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

With the Blue and Gold Game just days away, the Notre Dame football team is gearing up for the 2011 season. It's not the only group doing so, though — the Irish Guard is setting its sights on another year on the football field.

"The Guard is a unique opportunity that cannot be found on other college campuses," Donelle Flick, operations manager for the Band of the Fighting Irish said. "Thousands of fans line up to get a glimpse of the Irish Guard and Notre Dame Band on game day. This following inspires guard members to carry on this great tradition."

Competition for membership in the Guard is fierce, as the group only has 10 members. Once the position of Guardsman is earned, the title is held until graduation.

"Between 25 and 50 candidates audition for a spot on the 10-member guard in August," Flick said. "So the success rate of those who audition depends on how many graduating Guard member's places we are trying to fill."

"The Irish Guard was to be impressive, and as such, each member was required to be a minimum of six feet, two inches tall, a regulation still in effect today," Flick said.

Flick added that due to its exclusive nature, the Guard remains one of the most coveted titles for students to hold at Notre Dame.

Besides their marching duties, the Irish Guard is a unit of authority, protecting the ranks of the marching band. On game days, the Guard is either in front of the band clearing the way or flanking it on the sides to shield it from hostile crowds.

Prospective Guardsmen have a tryout consisting of learning to march properly, practicing standing at attention and maintaining a straight face. They must put these skills into a routine for a final audition to demonstrate they can handle the pressure during football games.

Freshman Eddie Linczer said he has hoped to earn one of the coveted positions on the Guard since childhood.

"I think it would be a great experience to be a member of the guard, for they are at the

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DAN JACOBS/The Observer

The Irish Guard leads the the band onto the field at Yankee Stadium in New York City on Nov. 17, 2010.

NDSP looks into assault

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a sexual battery reported to campus police Saturday, according to an email sent to students Saturday afternoon.

The reported sexual battery was committed by an acquaintance in a campus residence hall in the early morning hours on Saturday, the email stated.

Officer Phillip Johnson, director of NDSP, said that according to Indiana state law a person is guilty of sexual battery when that individual touches another person against that person's will to arouse his or her own sexual desire.

The victim of sexual battery is then compelled to submit to the touching by force or the imminent threat of force, or is not in a mental state to give consent, according to state law.

Information about sexual assault prevention and resources for survivors of sexual assault are available from NDSP at ndsp.nd.edu and at the Office of Student Affairs' website osa.nd.edu/health-safety/assault/

ROTC holds training exercises

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

This weekend, underclassmen of the Fightin' Irish Army ROTC Battalion took the chance to apply their knowledge in the field — literally.

The group held its Notre Dame Field Training Exercise (NDFTX) at the Culver Military Academy in Culver, Ind., Friday to Sunday. Forty fresh-

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Members of Notre Dame Army ROTC participate in FTX events at the Culver Military Academy in Culver, Ind., this weekend.

SMC t-shirt raises violence awareness

By MONA RODRIGUEZ
News Writer

A quarter of Saint Mary's campus wore teal t-shirts Monday, using fashion to make a statement about violence.

Saint Mary's Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) encouraged a quar-

ter of the College to wear the shirts to provide a visual impact of violence, as one in four college women is sexually assaulted in her college career.

The event launches Green Dot Week, which aims to raise awareness about sexual assault, relationship vio-

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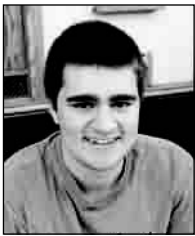
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MATHEMATICAL CONSTANT?



Dominic Romeo

*freshman
Keough*

“Pi, because there’s a day dedicated to it.”



Kevin Eller

*junior
Stanford*

“Planck’s, so you can walk the plank now yar!”



Liz Clark

*sophomore
Le Mans*

“Pi, because I’m hungry right now.”



Daniel Smyth

*freshman
Zahm*

“Universal gravitational constant. It keeps me down to earth.”



Aedan Fortes

*junior
Off-Campus*

“Like Buzz, infinity and beyond.”



Phi Tran

*sophomore
O’Neill*

“Phi, because I’m one letter greater than pi.”

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



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Morrissey freshmen Adam Gonon, Tre Haskins and Andrew Gastelum and Pasquerilla East freshman Kara Cronin enjoy slip ‘n sliding fun outside Morrissey during the Sunday heat wave.

OFFBEAT

Porcupines become public enemies

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pennsylvania hunting regulators say it’s time to stick it to porcupines.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is poised to declare open season on the slow-moving, razor-sharp rodents on Tuesday, citing complaints of property damage from residents.

Other states allow porcupine hunting. In Pennsylvania, porcupines are listed as a protected species but can be killed by residents if they’re causing property damage.

Commission member Dave Putnam tells The Philadelphia Inquirer the

proposal would offer residents the clear assurance they can kill troublesome porcupines. He says the animals damage log cabins and have been known to nibble on vehicle brake lines.

Some animal welfare groups question the plan.

One hunter tells The Philadelphia Inquirer he wouldn’t consider it sporting. Tom Leete says “you wouldn’t so much track a porcupine as bump into it.”

Imported lizards not welcome in Thailand

BANGKOK —

Authorities in Thailand have seized 1,800 monitor lizards being smuggled on pickup trucks to

the capital.

Customs officials say the Bengal monitor lizards were hidden in mesh bags and stashed in open containers behind boxes of fruit in three pickup trucks. They were seized Thursday at a checkpoint in southern Thailand.

Customs Department chief Prasong Poontaneat said Friday he suspects the lizards were destined to be eaten. He said their meat sells for \$7.50-\$15 per pound (\$16-\$33 per kilogram) in China, making them worth more than \$60,000.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

University of Florida political science professor Michael Bernhard will be offering a lecture entitled “Communist Legacies and Democratic Survival in a Comparative Perspective: Liability or Advantage?” this afternoon from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center, Room C103.

RecSports is offering free body composition and blood pressure testing this afternoon from 12 to 1 p.m. in the RSRC Wellness Room. Registration is available through RecRegister.

Notre Dame professors Daniel Phillpot and Mark Noll and Georgetown University professor Timothy Samuel Shah will be offering a lecture entitled “God’s Century: Resurgent Religion in Global Politics” this afternoon from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at McKenna Hall.

The Notre Dame International Law Society and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies will be offering a panel on the current crisis in Libya this evening from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Law School.

Vote on artwork from the 2011 Art Battle held Monday. Artwork will be displayed in the Sorin Room of LaFortune and top artists in each division will receive gift card prizes. Voting takes place this evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Native American Student Association of Notre Dame.

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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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Students, rectors discuss safety

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC) passed a resolution Monday requesting the addition of safety-related programming to Freshman Orientation.

Student body president emeritus Catherine Soler said the orientation program had a safety component in the past, but it was eliminated.

“One of the issues about off-campus is that not enough information is given to new students when they first come to school anymore,” she said.

Some dorms hold their own off-campus safety discussions at the beginning of the school year, but student body vice president emeritus Andrew Bell said the talks should be standardized.

“We want every freshman to get the exact same talk, exact same presentation and exact same interaction with law enforcement,” he said.

Soler and Bell plan for law enforcement to be a major component of the new program. Soler said if freshmen met and socialized with Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) or members of the South Bend Police Department, they would feel more comfortable approach-

ing them for help during their time at Notre Dame.

Student government’s recent agreement with law enforcement includes a resolution in which student government promises to educate students about off-campus issues, Soler said.

Chief of staff emeritus Nick Ruof said safety is addressed for about seven minutes during the mandatory College HAS (Hookups, Alcohol and Sexual assault) Issues program for freshmen. The members of CLC debated whether the new safety component should remain part of an already existing program or if it should be its own discussion.

Keough Hall Rector Fr. Pete McCormick said the safety discussion should remain part of an existing program. He said one way to accomplish this would be to provide lists of essential information to avoid overwhelming students.

“They are already getting this information on many fronts,” he said. “A seven minute presentation doesn’t need to ramble on, but it could be more bullet points and say, ‘Here’s what you really need to know.’”

Sr. Sue Dunn, vice president of Student Affairs, said information provided for freshmen should be shared with transfer students as well.

McCormick recommended the most critical facts be distributed to the entire student body.

Fr. Tom Gaughan, rector of Stanford Hall, said two key off-campus safety details should be emphasized.

“They have to know that it doesn’t matter what they blow, even if it’s .01 — they’re still going to get a ticket,” he said. “Running will always magnify the problem.”

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Andrew Bell
student body vice president
emeritus

Discussion explores local women’s issues

By MADELINE MILES
News Writer

Students, faculty and members of the South Bend community discussed specific issues affecting women Monday in the Saint Mary’s Student Center, as the Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) hosted a listening session.

Kristin Garvey, executive director of ICW, and Jessica Brannam, staff coordinator of ICW, facilitated a discussion of issues impacting women in the community.

Garvey said the mission of ICW is to understand the needs of women and their families to work strategically within the government and communities to help bring about positive solutions.

“We are committed to women’s full participation and we act as the voice for women to the government,” she said.

The group aims to compile a report of the top issues and develop an action plan statewide, Brannam said.

“We want to engage people to get involved,” she said. “If we don’t address these issues, it’s never going to change.”

Problem areas identified at the listening session included women in poverty, pay equity, childcare, healthcare, violence against women, pregnancy prevention programs, single

parenting and the hierarchy of gender roles.

The group of Saint Mary’s staff, students and members of the South Bend community collectively identified the two most prominent issues in today’s society: domestic, sexual and verbal violence and cuts to the federal budget in areas of need specific to women.

Dr. Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership department, said men and women have to work together to bring about societal change.

“It’s really just the idea of shifting the culture. Men must be vocal and active as well as women,” Meyer-Lee said. “The goal is to challenge ideas and dedicate raising awareness through an education to our students. We have to support each other.”

Junior Catherine Cleary said community members must continue to educate and stimulate conversation on the subject.

“It was nice to have community members, college students and staff recognizing issues that are affecting all of us,” Cleary said. “We can all be a united front in tackling them. We just need concrete ideas for a societal shift for anything to happen.”

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Experts discuss protests, faith



Emad Shahin, left, and Joe Bock give a lecture in the Spes Unica Hall concerning recent political and civil unrest in the Middle East and North Africa.

By JILLIAN BARWICK
News Writer

Political protests in North Africa and the Middle East have a link to people of faith, according to Emad Shahin and Joe Bock.

Shahin, associate professor of Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute, and Bock, director of Notre Dame's Global Health Training, gave a lecture titled "Protests in Northern Africa and the Middle East: Why they Matter to Americans and People of Faith," Monday in the Spes Unica Hall of Saint Mary's College.

Shahin emphasized the political activity in the region, while Bock focused on the nonviolent protests of people of faith in Northern Africa and the Middle East.

Shahin said the area is experiencing political change in a rapid

manner.

"We are witnessing in the Middle East an amazing and remarkable demonstration of people's power — how they are risking their lives for the betterment of their countries and the remarkable ability and skills of the youth to mobilize their countrymen during these times of protests," he said.

Most countries in the region, with the exception of Libya, have exhibited nonviolent means of protest, Shahin said.

"These are inclusive demonstrations, and protests that include a multiplicity of classes and a universal nature of values have been raised through these protests. These values include freedoms, social justice and liberty," he said. "These people have been able to break through the barrier of fears and brutal regimes. Fear is gone and people

feel liberated."

Shahin said non-violent protests might not be able to avoid aggression completely, even if they are people of great faith.

Bock, who lived in Jerusalem for three years, said he witnessed the mixing of people of different faiths and their conflicts. He said the emergence of new technologies could be used for the prevention of hostilities.

"Nonviolent social movements in the Middle East and Northern Africa are using components of bounded crowd-sourcing, strategic nonviolence, digital mapping, early warning and early response and crowd feeding to potentially create a synergistic combination of technologies that can make a critical difference in overcoming tyranny," Bock said.

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man and sophomore cadets participated.

Lindsay Miller, a senior at Bethel College and member of the Battalion, said the weekend provided an opportunity for sophomores to develop their leadership skills.

During the NDFTX, cadets practiced land navigation and five lane drills, Miller said. The drills included four Situational Training Exercise (STX) lane drills — simulations of attacking, reconnaissance, knocking out a bunker and fighting off an ambush.

The final component was a patrolling lane drill, a longer element involving two patrols fighting each other with paintball guns.

"The paintballs made you treat it more realistically. You had to avoid opposing fire," freshman Chris Lillie said.

Sophomore John Dieckman said he was excited for the chance to demonstrate his leadership skills.

"This is our first opportunity as sophomores to lead," he said. "I'm hoping to make a solid first impression and make the best of this opportunity."

Sophomore Eric Dowdey said

he emerged from the weekend with stronger group management skills.

"The FTX gave us a great opportunity to be able to lead and to do so without the pressure of actually being graded," he said. "Personally, I felt very comfortable and my experience reinforced my confidence in my abilities."

Freshman Megan Maloney said she saw NDFTX as a chance to learn and practice field training exercise drills.

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Megan Maloney
freshman

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Freshman Sabina Fischer said she enjoyed applying her knowl-

edge in the spring weather during a weekend of drills and training outdoors.

"I put a lot of the things we've learned this year together, and the nice weather helped," she said.

NDFTX was limited to underclassmen, which freshman Rob McKenna said allowed the participants to develop a sense of camaraderie.

"It was a great experience and you couldn't ask for better weather," he said. "Also, since it was just sophomores and freshmen we got more attention from the evaluators and had more unit cohesion."

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every week," McCormick said.

Freshman Heather Eaton, chair of the committee, said she hopes to implement "Whine Wednesdays" in the vein of Whine Week before the semester ends.

In addition to the online submission method, Whine Wednesdays will offer students a chance to present their concerns directly to student leaders.

"Similar to last administration's Whine Week, Whine Wednesdays would occur once a month and would be a chance for students to talk to their senators and members of student government about things they would like to see changed at Notre Dame," Eaton said.

Eaton said students would influence how the committee's func-

tion takes shape.

"Since Constituent Services is a brand new committee, members and students will play a vital role in defining how we work and what projects we take on this year," she said.

Eaton said the committee would consist of approximately 15 members, with up to five student senators. These committee members would focus on small-scale, everyday issues students are unsatisfied with, she said.

"We will find out what the day-to-day concerns of the students are and what they want changed," Eaton said.

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Heather Eaton
Constituent Services chair

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"Examples of things we might address this year are pep rally reform, more points for Grab-N-Go and the marketing of the newly returned quarter dogs."

Eaton said the committee would make it easier for students to take advantage of student government's ability to improve student life.

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Junior Laura Glaub supports the launch of Green Dot Week by wearing her "Break the Silence" shirt.

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lence and stalking.

The shirt reads, "Break the Silence..." on the front and "because 1 in 4 is too many" on the back.

Junior Lupita Quintana said the t-shirts provided a powerful visual representation of violence.

"Since one fourth of the school is wearing the shirt, it puts things in to perspective to think that every girl I see wearing it represents a woman that is a victim of a sexual assault," she said. "It has a greater effect seeing it than just reading statistics."

Junior Angela Berra said she thought the message of the shirts made an impact on students' understanding of violence.

"I was asked in class about my shirt and I think awareness is being spread across campus, which is our goal because one in four is too many," she said.

Junior Cat Cleary said the shirts promoted discussion of BAVO's ideas on campus, even amongst faculty.

"I've had both students and professors stop and talk to me today about our shirts and events BAVO is putting on this week," she said. "I have

found that the shirts have raised awareness on every part of our campus and have promoted dialogue, two goals BAVO had for this initiative."

Connie Adams, assistant director of BAVO, said the 359 shirts purchased for the event were all claimed by 12:30 p.m. last Thursday.

"Students' enthusiasm and passion was evident," she said.

A vigil was held Monday evening outside of Holy Cross Circle. Students recited readings pertaining to the issue of violence, including a poem by Maya Angelou. Afterwards, students wrote down anecdotes on disposable paper about how their lives or communities were impacted by violence. The slips were then placed in water, allowing them to dissolve.

BAVO will host a showing of the documentary "Sin by Silence" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Magdalena Hall. The film examines the stories of women incarcerated for killing abusive husbands.

Social activist Brenda Clubine, featured in the film after spending 26 years in prison, will offer a lecture immediately following the showing.

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Lupita Quintana
junior

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heart of the tradition at this University," he said. "Growing up in South Bend, I would come on campus for game days and watch the Guard's inspection, and then their march into the stadium."

Though the tryout process

is rigorous, Flick said accepted Guardsmen enjoy the benefits of being a part of one of the most prestigious traditions of Notre Dame.

"Beyond representing the University in one of its most revered and most recognizable traditions, the primary benefits are the development of leadership skills and long-lasting friendships between Guardsmen," she

said.

The group of precision marchers was formed in 1949 to add spectacle while leading the band on marches.

The Guard held an informational meeting yesterday and will hold another Thursday at 6:15 p.m. in the Ricci Band Rehearsal Hall.

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Airline mind games

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Troy Mathew
Scene Writer

However, Southwest Airlines also presents a rather terrifying prospect — unassigned seating. That is, your seat partner is determined by the whims of the airline gods. The right actions could land you a highly desirable neighbor. Conversely, failure to take action could result in disaster. You could find yourself enduring a perpetually screaming ginger tot (as I did for an eight-hour flight), strange smells or other harrowing possibilities.

Having flown alone several times, I know all too well the fear a completely full flight can inspire. Without the useful buffer of a family member or friend, nothing separates you from whatever random human decides to take the adjacent seat.

Sometimes the neighbor is innocuous and barely noticeable. This is the mark of a desirable neighbor. A desirable candidate for a neighboring seat is defined as follows: someone who appears generally hygienic, can easily fit his or her body within the allotted single plane seat, is not a child, appears to not be deathly ill and is not possessing any type of pungent or ethnic food.

To seduce a desirable person into your adjacent seat, you must typify the desirable characteristics yourself. For example, listen to your iPod or read to show you won't try to engage in creepy or unwanted conversation with this stranger. Try to maintain a facial expression of alertness and health, to assure the possible seat-occupant you don't pose a threat of contamination. Stay away from the middle armrest, to show your potential neighbor you won't impede on their personal space.

However, use these tactics with caution, as this strategy will attract both desirable and undesirable potential neighbors. This is where the practice becomes nuanced and complicated. You must be constantly evaluating boarding passengers, using a skilled eye to instantaneously determine which people you could tolerate having in your personal-space bubble for the next several hours.

Thus, attracting desirable guests is only effective if you also discourage the undesirables. To do this, simply break all of the above tips. Grab a nearby barf-bag, and lean precariously close to it. Dig out a bag of sour cream and onion chips, and eat them with your mouth open. Perhaps you can even arrange your coat to make it appear as though you have body fat that poses a threat of spilling into the neighboring seat.

Play this game with skill and careful attention, and you're well on your way to a relatively enjoyable flight. Now if you can just nab an extra bag of peanuts from the flight attendant — forget Southwest, you're practically first class!

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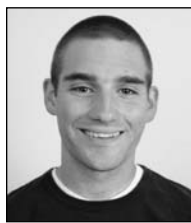
A few years ago, something came up in The Observer Viewpoint section pertaining to the motivation of columnists. The author stated all columnists are being selfish, and that writing our opinions to be read by thousands of people across campus was simply a way to boost our ego and make us feel important.

After two years as a columnist, however, I think that I have found that nothing could be further from the truth. I don't write

because I want people to know who I am. That is probably the last thing on my mind when I sit down to write a column. If columns were to be published anonymously, I would not even blink. I have never used this space as a soap box upon which I can stand and preach to the entire campus how I feel, convincing you why I am right.

There are far too many well-informed people on this campus that don't have the forum I do that could make far more convincing arguments, either for or against anything controversial that I would chose to write about.

My reasons for writing are twofold. My first reason is that transcribing my thoughts into a permanent medium is simply a form of self-expression. I reached a sad conclusion one day, one



Andy Ziccarelli

Moment of Inertia

Why I write

that many other former high school athletes reach: we can't do it anymore. I watch enviously as other students play guitar on the quad, paint a portrait or produce a movie, because these people are doing what they love, and they will never face the moment where they will have to stop doing it because they physically can't anymore.

For many years, playing football and baseball competitively was my outlet. I worked hours daily towards making myself a better player in each sport, and I loved every minute of it — well, almost. But once I reached college, I reached a point where I could no longer do what I love. I wasn't big enough to play football anymore, and wasn't talented enough to play baseball. And just like that, the mode in which I defined and expressed myself for my entire life was gone. I felt lost. That is, until I found writing.

Humans have thousands of thoughts per day (some even estimate it as high as 55,000), and each of those is an opportunity; an opportunity to discuss, or ponder, or argue, even if it is just with yourself. Writing things out as a stream of consciousness, or a message board post or a column — any of these serves as a medium in which you can express how you feel. Through these, you can convey happiness, anger or excitement.

Writing is extremely versatile, as well. A writer can be as creative or as blunt as he wants to be. He can be verbose or brief, funny or serious, symbolic or literal. And it is for this reason that I chose to express myself through a newspaper column.

My second reason for writing is that I want to make people think. I don't necessarily want them to think like I do, or even agree with me. But what I do want is for them to take some time to reflect and look at themselves and the world around them. It is extremely easy to go through the daily routine mindlessly, and I am sure that we have all done it. I challenge that. I don't want that to happen. There are so many opportunities throughout the day for thought and for growth.

It is funny, no column that I have ever written has turned out exactly like I had planned. I start with an idea, a basic concept that I want to write about, that I want people to think about. I usually have a message that I want to get across. But as I am writing, I am also thinking. And sometimes, those new thoughts take me off-course and into a direction that I never had even considered. By the end, the column is barely recognizable as compared to what I had intended. However, to me, that is the beauty of writing. By putting your thoughts into a medium, it forces you to analyze them, and you can end up discovering more about yourself than you ever wanted to know. And, hopefully, if I have gotten even one person to think a little deeper about their life, then I have done my job.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Love during times of tragedy

To our Notre Dame community,

On March 26 a tragedy befell our family. While traveling home from Spring Break with three friends, our youngest brother and best friend Riley was struck head on by an opposing vehicle — all four died almost instantly. Riley was only 18 years old.

In the wake of this awful news our family came together to grieve. In the shock and horror of those first few days we clung tightly to one another, and as we mourned — and mourn still — we have witnessed unimaginable kindness, warmth and compassion.

The same evening that Indiana State Trooper came to our front door to deliver the news, friends from Notre Dame were visiting our home. They held us in their arms as our legs failed beneath us; they wept with us as rage overcame us; and as we needed time to be alone they were already making calls, and candles were being lit at the grotto.

In the days that followed, close friends and roommates made it their business to care for us. They stayed with us, they ran errands, they babysat and they helped with chores, missing classes and work of their own.

From around the country other close

friends from Notre Dame made their way to our home — from New York, Chicago and Cleveland. as well as South Bend. Father Ed and Ed Mack from O'Neill Hall visited to console us and accompany us to the viewing. Those who could not come in person sent cards, letters, emails, texts, flowers, food and so much love.

At Riley's funeral there were flowers from the Notre Dame football team and coach, the athletic director, the cheer team and dozens of other alumni. The Mass found our small town church filled beyond capacity — the largest gathering in our parish's history — and mourners included dozens of our friends from Notre Dame, students and alumni who coordinated rides and carpooled en masse to be there. Father Foster of the Notre Dame College of Science even came to concelebrate.

Since the funeral we have experienced nothing but kindness and love from our extended Notre Dame family. Professors have been patient and kind, and classmates have helped in every way possible. The calls and emails and support have not ceased as the tragedy has been fading from headlines, and life for many others has been carrying on.

These past days have made us so

deeply endeared, grateful to and proud of the University of Notre Dame. Never could we be made to feel that we are supported by a larger family than at a time such as this. While Riley never went to Notre Dame, with two older brothers and a sister-in-law as alumni he grew up in the shadow of Our Lady. He spent his spring breaks in the halls of O'Neill playing video games and going to classes. Saturdays in the fall found him tailgating by the old band tower, trolling the bookstore for the new "The Shirt," and praying at the Grotto. When Donny and Crystal were married at the Basilica in August of 2008, Riley served as the best man. He loved Notre Dame.

Yesterday, as we wept and lit candles at the grotto we prayed to Our Lady for strength to endure these most difficult times. It is in each friend's steady embrace, the kind words of professors, rectors and loved ones, and through every silent prayer that such strength is delivered. We thank you all — each of you who has been a vessel of such grace for us.

The Zimmer Family
classes of 2011, 2004, and 2009
South Bend, IN
Apr. 10

POLL OF THE WEEK

What are you planning for the Blue and Gold game?

Go to the game
Who cares about football?
Drink all day
Study for final exams
Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at ndsmcobserver.com

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge."

Stephen Hawking
English cosmologist and physicist

Voulez vous faire la guerre avec moi ce soir?

The French are not known to be a warring people, despite Napoleon, WWI and French involvement in Francophone Africa. They have the reputation in mainstream America as cigarette smoking, baguette and cheese lovers who needed bailing out in WWII. In reality, the French have proven themselves to be quite the fighting force under President Sarkozy.

Elie Elian

Guest Columnist

Today, for the first time in the nation's history, they are involved in three wars across the globe: in Afghanistan, the Ivory Coast and Libya. They were the first to drop bombs on Libya, they are working to overthrow Laurent Gbagbo, who refuses to step down as president of the Ivory Coast after losing the election, and they are fighting alongside NATO forces in Afghanistan. This level of military activity would usually shock the French public, but France has taken America's queue on international wars: never fight them alone. Not only is France fighting under the banner of the U.N. in the Ivory Coast and NATO in Afghanistan and Libya, but they claim to be fighting in the name of "saving lives." It is reasonable to assume that the French public would be resistant to the new aggression; however, the IFOP (L'Institut Français d'Opinion Publique)

has found that 65 percent of the French public support French involvement in Libya. While this statistic might indicate a "rally 'round the flag" effect in the French public, it is most revealing when compared to the American public perception of our Libya involvement.

According to Gallup, only 47 percent of Americans support military involvement in Libya. This is the lowest approval rating for any military action in U.S. history. In fact it was the only military action with a minority of Americans in support. I think this might be the only time in history where the French public supported a war more than the American public. Is it we who have become numb to our warring ways or have the French become more eager to fight?

It is clear that during the Arab revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt, the French government and Sarkozy were very slow to react, and in many cases reacted inappropriately. Regarding Tunisia, former foreign minister Michèle Alliot-Marie made a public suggestion during her vacation in Tunisia that France should send riot police to support the regime and quell the pro-democracy protests. To many, France's prompt and aggressive reaction in Libya and Ivory Coast is Sarkozy's way of making up for France's mistakes regarding Egypt and Tunisia. It is also posited that this is an attempt for

Sarkozy to prop up his approval rating for next year's election. What is evident is that the French people are reacting positively to France's new stance in protecting democracy and the innocent. Therefore, it seems that the high approval ratings regarding Libya can be credited to France's use of the U.N. and NATO, as well as their mission to protect the unprotected, to justify military action.

These justifications can also be used to support U.S. involvement in Libya; however, U.S. public support for the intervention is significantly lower than historic support for military action. Even though U.S. and NATO intentions can be questioned in this conflict, the only comprehensive explanation of this trend is a change in the American attitudes towards military intervention. The U.S. has involved itself in war with more questionable motives in the past with higher approval ratings. Public support for military intervention in Afghanistan and Iraq has steadily decreased since the start of the wars and is recently at its lowest levels. Perhaps the American public is fed up with the continuous U.S. presence in Middle Eastern conflicts.

It seems that this distaste with aggressive foreign policy explains the low public support for military action in Libya. This distaste is understandable, but it is also dangerous. While Afghanistan and Iraq

have left a bitter taste in the mouths of most Americans, this mustn't cloud our judgment regarding the appropriate use of force. When a dictator uses indiscriminate force against his people because they demand freedom, we have a right to intervene, especially when the U.N. requests it.

Indeed, this war is arguably one of the most justifiable wars we have fought in recent times, and yet it has the least amount of backing from the American people. We should not let our trials in Iraq and Afghanistan dissuade us from waging war. They should inform us when considering war. While the American people might be fed up with war, we mustn't resort to an isolationist attitude. We must continue to engage the world, taking what we have learned in Iraq and Afghanistan into consideration. I believe our actions in Libya are sign of this maturation; however, the majority of the American people don't. This is a concerning trend. Perhaps we should take a queue from the French this time and be more eager to fight the good fight next time.

Of course, defining the good fight is a whole other kettle of fish.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The other lover

Caitlin Housley (Apr. 8) admitted to the world that she and Jimmy John's were having an affair. Caitlin said that she was so ashamed by his unabashed affection that she hung her head as she handed him \$6 for her #12, no avocado.

Therein lies the real confession: Caitlin didn't tip her delivery driver. The Beach Club, with delivery fees, costs exactly \$6 so if she shyly handed "John or Rob" \$6, then she failed to tip John or Rob — a man (or woman) who is paid less than minimum wage hourly, only earns 5 percent of the dollar amount of his delivery orders (so on this order, only 30 cents) and has to put mileage on his own car and fill up his tank with gas that costs nearly \$4 per gallon. And in the wonderful state of Indiana where there are no break laws for adults, it's a distinct possibility that Caitlin's lover has been working for over eight hours and has yet to take a break or eat. Perhaps a little communication between Caitlin and Jimmy John would've revealed that it's astonishingly inconsiderate to fail to tip someone who brings you food for a living.

If it wasn't obvious, I'm a Jimmy John's delivery driver. I'd like to preface by saying that most Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students tip — but the fact remains that of the customers who do not tip, the majority come from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross which is blood boiling to say the least. The economic and social privilege of a Notre

Dame, St. Mary's or Holy Cross student is unfathomable. By virtue of the fact that you have a roof over your head and are receiving a world-class education, you are wealthier and more successful than 99 percent of the entire world.

The fact that you would begrudge someone an extra dollar or two is, to put it bluntly, a disgrace and it shows a complete ignorance of your own privilege. It might be frustrating to pay \$7 for a \$5 sandwich, but if you don't want to, don't buy it. Walk to the dining hall, walk to Recker's, walk off campus. Don't force someone who makes less than minimum wage, who relies on your tips, to drive to your very doorstep and then refuse them a tip. That is not proper behavior for someone educated at one of the world's finest Catholic universities.

For all of the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students who tip generously: I thank you tremendously. You pay my rent. More importantly, you pay the rent of my co-workers, many of whom have multiple jobs and children for whom to provide. For those of you who don't tip your drivers, start tipping them. Failure to do so brings shame upon you, the schools which have educated you and your families.

Mary C. Young
graduate student
off campus
Apr. 10

Don't be afraid to talk

Thank you for publishing the editorial "We, as a community, need to talk" last Friday (Apr. 9). Things like depression and sexual assault are so personal — most people do not know how to talk about them. I still have trouble talking about depression, even though I had a friend attempt suicide in high school. After Sean's death I wanted to write in, but I did not know what to say. However, I have realized it does not matter if I say the perfect thing. What matters is that I say something.

Much of what I heard after Sean's death was about how suicide is rare at Notre Dame. Yes, it is rare here, but suicide and depression are not absent on campus, and suicide is preventable. My dad told me in high school, "Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem." It is an act that cannot be reversed. Our community has lost Sean forever.

However, Notre Dame can learn from Sean's death. We cannot bring him back, but we might be able to show someone else, another member of our

community who is struggling, that they are loved. We can open a dialogue on this issue, since it is an issue that everyone can relate to. We all feel sad sometimes. I know I have, but I managed to find strength through the support of my friends and family to get through those times. I am so grateful for that strength. Life is full of surprises and can change so quickly. As dark as it sometimes seems, it gets so much better.

So to all my friends here on campus, please know that I love all of you and appreciate your friendship more than I can express. To all those people I do not know on campus, I care about you too. I wish all the happiness in the world for you. So please, if you are feeling sad, depressed, down, lonely, stressed or all of the above, don't be afraid to talk to someone. Chances are they need to talk to someone as well.

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Apr. 11

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Twisting the Trojan knife

Adam, Adam, Adam.

By now I'm sure you are aware that many people may find it hard to appreciate your prodigious love for the Trojans (Apr. 11). However, though I do not particularly like USC either, I cannot blame you for choosing the team you did. Though Notre Dame football's proud tradition of excellence and integrity becomes a part of many students' lives during our time here, the urge to root for the home team is a strong one. I myself am a lifelong Fightin' Blue Hens fan (that's Delaware, by the way), and I must admit that occasionally I find myself torn between these two proud teams.

Nonetheless, without the opportunity to go surfing and eat at In-N-Out Burger, football becomes one of life's biggest pleasures during the brisk South Bend autumn. There aren't even any good sledding hills around here, but I digress. It is sufficient to say that football is kind of a big deal. My only criticism of your column is that you could have explained your position a bit more tactfully. For example, the October 2005 game is, for many people, one of the most painful defeats in recent history. So you can understand the frustration when

you refer to the "Bush Push" as Matt Leinart "valiantly plunging" into the end zone. Or when you mention that this heart wrenching, controversial loss was the only time you've ever prayed for divine intervention in football. This would be like telling a Red Sox fan how fervently you prayed for the ball to pass through Bill Buckner's legs during game six of the World Series. At times, the column feels a bit like apologizing for stabbing someone, while still twisting the knife. So please forgive those who judge you for describing "the fascinating events of October 15, 2005" in such glowing terms.

That being said, I really don't like USC. So maybe I am judging you a bit. Sorry I'm not sorry. And, as always, GO IRISH, BEAT TROJANS!

Dave Skorup
junior
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Apr. 11



welcomes audrey niffenegger

By MARIELLE HAMPE
Scene Writer

Audrey Niffenegger, author of the internationally bestselling novel “The Time Traveler’s Wife,” will conclude this year’s ND Literary Festival Wednesday. A book signing will follow Niffenegger’s speech, and copies of “The Time Traveler’s Wife” will be available for purchase at the event.

“The Time Traveler’s Wife” won the 2005 Exclusive Books Boeke Prize and a 2006 British Book Award. The novel was published in 2003, and a film version starring Rachel McAdams and Eric Bana was released in 2009. The novel has sold over five million copies and has been translated into 33 languages.

“The Time Traveler’s Wife” is a love story about a female artist, Clare, and her husband, Henry, who has a genetic disorder that causes him to time travel unpredictably. Henry first meets Clare when he is 28 and she is 20, but Clare meets Henry for the first time when she is six and Henry is 36. Henry is involuntarily pulled to random moments in the past, present or future, and Clare’s linear and normal adolescence is dotted with memories of Henry appearing to her from different moments in time.

Clare struggles with the turmoil of always being the one left behind to wait for Henry to reappear, and Henry’s inability to

take clothing or identification with him while he time travels leaves him helpless and dependent on his survival skills. The intersection of Clare and Henry’s life is not ordinary, and Niffenegger’s edgy style complimented by themes of love, death, sex and time make “The Time Traveler’s Wife” a suspenseful and exciting read.

Audrey Niffenegger is a perfect guest for NDLF,” senior Felicia Aguirre, chair of the Literary Festival said. “She is a popular and entertaining writer, but she also has a unique and interesting writing style.

“In a world where art seems unstable, Audrey Niffenegger fights for tradition. She is both an artist and a writer, and produces hand-painted books. In fact, when Niffenegger originally got the idea for “The Time Traveler’s Wife,” it came to her just as a title on her sketchpad. She soon figured out it would make a better novel than a picture book. I think students

will be able to learn from Niffenegger how to participate in an ever-changing artistic world,” Aguirre said.

Niffenegger is most recognized for her novel, but has enjoyed success in other fields as well. Niffenegger is a professor and has produced numerous drawings, paintings, prints and visual books. She helped found the Columbia College Chicago Center for Book and Paper Arts, and was a professor at Columbia College’s MFA program in Interdisciplinary Book and Paper Arts. She is now on the faculty of the Columbia College Fiction Writing Department.

Recent works by Niffenegger include the novel “Her Fearful Symmetry,” released in 2009, and “The Night Bookmobile,” a serialized graphic novel that originally appeared in the London Guardian and was

published in book form in September 2010. She is currently working on her third novel, “The Chinchilla Girl in Exile.”

Niffenegger’s creativity and experience as an artist allows her to challenge the traditional bounds of fiction writing to produce exquisitely woven and original stories. Whether you are a fan of Niffenegger’s skills or just want to learn more about the creation of Clare and Henry and how their entangled adventure ends, stop by Jordan Hall of Science Wednesday at 7 p.m. to enjoy Niffenegger’s speech.

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On campus

What: Speech and book signing by Audrey Niffenegger, author of “The Time Traveler’s Wife”
Where: Jordan Hall of Science, Room 105
When: Wednesday, April 13, 7-8 p.m.
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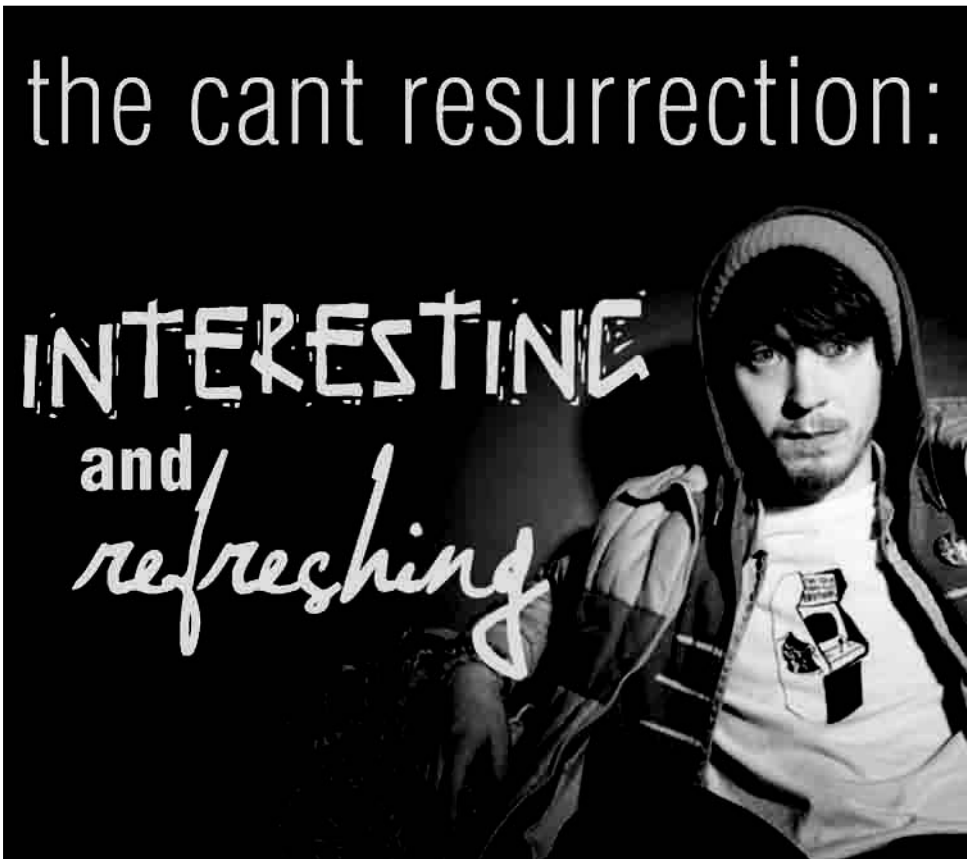
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By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
Scene Writer

For those looking for a unique new album this year, look no further.

Glitch-hop producer and instrumental electronic musician A.M. Breakups, also known as M. Mielnick, recently released his debut album "The Cant Resurrection." According to his website ambreakups.com, this album is a "reflection of environment, acquaintances and circumstances."

The 24-year-old indie-rap artist is from Utica, N.Y. and has been performing for years. He started with MC Eleven as the duo 11 A.M., and has a strong local following and devoted online fan base. He has collaborated with other artists in the genre, including Teddy Falet, Super Chron Flight Brothers, Sasa and K-Swift.

His influences include dirt, Chi-Rock nation, Backwoodz Studios, Uncommon Records, interrupt expansion, Komadose, B.O.S. Skwad Records and expired Polaroid film, according to his Facebook page. He considers his genre of music to be hip-hop, electronic and abstract. "The Cant Resurrection" continues Backwoodz Studioz's tradition of progressive, critically acclaimed indie hip-hop from New York.

All songs on the album are written, produced and mixed by A.M. Breakups himself, and he recorded most with Reservoir Sound Womb. The album was recorded between 2006 and 2009.

According to the album cover, this LP has been hailed to "have stark production, heavy with layers and texture and interspersed with verses from some of this new millennium's most promising indie talent." Appearances by other artists on the album include Teddy Faley, V8, Eleven, Billy Woods, DJ Dyllemma, Bedtime9, Model Citizen and Shotrock.

The album includes an intriguing mix of typical instrumental music, techno music, and vocals. Overall, the album keeps the listener engaged with the movement of the beat, often changing between songs or in the middle of songs. Shorter songs are mixed in between longer songs, sometimes serving as a break or cleansing of the palate between diverse types of music.

The tone and feel of the songs varies throughout the album and

within individual songs. Percussion sounds and beats play an important role to the pace and its changes. Different techno sounds work with more traditional instrumental sounds (like piano, strings and percussion) to form the melody that evolves from song to song.

The vocal performances of the many different artists featured on the album bring another layer of diversity to the music. Distant, background vocals with steady, aggressive, Eminem-esque rapping is scattered across the album. While some songs strongly feature the rapping, others use distorted or altered vocals as part of the beat in the background.

"The Cant Resurrection" has dark, unsettling songs as well as pleasant, easy-listening ones. Techno audio mixes with, changes and sometimes competes against the vocals and other instrumentals. A.M. Breakups' use of electronic music sounds foreign, calming, troubling, agreeable, confusing or chaotic, depending on the song. Recognizable instrumental audio is also used in multiple ways, serving as a pacemaker and providing a simple melody or a dramatic undercurrent to each song.

The rapping talents are used well, allowing a message to appear through the lyrics. The vocals are never too over-bearing and fit well into the unique and varying music behind them.

For a listener looking for something new, "The Cant Resurrection" is an interesting and refreshing mix of rap, indie and techno. Though perhaps not the most revolutionary or impressive album of the year so far, it is worth a listen. Changing and diverse, the music has an assortment of sounds to offer to an open-minded music lover.

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'The Cant Resurrection' A.M. Breakups

Label: Backwoodz Studioz
Best Tracks: "Chapter 1" and
"Perfect Science"



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John Hughes's movies do the impossible — they make audiences feel nostalgic for high school, an extremely difficult task. With "The Breakfast Club," "Pretty in Pink" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's midnight movie series will bring the best of the 80's back to Notre Dame.

"The Breakfast Club" is the quintessential tale of teenage angst and follows five high school students who are sentenced to serve a Saturday in detention. Set in the library of their school, the students bond with each other and recognize that they have more in common than they could have imagined.

The movie also depicts the most prevalent high school stereotypes. Versions of the cliques in "The Breakfast Club" still appear in sitcoms and other high school movies today.

The end of the movie aptly defines each individual. In writing a letter to the principal of the school they say, "You see us as you want to see us ... In the simplest terms and the most convenient definitions. But what we found out is that each one of us is a brain, and an athlete, and a basket case, a princess and a criminal."

The best part of the movie is that it doesn't use these stereotypes to set up easy antagonists to a story line, as so many films do today. Instead, the movie starts with the assumed stereotype of each individual and shatters it. No person in the group can be easily defined by one word.

"Pretty in Pink" explores the effect of money on high school social interactions and gains new insight each time it is retold. In "Pretty in Pink," Andie, played by Molly Ringwald,

does not come from the same kind of money as Blane, her crush.

The varying amounts of money the two have keep them from being together. In the end, however, love prevails (as it always does) and Blane and Andie share a romantic moment at the most important social event of anyone's high school career — prom.

It isn't only about high school pettiness, though. It explores the real difficulties that can occur when families struggle to make ends meet. Andie's father buys her a pink dress for prom she knows he can't afford. It is a painful moment when the two fight over their financial well-being. "Pretty in Pink" is both touching and extremely in-touch with the issues adolescents face, beyond finding the right date to prom.

One simply cannot discuss John Hughes's films without referencing the immensely popular "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." The movie is an ode to teenage rebellion at its finest. It follows Bueller as he cleverly manages to skip class and quite literally parade around the city of Chicago.

It is above all a film about seizing the opportunity to do things that one can only do while young. As Bueller famously says "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

John Hughes captures the most awkward moments of being a teenager and gives them an artful appreciation that not many others have succeeded at doing. Catch his greatest hits at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center in the coming weeks.

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CLUB SPORTS

Men’s volleyball takes second in National Championship
Gymnastics competes in national meet; cycling completes regular season

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame entered the National Championship tournament as the No.13 seed overall, one of the highest in team history. This was just the start of something truly spectacular. The Irish were the highest No. 2 seed, and in Thursday’s pool play, managed a 2-1 record, defeating Wisconsin and Arizona State before falling in three games to Cal-Poly to win the pool and advance to the power pool play on Friday, where winning and losing determines who advances to the gold bracket to compete for the top prize.

On Friday, the Irish faced California and UC- Santa Barbara, winning the matches 25-17, 25-21 and 25-18, 25-22, respectively. This launched the Irish into the Gold bracket.

As the 5th overall seed in the Gold bracket, the Irish faced Fresno State, ranked No. 1 in the country for most of the season. In dominating fashion, the Irish beat Fresno in two games, 25-19 and 25-23, to advance to the Elite 8, thus securing the best finish in team history.

However, the Irish weren’t done yet. The Irish next squared off against UC-San Diego, a strong opponent hailing from talent rich southern California. In one of the most exciting matches of the tournament, the Irish defeated UCSD, 25-17, 20-25, 15-11. It was a huge win for the Irish, who were set to face the Cinderella story Illinois State for the opportunity to play for the national championship. Notre Dame came out swinging, and thumped the Redbirds 25-16, 25-15 to advance to the national championship game against perennial powerhouse, UW-Oshkosh.

Behind the powerful swings and monster blocks of Rob Bauer and Kevin Padden, both of whom were named first team All-Americans, the Irish won the first game 25-21. This was not enough, however, as UW-Oshkosh’s jump serves proved to be too much for the Irish to handle, who lost the next two games 25-12 and 15-10.

Though the Irish fell just short of the ultimate goal of a national championship, finishing as the second best team in the country is a huge step forward for the program.

Gymnastics

This past weekend, the Gymnastics Club of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s made the long trip down to Richmond for the NAIGC national competition. The meet, held in the Greater Richmond Convention Center, was host to 129 teams from all over the country. The Irish, who competed in the fourth of six sessions, performed well in their last meet of the season.

The women’s squad, comprised of Kristin Smith, Sarah Cole, Bryanna Bocardo and Kelsey Teske, posted especially strong scores on vault with scores of 7.9, 8.0, 7.8 and 8.45, respectively. Teske, in her first appearance at Nationals showed impressive skill as she placed 25th in the session.

On the men’s side, Patrick Gorman was the lone qualifier. Gorman posted a strong score on vault of 12.0 and was able to place 26th all-around in session four and 68th overall in the all-around competition. The Irish now look forward to the 2011-2012 season, which is especially promising considering the plethora of young talent on the team.

Cycling

The cycling team traveled to Michigan State Saturday for a morning road race and an afternoon time trial. Rob Piscatelli led the men’s D team with an 11th place finish.

Men’s “C” put two in the top ten with Andrew O’Donnell in sixth and Brian Hurley crossing the line in eighth. Freshman Josh Corcoran wasn’t far behind in 13th.

Four Notre Dame riders started the 60-mile men’s “A” race and Joe Magro notched his second top-10 finish of the season, moving into first place in the D-II individual rankings. The Irish rode extremely well in the 5.5-mile afternoon time trial. O’Donnell went out early and set a fast time, good enough to win the “C” category. By the end of the day, only five riders in any category had surpassed his time. Both Corcoran and Hurley finished in the top-5 of “C” in third and fifth, respectively.

With the regular season complete, Notre Dame heads into the conference championships at St. Louis leading the D-II team category by a sizable margin. Magro also leads the men’s individual rankings while Jenn Perricone has locked up the individual women’s title.

Women’s Water Polo

The Irish traveled to Oxford, Ohio, this weekend to compete in the Miami Invite at the University of Miami of Ohio. The Irish began their weekend with a strong 15-7 victory over the Hoosiers from Indiana University.

The Irish started off slow, but regained their strength at the end of the first quarter with an exclusion goal from Ali Durkin. Durkin led the offense with five goals from the hole set. Maisie O’Malley and Victoria Anglin helped put points on the board with four goals each and Lizzie Gormley added two. Kasia Ahern set the tone of the Irish defense with four steals in the field.

After a long break, the Irish came back strong with a 14-5 victory over Purdue University. Eileen Flanagan and Sarah Fleming split time in the net to help lead the Irish to victory. O’Malley led the offense with five goals, Durkin added three, Gormley and Colleen Middleton had two and Danielle Guidry and Rosemary Kelley each added one goal. The unstoppable Irish defense was led by Gormley, who proved her outstanding defense in the field with five steals.

The Irish started off Sunday with a decisive 15-1 victory over Ohio University.

The Irish displayed their stellar offense once again with 11 players scoring in the game. Durkin, Savannah Hayes, K. Ahern and Victoria Ahern each had two goals for the Irish. Danielle Guidry, O’Malley, Mary Kate Fidler, Gormley, Middleton, Adi Austgen and Anastasia Hansen each added one. Fleming and Mary Fanslow split time in the net controlling the outstanding defense to lead the Irish to victory.

The final game of the weekend was a tough 10-2 loss to rivals from the University of Michigan. The Irish had a slow start in the first quarter, putting them behind Michigan 4-0. Despite drawing several ejections, six from Ali Durkin, the Irish were unable to convert these opportunities into points. Maisie O’Malley was able to get a point on the board for the Irish with a goal in the second quarter.

The Irish scored again on a fast break by Durkin in the fourth quarter. O’Malley led the

Irish defense with five steals. Lizzie Gormley won three swim offs for the Irish.

Women’s Boxing

Club president and captain Anna Dwyer competed in the prestigious Chicago Gold Gloves over the weekend. Dwyer claimed the title trophy in her division to the great satisfaction of her many fans and admirers on campus.

Women’s Equestrian

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s Equestrian Team traveled to Dousman, Wis., over the weekend to compete in both Regionals and Zones. Katie Walsh took first in open fences at Regionals Saturday. Amy Giordano took third in both intermediate flat and fences. Nicole Oberschmied and Laura Tiche completed their collegiate careers with fifth place showings in their classes.

Whitney Preisser qualified for Zones on Sunday, sweeping her class and taking first place. On Saturday, the University of Wisconsin-Madison took first place, and Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s took second place, followed by University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse in third. On Sunday at Zones, Preisser finished her year with 10th in novice flat.

Walsh garnered a third in open fences and a first in Cacchion class. As the Cacchion rider for the region, Walsh will go to nationals May 5 to 7 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky.

Men’s Rowing

The Notre Dame first and second varsity eights traveled to San Diego last Thursday to compete in the San Diego Crew Classic over the weekend.

The racing began early Saturday morning for the Irish when the first varsity boat competed in the American Specialty Health Cal Cup’s racing heats. The crew, coxed by Greg Obee, with Garrett Campbell, Greg Flood, Michael Maggart, Brent Shawcross, Cliff Roberts, Tim Parks, Sean Gibbons and Michael Wagner from stroke to bow, was seeded first in the heat. They got off to an early lead in the first 500m, and in the middle of the race held off moves by UCLA and Sacramento State.

The Irish won the heat with a time of 6:05.10, placing ahead

of UCLA, Sacramento State, Bates, University of California – Santa Barbara, University of California – Davis, and Loyola Marymount to earn a spot in the Grand Finals Sunday morning.

In the Grand Finals, the Irish had a rough start, placing them an early boat length down to field leaders University of British Columbia and Drexel University.

However, the first varsity finished strong, making a series of moves over the next 1000m and finishing with a sprint in third place with a time of 6:19.67, less than two seconds behind Drexel. UBC won the event, and Oklahoma City, University of California – Irvine and UCLA finished fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

In the Grand Finals for the second varsity boat on Sunday morning, California quickly established itself as the top crew. The Irish rowed well, but placed sixth overall in the finals with a time of 6:22.20. The California “A” boat won the event, followed by Stanford, California “B,” Oregon State and the University of California – San Diego.

The third place finish by the first varsity boat in the Grand Finals was the highest finish at the Crew Classic in the team’s history.

Women’s Rugby

In their final home game of the year and their last game before the national tournament, the Irish defeated Ball State University this Saturday 112-0. The Irish fielded 22 players and even had some of their players play part of the game with Ball State, as they only had 15 players.

The Irish got on the scoreboard quickly and continued to dominate every contact point, winning almost every scrum.

One of the Irish’s team goals during the game was to make sure that the backs had forwards supporting them. The Irish greatly improved in this support during the game.

They also made it a goal to get fewer penalties for things like off sides and not rolling away. They had much fewer penalties than they have previously and never got called for the same penalty twice in a row. The Irish are looking forward to playing Mesa State in their first game of the national tournament next Saturday.

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NBA

Miami locks up No. 2 seed

Associated Press

ATLANTA — LeBron James scored 34 points and Miami locked up the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference with a 98-90 win over the Atlanta Hawks, who nearly rallied from a 20-point deficit while going with their backups against the Big Three in the fourth quarter Monday night.

Miami played its starters all the way, looking to clinch the second spot behind Chicago in the East. Shortly after beating the Hawks, the Heat got the news they wanted: third-place Boston lost at Washington in overtime.

The Hawks, who are locked into the fifth seed, went to a makeshift lineup for the final period and almost pulled it off. The game turned ugly with 3½ minutes to go. Atlanta's Zaza Pachulia powered inside for a basket. Zydrunas Ilgauskas took exception to the move and slammed the ball off Pachulia's back as he turned to head back down the court.

Ilgauskas was ejected, and the Hawks hit the technical free throw to tie it at 88. But



Miami Heat forward LeBron James drives to the basket during the Heat's 98-90 win over Atlanta Monday.

Miami outscored the Hawks 10-2 the rest of the way, with James Jones making two huge 3-pointers — including one that turned into a four-play when he was fouled by a leaping Josh Powell, sending both players flying out of bounds.

The Hawks pulled their starters for the fourth quarter. Pachulia, Powell, Jamal Crawford, Jeff Teague and Damien Wilkins held their

own, actually outscoring Miami 23-19.

It wasn't enough.

Bosh drew a charging foul on Powell with just over a minute left, and James clinched it with his final basket of the night. The Big Three combined for 70 points, with Dwyane Wade adding 21 — the bulk of his scoring coming in the first half — and Bosh adding 15.

NBA

Celtics rest top four, fall to Wizards in OT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even in a game that went to overtime, the most interesting spectacle was the quartet of Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen, Paul Pierce and Rajon Rondo sitting on the Boston Celtics' bench.

The Celtics were making a statement: The Miami Heat can have second place. It wasn't worth fighting for anymore. Coach Doc Rivers decreed that a few days of rest for his veteran starters would be a bigger priority than trying to climb one rung in the standings in the season's final days.

Boston's leftovers made a game of it, losing 95-94 Monday night to the lottery-bound Washington Wizards. The result, along with Miami's 98-90 win over the Atlanta Hawks, guaranteed that the Heat will be the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference while the Celtics will be No. 3, drawing a first-round playoff matchup with the sixth-seeded New York Knicks.

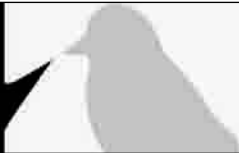
Rivers called it a difficult

decision to sit his stars, one that involved everyone from general manager Danny Ainge on down, and one that surely will leave him open to second-guessing if the results fall a certain way.

"I usually don't seek out — it comes from me all the time — but this was one where I asked a lot of questions to some players, all our coaches, to Danny, so this was a tough one, but this was the right one," Rivers said. "At the end of the day for us, it's got to be right for our team and whatever's best for our team, even over seeding."

Rivers said his mind was made up after the Celtics were blown out 100-77 by the Heat on Sunday, a loss that put Boston behind Miami in the race for second. The coach will also sit the bulk of his top players in Wednesday's regular season finale against the Knicks, giving his veterans a three-day mental break to set them up for three good days of practices Thursday through Saturday before the playoffs start.

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MLB

Surging Rangers dominate Martinez, Tigers

Associated Press

DETROIT — To Victor Martinez, the Texas play made perfect sense.

The Rangers chose to have closer Neftali Feliz intentionally walk Miguel Cabrera with two outs in the ninth inning, even though it meant bringing Martinez to the plate as the potential winning run.

The Detroit newcomer grounded out with two runners on base Monday, finishing off the Tigers' 2-0 loss to the Rangers.

Martinez wasn't surprised by Texas manager Ron Washington's bold strategy to pitch around Cabrera.

"He's been swinging the bat good and I haven't been swinging the bat good at all," the four-time All-Star said. "They took a chance on me."

The former Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians stand-out is hitting just .225, making \$12 million in the first season of a \$50 million, four-year deal he signed with Detroit to primarily be its designated hitter.

"We'll see what happens at the end of the year."

Victor Martinez
Tigers catcher

Martinez, though, said it's too early to be frustrated.

"We'll see what happens at the end of the year," he said.

Alexi Ogando outpitched Justin Verlander before leaving with a finger problem to help the defending AL champions improved to 9-1, maintaining the majors' top record and matching the best 10-game start in team history.

Michael Young and Mitch Moreland hit RBI doubles in the seventh inning as Texas equaled the start of its 1989 club.

Ogando (2-0) gave up just two hits, walked one and struck four over seven innings in his second start in the majors. The converted reliever had his outing cut short by fluid under a callus on his right index finger after pitching six scoreless innings last week with a developing blister on the same finger.

Ogando expects to make his next start.

Texas reliever Darren Oliver gave up a hit in the eighth. Feliz finished for his fourth save in as many

chances after retiring two batters and allowing Ryan Raburn to double, bringing up Cabrera.

Verlander (1-1) lost despite pitching a six-hitter, striking out four and walking one in a 119-pitch performance.

"It's terribly disappointing for me," he said. "I think it's terribly disappointing for the team."

Verlander was perfect until Josh Hamilton hit a two-out single in the fourth inning. Hamilton walked with one out in the seventh, scored on Young's double off the right-field wall and Moreland followed with a two-out double off the same wall to make it 2-0.

"He was great," Young said. "He's always a handful."

Detroit had its best chance to score in the fourth when Cabrera became the second player younger than 28 to hit his 300th double, according to STATS LLC, but that didn't mean much to him after another defeat.

"We lost the game," Cabrera said.

His hit in the fourth put two on with one out, but Martinez's bloop to shallow left field turned into an inning-ending double play when shortstop Elvis Andrus caught the ball and the 27-year-old Cabrera couldn't



Texas Rangers pitcher Alexi Ogando threw seven scoreless innings Monday as the Rangers beat the Tigers 2-0.

beat the throw back to second base.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland planned to give slumping center fielder Austin Jackson the day off, but used him as a pinch-hitter in the eighth when Magglio Ordonez came out of the game with tightness in his right Achilles' tendon. Ordonez missed games earlier this season with a stiff surgically repaired right ankle.

Leyland plans to sit him out at least a couple games.

"We're not going to go day to day and get him right," Leyland said.

Jackson hit a leadoff single, but was stranded after Oliver got Jhonny Peralta to foul out, Alex Avila to strike out and Brandon Inge to fly out.

Detroit fell to 3-7, needing victories in the next two games to win its first series in a season that started with relatively high hopes, after failing to make Washington's gamble backfire.

"I give them a lot of credit," Leyland said. "I was certainly very comfortable with Victor in that position."

Campbell

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2-1) will be the first step in that journey. While the Scots are by no means a powerhouse in the conference, they carry several talented players, including the sister combo of junior Jen and sophomore Katie Meloche. Jen has played regularly at No. 1 singles for the team this year while Katie is undefeated in conference singles matches.

"Alma's not typically one of our strongest conference opponents, but I know they want to beat us, and I know they'll come out strong and ready to

play," Campbell said.

The Belles will be challenged across the board in singles, where Saint Mary's only won at two spots over the weekend. Campbell believes the game will be decided in a familiar spot, however — the doubles game.

"We've really made the doubles game a point of emphasis for this matchup," he said. "That's where I'm really expecting us to come out strong tomorrow."

Saint Mary's and the Scots square off today at 4 p.m. in Alma, Mich.

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NFL

Miles anticipates a Super Bowl in Indy

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Mark Miles doesn't expect the NFL's lockout to be settled until at least this summer.

The 2012 Super Bowl host committee chairman is still moving ahead, as scheduled, with his plans.

As the countdown to February's Super Bowl hit 300 days Monday, Miles described the progress made over the last three months and addressed the one issue everyone is asking — whether the lockout could scuttle the city's first Super Bowl.

"There are probably scenarios where you may miss some preseason games and you may even miss some regular-season games and the league officials will have to define what constitutes a season for them," Miles said. "So we're doing our thing and we are doing what needs to be done and not let it (the lockout) become a distraction."

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NFL

Judge orders mediation

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The NFL and its locked-out players have been ordered to start talking again.

The federal judge handling the lawsuit against the league told both sides Monday they will participate in court-supervised mediation, saying she still is considering whether to grant the players' request to lift the lockout that's been in place for a month.

The players got their wish, with the talks held in the federal courts in Minnesota rather than the collective bargaining setting where the two sides unsuccessfully met last month.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson said formal mediation will begin Thursday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan at his office in the Minneapolis federal courthouse. Boylan will meet with representatives for the players Tuesday, then representatives of the NFL on Wednesday.

The sides tried mediation before, negotiating for 16 days in Washington with Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service director George Cohen. Those talks broke off on March 11, and the old collective bargaining agreement expired.

The NFL Players Association dissolved that day, saying it no longer would represent players in bargaining under labor law. That allowed players — including MVP quarterbacks Tom Brady and Peyton Manning — to file a class-action antitrust suit against the league in federal court here. The owners then locked out the players, creating the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987.

Nelson ordered Monday that both sides keep the mediation confidential.

NFLPA spokesman George Atallah declined comment as did NFL spokesman Greg Aiello. Neither party would



Former executive director of the NFLPA DeMaurice Smith speaks at the Federal Courthouse Wednesday.

divulge who will be attending the session this week.

At a hearing last week about the injunction request, Nelson urged the sides to get "back to the table" and said negotiations should take place at "not the players' table, not the league's table, but a neutral table, if you will."

The next day, the players and owners both expressed a willingness to talk, though they disagreed on where and how they wanted to do it. The players said they were willing to engage in mediation overseen by Nelson. The NFL said it wanted to resume talks with Cohen in Washington.

Nelson said at the hearing she would take "a couple of weeks" to rule on the injunction. On Monday, she noted that her order to resume mediation "will not have the effect of a stay on this litigation," and that she would rule "in due course."

Nelson's order called for legal counsel for the parties "as well as a party representative having full authority" to attend. She also said that participation in the mediation "and any communications conveyed between the parties in this process, shall not be admitted or used against any

party in any other proceeding or forum, for any purpose."

That would appear to address the players' concern that any talks held after the dissolution of the union could be construed as collective bargaining — and thus bolster the NFL's claim that the dissolution was a "sham" merely intended to strengthen the players' position at the bargaining table.

Last week, NFL executive vice president Jeffrey Pash sent a letter to a lawyer representing the players, James Quinn, with a copy going to Nelson. Pash wrote that the league is "prepared to give reasonable and appropriate assurances" that the players' legal position — not a union protected by labor laws but a group of players suing under antitrust laws — would not be compromised through any new talks.

Nelson's order referred to the mediation "as a form of Alternative Dispute Resolution," a legal and in this case euphemistic term for the revival of negotiations. Perhaps it will lead to some real progress. Or maybe it's more like marriage counseling, simply getting two disputing parties back in the room together.

MLB

Jury continues to deliberate in Bonds trial

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds is going to have a longer wait for his verdict.

The jury considering four felony counts against the home run king deliberated without a conclusion for the second day Monday. The eight women and four men, who started their discussions on Friday before a weekend break, will resume work Tuesday morning.

The gap between closing arguments and verdict has grown longer than the gap between Bonds' record-tying and record-breaking home runs in 2007. The former MVP broke Hank Aaron's home run record on Aug. 7 when he hit No. 756, three days after matching Aaron.

Bonds, who also holds the single-season home run mark of 73, is charged with three counts of making false statements to a grand jury in 2003 and one count of obstruction of justice. He's accused of lying when he denied receiving steroids and human growth hormone from personal trainer Greg Anderson, and for saying he allowed only doctors to give him an injection.

For those trying to get a peek into the jury's thoughts, the panel has made requests to rehear two pieces of evidence that both center on the injection count.

On Friday, the jurors asked to hear a replay of the 2003 secret recording made by former Bonds business partner Steve Hoskins in which Anderson talks about injecting the slugger. Before the resumption of deliberations Monday, the panel spent 71 minutes hearing a clerk read back the March 31 testimony of Bonds' former personal shopper Kathy Hoskins — Steve's sister. She testified that she saw Anderson inject Bonds near the navel in

2002, becoming the only one of 25 witnesses at the trial to claim firsthand knowledge of Bonds being injected.

"This was very damaging testimony that contrasted starkly with his denials of steroid use that are the heart of this perjury case," said legal observer Joshua Berman, a former prosecutor who is now a criminal defense attorney in Washington D.C.

However, it's impossible to discern how many of the 12 jurors are focusing on that testimony and whether they feel the injection answer was material, or in layman's terms, important, to the grand jury's investigation. To convict Bonds of making a false statement, the jury must find both that what Bonds said was a lie and one that had an effect on the grand jury.

Anderson was jailed during the trial because he refused to testify. No witnesses said they personally saw Bonds receive drugs — Kathy Hoskins said she did not ask what was in the syringe Anderson used on Bonds.

Now 46, Bonds testified before the grand jury that he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs, and that Anderson told him he was using flaxseed oil and arthritic balm — not designer steroids that were undetectable at the time.

Most of the jurors scribbled notes when Hoskins' testimony about the injection was read back. Bonds, wearing a dark suit, white shirt and blue tie, kept an eye on the jurors during early portions of the reading, then focused on the clerk.

Just before the jury finished for the day at 3:45 p.m., lead Bonds lawyer Allen Ruby was in the hallway outside the courtroom, wondering when deliberations would be recessed.

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NCAA tournament at the end of May, but should be sidelined for over a month. “Tom’s injury is obviously a big loss for us, but we have to have a next-man-in mentality,” Kubinski said. “I’m confident that we have people who will step up.” Kubinski expects senior Connor Alan-Lee to move into his top five for at least the four to six weeks that Usher will be out. “[Alan-Lee] has been playing great recently, averaging around 72 or 73,” Kubinski said. “We played a qualifying

round the other day, and he finished second.” The Irish will play at home after weeks of traveling. Warren opened just last week, but the team has already been out on the course twice. After a frustrating string of mediocre tournament finishes, Kubinski hopes that the friendly confines will serve the team well. “The guys have played this course a lot, and that can only help us,” Kubinski said. “It’s always nice to play at home. The guys are actually going to class tomorrow.” The Battle at the Warren will tee off today at 12:30 p.m.

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Senior Connor Allen-Lee takes a swing during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Sep. 27.

Honors

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Laura Winter was named Big East Pitcher of the Week Monday for the first time in her career. Johnson improved her current hitting streak to 15 games this weekend, going 10-for-19 with eight RBIs and two homers for an impressive .895 slugging percentage over the past week. A 2010 All-Big East selection, Johnson has not struck out in 19 at-bats and has struck out just seven times in 106 at-bats this season. Standing at 6-foot-1, Winter had an equally impressive week, giving up only 13 hits in 18 innings with a whopping 24 strikeouts. She allowed just three earned runs on the week for a 1.17 ERA, one of the notable tallies that earned her the honor of Big East Pitcher of the Week.

“We were in a good place to start, went through some things, and are in an even better place now.”

Alexia Clay
senior catcher

With the freshman and senior leading the way on their respective sides of the ball, the Irish are hoping to roll through contests against Bowling Green (4-21) and Loyola Chicago (15-15) on their home turf this week. Regardless of the team’s recent success, Notre Dame still has specific goals in mind. “We will still be focusing on manufacturing runs, not leaving runners on base and strong defense,” Clay said. “We also consistently work on keeping the positive energy going.” It is with that enthusiasm that the Irish are approaching Big East play next weekend with a three-game series against Louisville. “Louisville is always a tough team and are doing really well this year,” Clay said. “We can definitely sweep [the Cardinals], but it will be tough, so a large display of fan support would really help. Louisville is a game

we always look forward to because they are one of our toughest opponents throughout the year.” The team is looking forward to the weekend for personal reasons as well. “[This weekend] is our Strikeout Cancer series, which supports the awareness and search for a cure for pediatric leukemia, which our coach’s daughter was diagnosed with this summer,” Clay said. “We have a lot of silent auction items for which all the proceeds go to cancer care and research, and a homerun derby after the games, plus a bounce house and fun games.” Despite the anticipation for the upcoming weekend, the Irish remain focused on the task at hand, namely continuing their winning streak when conference play resumes Saturday. Sharp defense, consistent pitching by Winter and a balanced offensive attack will be key as the squad takes on Bowling Green tomorrow at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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or uncomfortable at times,” Sullivan said. “We need to stop thinking and go up and hit.” Saint Mary’s has struggled against Franklin in the past, falling to the Grizzlies both times the teams met last

year. This year, Sullivan anticipates an easier game. “They were a much stronger team last year,” Sullivan said. “[Now] they are young and scrappy. They play hard and want to win.” One concern Sullivan has is the Grizzlies’ new coach, a recent Saint Mary’s graduate and softball player. “They have an added member to their coaching staff

this year, Cathy Kurczak, a standout player for our softball team from 2007-2009,” Sullivan said. “There will be a lot of emotion during this game.” The Belles take the field today at 3:45 p.m. against the Grizzlies in Franklin, Ind.

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- Across**

1 "I trust him about ____" (start of a leery person's statement)

6 Patio cookouts, for short

10 "Get outta here!"

14 Twilled fabric

15 Country's McEntire

16 "And ... there you have it!"

17 Neither sink nor swim

19 Quod ____ demonstrandum

20 Strongly disinclined

21 SoHo loft output

22 Hourly pay

23 Musician's asset

25 Tab grabber

27 Tapioca-yielding plants

32 Miscalculate

33 "I smell ____!"

34 Coup d'____
- 36 Thrown in

40 Mumbai music

41 ____ good example (shows the proper way)

43 Our planet, to a Berliner

44 One of a Disney septet

46 Do an usher's job

47 Herb used in sausages

48 Lang. in which 43-Across is a word

50 Racer on a strip

52 Dinner-and-a-show venue

56 U-turn from NNW

57 Arg. neighbor

58 Squid's ink holder

60 Rip to shreds

65 Kathryn of "Law & Order: Criminal Intent"
- 66 Make worse

68 Keister

69 The half of the keyboard on which all of this puzzle's answers can be typed

70 Trouble no end

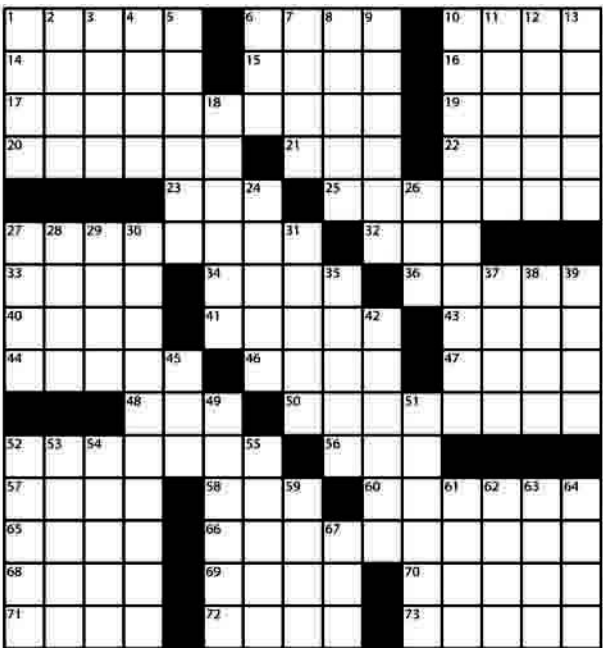
71 Cellos, violas, etc.: Abbr.

72 Sp. miss

73 Promgoer's buy

Down

- 1 Nick Charles's dog
- 2 I.R.S. part: Abbr.
- 3 For the taking
- 4 Petri dish gel
- 5 It was parted in Exodus
- 6 Garment with underwires
- 7 Test software release
- 8 Cube-hopping character in a 1980s arcade game
- 9 "No Exit" playwright
- 10 Old TWA hiree
- 11 Gemologist's weight
- 12 "Time is money," e.g.
- 13 Source of fries, slangily
- 18 Boxers' moves
- 24 \$25/hour and the like
- 26 Mesozoic ____
- 27 Check for ID, as at a bar
- 28 Got ____ deal (was rooked)
- 29 Epic tale



Puzzle by Paul Hunsberger

- 30 Astronomers ... or daydreamers

31 Filled beyond full

35 Pre-1917 autocrats

37 "Fiddlesticks!"

38 Nose out

39 Animal on XING signs

42 Just one little bite
- 45 In favor of, in dialect

49 Stitches over

51 Got ready, with "up"

52 People with handles

53 Québec traffic sign

54 Kid-lit elephant

55 Duty imposer
- 59 Playbill listing

61 Way up a slope

62 ____ Modern (London gallery)

63 Airport guesses, for short

64 Soaks, as flax

67 El-overseeing org.

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Happy Birthday: You are heading into a year that will bring you greater personal and professional stability and security. Question your motives so you are sure that you are doing what you want to do for the right reasons. Uncertainty will be your enemy and making things happen, your salvation. Your numbers are 7, 13, 18, 21, 25, 37, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't take anything for granted, especially if it has to do with home, family or finances. Good judgment will be necessary when dealing with authority figures, institutions or government agencies. Love and romance are on the rise. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Tidying up or taking care of unfinished chores will ease your stress. Worrying about your professional future is a waste of time. Prepare to make a move but feel confident that it's you who will have the choice. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): As long as you don't allow anyone to take advantage of your skills and intellectual input, you will come out on top. You be the one to present your ideas and deal with the people with whom you are working. A friendship may be on the line. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotions will be difficult to control. Don't let a grudge stop you from getting ahead. Focus on forward motion and your own success and you will gain the respect and confidence of those who can help you get ahead. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Approach any negative you face and turn it into a positive. Take pride in what you do and what you offer others. A change in location or scenery will do you good. Keep things in perspective and you will get whatever you want in the end. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Choose your friends and your hobbies carefully. Overspending or letting someone cost you money will cause disappointment and a lack of enthusiasm. Care should be taken where love and romance are concerned. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't leave anything to chance. Good timing is essential if you are going to get everything done to specification. A partner is likely to miscalculate a key element. Keep a sharp eye on what everyone around you is doing. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Connect with old friends or get involved in an event or activity you find challenging and invigorating. It will open up conversations with someone who can contribute to your life, personally or professionally. Romance is in the stars. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Truth will take top priority. You cannot evade important issues that need to be addressed. Don't worry about the consequences when the only way things can work in your favor is if you take ownership of the current situation. Change is upon you. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll have to watch your step, both verbally and physically. Saying the wrong thing, not abiding by rules or taking an unnecessary risk will not bode well. Stick to what you know and don't leave any room for error. ★★

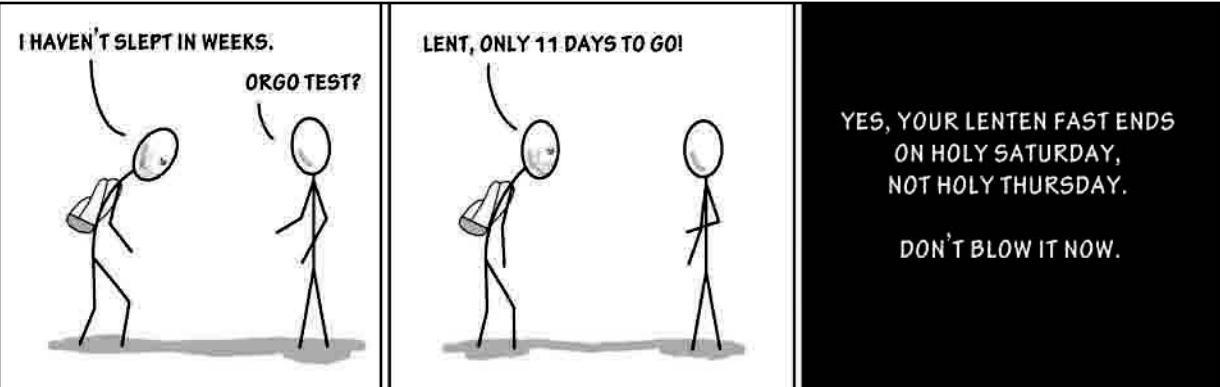
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Work -- or the lack thereof -- will lead to emotional tension. Rely on what you have done in the past. A service or skill you have should be updated to better suit the current economy. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Decide which relationship is good for you and which isn't. Surround yourself with the people who have something to offer you in return. Love is in the stars and a commitment made will help to stabilize your life. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are emotional, sensitive and a do-gooder. You are empathetic and understanding.

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ND SOFTBALL

Flying against the Falcons

ND carries nine-game winning streak into double-header against Bowling Green



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The Irish celebrate senior Alexia Clay's home run during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Butler April 7. Notre Dame has won nine straight games since falling to Western Michigan March 29.

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

The difference between the nine-game winning streak that began Notre Dame's season and the one the squad will look to extend in tomorrow's double-header against Bowling Green is simple — this time around, the Irish know what it is like to lose.

"I don't think the streaks are much different in terms of how

we feel," senior catcher Alexia Clay said. "The ball was rolling then and it is still rolling now. I guess the difference is the games between the streaks. Every team has to go through some learning experiences and some hardships."

Those hardships include a pair of losses in early March to cut short Notre Dame's record-setting season start and a 2-4 Spring Break loss at the Judi Garman Classic in Fullerton, Calif., that left the squad disappointed, but with

the knowledge that it has the talent to compete with top teams.

Clay said that while losing is never easy, it has aided the Irish squad and promoted team growth.

"Those [hardships] are what help you grow, help you become tougher and help you be better," she said. "We were in a good place to start, went through some things and are in an even better place now. The team is really starting to run on all cylinders."

The Irish (26-7, 5-0 Big East) have only gained momentum in recent games. Over the weekend, the team had a dominating performance at Syracuse that kept it undefeated in Big East play. Notre Dame has had a commanding presence in the Big East of late, as senior third baseman Heather Johnson earned Big East Player of the Week honors for the second straight week. Freshman pitcher

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SMC SOFTBALL

Struggling Belles take on Franklin

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Coming off three consecutive losses, the Belles will travel to Franklin College today for a doubleheader. Saint Mary's has had a rough season since Spring Break and now has an overall record of 11-10 (1-5 MIAA).

The Belles have made a few adjustments in practice to combat their tough beginning.

"It's tough to give everything you have and not end up on the winning end of the game," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "We are going to go back to the reason we are all playing this game and how we care about the people rather than the outcome."

Freshman pitcher Callie Selner said her team is trying to toughen up mentally for the upcoming games.

"Our team has mentally prepared ourselves better by being more confident and picking each other up," Selner said.

The Belles, who pride themselves on being a strong hitting team, are focusing on that aspect of play now, especially since their at-bats have suffered since the start of conference play.

"We are swinging the bat, but it looks either tentative

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's travels to Alma for road tilt

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

The Belles face crunch time as they travel to Alma tonight to compete in the first of four final conference matches before the MIAA championships. Standing at .500 in conference play, Saint Mary's hopes to end the season on a strong note.

The Belles (9-6, 2-2 MIAA) traveled to Michigan to take on conference rival Hope College Saturday looking for a win, but fell 7-2. The Flying Dutch proved too powerful for Saint Mary's, especially in the doubles competition, where they won all three matches by four games or more. Belles coach Dale Campbell has emphasized improving doubles play all year, and after Saturday's result, he increased his efforts in practice to work on that crucial aspect.

"In the doubles game, we need to be aggressive in both

the serve game and return game," Campbell said. "We have to attack the net more, and continue to stay on the offensive. That's what we've been working on for the past couple of days."

Moving ahead in their schedule, the Belles will head into the homestretch of their regular season slate. With such a small number of conference teams still left to face, each game is critical for Saint Mary's standing and seeding in the conference. While Campbell wouldn't deny the importance of seeding for the conference championships, he insisted that his focus is on the continued strong play of his team.

"It's important for seeding, sure," he said. "But at the same time, it's more important to keep improving, to play well strategically and to continue to get better for the tournament."

Tonight's match at Alma (6-7,

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish host final tournament

Notre Dame loses top golfer Usher for Battle at the Warren today

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

The Irish have just one tournament left to play before they travel to Palm Harbor, Fla., next Monday for the Big East championships, where they hope to be the top seed.

The Irish will host the Battle at the Warren at Notre Dame's very own Warren Golf Course today.

Appalachian State, Detroit, Oakland and Bradley have made the trip to South Bend for the tournament, which Irish coach James Kubinski sees as a crucial round before the conference tournament next week.

"This should be a good tune-up for our guys. We're pretty much guaranteed the No. 1 seed, but we have to get ready for the weekend down in Tampa," Kubinski said.

The road to victory, both at the Battle and at the Big East championships, got tougher



MATTHEW SAAD/The Observer

Freshman Niall Platt reads the green before a putt during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Sep. 27.

for the Irish yesterday when junior No. 1 golfer Tom Usher broke his hand while lifting weights. Though he struggled last weekend at the LSU Invitational, Usher was an All-Big East conference selec-

tion in 2010 and has already taken home Player of the Week honors this spring. He is expected to return by the time the Irish compete in the

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