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Swarbrick addresses students

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Editor in Chief

Notre Dame Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick stopped into both campus dining halls during lunch Wednesday to challenge and caution students.

"We have a really important football game the Saturday you return from fall break," Swarbrick said to a full dining room in South Dining Hall, referring to the Oct. 22 game against USC. "I need two things from you to make that night successful."

Swarbrick acknowledged a hotly contested sentiment among Irish fans, commented on the energetic atmosphere, or lack thereof, of Notre Dame Stadium and encour-

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ND supports Playing for Peace

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

This year's Playing for Peace tagline, "Playing for Peace: From South Bend to South Sudan," emphasizes the social justice initiative's goal of bringing peace to both foreign countries and Notre Dame's own community.

Playing for Peace, which began as a 3-on-3 basketball tournament last December to promote peacekeeping in Sudan, has grown into an international program that utilizes a variety of sports to unite people within their communities.

Kevin Dugan, manager of youth and community programs for the athletic department, said this year's tagline reminds Notre Dame of the need for unity building efforts not only abroad, but also in its



Photo courtesy of Kevin Dugan

South Sudanese children sport shamrock jerseys after participating in the Playing for Peace basketball tournament and clinic this summer.

own backyard.

"While the initiative has international roots, we're trying to make sure we don't leave out the need to develop and strengthen our local community, and to use the platform of sports to ac-

complish that," he said.

Dugan traveled to South Sudan for two weeks this past summer to hold a Playing for Peace basketball tournament and clinic for Sudanese youth.

The program also made

history by holding the first ever women's clinic and tournament in South Sudan.

On campus, Playing for Peace efforts in the community have already begun,

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Airforce gameday arrests:

7 outside stadium

- 1 for battery and public intoxication
- 1 for theft and possession of marijuana
- 2 for public intoxication
- 1 for battery
- 1 for outstanding warrant
- 1 for battery on a police officer and public intoxication

3 inside stadium

all for public intoxication

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Game Day Operations has success

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Associate News Editor

Director for Game Day Operations Mike Seamon said Notre Dame game weekends are following an upward trend.

With the unusually warm weather, enthusiasm of fans and a 59-33 victory against Air Force, Seamon said the past weekend had all the ingredients to be "first class."

"We couldn't ask for bet-

ter weather, there was just a great sense of enthusiasm and energy in the fans, you could just see it," said Seamon, also the associate vice president of Campus Safety.

Seamon said the Air Force weekend was even more successful than the Michigan State weekend.

"The Michigan State weekend was a really good weekend ... But the Air Force weekend, from top to bottom, was heads and shoulders

above that," he said.

The temperature Saturday was about 10-15 degrees higher than the average for the beginning of October, Seamon said, making the game day uncommonly warm for this time of year.

"The weather we had this weekend was more typical for an early September game than early October," he said.

Seamon said the high levels

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Sexual assault reported

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) said campus police are investigating a sexual assault reported to the department Monday.

Police notified students of the assault Wednesday evening in an email.

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Atheist group denied official club status

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

From the Basilica on God Quad to the chapels in every residence hall to the crucifixes in every classroom, the University's Catholic identity is not easily missed. Not all Notre Dame students, however, share that identity.

Last year, senior Stephen Love and a few of his friends decided to form a club for "Atheist, Agnostic and Questioning Students" (AAQS).

Love said he felt the number of students who don't prescribe to organized religion

warranted an official campus group.

"I think the [nonbeliever population] is vastly underestimated," Love said. "I think people would be really surprised by how many students are interested."

The Student Activities Office (SAO) denied the club official recognition last year, citing a contradiction between Notre Dame's mission and the intended purpose of the club.

"A club's purpose 'must be consistent with the University's mission,'" the letter stated. "No organization, or member of any organization

on behalf of the organization, may encourage or participate in any activity which contravenes the mission of the University or the moral teaching of the Catholic Church."

Love said the given reasoning was inconsistent with the University's policy toward other, existing clubs.

"An easy rebuttal to that would be that we have a Jewish club, a Muslim club," he said. "The only difference between us and them is that we don't assume the existence of the Judeo-Christian God. We just thought if those clubs were allowed, we would also

be allowed."

In the club's current proposed constitution, the mission is specified as "to provide a forum for students to discuss philosophical, scientific, religious and political topics free from [in]tolerance."

The constitution said the club would create this venue by holding regular discussions, inviting guest speakers to campus to participate in academic conferences and forums.

Love said official recognition is important because it

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LOW

Class participates in ConvergeUs



Photo courtesy of Charles R. Crowell

Participants in the inaugural ConvergeUs forum used lessons learned in the classroom to consider social concerns addressed at the conference.

By AUBREY BUTTS
News Writer

Students in the Fundamentals of Business Thinking class participated in the inaugural ConvergeUs forum this week, a unique conference uniting members of the technology and service sectors.

Students who participated in the forum used lessons from the classroom to understand and consider solutions for the prominent social concerns identified by the conference.

Senior John McCabe said he was excited to participate in ConvergeUS.

"It's neat to be forward-thinking and look for substantive change rather than being stuck just reading a textbook," he said. "This is the only class where I have ever had so much outside classroom experience, and Professor Sucec [the Fundamentals of Business Thinking instructor] really tries to provide us with these learning opportunities."

Sucec said he was also excited about his class's involvement with the conference.

"Students have the opportunity to be involved in a project which comingles relevant business issues with critical social

concerns," Sucec said. "In addition, they have the opportunity to come into contact with educators and successful entrepreneurs ... (and) see how they attempt to deal with very prominent issues in the marketplace."

Senior Patrick Kelly said he enjoyed learning about new technology through the forum.

"It's a really good opportunity for us to understand social innovation and the leading technology within social innovation," Kelly said. "There is a lot of new technology, which is really exciting. It's a very unique opportunity to view a relatively new initiative."

McCabe and Kelly, who are working together on a project for the class, have chosen to address the youth reading initiative.

"Learning should be enjoyable and fun, not something to be afraid of, and I believe the prevalence of technology in the classrooms will help bring back this enjoyment," McCabe said.

McCabe also said he embraced the approach of ConvergeUS toward solving social issues.

"ConvergeUS is committed to a blueprint, which is different than a lot of nonprofits who have a vision but not necessarily a means to get them to fruition," he said.

Kelly said the blueprint method

would be important for the pair's class project.

"Our goal is to provide a blueprint with a creative approach, which would ideally lead to a significant and feasible solution to implement and address some of the social problems surrounding the deficit in America's youth reading programs," Kelly said.

Professor Charles Crowell, director of the CAPP program, said he views the class's involvement with ConvergeUS both as an important opportunity for students in the class and the University's social concerns in general.

"It gives the class the opportunity to partner, right now in a very limited sense but hopefully in a larger sense eventually, with a company geared toward solving social issues," he said. "It's a very important partnership and another opportunity for ND students to apply their time, talent and energy to important social issues."

The partnership between ConvergeUS and Notre Dame naturally developed from their shared social concerns, Crowell said.

"If there ever was a University tailor-made to address these issues, it is Notre Dame," he said.

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Entrepreneur offers business advice at SMC

By MADELINE MILES
News Writer

Empowering employees is a key to entrepreneurial success, said Jennifer Prosek, founder and CEO of CJP Communications, on Wednesday.

The Saint Mary's College Women Entrepreneurship Initiative (WEI) hosted Prosek as the second Entrepreneur-In-Residence on Tuesday and Wednesday.

WEI is a joint project between the Department of Business Administration and Economics and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

Prosek spent her time at the College speaking to students, faculty and members of the community about how to be a successful entrepreneur.

"If I can teach people 'the business of the business,' I can immerse and teach them what it means to grow," Prosek said. "In my firm, we teach all of our employees how to become more entrepreneur-like. Our employees understood how to develop new business, how they make money and how they fit into it."

Prosek graduated from Miami University of Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature.

After graduation, she moved back to her hometown of Easton, Conn. and found a job at a local market research firm.

Although Prosek said it wasn't her ideal job, it did allow her to come into contact with her current business partner.

"We decided to start a firm in the suburbs of Connecticut in a one-room office," Prosek said. "All of these financial institutions, like trading investments, private equities and banks, were moving out of New York City and into

Connecticut. We decided we were going to set up shop in their backyard and see if we can get some business."

But Prosek said she still yearned for the "big, sexy PR job" in New York City.

In order to accomplish her dream, Prosek said she went on to earn her Master of Business Administration at Columbia University, where she could network with potential clients and learn the business aspect of public relations.

While attending Columbia, Prosek and her partner opened an office in New York City and

Prosek simultaneously served as the CEO while attaining her MBA.

Since then, they have joined with a third partner and the firm has grown exponentially, she said.

Prosek attributed the growth and success of the company to the model of entrepreneurship in her book, "Army of Entrepreneurs: Create an Engaged and Empowered Workforce for Exceptional Business Growth."

"As an army of entrepreneurs, we treat each of our employees as they are entrepreneurs, and I've found it's engaging to our employees and helped (us) to only grow as a company," Prosek said. "It's all about tapping into the inner-entrepreneur in everyone."

Prosek said Saint Mary's students, particularly future entrepreneurs, should always be persistent.

"There's always going to be failure and rejection along the way," Prosek said. "But I'm a big believer in fast failure. I don't spend a lot of time dwelling on failures. Scrap it and move on to the next one. Students need to know to never give up."

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate discusses USC game expectations, sexual assault

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Student Senate discussed preparations for the upcoming USC football game, the relationship between sexual assault and alcohol and the “4 to 5 Movement” at its meeting Wednesday night.

Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick spoke to the Senate about students’ actions and behavior during the USC night game on Oct. 22.

Swarbrick said one of the reasons Notre Dame has not hosted a night game in 21 years is because of the incidents that frequently surrounded the games. However, he hopes that will change after this game.

“We want to have the opportunity to do future night games because it allows us to promote the University so much more effectively,” Swarbrick said.

On a game day against a popular rival with a 3:30 p.m. kickoff, approximately 2.5 million people watch the game on NBC.

With a 7:30 p.m. kickoff, between 5 and 6 million people will watch, giving Notre Dame a much larger audience for its commercials, Swarbrick said.

Swarbrick, who also spoke in both dining halls during the lunch hours Wednesday, said students should arrive at the Stadium “game ready,” fresh and alert.

“We want to have a spectacular evening a week from Saturday when we play USC,” he said. “We want a stadium full of noise and excitement that helps us win an important game. It should be a day that celebrates Notre Dame and its values.”

In order to encourage intelligent decisions before the game, Swarbrick said the University will hold more activities around campus during the day, including additional musical acts and opportunities to interact with the players.

Director of Game Day Operations Mike Seamon said all post-game Masses are going to become pre-game Masses. The Mass in the Basilica will be held at 4:30 p.m.

For students who are returning to campus after fall break on Saturday, Seamon said NDSP would send an email to the student body detailing the procedures for driving onto campus.

“The only thing I can say is don’t come back late. If you’re

coming back that day, come back early,” he said. “As the day goes on, with 100,000 people traffic is always the biggest circumstance.”

Although Seamon is predicting around 105 to 120 thousand people will be on campus, he said there will be close to the normal amount of ushers and University personnel around Notre Dame.

“You won’t see a noticeable increase in [Stadium personnel], but we’ll have enough there to handle the situation,” Seamon said.

Seamon said the focus of the day should be keeping an eye on friends.

“Our biggest network is the people around you who can take care of you,” he said. “Be a network for your friends.”

He recommended the use of Notre Dame’s help line.

On a game day, Seamon said students and visitors can text “Irish” to 69050, along with their location, and University personnel will be sent to that area.

“If there’s an issue, anything at all, whether it’s medical or you’re a visitor and need directions, or there’s someone who’s bothering you,” he said. “It comes straight to the command center and we can dispatch resources to you right away.”

Although senators inquired about the proposed student “green-out,” Swarbrick said the University is not endorsing the wearing of a particular color.

Following the game day discussion, Dr. G David Moss and Sr. Sue Dunn, co-chairs of the Committee on Sexual Prevention, called on students to be-

come more active in the fight against sexual assault.

Moss emphasized the close connection between alcohol abuse and sexual violence.

“On this campus last year, every incident of sexual assault that was taken to ResLife involved alcohol on the part of one or both of the parties,” Moss said.

Moss said alcohol has ingrained itself in campus culture, a fact that inevitably brings up the issue of sexual assault.

“When you have alcohol consumption and a physically permissive culture bad things can happen,” he said. “You have a very slim line between what is sexual aggression and sexual violence.”

Dunn said the key to combating these issues is to hold discussions on the connection between alcohol and sexual assault.

“What we’re really challenging people to do is to engage in honest conversation certainly among closest friends first, and then to start to mix it up,” Dunn said.

The effort to raise awareness needs to come directly from student leaders, Moss said, for they are the greatest influence on their peers.

“It’s going to take a lot of effort, a lot of sacrifice and a lot of you stepping up and saying we’re going to change this culture, we’re going to change this environment,” Moss said.

Alex Coccia, co-president of Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), then brought up another concern of the student body — the “4 to 5 Campaign.”

Coccia and members of PSA recently launched their “4 to 5 Campaign” on campus. The name comes from the statistic that four out of five people aged 18 to 30 support gay rights.

Coccia said another statistic that might affect more Notre Dame students is that among all ages nationwide, 73 percent of Catholics are opposed to discrimination.

“However, the problem is that when polled, those same people believe only one-third of others agree with them,” Coccia said.

The goal of the movement, he said, is to move from four out of five people who support gay rights to five out of five.

Coccia said the organization is currently working on the ally movement and attempting to show people that being an ally makes them part of the majority.

The next steps include a larger campus awareness plan and broader awareness such as addressing the nondiscrimination clause.

“You might think that in years past there have been petitions and they do this every year and it’s never successful,” he said. “But we have had some big changes in the last year.”

These changes include an on-campus office for the Core Council and changes to the sexual harassment clause.

“This is going to be a constant push,” Coccia said. “There’s going to be an event every week, I guarantee it, even if it’s a small event it’s just to get the word out there.”

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University alumni pray for life

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Alumni, parents and friends of the University are aiming to log 744 hours of unbroken prayer for human life as part of Respect Life Month and the Month of the Rosary this October.

The initiative is known as prayLIFE, executive director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, Dolly Duffy said.

“We’ve just been amazed at the outpouring from the Notre Dame family toward this goal,” she said.

This is the first year prayLIFE has occurred at Notre Dame, Duffy said. It was the inaugural project promoted by Beth Bubik, the Alumni Association’s new Life Initiatives Program coordinator.

Participants in prayLIFE register online to pray independently for an hour, Duffy said.

“We have what’s called a

prayer calendar,” she said. “They’ll log onto mynotredame.nd.edu and put in [their] first name [and] the state. It’s so impressive that we’ve had so many members of the Notre Dame family praying throughout the night. Right now it’s one person, one [time] slot.”

The Alumni Association advertised prayLIFE to its approximately 270 Notre Dame Clubs worldwide, sent out news releases and spoke with other groups at Notre Dame, Duffy said.

“The calendar is close to 75 percent full,” Duffy said. “So we have about 25 percent of the 744 hours still available. One of the great things has been as we get close to a day where there are some open slots, just out of nowhere the slots suddenly get filled because people don’t want to see this continuous prayer broken.”

Duffy said PrayLIFE is somewhat similar to the

40 Days for Life campaign against abortion, but focuses on all issues of life from contraception to natural death. She said is unaware of any other university that has undertaken such a project.

“I think our alumni are so excited to see us look at the issue of life across the entire spectrum and put together positive programs that allow them to participate as members of the Notre Dame family,” Duffy said.

Duffy said that in the future, she hopes to begin working on prayLIFE earlier, create more publicity and possibly expand the online calendar to allow more than one person to register for each time slot.

“I would also say that if students are interested in participating, we welcome them,” Duffy said.

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Saint Mary’s graduate pursues baking passion

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

What do the Culinary Institute of America (CIA), The Cooking Channel and Saint Mary’s College have in common? Annie the Baker.

A 1991 graduate of Saint Mary’s, Annie Baker is a pastry chef who specializes in cookies in Napa Valley, Calif. and has been featured on the show “FoodCrafters.”

“My accounting background in combination with my baking and pastry certificate at the CIA Greystone and five and a half years experience as a pastry chef helped me to start my own little cookie company,” she said. “I am exactly where I should be and loving every minute of it.”

Baker was an accounting major while at Saint Mary’s and said she, like many of her classmates, ended up in Chicago after graduation.

“All the companies would come in from Chicago, so it was just an easy place to go,” she said. “About 10 of us ended up there and I worked in some of the big banks.”

Baker worked in the finance sector and said she realized she really did not want to be like her coworkers.

“People were there as lifers and they didn’t look happy,” she said. “It’s one of those things where you graduate in accounting and it is a great position to have, but you get to the point where you are like, do I really want to do this for the rest of my life?”

Baker realized that during her free time and days off, she was turning to her passion, baking, as a way to de-stress.

“It’s kind of like my yoga,” she said.

Because she was making so many baked goods, Baker began to bring her sweet treats into the office. She said her coworkers loved them.

“They would tell me I was in the wrong business and that I should start my own bakery,” she said.

In 2009, Baker did just that. After leaving Chicago, where she had lived for 10 years, for the Napa Valley in Northern California, Baker attended the Culinary Institute of America and became a pastry chef.

After graduation, she got a job at Mustards Grill.

“When you’re in culinary school you go around to different restaurants and different wineries and you get to try all these different things,” she said. “And every time I would have a friend come into town, I would say we have to go to Mustards.”

Baker said she wanted to work at Mustards because they make the kinds of desserts she wanted to make.

“I wanted to make a dessert that was comforting and good and just something that was good for the soul and had really good flavor,” she said.

After working at Mustards Grill for about five and a half years, Baker decided to leave to try and figure out the next step in her career. It was then that she started to experiment with cookie recipes.

“I took a break and left Mustards,” she said. “Within a month I missed being in the kitchen so I started playing with this cookie. I’d always said how come the cookie doesn’t taste like the cookie dough?”

Baker wanted to make the cookie more doughy and less flat and crispy.

“Finally, I got the cookie that still tasted like the cookie dough and is baked so it’s safe for you,” she said. “And that was really how it started, I was always looking for that perfect cookie.”

After having her friends and colleagues taste the cookies, one of them encouraged her to sell her cookies at the Napa Farmer’s Market.

“One of my best friends, was the president of one farmer’s market and said you are getting a booth and you are going to sell your cookies,” she said.

Baker’s four original flavors have grown into 13. She now sells her cookies at two farmer’s markets and through the website Foodzie.com.

Due to her unique cookie that is more like cookie dough, Baker was even featured on The Cooking Channel.

“I was on ‘FoodCrafters.’ They came out to Napa Valley and they filmed me. They spent the whole day... It was like a 10-hour day,” she said. “It was very exciting and I got a lot of online orders from it.”

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Annie Baker poses with her SugaRainbow cookies, one of the 13 different flavors she sells on foodzie.com and at farmers’ markets in Napa Valley, Calif.

Atheist

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would provide funding to make this program a reality.

“We want to form an official club so we actually have official meeting rooms and we’d get some University funding so we could bring in guest speakers to come in and spur debate,” he said.

Love said this dialogue would be open to the religious as well as nonreligious students on campus.

“We technically have a secular agenda, but we want people from all different faiths to come and discuss,” he said. “That’s how you advance your ideas, by having them challenged.”

In addition to the problems with the club’s mission statement, SAO’s rejection letter stated that AAQS had failed to receive the appropriate departmental approval. According to SAO, the concerned department was Campus Ministry.

“For this proposed club, the approval of Campus Ministry is necessary to be considered a club,” the letter stated. “Upon review of the materials submitted, Campus Ministry indicated they would not approve this club.”

Love said he disagreed with the department designation.

“I don’t know where they got that, that Campus Ministry is the appropriate department,” he said.

Love said, despite being denied club status, AAQS has been meeting independently and growing rapidly since last year.

“We’ve been meeting underground this whole time,” he said. “When it started it was just a couple of friends and I, but within two or three weeks, just by word of mouth, it went from five to 10 then 30 to 40, and we haven’t even made an active effort besides one small advertisement in The Observer ... Now we have 40 or 50 on the email list.”

With an established “unofficial” membership, would-be club vice president Love and president Brian Robillard reapplied for club status last month. The new application has received approval from the Philosophy Department and is awaiting SAO review.

While Love is hopeful about the reapplication, he understands the University is within its rights to reject the club, for whatever reason.

“We understand the University is a private, Catholic institution, so we’re not demanding anything ... we don’t have the right. We understand it’s within their power to do what they please,” he said. “We would just like to see the University give nonsectarian students a venue.”

Despite this being Love’s last year to personally work toward official recognition for the club, he is confident the effort will continue after he graduates.

“If we get rejected, we have enough underclassmen who will continue to apply and make changes based off what SAO suggests,” he said. “We’re willing to do whatever it takes to become an official club, within reason.”

SAO was not available to comment on the matter.

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aged the Irish student body to take matters into its own hands.

“I need your passion,” he said. “I travel around with our team, and our stadium is the quietest place we play. I want you guys on that Saturday night at least once to make USC have a false start penalty.”

To close his two-minute cameo and let students return to their

meals, Swarbrick reminded them that though it may be a night game, usual behavior would be expected.

“We haven’t had a night game here in a long time because people are concerned about having a game that late and the consequences it will have on our conduct,” he said. “You can solve that problem. So help us on that Saturday night to make the loudest, most raucous, but safe environment in college football.”

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Assault

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The victim told police the reported assault was committed by an acquaintance in a residence hall Sunday during the early morning.

“Sexual assault can happen to anyone at any time,” the email stated. “College students are more likely to be assaulted by an acquaintance, which means that the person perpetrat-

ing the assault could be part of the campus community.”

The email warned students to be vigilant about the possibility of a sexual assault.

“Being aware of your own safety and watching out for your friends are important steps you can take to reduce the risk of sexual assault,” the email stated.

More information about sexual assault prevention is available from NDSP at ndsp.nd.edu or through the University’s Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention.

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of energy on campus were apparent as early as Friday’s pep rally.

“It was a really good positive pep rally,” he said. “People were loving the weather.”

Saturday’s game was sold out, with more than 82,000 people in attendance, Seamon said.

Police made 10 arrests Saturday, director of Notre Dame Security Police Phil Johnson said. Seven arrests were made outside the stadium: two for public intoxication, one for battery on a police officer and public intoxication, one for battery, one for battery and public intoxication, one for theft and possession of marijuana and one on an outstanding warrant.

Johnson said at the stadium, three more people were arrested for public intoxication.

Seamon said 4,200 people visited the tunnel Friday, which was more than 1,000 more than the Michigan State weekend, and 1,300 attended Friday’s football luncheon.

“That told us on Friday to start expecting some good things,” he said.


He said the flyover before the game and the recognition of the marching band at halftime contributed to the energetic atmosphere.

“People loved the B-2 Bomber flyover, that was kind of very special for us,” he said. “We’ve gotten a lot of good feedback on that.”

Seamon said game weekends have been following a “really good trend,” which he expects will continue for the remaining home games.

“Overall I would have to say the energy and the enthusiasm was unbelievable for the weekend, [and a] great springboard into the upcoming USC weekend,” he said.

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Peace

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student government social concerns chair Ellen Carroll said.

Prior to the football game against Air Force, several basketball players officiated a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for South Bend youth at Irish Green.

“We were working with the Martin Luther King Center in South Bend,” Carroll said. “The goal was to bring kids from the community to campus and let them see Notre Dame and further the connection between us.”

On Nov. 5, Playing for Peace will hold its first soccer tournament at Riehle Fields. The proceeds from the tournament will be donated to United Way in South Bend.

“That tournament will be a mix of students and community members,” Carroll said. “The goal is for it to be a mini-World Cup.”

In the weeks leading up to the soccer tournament, Carroll said the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) will plan related academic events in order to unite all facets of Notre Dame, from academic to athletic to service.

Student body president Pat McCormick said connecting these characteristics is an important part of the Playing for Peace message, that Notre Dame is a place where nontraditional allies can come together

and accomplish amazing feats.

“This is a way student government has worked on behalf of students and with them, to reach out and unite other organizations within the University,” he said. “Whether it be athletics or the CSC, we’re working in partnership with them to advance the mission of Notre Dame.”

The men’s basketball team will sponsor a Playing for Peace 3-on-3 basketball tournament right before its first home game of the regular season Nov. 12.

This tournament will be similar to the initial Playing for Peace basketball event held last year, Carroll said.

Irish coach Mike Brey said he is excited to be involved with another tournament after last year’s positive experience.

“It was during our basketball season so it was refreshing to get away from the grind of practicing and playing and to do something that has such a positive effect,” Brey said.

The event will feature performances and a speech from Mike Hebbeler, director of Student Leadership and Senior Transitions for the CSC, and the proceeds will be donated to Catholic Relief Services.

“These events all fit in with this year’s [slogan] ‘From South Bend to South Sudan,’” Carroll said. “Youth basketball was a South Bend focus, soccer is both and basketball is more



Photo courtesy of Kevin Dugan

Two South Sudanese children participate in the Playing for Peace basketball tournament. Kevin Dugan, manager of youth and community programs, spent two weeks in South Sudan organizing the event.

geared toward students and raising money for South Sudan.”

Dugan said there will be a second basketball tournament in the spring that will focus more on community outreach.

“The spring one will take place actually in the community, at the Martin Luther King Center in South Bend,” he said. “We’re going to take Playing for Peace off campus and run it on the west side of South

Bend.”

The initiative holds high hopes for international events as well. Dugan said the Sudanese have already expressed interest in expanding the tournament in Sudan.

“They want to grow it to all different states in South Sudan, and they want to invite the basketball team from North Sudan,” he said.

Kevin Dugan
manager of youth and community programs

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said. “It would be a truly beautiful thing, South Sudan hosting North Sudan in next summer’s Playing for Peace tournament.”

McCormick said Notre Dame has been a University that has stood up for justice in the past, and Playing for Peace is a great forum to continue that in the future.

“Notre Dame was a place where we spoke out for civil rights and now it is going to be a place where we speak

out for human rights,” he said. “Students have hopes that go beyond the rote issues of convenience here.”

Dugan said his position directing youth and community programs enables him to concentrate more on the development of Playing for Peace.

“I’m in a position to help grow the initiative,” he said. “We’ve been able to roll out a few successful events and we really feel the initiative can take on a whole new momentum.”


South Bend children will participate in spreading the word about Playing for Peace to the area through booths set up at every home basketball game.

“Catholic social teaching tells us peace is not just about a lack of conflict, it’s about justice and respect of human dignity,” Dugan said. “We feel like Playing for Peace is very applicable to parts of the South Bend community that need a little more justice, peace and harmony.”

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Pat McCormick
student body president

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Fall, 2011 is the Season for Saints! In October, we will celebrate the feast days of St. Teresa of Avila and St. Francis of Assisi, and the anniversary of the canonization of Edith Stein. In November, the month of all saints, we will honor the recent beatification of Blessed John Paul II.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Interhall football: my new and unexplored frontier

From the time I was five until my senior year in high school, I played the same three sports: soccer, hockey and baseball. I was reasonably good at them and never felt compelled to switch things around. While I might have looked curiously at a sport like lacrosse or wished that one time I might be the one in pads under the lights on Fridays, I loved the sports I did play and had no desire to change.

Conor Kelly
Sports Writer

And then I came to Notre Dame. A month ago, I became my interhall football team's back-up (read: seldom-used) outside linebacker and running back. At 5' 6" and 170 lbs, I may not be Brian Kelly's prototype for the Dog linebacker position, but I get to stand on the sidelines, give the real football players high-fives as they leave the field and occasionally get in the game and run around a little bit. Sometimes I even collide with the other team's ball carrier in my confusion and make him fall down. It's a lot of fun. My one sack and handful of carries in the year will be the athletic highlights of my fall, no matter what happened in interhall baseball.

While I've always been a big football fan and have played countless numbers of aggressive games of snow football, I had never encountered the sport in an organized fashion until this year. When we finally got our pads from RecSports, it took a whole lot of self-control not to start an impromptu hallway game.

Football is my new favorite sport, and I'm somebody who really likes sports. I obsessively watch videos on YouTube and have gained a newfound appreciation for what I see on TV on Saturdays and Sundays. It turns out that there is logic behind the shakily-drawn diagrams that commentators super-impose over video replays, and I'm slowly learning it.

Besides now being able to tell friends and family that I'm playing football at Notre Dame, the excitement of doing something new and actually being somewhat decent at it brings me back to when I was younger and sports were a new and unexplored frontier. I look forward to going to football practice each week not because I particularly enjoy standing around listening to people argue about blocking schemes, but because it is fun, exciting and new.

I don't think I'll ever be as good at football as I am at the sports I've been playing for the last 15 years of my life, but for these three months in the fall, being able to conquer a new challenge is incredibly fun. For me, even this change of pace is exciting. Imagine the possibilities of skydiving, acting, basket-weaving or spelunking.

Except I don't think Notre Dame offers interhall cave exploration. And I am pretty sure the winners don't get to play at Notre Dame Stadium.

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What can fall break do for you?

Perhaps you, dear Notre Dame student, have had the same debate with your parents that I seem to have regularly with one of my sons whenever he has some free time. Perhaps because you're closer in age to my son than to your parents or me, you will take his side. So even though I, like John the Baptist, may simply be "a voice crying out in the wilderness," I will again take the position that having a break (be it fall, Christmas, spring, summer or even just a day off) shouldn't simply become a reason to turn into a complete slug.

Kate Barrett

Faithpoint

I am not opposed to relaxing, and I am the first to encourage my busy and perpetually tired teenagers to try to sleep in, go to bed earlier or take a nap when they have a chance. However (you knew there would be a "however" ... go ahead, roll your eyes. I get that a lot), your fall break week, starting tomorrow, is a wonderful opportunity. It's a gift of time worth more than a raft of reruns of "Two and a Half Men," hours of trolling through YouTube or defeating the Master Chief on Halo 3.

Next week, even allowing for a generous 10 hours of sleep each night and coming back to campus early for the USC game, you'll still have approximately 100 hours without a single lecture, lab or seminar to attend. So

go ahead and spend a few of them on the couch with the remote, but just a few. Every moment in time is a gift God has given us. That same generous God has also given each of us a variety of talents and interests, the enthusiasm to pursue those interests and great sense of curiosity. During a week in which you will probably enjoy an unusual amount of free time, will you share those talents with others? Pursue a new interest you haven't had time for yet? Learn a new skill or teach one of your favorites to someone else? Spend time with a person you haven't seen since the summer?

Remember the gospel story in which the Pharisees asked Jesus whether or not the Jews should pay taxes to the occupying Roman forces? Knowing they were trying to trap him, Jesus used the Roman coin with its picture of Caesar to remind them — and us — of the importance of striking a balance. "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," Jesus told the plotting Pharisees, silencing them.

He recognized, as we all must be careful to do, that we ought to be intentional about the way we live in the world. For it is precisely in the world that we meet God — in that which we can touch and taste and smell; in the people we meet and talk to and argue with and serve.

Similarly, we can ask ourselves how we will be intentional in the ways we spend the gift of time God has given us,

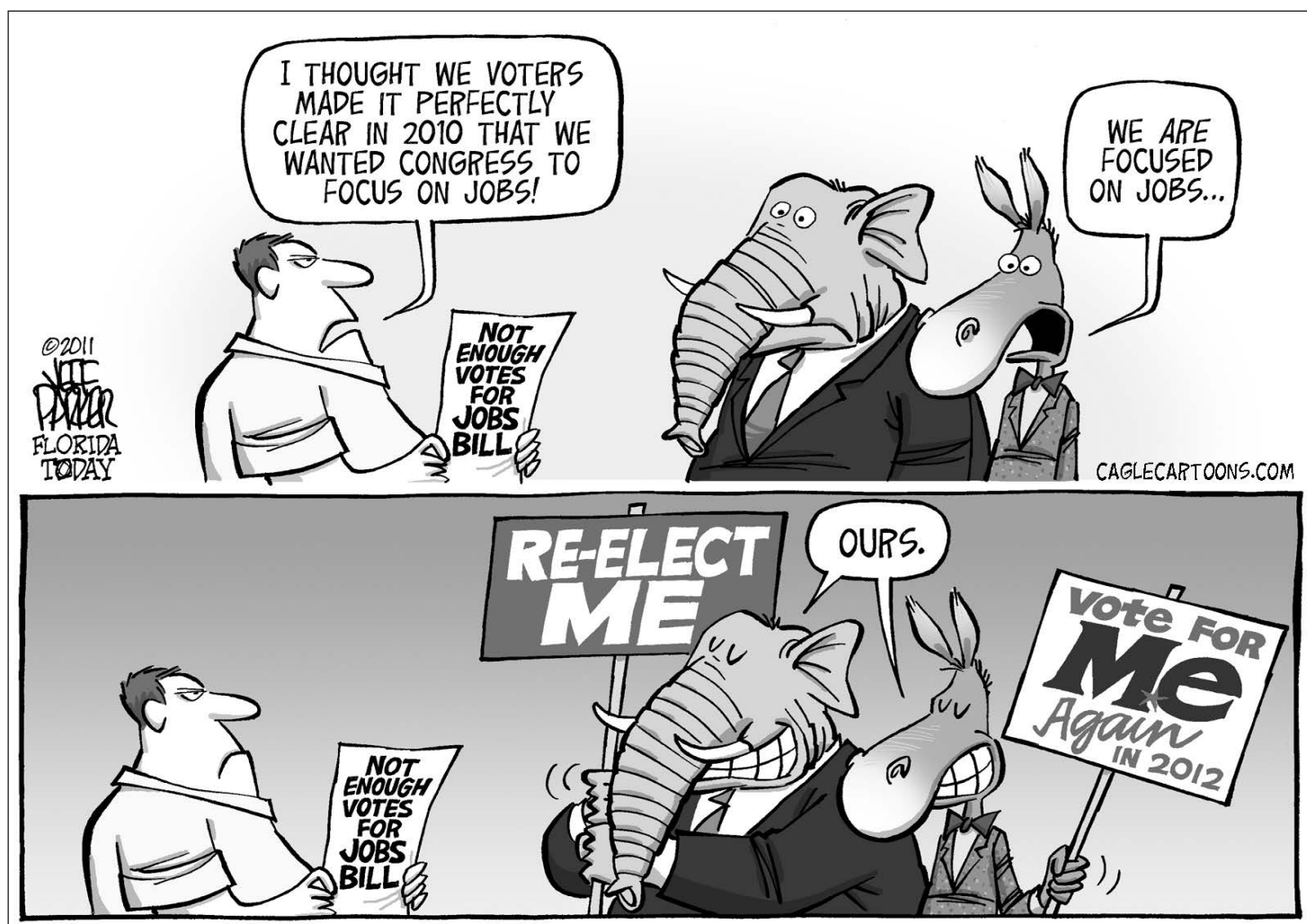
especially during a week in which we will have more of it to offer than usual. Imagine if all the thousands of you who have received the gift of extra time over break next week spent even a portion of it volunteering at your old grade school ... visiting a home-bound neighbor ... sending an email to your congressman about an important local need in your community ... cleaning up a park nearby ... taking a younger brother or sister out for ice cream ... trying out a new form of prayer you've wondered about ... sorting canned goods at your local food bank ... helping an elderly person clean up their garden for the winter ... learning how to cook a new dish with your mom or dad.

Our time really does belong to God, and he has given it to each of us so that we will be stewards of a prized gift. To give to God what belongs to God, we can find the balance to which Jesus calls us. Make sure to leave some time to relax and catch up on your sleep next week, and consider also the many extra hours which will be yours to spend, as St. Paul said, as a "work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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WEEKLY POLL

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Partying with state school friends
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Common courtesy

Dear Mr. Davis,

In response to your letter “Game Weekend Anthems” published on Oct. 11, I would like to point out that Mr. Labate was by no means imposing on your right to freedom of speech and expression. There is a difference between blaring music out your window and blaring music in your room. Of course you are more than welcome to listen to whatever music you want in the comfort of your own room at volumes that don’t disturb the people living around you. This is called being considerate.

In the original letter, Sorin was only used as an example. but it makes no difference where you are on campus. Every dorm, whether or not it’s close to the Basilica, represents our student body and our University. I would hope that anyone in any dorm who chooses to blast music out of his or her window should select songs that are appropriate, especially on a football weekend when there are many families and alumni on campus. Playing music from dorms contributes to the exciting atmosphere on campus and is a traditional part of Notre Dame football Saturdays. However, when you turn up the volume of your music to a certain point, you’re no longer the only person listening. You’re playing your music to an audience and must keep that audience in mind when making your song selections.

I would ask anyone on campus that chooses to play music out of his or her windows to select music free of profanities that is appropriate and represents Notre Dame in a positive way.

Nicole McMillan

sophomore
Farley Hall
Oct. 12

Do it for the kids!

As co-Presidents of the Friends of the Orphans at ND/SMC student organization, we are writing to you with a challenge.

First, a little background: Friends of the Orphans at Notre Dame (FOTO) was founded in 2009 to support the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) orphanages, which strive to provide a permanent home for orphaned, abandoned and disadvantaged children in Latin America. FOTO focuses mainly on the Honduras home and its affiliated Holy Family Surgery Center, founded by ND/SMC alums, Dr. Peter Daly and LuLu Daly, R.N. During the year, FOTO works to support NPH through fundraising and awareness efforts. In addition, we also sponsor two non-medical trips and one medical trip, the Global Health Seminar, each year to the NPH Honduras Ranch and Surgery Center.

Through our work with FOTO and our time at the homes, we can both personally attest that the children of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos have truly changed our lives for the better. Their joy and love for life, despite the seemingly insurmountable hardships that they have faced, is truly amazing.

This week, we would like to extend the wonderful opportunity of meeting and supporting the children of NPH to the Notre Dame community. On Thursday, Oct. 13, a group of pequeños from the NPH Mexico home will be traveling to campus as part of a special visit to the United States.

We will be celebrating Mass at 5 p.m. in the Dillon Hall Chapel, followed by a fiesta benefit at 6:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. The fiesta will feature a Mexican dinner, desserts by the Notre Dame Culinary Appreciation & Outreach Society, a performance of traditional Mexican song and dance by the children, a visit from the Undertones and more! Tickets will be available for sale at the door tonight for a donation of \$10.

So, please accept our challenge of welcoming NPH into your lives. DO IT FOR THE KIDS!

Paz y bien,

Erin Wright

junior
Pangborn Hall
Oct. 12

Johnny Romano

sophomore
Dillon Hall
Oct. 12

Here come the Irish?

Mr. Davis,

There was enough that baffled me in your Viewpoint (“Game weekend anthems,” Oct. 10) that I’m not quite sure where to start in a reply.

So I’ll begin with your beginning and a little note on hyperbolic language. You speak of the “horror” of an objectively reasonable request to tone down the music to which you subject all passers-by. Horror is something caused by grave events, events of importance. This request is not one of them.

Second, you suggest that the crude music you are playing epitomizes an appropriate Notre Dame game weekend song. Can you think of absolutely nothing better? Nothing of the great swath of Notre Dame-related songs, Irish music or typical college rock? Seriously, you have everything from the inspiring “Here Come the Irish” to the more rowdy and fun yet still Irish-tinged Dropkick Murphys at your disposal. Really, not like the absence of one song is going to kill the mood.

Finally, you suggest that the request to not play a vapid and obscene song represents an attack on your individuality. All I can really say to that is if you feel your best outlet for self-expression is to force inappropriate music on the game weekend crowds of families, children and tourists who populate God Quad and very probably don’t want to hear it, then I am really, really concerned for you.

Peace,

Michael Nokes

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Oct. 12

du Lac noise policy

This letter is in response to the recent and ongoing discussion concerning Sorin Hall (alias Sorin College) and its practice in the area of music selection and amplification. I would like to add two brief and somewhat contrasting statements to the letters of Messrs. Labate and Davis.

1. During my time at our dear University, I rather enjoyed the music that often emanated from the windows of Sorin. Furthermore, as far as I remember, I never heard it in the Basilica, even though I spent a good deal of time there as a member of the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir.

2. Unfortunately, du Lac has a different opinion on the subject. I consulted the online version of the handbook and discovered the following: “Because of the disruption, playing music or noise coming from student rooms to the outside is prohibited.”

While I do not necessarily agree with this policy and it is clearly not very strongly enforced, I would like to alert the more rules-minded residents of Sorin (and other dorms) of its existence. However, for the reason I gave above (see no. 1), I would rather wish for the policy to be changed than for the music — the soundtrack of the quads — to cease.

Timothy Gotcher

alumnus
Class of 2010
Oct. 12

10.22.11

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE:

This is the Leprechaun Legion of the Notre Dame Student Section. Students: please keep your USC pre-game activities as safe as possible by pre-gaming with caution, courtesy and common sense.

Take your time, stay alert and above all, do not miss the game due to poor decision making.

Remember: You won’t get to see the Irish win under the lights if you are experiencing a blackout!

Be game ready. Be safe. 10.22.11

Nathan Trembley

Leprechaun Legion
president
Oct. 12

UWIRE

Public must not fault Wall Street

Many American reforms have made their mark on history through protests — women’s suffrage, civil rights and the ongoing gay rights movement, to name a few. While the ones mentioned are all legitimate, the current “Occupy Wall Street” efforts are far removed from their predecessors. It is time for the crusade against Wall Street to come to an end; protesters can either find a valid cause or go home and cease their disruption.

Protesters’ chants of “Wall Street, Wall Street, Occupy Wall Street” may seem catchy, yet those supporting the protest must educate themselves about the issues. The New York Occupy Wall Street demonstrations have proven to be chaotic; the protests are cause for hundreds of arrests and consequently the New York Police Department has increased officers on duty to contain the crowds during the protests.

Wall Street is a scapegoat for the problems protesters list on their signs. But the financial services industry aids our economic growth and is a major contributor to the community at large. In 2010, Morgan Stanley’s Low Income Housing Tax Credit Investments worked with partners to create 1,000 affordable housing units across the country. Also in 2010, JPMorgan Chase and Company gave over \$150 million to non-profit organizations in grants and sponsorships. Many other financial services firms spend a great deal of time and money to fund projects that help the community.

In harsh economic times, financial services is one of the few industries that has not claimed a “hiring freeze.” The role of the financial services industry is invaluable; raising capital is key for companies, small and large, to carry out their service and mission. Companies are unable to fund projects without the help of Wall Street. As Americans, we

Liz Beras

Washington Square News

have the freedom of assembly, but there is a fine line between using this to rally for a unified purpose and abusing this privilege by aimlessly parading down Broadway.

Occupy Wall Street is best described as a vaudeville show — entertainment comprised of parts that are not cohesive. The goal of Occupy Wall Street is unclear, despite its widespread growth in other cities around the globe. There is, however, a list of absurd demands listed on Occupy Wall Street’s official site. Some of these demands include “open border migration,” “guaranteed living wage income regardless of employment” and “immediate across the board debt forgiveness for all.” While this all sounds great in theory to the demonstrators, need I remind everyone that money does not grow on trees? The listed demands are opening doors for a multitude of problems.

Many of the issues addressed in Occupy Wall Street are irrelevant to the work of the bankers they target. One of the signs held up in protest stated, “I paid more in taxes than GE last year. I am the 99%.” For one, the fact that GE paid less in taxes than this individual seems like a matter pertinent to the IRS, not the major banks. Also, protesters are failing to acknowledge that we as a country are the 1 percent. Although we are not in the ideal financial situation as a country, we are still among the best in the world. The key to our country’s problems is not “class warfare” through protests, as stated by GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

It is time that Occupy Wall Street vacates the premises. There are methods to having a voice in the conversation of our country’s politics, but the current disorder in the protests is not the way.

This article originally ran in the Oct. 11 version of the Washington Square News, the newspaper serving New York University.



Things to Do over Fall Break

RESTAURANTS

Fiddler's Hearth

You may have seen Fiddler's on your way to Finny's or Feve, but downtown South Bend's other "F" should not be passed over. From its authentic pub atmosphere with Anglo-Irish food and drink to its live Irish music and old school rugby jerseys adorning the walls, the "F" in Fiddler's must stand for food and fun. The pub is always packed and the atmosphere is infectiously lively, so when looking for a place to eat, drink and be merry this Fall Break, stop by Fiddler's.

Quincy's Café

Walking distance from campus and with free WiFi, Quincy's Cafe is the perfect Fall Break spot to get a jump on some homework, hang out with other stranded pals and drink a cup of some of the most delicious coffee around. Thursday is open mic night, and Quincy's will have other events throughout the week as well. Its very close proximity to frozen yogurt deliciousness at Let's Spoon isn't the most terrible thing ever.

Sunrise Café

Found on Lincoln Way West, this hole-in-the-wall restaurant inhabits a tiny building, but more than makes up for its small size with delicious food and heaping portions. With friendly service and inexpensive prices, Sunrise Café is the perfect place for a breakfast treat when the dining halls aren't open.

Ari's Grill

This delightful Greek restaurant is located walking distance from campus, so it's perfect for people without access to cars. The friendly atmosphere truly reminds you of the chaotic nature of Mediterranean restaurants and the authentic food helps. Gyros, spanakopita and saganaki (pan-seared Greek cheese) will delight your taste buds. Ari's is perfect for the cash-strapped college student with a student discount and \$5 meal deal on Wednesdays.

Ciao's

Good Italian food is an amazing find. And after tasting the real thing while studying abroad, it's often hard to go back to American-Italian cuisine. Ciao's Restaurant and Pastry Shop, however, brings authentic Italian cuisine straight to South Bend. Tucked away near Madison Center, the warm brick building gives the delightful restaurant an intimate atmosphere. Ciao's also has a mouthwatering array of pastries available during the day for the perfect pick-me-up.

Elia's

Family-owned and student-ap-

proved, this restaurant specializes in baklava, falafels and kebabs. Invite your friends to join you for one of South Bend's more unique dining experiences and they'll forever be grateful. Go out for a reasonably-priced plate and head home both happy and full.

Uptown Kitchen

You may be familiar with its brother restaurant, The Mark, but check out where it all began with a visit to Uptown Kitchen. While everything on the menu is good, you won't regret ordering from their breakfast section, no matter what time of day it is.

Gino's East

You may already be planning a trip to Chicago over the week off, but if not, head over to Gino's East and sample some of Chicago's very own deep-dish pizza. Not for the faint of heart, Chicago-style pizza is loaded with cheese, tomato sauce and any other topping you can imagine. Gino's East is the most authentic Chicago-style pizza this side of, well, Chicago.

MOVIES

Dollar movie theater

Paying for stuff is the worst. And movie theaters are just so gosh darn expensive. Nobody wants to pay \$12 for a movie and \$200 more on concession stand treats. While you may not be able to find a free admission movie theater, there is a pretty cheap option in town — the Cinemark 6 dollar theater. All tickets are just \$1, and the movies are usually recent releases that have just left the mainstream theaters. Cinemark 6 can be found at 6424 North Grape Road in Mishawaka, across the street from the University Park Mall.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part II"

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part II" is playing at the dollar theater (in some circles known Cinemark Movies 6) this week on Grape Road, which is a must-do over Fall Break. Maybe even a third, fourth and fifth time must-do.

"Captain America"

"Captain America" is also playing, which might be worth the dollar if you've got nothing else to do. If you've got a movie that somehow slipped out of theaters the first time, or one you want to take a second run at, this is a perfectly cheap way to spend an afternoon.

MUSIC

Umphrey's McGee at Club Fever

With a week of freedom and the first night game at Notre Dame stadium in over 20 years,

you probably won't feel ready to head back to class and hit the books right away. Celebrate the last night of Fall Break with a concert by former Notre Dame jam band Uumphrey's McGee at Club Fever on Sunday, Oct. 23. Tickets are only \$25.00 in advance, \$27.00 the night of the show. You must be 21 or older to enter.

FASHION

Flourish Boutique and Gallery

If there is one thing that can take any fashionista's mind off academic challenges, it's shopping! And Fall Break is always the perfect time to assess your wardrobe and add key pieces for the upcoming winter season. While you might think South Bend offers nothing in terms of fashion havens, there is one boutique which stands stiletto and fedoras above all the rest: Flourish.

Owned by Saint Mary's alumna Vanessa Cooreman Smith and conveniently located on Cleveland Road in Granger, Flourish offers basic and statement pieces at affordable prices. You can find Herve Leger imitation bandage dresses alongside bejeweled jeans and animal-print blouses. Smith has an eye for color, and the store carries accessories to match every item on its premises. Peruse their offerings on their Facebook page before making the journey and your shopping extravaganza will be even more worthwhile!

ACTIVITIES

Leininger Farm Corn Maze

You've probably been to a corn maze before, but not like this one. Each year, Leininger Farms sets up a corn maze with a different shape — in the past, they made maps of the World and the US as guides for their maze. This year, they've made a map of Indiana with its major roads and have created stations to test your knowledge of Indiana history. Admission to the maze is only \$5, with a canned food \$1 off special on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The maze will even be open late on October 15 and 28 for flashlight nights! Don't forget to visit the pumpkin patch while there to satisfy your fall and Halloween needs.

Playing with Pumpkins

Speaking of pumpkins, Halloween isn't complete without a few Jack-O-Lanterns decorating your house or dorm. Head out to any of the local farms or markets to find locally grown pumpkins, perfect for carving and display. If the mood strikes you, save what you don't use and make a homemade pumpkin pie. If that seems too much of a challenge,

there is no shame in just buying the ingredients at the store. Don't forget to pair it with apple cider, though.

Apple picking in Michigan

Nothing signals the beginning of fall fun like apple picking. A simple Google search will yield many options for farms to visit and most are no further than an hour away. They offer apple picking, as well as pumpkin picking and other delicious fall treats for purchase, like caramel apples. An apple picking adventure is the perfect way to break up a Fall Break spent on campus and to bond with friends while bringing home some healthy, delicious treats.

Beer tasting at Granite City Brewery

Strictly for those 21 and over, Granite City Brewery located at University Park Mall offers a wide selection of home-brewed beers sure to please every taste. Call and see if they offer a formal beer tasting, which allows you to try the various types of beer available. If not, go with friends and order some of each, testing a variety until you find the one you like best.

South Bend Farmer's Market

Scene has already raved about the South Bend Farmer's Market this year, but Fall Break is the perfect time to check it out. With everything from locally grown produce to handmade pizza dough, the Farmer's Market features the best South Bend has to offer. Wander the various stands and sellers and scope out the best looking, smelling and tasting food you can find and then bring it all home and whip up the most exciting dinner you've had in ages. If you can't be home for Mom's cooking over break, then this is the next best thing.

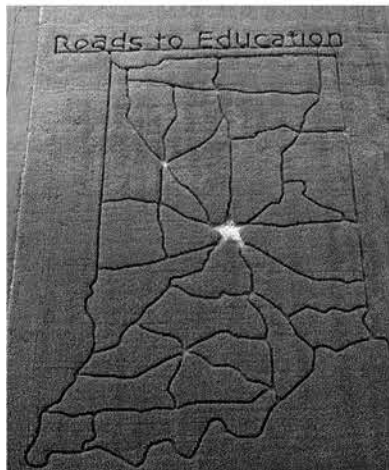
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If you're bored and 21, take a quick drive up to Michigan for a taste of the local wine. Visit Michigan's Travel and Tourism site, www.michigan.org, for a list of the many wineries scattered throughout the state.

Go to the Indiana Dunes

Fall Break may be the last time the sun shines in South Bend, so try and take advantage of the final sunny days by heading to the dunes one last time this year.

There's no better way to de-stress after midterms or gear up for the USC game than by frolicking on the sand with some of your closest friends. Bring a football, baseball, Frisbee or soccer ball and just relax. Be sure to check the weather before you go, though — no one wants the changing Indiana weather to rain on his or her parade.





By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL
Scene Writer

There are certain experiences that forever bond you with your friends. It's that first freshman dorm party where you met. It's the laughs you share at 2 a.m. as you're both stressing over exams and papers. It's the care packages from parents you always share. And it's the road trips.

The bonding experiences on long road trips are endless. For one, there are hours of driving to fill with chatter about life, love and Lady Gaga's new song on the radio that you just don't get. There are cornfields to gawk at for hours. There are hilarious license plates to read. There are awesome places to stop for food and rest ... and entertainment.

Inevitably, you will need to leave your car — possibly multiple times depending on the length of your trip. Whether you need a bathroom break or some real food, you've got a lot of choices. That is, unless you're traveling east on I-80 through Pennsylvania — then you've got to get to Scranton before you reach civilization and food.

But there's another reason to stop: for your sanity. Hours in a car can affect your mood and crack the strongest nut. Inane objects become hilarious, the road begins to blur and your mind just stops functioning. At this point, you should not only consider switching drivers, but also getting out of the car for at least 20 minutes to recharge.

And this is where RoadsideAmerica.com comes in. This website is a treasure trove of random, interesting and just plain wacky sites to visit on or near major American highways. It provides excellent suggestions for those random places to

stop when you hit that wall, places for you to walk around, regroup and experience the offbeat culture of America.

In order to use the site to its potential, you need to have your route planned out beforehand. On the site, you search the states you are traveling through, and then receive lists of towns and the attractions found in them. Though this takes a little extra planning on your part, it's worth it.

This site made my road trip across southern Missouri something I could actually tell people about. Who crosses Missouri? And who cares? No one, until I tell them about the eight-ball-shaped water tower we saw. Or the store of award-winning brats, sausages and cheeses. Or the town of over 100 bed and breakfasts and the most delicious German food I've ever had.

Are you headed south? Maybe you'll find the Statue of the Bird Girl in Atlanta, Ga. Or the tool box-shaped building in La Porte, Texas. Like firehouses? Check out the only underground one in the world in Colorado Springs. No matter what sort of random things you enjoy, you're sure to find stops that will entertain you.

The stories of the hilariously offbeat places you stopped could tighten bonds with the people you love. What better way to cement a friendship than to visit the Home of Sliced Bread in Chillicothe, Mo.? Or the World's Largest Ball of Twine in Cawker City, Kan.?

Make your road trip exciting and forge new memories with your friends. Visit RoadsideAmerica.com and see a side of America you never new existed.

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TOP TENS

TO CATCH UP ON OVER FALL BREAK

Movies

- In Theaters:**
1. "Moneyball"
 2. "Lion King" in 3-D
 3. "Drive"
 4. "The Ides of March"
 5. "Contagion"
- On DVD:**
6. "Waiting for Superman"
 7. "Horrible Bosses"
 8. "Hocus Pocus"
 9. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" (Swedish film)
 10. "The Thing" (1982)

Television

1. "Arrested Development"
2. "Parks and Recreation"
3. "The Office"
4. "Community"
5. "How I Met Your Mother"
6. "Modern Family"
7. "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
8. "New Girl"
9. "Dexter"
10. "Terra Nova"

Books

1. "The Hunger Games" by Suzanna Collins
2. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Steig Larsson
3. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett
4. "Notre Dame vs. the Klan: How the Fighting Irish Defeated the Ku Klux Klan" by Todd Tucker
5. "Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy" by Michael Beschloss
6. "The Invention of Hugo Cabret" by Brian Selznick
7. "The Adventures of Tintin" by Herge
8. "Elynia" by David Michael Belczyk
9. "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" by Seth Grahame-Smith
10. "Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson (released after break on Oct. 24)

CDs

1. "Helplessness Blues" by Fleet Foxes
2. "Torches" by Foster the People
3. "Watch the Throne" by Jay-Z and Kanye West
4. "Neighborhoods" by Blink-182
5. "Wasting Light" by Foo Fighters
6. "Hot Sauce Committee Pt. 2" by Beastie Boys
7. "The Whole Love" by Wilco
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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles defeat Olivet, prepare for tournament

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Belles swept Olivet in all three sets Wednesday to roll to a 3-0 win during their Dig for the Cure event. The convincing victory gives the Belles momentum going into the upcoming UW-Oshkosh Tournament this weekend.

The Belles took an early lead in the first set and maintained it throughout with a strong showing from junior outside hitter Stephanie Bodien and freshman outside hitter Kati Schneider, who displayed aggressive attacking throughout the game. The Belles secured the win 25-15.

In the second set, Olivet hung tight with the Belles, tying the game eight times before Saint Mary's took definitive control to win 25-18.

"We came out a little slow in the second set, but we were able to put some tough serves over the net," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "Both of their middles are really good and we served them tough."

In the final set, Olivet only once managed to get within one point of the Belles advantage before Saint Mary's pulled ahead thanks to some key kills by Christi Wyble. Kuschel credited all of her hitters in the 25-15 victory.

"We had so many people really step up and hit well tonight," Kuschel said. "All of our hitters really connected."

Wyble hit .625 in the match with five kills. Bodien led the squad with 11 kills and hit .500 throughout the game. Junior

captain and setter Danie Brink led the team with 30 set assists, a match high.

The Belles return to action Friday at UW-Oshkosh, where they will kick off a span of four matches in four days. From there, the tough week continues as the Belles gear up to face conference rival Alma on Oct. 18, followed by senior night on Oct. 21 against Trine and Hope on Oct. 22.

"We're definitely going to take it one game at a time, one point at a time," Kuschel said. "We need to play our game. We already know what's coming our way. We can't be focused on everything they're going to do, we just have to get out there and play."

With so many games in such a short period of time, Kuschel said she is making sure her team remains focused.

"We have a lot of team activities planned over the next week," Kuschel said. "Having a lot of structure and staying together as a team are definitely key aspects to remaining focused."

Kuschel said the break from school provides a good opportunity for her team to come together and reach its peak performance level.

"It's definitely a time where they can take a bit of a breather and reconnect as a team, which will only make us stronger," Kuschel said.

The Belles will face UW-Oshkosh in Oshkosh, Wisc., on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

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Belles coach

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Saint Mary's readies for pre-regional meet

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

The Belles return to MIAA competition Saturday as they travel to Oberlin, Ohio for a pre-regional meet at Oberlin College. Last weekend, Saint Mary's hosted several of the program's alumnae for the annual Alumnae 5K, but the trip to Oberlin should see a return to more serious competition for the Belles.

The pre-regional is one of three events that will count toward the team's overall MIAA standings, along with the MIAA Jamboree in which

the Belles finished seventh, and the upcoming MIAA Championships.

Top runner and senior captain Joanne Almond will lead Saint Mary's against the rest of the conference, with backup from senior Joanne Almond. The Belles will also look to up-and-coming sophomore Collette Curtis, who placed third for Saint Mary's at the Sean Earl Invitational on Oct. 1.

The women's division race will begin Saturday at 11 a.m.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

ND heads to Wisconsin for meet

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's Irish squads will face plenty of tough competition as they travel this weekend to compete in the Wisconsin Adidas Invitational, a meet that features a combined 37 ranked opponents between the two fields.

"It's basically the National meet in October," men's senior captain Jordan Carlson said. "Everyone who's anyone will be at this race, outside of a few teams. It will be a real test of our strength. This will be a great opportunity to practice running in a big race with a lot of good teams."

Senior Rachel Velarde, captain of the women's squad, agreed that the race would be a good measuring point for her team.

"The competition will be fierce," Velarde said. "With 19 ranked teams and 42 teams overall, it will be the biggest field we race against this year and the most competition outside of nationals. We will use the great competition to our advantage and run some fast times."

Both captains said the key to this meet would be running as a unit. The women's team has never run this course before. Regardless, Velarde said she believes the team will perform well.

"As a team, we are going to have to get off the line fast and find each other in order to work together," Velarde said. "It's a large field so it is vital for us to find each other and work together. I have heard that the course is nice and that we have the opportunity to run fast."



TOM YOUNG/The Observer

Irish senior captain Jordan Carlson races during the Notre Dame Invitational on Sept. 30.

Carlson said he thinks the course is well-suited for his team as well.

"We will adapt very well to this course because it is suited to runners with a lot of speed and that's exactly what we have on this team," he said. "We still need to focus on running as a group for the first few miles in order to help each other out when the race starts to get tough."

The teams will use this race to prepare them for other important upcoming races including the Big East championships and nationals. Both captains said their team goal is to place in the top-10.

"I think we have the oppor-

tunity to run really well, and we will compete against some teams that we'll see again at Big East and regionals," Velarde said.

Carlson said the team would use this race as an indicator of future performances.

"Since this race is very competitively similar to the national meet, it would be a good indication of our potential for the national meet down the road," Carlson added.

The women will take the course in Madison, Wisc., Friday at 3:20 p.m. The men's race is set to begin at 4 p.m.

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ROWING

Irish to compete against top teams in Boston

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The Irish travel to Boston this weekend to compete in the 47th annual Head of the Charles Regatta, a prestigious race that boasts an array of the country's top teams, including last year's national champions.

"We want to go out there and race the best that we can," junior Joanna Poinsatte said. "We have some pretty stiff competition, with teams like Virginia, Harvard, Princeton and the reigning national champions, Brown, in our race, but I think we can go and surprise some people with how fast and powerful our team is, not to mention we have an undeniably strong will power."

Poinsatte explained that she is particularly motivated for the race because racing on the Charles is held in such high esteem. With so many of the country's top rowing teams based in and around Boston, the Charles is the epicenter for American collegiate rowing.

"The Charles is a prestigious race, so it is important that we show our strengths early, not only to set ourselves up in a good position for the rest of the year, but also to encourage invitations to next year's race," Poinsatte said. "Personally, this is my sixth year rowing and I have never been to the Charles, so I am very excited to go. I have

heard that it is an incredible atmosphere for both rowers and spectators alike."

Sophomore Olivia Kacsits said this is an important race, not necessarily for NCAA rankings, but for letting the rest of the country know that Notre Dame is a force to be reckoned with.

"Our main goal is to put ourselves out there as a team that will put up a fight," Kacsits said. "We've missed NCAAAs by only a couple seconds for the past couple years and we want to let the rowing world know that we intend to be a threat this year. Even though fall races don't count toward scoring for NCAAAs in the spring, performing well early definitely sends a message."

Poinsatte said every member of the team is ready and willing to pull her weight in the race.

"As far as personal expectations for this weekend, the only big ones are to pull as hard as possible and to go as fast as possible and that applies both to my teammates and myself," Poinsatte said. "We have worked really, really hard to get to the Charles and I don't think any one of us wants to be the weak link in the chain."

The race will begin at 8 a.m. in Boston, Mass. on Saturday and continue through Sunday.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame to face DePaul, Hawaii during fall break

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

The Irish will look to finish out the first half of Big East play with a victory over DePaul and a winning conference record before traveling to Hawaii for fall break. The team will fly to the "Aloha State" for more than just sand and surf, as Notre Dame will take on No. 8 Hawaii in back-to-back matches.

On Friday, the Irish (10-6, 3-3 Big East) travel to Chicago hoping to beat DePaul and finish above .500 for the first half of its conference matches. The Blue Demons (4-15, 1-5) have struggled so far this season, but according to Irish senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy, Notre Dame will need good concentration to take down DePaul.

"There's always that thought in the back of your mind, but I think as long as we focus we will be alright," Dealy said of overlooking the Blue Demons. "Games like these are the best because you know you will probably win, and you get to

see how well-rounded the team is. Hopefully everyone can play and contribute and it will be a good team win."

Freshman middle blocker Jeni Houser echoed Dealy's sentiment and said she isn't worried about the Irish slipping up against the inferior opponent.

"I'm not really too worried about [overlooking DePaul]," Houser said. "I think even if we do start to falter we'll pick it up immediately."

Dealy said the team is looking forward to the Hawaii trip after DePaul, but the Irish are focused on finishing off the Blue Demons first.

"I'm sure everyone is really excited for Hawaii, but in the Big East it seems like anything can happen," she said. "We're not going to overlook DePaul."

With matches against the Warriors (15-1, 5-0 WAC) Monday and Tuesday, Notre Dame does not have much time to prepare after its conference match Friday. Dealy said the Irish have spent part of this week's practices looking ahead to a



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Irish freshman middle blocker Jeni Houser hits the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to Louisville on Oct. 2. The Irish will play DePaul before traveling to Hawaii next week.

talented Hawaii squad.

"We know Hawaii is much tougher competition," she said. "We haven't had much of a chance to scout them, but I do know they hit out of the back row a lot. It's really detrimental

to your team if you can't defend shots out of the back row, so we've been incorporating some preparation for Hawaii this week. Ordinarily we wouldn't do that, but there's not much time after [DePaul]."

The Irish play DePaul on Friday at 7 p.m. CDT and take on Hawaii at 7 p.m. HST on both Monday and Tuesday.

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SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's looks to rebound against MIAA opponents

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will have a difficult round of games over fall break, facing four conference opponents in eight days, all four of whom have recorded wins over

the Belles this season.

"It's a tough stretch, four games in eight days," Belles coach Michael Joyce said, "all against teams who beat us earlier in the year."

After starting off the season strong with a 5-0 record, Saint

Mary's (8-5, 4-5 MIAA) has fallen in several close games to conference opponents. Joyce said he hopes to turn that luck around in the second round of games.

"The fact that it falls during fall break is nice, so we don't have any other distractions," Joyce said.

The Belles will first take on Alma (11-2, 7-2) on Oct. 15. The two teams last faced one another Sept. 22 in a game that the Scots claimed 1-0 in a tough defensive match.

From there, Saint Mary's will face Adrian (10-4, 8-2), who is currently leading the MIAA conference, on Oct. 18. The Belles lost a 4-1 decision to Adrian on Sept. 17. Just two days later, Saint Mary's will face Kalamazoo (7-6, 6-4) before rounding out the week against Calvin (6-8, 6-4) on Oct. 22.

Joyce said he isn't focusing on the week as a whole, but rather each opponent individually.

"We're just going to take them one game at a time," Joyce said. "We played all of these schools close and had either a close game or long stretches of game where we matched up well."

Every opponent the Belles will face this week currently holds a higher ranking in the MIAA than Saint Mary's, which Joyce looks at as a challenge, but also a great

opportunity. Joyce said he has made a few adjustments in his coaching style to help his team come out on top the second time around.

"Your strategies change a little the second time you face a team because you know all the ins and outs of how they play, what they do, where they are weak," Joyce said. "Hopefully we can make those adjustments and get results."

While Joyce has confidence that his squad will be able to compete in every match, he emphasized the importance of defense against the series of tough opponents. He said that goalkeeping in particular will be a focus for the week.

"Our goalkeepers will have to play mistake-free and probably come up with a big save here and there," Joyce said.

The Belles begin their fall break jaunt Saturday against Alma in Alma, Mich., at noon.

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ND Women's Swimming

Notre Dame looks to recapture Big East championship

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

From 1997 to 2010, the Irish women's swimming and diving team dominated the Big East, finishing first each year as conference champions. Though Louisville ended the 14-year streak last season, the Irish are gearing up to begin another run of Big East championships as they begin their season Friday. The team will host and compete in the annual Dennis Stark

Relays at the Rolfs Aquatic Center against Oakland and Texas Christian University. The meet pays tribute to Dennis Stark, the former coach of both men's and women's swimming at Notre Dame. Key swimmers returning for the Irish this season include junior Kim Holden and senior Amy Prestinario. Last season, Holden, who competed in back and fly events, held the squad's best times in the 50, 100 and 200-yard backstrokes, along

with the 100-yard fly. In addition, Holden qualified for the NCAA championships in March and competed in three events, including the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes. Holden was just one of two Irish swimmers to qualify for the NCAA championships, the other being graduate Samantha Maxwell. Holden has been a stand out since her freshman year, when she won four Big East titles and earned six all-Big East honors.

The other team leader, Prestinario, a freestyle and individual medley swimmer, looks to continue her contributions to the team as a senior. Last season, she held the team's two best times in the 50-yard freestyle and three of the five best times in the 100-yard freestyle. Meanwhile, the diving team earned first place with 68 points in the 2011 Big East Diving Championships. Juniors Kimmie Lisiak and Jenny Chiang are two returning divers from

that squad, which will feature three freshmen this season. At the 2011 Big East Swimming Championships, the Irish took second place with 655.5 points, placing them 165 points behind the first place Cardinals. Following the Dennis Stark Relays on Friday, the Irish will host Auburn at the Rolfs Aquatic Center for a meet Oct. 21 at 2 p.m.

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Steven Summerhays, has contributed as well, starting the second game last weekend after senior goalie Mike Johnson garnered the season-opening start. Summerhays made 21 saves in the win; Johnson, 27 in the loss.

Jackson said he could still see the two net-minders splitting time between the pipes.

"I'm not opposed to playing two different guys," Jackson said. "I thought both of them were okay. I didn't think either one was exceptional. Until one of them shows [he] can be exceptional on a consistent basis, I'm willing to look at both of them."

The Buckeyes (1-1-0) enter the weekend having split a pair of one-goal games to Quinnipiac. Ohio State has allowed nearly 35 shots a game but has only given up a mere five goals.

"A lot of those shots may have been perimeter shots," Jackson said. "We're obviously going to take this game as seriously as we need to as far as improving on our game. It'll be more about what we do than what Ohio State does."

Lorenz likened the Buckeyes to last year's Irish — young and talented — and said Ohio State's energy could be a threat.

Ohio State freshman forward Ryan Dzingel leads the Buckeyes with team-highs in goals (two) and points (three). Senior goalie Cal Heeter started both contests for Ohio State but was replaced by junior Brady Hjelle during Saturday's 4-3 loss after allowing three goals in less than 12 minutes.

"In my estimation, it's not like [the Buckeyes] aren't good hockey players. They have some good young recruits, so I think they're going to be a real challenge for us," Jackson said.

After the Ohio State games, the Irish will next face Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the opening game at the new Compton Family Ice Arena.

"It'll be weird to walk out of that locker room for the last time," Jackson said. "We joke about it not being very nice, but it's been a serviceable home. It's going to have an impact emotionally for me, and I'm sure a lot of people, walking out of there for the last time."

The Compton Family Ice Arena, a sparkling \$50 million, 5,000 seat project, will replace the Joyce Center as the home of Irish hockey beginning with the RPI game.

"There's been all kinds of little idiosyncrasies of this new building that we don't even know what they are yet," Jackson said. "We're extremely excited to play in a building that's something to be proud of."

The No. 20 Engineers are following a 4-1 win over Minnesota State-Mankato and will play Ferris State this weekend. Sophomore forward Brock Higgs and freshman forward Ryan Haggerty lead RPI (1-1-0) with two points apiece.

"RPI is going to be a good game, but right now the focus is on sending out the JACC on a good note," Lorenz said. "When the time comes to move into the new building, we'll be excited for it."

The Irish close out the Joyce Center with games against Ohio State on Friday and Saturday, both at 7:05 p.m. A week later on Oct. 21, Notre Dame will host RPI at 7:35 p.m. for the much anticipated unveiling of the Compton Family Ice Arena.

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coach Muffet McGraw said. "We've got to start, and we aren't going to win the national championship today. And that's something I think we have to try to communicate ... to the team — that each game is important, but we really do have to take it one step at a time."

With a veteran lineup that includes four returning starters from last year, the Irish are among the preseason favorites to be this season's champions. Notre Dame brings back Diggins, fifth-year forward Devereaux Peters, senior guard Natalie Novosel and fifth-year guard Brittany Mallory as starters, with Peters, Novosel and Mallory splitting captain duties.

Diggins, Peters and Novosel are preseason All-Americans and were recently named to the preseason list of candidates for the Coach Wooden Award, an honor awarded to the top player in NCAA women's basketball.

However, the sole departure from last year's starting lineup is a significant one, as the

graduation of forward Becca Bruszewski leaves the Irish wanting for a physical presence. Along with replacing Bruszewski's contributions in the paint, Notre Dame will also have to replace her leadership ability.

"I think sometimes leadership is sometimes harder to replace than the stats," McGraw said. "We already miss [Bruszewski's] voice. When it comes down to it on the court, I think Skylar is going to be the leader. She is going to have the ball in her hands, she will definitely have that voice that Becca had."

To fill the void under the hoop, the Irish will turn to sophomore forward Natalie Achonwa. However, McGraw said she realizes that the team's strengths rely principally on the guard position.

"We can really score," McGraw said. "This is our best 3-point shooting team ever. I think we'll be able to be score, and our question mark will be inside — can we score on the block and can we defend on the block."

In the offseason, Diggins, Peters and Novosel helped lead Team USA to a championship in the World University Games, but Notre Dame's "big three"



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Irish coach Muffet McGraw speaks to reporters during Notre Dame's annual media day Wednesday.

haven't let their success affect their approach to this season.

"I think they definitely still have the edge, and I think they are trying to get the rest of the team to get that edge," McGraw said. "I think right now, they are really, really intense at practice. Last year we were pretty intense, but it's almost obsessive with those three right now."

As she prepares to embark on what many hope will be a magi-

cal season, McGraw acknowledges her team still has plenty of room for improvement.

"If I had to rank where my team was at now, I'm not sure we'd be in the top-25," McGraw said.

"I think we've got a long way to go and I think they know that."

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ND BASKETBALL

Time for tip-off

Men's basketball to replace senior starters

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Editor-in-Chief

A year ago Irish coach Mike Brey sat comfortably at the annual preseason media day knowing his starting lineup consisted of five seniors.

As would be expected the year following such an experience-laden squad, Brey does not yet know Notre Dame's starting lineup for this season.

"Of my 12 years, I haven't had to keep reminding myself about patience [like I have this year]," Brey said at Wednesday's media day. "Of all the guys, only one of them is a freshman, but as a team we are younger, we're newer."

The Irish will start two fifth-year seniors, forward Tim Abromaitis and guard Scott Martin, who were both starters last year as well. Abromaitis' 15.4 points per game last season lead the team.

"[Abromaitis] has to do a little bit of everything for us," Brey said. "I don't want him to feel that he has the weight of the world to carry us offensively, but we have got to get him looks. I don't want him

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Irish coach Mike Brey speaks to reporters during Notre Dame's annual media day Wednesday. The Irish will begin the season without fifth-year senior Tim Abromaitis for four games due to suspension.

Women's basketball aims for national title

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

For a team that finished as runner-up in the national championship last year, there is only so much room to improve. But based on the commentary at Notre Dame's annual media day yesterday, that won't stop the Irish from trying to produce an even better season than their 2010-2011 campaign.

"Every season you approach, your goal is to do better than you did last season," junior guard Skylar Diggins said. "Last season we were the bridesmaids, and this season we want to be the bride."

The media day provided a preview of a 2011-2012 season surrounded by high expectations. Still several weeks away from their first exhibition game Nov. 2, the Irish have set their focus on making a return appearance in the title game.

"I think you look at what we have — obviously we want to compete for a national championship. That's something that has got to be our goal," Irish

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame to host Georgetown at home

By JACK HEFFERON and
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Sports Writers

After an uncharacteristic rough patch at the beginning of the season, Notre Dame appears to have settled back into championship form. Since their loss to Louisville on Sept. 16, the Irish have not allowed a goal and have gone 3-0-1 during a key Big East stretch. With just three regular season games left to play, the

Irish (7-5-3, 4-2-2 Big East) face a critical conference test when they host Georgetown on Friday.

In that early part of the season, the Irish found themselves dominating almost all of the games they played in both flow of play and nearly every statistical category. However, momentary lapses and a couple of defensive breakdowns cost them both points and results. Over the

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MEN'S SOCCER

ND drops conference contest to Marquette

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

The Irish let loose more total shots, directed more shots on goal, earned more corner kicks, committed fewer fouls and had fewer offside calls than their opponent on Wednesday. In other words, they did everything but win the game.

No. 12 Notre Dame suffered a disappointing 1-0 loss at Mar-

quette, the first Irish loss to the Golden Eagles (6-5-2, 4-0-0 Big East) in the teams' last eight matchups. Although the Irish (5-3-4, 1-2-1) came up short on the scoreboard, they put forth an impressive performance, senior midfielder Brendan King said.

"Just talking to [Irish] coach [Bobby Clark] after the game, he was telling us that that was the

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HOCKEY

Irish to close Joyce with Ohio St.

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

For the 2011-2012 Irish squad, the curtains will come down this weekend — the blue draping curtains that line the Joyce Center that is.

In the final games played at the Joyce Center, No. 2 Notre Dame will host Ohio State in each team's opening pair of CCHA games.

"There's a lot of tradition, a lot of good players have come through here and we want to go out on the right note, leave this building on a good note," senior defenseman Sean Lorenz said.

Last weekend, the Irish (1-1-0) split a pair of games against defending national champion Minnesota-Duluth. Notre Dame dropped the opener 4-3 before rebounding to win 5-3 the next night. Lorenz said the Irish learned from their loss.

"We have to be grittier," Lorenz said. "I think Friday night, everybody knows we weren't gritty enough. We weren't jamming like we should have been and I thought we came out Saturday night and we were doing that. We were taking the man instead of going for the puck and I think the whole tempo of the game picked up for us."

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said other parts of Notre Dame's game could also use improvement.

"We have to be much more consistent with our decision



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Irish sophomore center T.J. Tynan shoots the puck during Notre Dame's 4-0 over Western Ontario on Oct. 2.

making with the puck and making plays with the puck especially at the offensive and defensive blue lines," Jackson said.

Sophomore center T.J. Tynan and sophomore forward Anders Lee both picked up where they left off last year, when the duo combined for 98 points. Tynan, last year's National Rookie of the Year, has already piled up a goal and three as-

sists while Lee has two goals and an assist.

"[I] tell them to keep on working, don't get comfortable, don't get complacent," Lorenz said of the sophomores. "Already in the first weekend, all of our sophomores are doing a good job. They're keeping a level head."

Another sophomore, goalie

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