More students violating zoning off campus

Upwards of 30 single family homes in campus neighborhoods occupied illegally by more than two unrelated residents

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

While the number of students living off campus has remained stable over recent years, an increasing amount of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students living off campus are in violation of local zoning codes, according to city and county officials.

More students are violating city and county regulations about the number of unrelated occupants a home may have.

"What I am seeing this year are a lot more single family homes — properties that are zoned for single family use only — being occupied by more than two students," Catherine Toppel, director of Code Enforcement for the City of South Bend said. Most homes in residential districts in South Bend and St. Joseph's County are zoned single family. No more than two unrelated people are allowed to occupy a single family home, according to county Assistant Zoning Administrator Mark Lyons.

"Three students constitutes a violation, both in the city and the county," Lyons said.

Students are increasingly living in single family homes as new houses become available for rent or purchase, Toppel said. According to files obtained by The Observer through a public records request, the city filed reports of over a half dozen violations in neighborhoods south of Notre Dame's campus since August of this year. Reported violations include homes on Pokagon St., Angola Blvd., Marquette Ave., and N. Foster St. Some of the records showed cases with fines of up to $1,000 per day.

Toppel said her office has investigated at least 15 properties in the city this school year, more than twice the number of cases as in past years. Toppel said there are numerous other properties in violation that are not being investigated.

Chuck Bulot, the county building commissioner, said see CODES page 4

ND will not halt current construction projects

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

Despite concerns over the recent economic slowdown, Notre Dame will be able to complete its current construction projects and the University will continue to function normally, although future building plans may be delayed, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said.

"All of the construction projects we have on campus at the moment are fully funded, and we are not going to stop construction on them because we have the funding," Affleck-Graves said. "We have a number of projects that we are still seeking funding on, and those projects will be delayed until we can get the funding."

Affleck-Graves credited the University's conservative economic approach for preparing Notre Dame for a recession.

"But in general we always run the University in a very fiscally conservative way," he said. "We always balance our budget ... so we're in a much better position to face an economic downturn than almost any other school in the country."

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College to host Choir Festival

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Twenty-four years ago, Nancy Menk, the acting Department Chair of Saint Mary's music department started the High School Women's Choir Festival. The Festival, which will be held again this year on Thursday and Friday, is comprised of 20 women's choirs from five different states who travel to the College to perform. "It's a festival for high school girls or women's College to host Choir Festival
INSIDE COLUMN

Opposing viewpoints

I found a number of South students who have been vocal about the lack of intellectual disabilities, but I have found a new topic.

The film's last night for the second time with this issue in mind, and the lack of sensitivity on the part of the film has been outstanding.

"I watched a lot of retarded people, spent time with them, observed them, walls all the retarded stuff they did," says Tugg Speedman, Alec Baldwin's character. "There were times when I was doing things that I was actually felt retarded like really retarded. In a weird way, I had to sort of just feel myself up to believe that it was okay, to be stupider, or dumb... to be a moron."

And then this goes from Robert Downey Jr.'s character: You were laughing in bathroom tubs and laughing your ass off.

"Somehow, this doesn't do any damage or the image of individuals with disabilities, which DreamWorks spokesman Jim Sullivan said the film managed to avoid doing."

"We get to be intelligent, we get to be independent, we get to laugh,"

"I'm feeling just like W<a>llie<W></a> retarded."

"The jean's somewhat different, but it did provide the opportunity to interact with the mentally handicapped, both on an everyday basis in the hallways and through volunteer work with the Special Olympics."

"It should even take these experiences, however, to realize the daily hardships both those with intellectual disabilities and their loved ones endure. Does a Hollywood blockbuster really need to pit on with a marketing campaign based on the ignorance of a child in cot, but I find it hard to imagine she'd be chuckling here.

No, my middle school didn't teach me whether the Virgin Mary preferred "Ya Mama" jokes to those about "retards," but it did provide me the opportunity to interact with the mentally handicapped, both on an everyday basis in the hallways and through volunteer work with the Special Olympics.

"Some of the film's devoted fans will be quick to point at the lack of sensitivity, but I think it's important to understand that the film is not about making fun of individuals with disabilities, but it is about making fun of individuals with disabilities as well."

"For me, this lifelong involvement in public schools turns novel, as perhaps I missed the character's story on the film in this book and film, but I find it hard to imagine she'd be chuckling here."

"The movie's plot, as the film's supporting cast, may have been to saturate the film industry, and the movie itself also contained jokes about African-American stereotypes, for example. But every time one came up, another character pointed it out and tore it down."

"Where was the defense of people with intellectual disabilities, the voices saying "Hey, that's not right?" Protestors were hidden from the camera in the film's opening, and from defending a minority whose greatest vulnerability is its perversion (and often real) inability to defend itself."

Brendan Keeler's letter Monday suggested, "the very least you ought to do is familiarize yourself with opposing viewpoints."

Sound advice — now follow it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Gamber at mgamber@nd.edu

IN BRIEF

The Kellogg Institute will host a lecture today at 4:15 p.m. entitled "The Future of Biomedicine in Central America" in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. This roundtable discussion will examine democracy's future in Central American nations.

The College of Science is hosting a Planetarium Show featuring Exoplanets in the Digital Visualization Theater in the Jordan Hall of Science at 8 and 9 p.m. today. The event is free and will be followed by a question and answer session.

The Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the film "Boy A" at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. today. In the film, a man who committed a terrible crime as a child is released from jail as an adult into a world he has never been part of.

There will be a ground-breaking ceremony for Harper Hall, the new home of expanded medical and cancer research initiatives at the Indiana University School of Medicine — South Bend and Notre Dame. Friday at 10 a.m. adjacent to Rachlin-Carmichael Hall on the corner of Angela Boulevard and Notre Dame Avenue.

Notre Dame Women's Soccer will compete in the NCAA Fourth Round Tournament Sunday at Alumni Field. Time and team to be announced.

Submit information to The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to.observer@nd.edu

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OFFBEAT

Inmates sneak through ceiling to have sex BLOOMFIELD, Ind. — Three male and three female inmates at a southern Indiana jail]

ceiling charges that they devised a way to sneak between cell blocks to help pass their time behind bars by having sex.

The inmates figured out how to remove metal ceiling panels in the Greene County Jail and used the passageway more than a dozen times in September and October, according to court documents.

The men — ages 44, 38 and 17 — and the women — ages 27, 26 and 21 — crawled through the ceiling after midnight, having sexual encounters and drinking homemade alcohol that was found hidden in the male cell block, a police affidavit said.

Undercover officers use Tasers on pallbearer WILMINGTON, N.C. — A North Carolina sheriff's official has apologized for using a Taser on a pallbearer during a funeral service.

The officers planned to quietly arrest pallbearer Gladwyn Tall Boys III, The Star-News of Wilmington reported Wednesday.

Relatives said two deputies dressed in coats and ties grabbed Russ and kneed him in the back before TASering him. One deputy's gun fell out of his holster.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: How do you feel about snow?

Dan Sheperf freshman Keenan

"I like it. It's from a sunny state so it's different."

Lauren Elliot sophomore Pangburn

"It's pretty."

Matt Lodwich senior Dillon

"I love snow!"

Matt Ong senior Alumni

"Get back to me in March."

Michael Szemere sophomore Dillon

"I feel like it's Christmas before Thanksgiving."

A snowman sits next to a pumpkin on North Quad as the first signs of winter arrive and the last traces of fall disappear.
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choirs that we started 24 years ago," Menk said. "It's to promote good singing among high school travel choirs."

The 20 choirs perform during the two-day festival in the O'Laughlin Auditorium on Saint Mary's campus. The event is not a competition; however, there will be three commentators giving remarks about each choir's performances. The commentators this year are Dr. James Bass, Western Michigan University's Director of Choral Studies, Dr. Jill Burleson, Ball State University's Assistant Director of Choral Activities, and Dr. Eric Johnson, Northern Illinois University's Associate Professor of Music and Coordinator of Ensembles.

Each choir will perform three or four different songs. After each has finished, one of the judges will instruct them on stage for 15 to 20 minutes.

"Every choir gets to have the chance to have this sort of clinic with one of the commentators," Menk said. "Then the other two commentators give them written comments. The three commentators rotate all day so we're watching different people on stage do the actual clinic."

The choirs are chosen on a first come first serve basis. Each choir must fill out an application in order to be accepted into the event.

"This year I have a waiting list of six or seven more choirs that would like to come," Menk said.

Menk created the Festival because, "there are a lot of festivals out there for mixed choirs. But at the time I started this, they didn't have any that were just for high school girls' choirs. This seems the most logical place to have it at this women's college. We are really centrally located."

During the Festival, five choirs will perform each morning, and five in the afternoon. At noon, Saint Mary's own women's choir will perform.

"That's supposed to be sort of a highlight of the Festival. The idea is that we are a good model of what a good women's choir can do, the kind of repertoire that we can sing and the kind of tone quality that we can produce and the kind of musicianship that we can display," Menk said.

The Festival begins at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and will close for the day at 4:30 p.m. It will take place at the same time on Friday. The event is free of charge.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group makes allotments to clubs

Executive Board plans to meet with treasurers of organizations

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Mo Weaver, Board of Governance (BOG) treasurer, announced that allotments were decided and handed out to clubs and organizations at Saint Mary's during Wednesday's meeting.

The Executive Board worked late into the night in order to choose how the allotments would be given out. BOG advisor Patrick Daniel, Director of Student Involvement said.

"They took a lot of time to make sure that those that should have received money received money," Menk said.

The Executive Board will be meeting with the treasurers of each group receiving money in order to explain how the allotments work. BOG also discussed an open forum being held today in order to address concerns about food service. The forum will be held in the Student Center Lounge at 5 p.m., Catherine Meadors, Student Services commissioner said.

Barry Bowles, General Manager of Sodexo at the College, will be attending the forum in order to take questions and suggestions from the students about the food in the dining hall.

"I know a lot of people have concerns so if you have concerns, please just come. He is more than willing to answer questions," Meadors said.

In other BOG news:

- The Senior Class Board is hosting the "Welcome to the Jungle" dance on Dec. 4 from 8 to 11 p.m. in Haggar Parlor. Jenny Antonelli, president of Class of 2009. Tickets are $5 and the dance is open to all classes.

It's just like a fun couple hours on a Thursday night," Antonelli said.

- Saint Mary's students put together and sent more than 2,500 letters to troops in Afghanistan, student body president Mickey Grucisinski said.

Student Diversity Board (SDB) will be hosting "Sugar Makes the World Go Round" on Dec. 2 in the Student Center Lounge at 6:30 p.m. Adriana Rodriguez, president of SDB said.

"It will be different snack foods from countries all over the world," Rodriguez said. Different clubs and organizations from the Modern Language and Intercultural Studies departments will be making the desserts and SDB will be providing beverages.

- In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Multicultural Services, Anthropology department, and the Anthropology club have been holding events to raise awareness about the culture said Rodriguez.

The final event will be a panel discussion on Current Issues facing Native Americans from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Vander Vennet Lounge on Nov. 24.

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that he has seen more concentration of large, single family homes east of campus, including properties in a six-block area on Orient Avenue. One, Toppel said between 15 and 20 homes have been taken for that use. "The unfortunate side of these issues is that students are going to unregulated people, and are not "Monopoly. We can't really offer that about regulations, while others choose to blatantly violate them. "I've had more parents be blatant about it than students," Toppel said. When landlords - or landladies - purchase homes, Toppel said he instructs real estate agencies and developers to search prospective buyers of the code. "We do make sure that we the prospective buyer know that it is a St. Joseph County ordinance that you cannot have more than two unrelated people in a residence," DeCola said. "When she said that agents make the code known, there are often cases where "there are up to 30 students living in of homes that are in violation and homes that are legally allowed to have students living in them. Many of the homes rented by well-known rental companies in South Bend, as well as homes that are in violation, explained. "I would suggest they look somewhere else before they put themselves in that position," Toppel said. Lyons said students should investigate prior to renting or purchasing is properly zoned, especially if they plan to have more than two people living in the home. "They should look into the risks they take when moving off campus to a single family home. "I would suggest that at least two of them are zoned single family and are not grandfamily and are not grandfa- ly.

When the current zoning code was adopted in 2004, though, it restricted the number of unregulated people who may live in a property zoned single family. People can be legally related by blood, marriage or adop- tion, Lyons said. "If you have two students in a single family home, that's the maximum you can have, because they're unregulated," Lyons said. "There are exceptions to this code," Toppel said. When the current zoning code was adopted in 2004, some of the homes that were occupied by more than two unrelated people were being utilized. "If we can prove you've con- sistently used it for that use the past more than two years, the code allows us to con- tinue to use it" with more than two students, Lyons said. Lyons said that the homes students are currently living in of homes that are deemed "legal" are homes that are in violation and homes that are legally allowed to have students living in them. Many of the homes rented by well-known rental companies in South Bend, as well as homes that are in violation, explained. "I will not rent a house if it's not zoned correctly," Kramer said. While Kramer does rent properties that are zoned single family and are not grandfa- mily, "we never put more than two students in the house," he said. Home purchases, new rental increase violations Still, Toppel said some landlords renting to grandchildren single family homes to more than two students. In addition, many of the new violations come from homes that are purchased by the stu- dents themselves or their fami- lies, Toppel said. "Housing is rather reason- able in South Bend and it's somewhat more affordable to purchase a house, and have the student bring [roommates] to make the mortgage," the broker said. Toppel said violations arise from both ignorance about regulations as well as blatant violations in the more serious cases. The property owner - whether it is the resident or a landlord - can be cited for knowing and abiding by the code. "In my opinion, most of the time, students aren't aware," Toppel said. When parents purchase homes, some do not know

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Media leaders criticize journalist ban

WASHINGTON — Leaders of the world's biggest media organizations filed a protest with Israel's prime minister Wednesday urging the government's decision to ban journalists from entering the Gaza Strip for the last two weeks.

The protest was the latest in a chorus of international criticism of Israel's Gaza closure, tightened after a five-day attack began unraveling about two weeks ago in a flurry of Israeli airstrikes against militants and Palestinian rocket barrages targeting Israeli towns.

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Unlike many other universities that are now facing difficulties completing their construction projects, Affleck-Graves said Notre Dame only begins construction when it has received all of the money necessary for the project. "Our policy is that we cannot begin construction of buildings until we have 100 percent of the money pledged from donors. We have to have 75 percent cash in hand, and the remaining 25 percent needs to be in within five years," he said.

While current construction projects, such as Ryan Hall and the addition to the Law School, will be completed, Affleck-Graves said plans for a new student center, two new dorms and a social science building will probably have to be put on hold.

"There's a lot of other building

that we want to do on campus but we won't do them until we get the funding for them," he said. "So, in a sense, we are slowing down just to the extent that we don't get people to provide the funding." All four of the buildings are part of the administration's plans for the development of the campus, and Affleck-Graves said they had already planned out where the new structures would be placed.

"We have three marks on campus for where new buildings can go. We haven't decided what those buildings will be," he said. "For instance, the social science building is slated to go just south of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. We know that the two new dorms are slated to go on old Juniper, just east of Pequot Hall, East and Knoll. We know the student activity center is slated to go just east of the Stopen Center.

Affleck-Graves said it would probably be a few years before the school can raise enough funds from its donors to begin those projects. "I think everybody knows that funding is going to be much tighter in the next few years. The economy is not in good shape; the financial markets are still in some disarray," he said. "We're reliant on the donors to provide the funding." However, Affleck-Graves said the absence of these buildings would not have a significant impact on the University.

"At the moment we are operating the University without those buildings and we will continue to do so," he said.

Affleck-Graves said the University would have to be more conservative in purchasing, which would include cuts in travel expenses and computer and equipment upgrades. "I think parts of our operations will have to look at cost savings across the University, maybe in some of our purchasing," he said. "At the moment we’re pretty well positioned to handle most other things.

Moreover, Affleck-Graves said the endowment would remain strong throughout the recession. He said the endowment would probably shrink over the next couple of years because it is heavily invested in market-related securities, but it is important to remember the endowment had grown rapidly over the past four years.

"The endowment will always fluctuate because it is invested in a lot of market-related securities, and so certainly the endowment will go down," he said. "But it has also gone up dramatically in the last four years, so it fluctuates with the market.

However, Affleck-Graves said the University would continue to extract the same amount of money from the endowment each year as they had previously. "We don’t like to pay out a fixed percentage of the endowment each year," he said. "We like to pay out a specific dollar amount so we’ll always have the same amount of cash coming out of the endowment."

Affleck-Graves credited his predecessors for establishing the University's conservative policies that will help steer the school through the recession.

"I think the people who led the University’s financial system before me — Fr. Ned Joyce and Fr. Tim Scully — did such a wonderful job of creating a financial discipline in the University that has always allowed us to be cautious of over-spending in good times and that is providing us now with a great reserve so we don’t have to impact our operations too much," he said.

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individual presentation, three University professors serving as judges give their insights on the information presented and the team's performance.

"Additional interest will be educational and give the audience insight on these companies, it is intended to be a very fun and lively event with a sports theme, audience participation, free pizza and drinks, an encore and more," Kray said.

While the event is educational for the participants, it is also informative to the audience as well, Kray said.

"It teaches the audience about several highly successful and innovative companies, as well as how they can relate to them," Kray said. "Students can learn about the companies being presented and learn how to relate their successes in their own lives. They also learn innovative and creative ways of performing presentations."

At the end of each presentation, the teams discussed how their particular company's ideals can apply and be implemented into the average student's life. All three teams informed the audience to remain true to their ideals when setting goals and to always retain integrity in everything that they do.

After all the presentations had been given, audience members were given a ballot to vote which presentation they thought had been the best overall. The audience was asked to judge each group based on the presentation of the material, creativity and the relevancy of the presentation. The audience accounted for 50 percent of the vote, and the judges the other 20.

At the end of the competition, team Vitoz was declared the winner of the Case Study Bowl. "The Entrepreneurship Society is not just another nerdy academic club," Kray said. "We wish to hold events that are useful for entrepreneurship and creative thinking but that are also fun and informative."

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In Brief

Earmarking may come from Obama's Senate, but limits are likely for fiercely lobbying over the Senate Appropriations Committee and funneling billions to their home states. But while Sens. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., and Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, will no longer be leading the panel, the congressional habit of doling out earmarks is unlikely to change.

If anything, the biggest challenge to "earmarking" is not for specific projects — pondered as pork by critics but considered hometown boons by defenders — may come from President-elect Barack Obama, who has said he will pare such expenditures to their "absolute minimum".

For now, however, with the federal emergency loan plan stalled in the Senate, lawmakers in both parties are engaged in a high-stakes game of chicken, positioning themselves to blame each other for the failure.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., scrapped plans Wednesday for a vote on a bill to carve $25 billion in new auto industry loans out of the $700 billion Wall Street rescue fund. It's really up to Bush's team to act, said Bush.

"If GM is telling us the truth, they go into bankruptcy and we see a cascade like you have never seen," said Sen. George V. Voinovich, R-Ohio, who was working on one rescue plan Wednesday. "I know people want to go home and not do anything. I think that's going to be a problem with American hands."

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When I was in Boston the other week-end, my taxi driver kept correcting my pronunciation of my alma mater. “We’re going to the Boston College-Notre Dame football game,” I explained. “Notre Dame…”

“Ouii…” “He joined his thumb and index finger on his right hand and shook it.” “Knowtre Dahm.” I laughed to be polite. “Yeah, but we’re from Indiana, so we’re allowed to say Notre Dame.”

“She’s got a cow, knowing full well that the answer had to be yes.”

“You go there and you still say ‘Notre Dame’? What are you, Stupid?”

My always-supportive first cousin chimed in from the seat next to me. “Oui, monsieur.”

“Oh out… It’s Knowtre Dahm — don’t give me this ‘Notre Dame.’” He took his hand off the steering wheel to form mask quotation marks.

“Knowtre Daahhshhhlmm — he said — they’re never drawn out, as if it were a foreigner in Paris who only needed my car driver’s patience to help me pick up the local language.

I shorned him on the tip when we reached the stadium. Of course, in the end, he may have been right, as we played like we were French.

Sure makes the near-collision against a military academy this Saturday seem appropriate, eh?

Watching TV and reading online, you’d think that Charlie has lost more popularity than Dulby over the past two years. Apparently somewhere — probably in the Toronto, Ont., suburbs of Chicago or the forums of ND Nation — a nebulous mob of abortive fans is foaming at their collective mouth.

Last week, “Weis” and “hot seat” were frequent bedfellows. “Weis Saves Job, at Least for a Moment,” read one headline this Sunday, as if another completed bomb would have immediately decimated Paris. During the game, Steve Beuerlein asked a rambling question about the state of the program to Jack Swarbrick, who did himself no favors by expounding at length about the state of the women’s soccer program.

It’s a wonder I haven’t seen the pity-filled chompy-likes-of “Why Irish Eyes Aren’t Smiling” and “Fuck of the Irish.”

But two years ago, that foaming mouth was salivating. Heck, two months ago, that mouth was salivating. And that’s why the calls for Charlie’s head are absurd and, more importantly, embarrassing.

Just that people are bashing on Charlie Weis now. It’s how quickly they leap onto the bandwagon and how quickly they’re leaping off. People outside Notre Dame will use Charlie’s contract extension as evidence, and appropriately so. But it’s more fundamental than that.

Four years ago, the third quarter ended and the hero worship began in the student section as the 1812 Overture played. Everybody formed their W’s and chanted “Charlie.” Now, it’s not unusual to hear a few “Los” in there, from kids who are cooler than me. Others sit. Most still chant — but it isn’t the same. Our hero has been impregnated.

Five games into the season, we’re excited about impending BCS championships, eight games in, we want to overhaul the whole machine. 2005, we’re well on the way to a Charlie Weis dynasty; 2008, we’re well on our way to a Jon Gruden … or Brian Kelly … or, yes, Skip Holtz dynasty. Maybe George O’Leary is available?

The time coming, you’d think Al Davis was a prominent alum. It’s not that we should still worship Charlie. It’s that we never should have.

But now, we’re only compensating our mistake by flipping on him so quickly. Temperance is still a virtue, even at an Irish school.

And measuring it temporarily — weighing the whole of this year versus the whole of last year — the discussion about Charlie seems silly. We are trend¬ing up. The women’s soccer emphasis aside, Jack Swarbrick is right. Last week, he said a reporter, “I would tell them I am very pleased with the progress we have made this year and that we are moving in the right direction, that we’re going to be even better next year, and that I would hope we would move forward well.”

Anybody can recognize how different this team is than last year’s. How much more promise we have. Our freshman and sophomores take the field and play with other schools’ juniors and seniors. Michael Floyd, the bruthas out … It’s Knowtre Dahm— don’t mess with his French.

But we’re not too far off. If we’re playing like this next year, we’ll talk. But for now, nebulous mob of foaming alumni, cut it out. Temper yourself a bit. You’re embarrassing us all.

But the very least, the knowledge of a better future is why we’re still Notre Dame, and not Knowtre Dahm.

Andrew Nesl is a senior American Studies major from Fairfield, Connecticut. He can’t believe that a broken switch on the popcorn machine in CoMo has shut down popcorn production for the last three weeks. He hopes that, in addition to fixing the popcorn problem, Campus Ministry subtracts this painful four from the normal 40 days without popcon in the Spring. He can be reached at awesometd@nd.edu.

The errors expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Dear Melissa Buddie,

I was horrified in my recent letter to the Observer, that you were actively considering ways of getting back at the men you’ve jilted (who I prefer to think of as “fun- hook-ups,” or even a random hook-up). I am writing to try to persuade you that a random hook-up, or even a crank-call or some other form of harassment, is as wrong as it is as wrong as it is unforgivable. And as it is unforgivable, I don’t think you should even think of making one.

Essentially, I think your relationship with the men you’ve jilted is as important as your relationship with the men you’ve jilted. And as it is important, I believe you should make every effort to mend your relationship with them.

First, I think you should try to make contact with them again. It may seem like a difficult task, but I believe you should make every effort to reach out to them.

Second, I think you should try to apologize for your behavior. It may seem like a difficult task, but I believe you should make every effort to apologize for your behavior.

Finally, I think you should try to mend your relationship with them. It may seem like a difficult task, but I believe you should make every effort to mend your relationship with them.

In conclusion, I believe you should make every effort to mend your relationship with the men you’ve jilted. I believe you should make every effort to apologize for your behavior, and I believe you should make every effort to mend your relationship with them.

Sincerely,

The Love Doctor
Tonight and tomorrow, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will host one of Buenos Aires’ hottest exports: the spirited, passionate dancers of Tango Fire. The act, which features five dancing couples performing alongside with the Quatrotango Orchestra, is a pulse-pounding, music-thumping night of Latin entertainment that should not be missed.

"Everything may be beautiful at the ballet, but at Tango Fire, everything is smoldering," says a recent review in EDGE Philadelphia posted on the official Tango Fire Web site. Departing from other touring dance spectacles, such as “Riverdance” or similar phenomena, Tango Fire features a variety of reinterpretations of the title dance itself, the tango. Traditional moves are accented by a theatrical flair, resulting in a show that’s bound to captivate and surprise.

The troupe also takes audiences through a history of the dance’s evolution; earlier portions of the performance will often focus on "Milonga," a 19th century country-dance that began in Buenos Aires. The stage setting of this portion is a "Café del Tango," complete with café tables and lamps. More modern variations of the tango are featured in the later portions of the group’s shows, incorporating impressive lifts and quickly paced moves into the rhythms of the dance. The performers dress to the nines, with glamorous gowns for the women and fedoras and suits for the men.

Choreographers Yanina Fajar and Nelson Celis have organized an impressive troupe of dancers for Tango Fire, divided into traditional male-female partners. One couple, husband and wife pair Mauricio Celis and Ines Cuesta, have performed in Tango houses across South America and Europe, including those in Brazil, Italy and Peru. Another pair, German Cornejo and Carolina Giannini, have been studying the dance since they were teenagers, and have performed all over the Argentinean capital.

Of course, Tango Fire would simply be a troupe of dancers without the smooth performances of their main vocalist, Javier "Dardenal" Dominguez. Dominguez, a native of Buenos Aires, began a singing career at age 26 and has also made the rounds among the most famous tango houses in Argentina. The accompanying band also includes violinist Marcelo Rebuffi, pianist Gabriel Clenar, bass player Gerardo Scaglione and Hugo Satorre, who plays a traditional instrument called the bandoneon. The soundtrack of Argentinean music keeps the mood energetic and lively.

"I don’t think I will ever get sick of the Tango," Christian Miflo, one of the featured dancers in Tango Fire, told the Australian newspaper The Daily Telegraph in a recent interview. "I will still be dancing it when I’m old." From the sound of Tango Fire, this passion for dancing comes across the stage and invigorates the audience. Each couple approaches the dance differently, ranging from the more formal stylistics of Fajar and Celis, who perform in addition to choreographing the act, to more romantic interpretations by other couples in the show.

Tango Fire is appearing at the Performing Arts Center courtesy of their Visiting Artist Series. Performances begin tonight and tomorrow night at 7 p.m. Tickets cost $48 for general admission, $38 for faculty and staff, $36 for seniors and $15 for students. For more information about the performance, visit performingarts.nd.edu. Fans can also visit the company’s official Web site, www.tango-fire.com, for video, biographies of company members and more.

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Winter seemed especially diabolical this year. It struck in, teasing all of us on campus with the occasional warm day, even as the temperatures slowly dropped and those dark clouds rolled in. Tuesday’s snow seems to announce that it is finally here in full force. But don’t let those cold winds and gray days get you down. Here are a couple of ways to fend off that winter depression over the next few months here in South Bend.

1. Pretend you’re a kid again. Surviving a Notre Dame winter is all about attitude, and the easiest way to keep your chin up is to remember when every walk through that winter wonderland invoked images of sledding and snow days. We don’t get many snow days anymore, but it is worth it to try to approach it with joy. Reopen your eyes to how beautiful — and how much fun — all that snow and ice can be. Here’s a hint: the hill between Bronson and Lewis is great for sledding.

2. Stay healthy. Eat well, exercise, and drink a lot of water. As the temperatures drop, we try to stay inside, eat lots of heavy foods and don’t have the advantage of high temperatures to remind us when to head to the tap. Keep yourself in shape and you’ll feel better throughout the season. Remember, if you bundle up properly, are careful with ice, and don’t go out when it is too cold, you’ll be perfectly fine going outside to exercise.

3. Really enjoy your coffee and tea. You’ve probably been drinking it all semester just for the caffeine kick, but now that it’s cold outside, it’s time to get back into the habit. Don’t let winter win! Put on a scarf around your neck, and take a romp — never a trudge — through the snow.

4. Invest in some fun hats, scarves, and gloves. The view expressed in Scene and Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer. Contact Michelle Fordice at mfordice@nd.edu.

Dining Hall Dish

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

It's getting cold outside. If we didn't need to eat, I'm sure a lot of us might pick staying inside over braving the snow-drifts to get to North and South. Alas, we must persevere. Here are two entrees that might make the journey to your favorite dining hall feel a little more worth it.

This week's recipes:

Meatball Sub

The dining hall puts out meatballs for pasta quite often, so why not put them to use in this classic, warm and goey sandwich? It is great served with a salad. Thanks to Megan Cafferillo for inspiring this recipe.

Pick up a long roll and two slices of provolone cheese.

If you are in South, sprinkle parmesan cheese and Italian seasoning from the spice rack onto the inside of both sides of bread. Place a slice of provolone cheese on top of that on each side. Lay the bread flat and run it though the toaster by the Panini presses. If you are in North, toast the bread, then sprinkle parmesan cheese onto the insides of both sides of bread and cover with provolone. Zap it in the microwave for the cheese to melt. Place on the roll and add a layer of meatballs. Top with marinara sauce.

Ranch Dressing and Chicken Pasta

This dish is apparently a tradition of the Notre Dame Hockey team before each game. Now, before you run away from the odd idea of using ranch dressing on top of pasta, give the idea a try. Of course, you may feel like you need to play a hockey game by the time you finish eating it! Serve it with a garden style salad with a light vinegar based dressing. Thanks to Chris Hall for inspiring this recipe.

Fill a bowl with short pasta. Cut up a chicken breast and mix it into the pasta. Drizzle ranch dressing over the pasta and chicken and mix. Heat in the microwave for less than a minute to warm up the dressing. Sprinkle on some black pepper. Want some variations?

Before you beat the dish, try mixing in broccoli and sliced mushrooms. If you want to give it a bit of a kick, add in a little hot sauce along with the ranch dressing.

Quick Tip

Figupe out which section of the dining hall you visit the least and head in that direction. Haven't made a waffle since the novelty wore off? Have one for dinner. Skip over the offerings of the Mexican bar most days? Make yourself a good taco salad. Varying your routine will prevent you from tiring of the dining hall too quickly.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.
Assistant: **Reynolds, Fisher lead ‘Nova past Niagara**

Michigan State survives IPFW behind late 13-0 run; Wake finds offensive stride in blowout win over UNC-Wilmington

Villanova guard Corey Fisher, right, drives to the basket against Niagara guard Kamaud Gordon during Villanova's 77-62 victory on Wednesday night.

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Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, left, head coach Wade Phillips and vice president Stephen Jones, right, look on during practice Wednesday at Dallas' training facility.

Goodell conditionally reinstates Pacman

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The NFL is giving Adam "Pacman" Jones another chance.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Wednesday the suspended cornerback has been reinstated by league commissioner Roger Goodell, but he must miss two more games — this Sunday and the following game on Thanksgiving. He'll be back Dec. 7 at Pittsburgh.

"He much appreciates the Cowboys and Jerry Jones for standing behind him and encouraging him, and he's grateful to the commissioner," said Warrick Robinson, Adam Jones' Nashville-based attorney. "Jerry Jones would not reveal any conditions the commissioner may have imposed and the league office said it would not have any immediate comment. However, Robinson, said, "He knows what he has to do. It's very clear."

"He's a long way, a long way from having clear sailing," Jerry Jones said.

Adam Jones was suspended from the entire 2007 season because of multiple incidents while with the Tennessee Titans. Over the offseason, he was traded to Dallas and then given another chance by Goodell. The Cowboys gave him a security team to help keep him in line, but on Oct. 7, Jones got into an alcohol-related scuffle with one of the bodyguards during a private party at a Dallas hotel.

Jones spent part of his time away undergoing alcohol rehabilitation. "He has demonstrated something very important to all of us," Jerry Jones said. "It also will be up to Pacman to police himself. The Cowboys will no longer be providing bodyguards. It all starts with him and his decision-making," Robinson said. "He's comfortable making decisions for himself."

Robinson said the alcohol therapy was "something he needed to do."

"The real issue was more than allegations of an incident at a Dallas hotel," Robinson said. "There were personal issues that, until addressed, there was a likelihood of another incident occurring."

Jerry Jones said Adam Jones can have "limited participation" this week, but would not be part of full-squad practices or conditioning. He can return to practice Monday.

Goodell suspended Adam Jones indefinitely on Oct. 14, saying he'd put a timeframe on it after the cornerback missed at least four games. This decision means it will be a six-game suspension. Jones also missed the entire 2007 season. By the time he returns, he will have been

**In Brief**

Graham placed on IR, finished for the season

TAMPA, Fla. — With leading rusher Earnest Graham out for the season, the Tampa Bay Buccanners will lean more on Warrick Dunn.

Graham limped off the field with a right ankle sprain after his only carry during last week's victory over Minnesota and was placed on injured reserve Wednesday. That means a greater role in the offense for the 33-year-old Dunn.

"I expect to play a lot more. But at the same time, we have other guys who can come in and make plays," Dunn said. "I'm just going to do my part to help us move the chains, score touchdowns and win games."

Graham entered last season as the third-string tailback, but wound up playing a major role in Tampa Bay winning the NFC South because of injuries to Carnell "Cadillac" Williams and Michael Pittman.

Vikings' Allen fined heavily, won't be suspended

DENVER, Tenn. — Minnesota Vikings defensive end Jared Allen has been fined $25,000 for a recent spate of late hits, but he won't be suspended.

He's not planning to reduce his aggressiveness, either.

After his summons to NFL headquarters in New York on Tuesday, Allen returned to Winter Park to continue resting and rehabilitating his sprained right shoulder. He vowed his approach to pass rushing would not change, even though he's been fined a total of $80,000 this season — over three separate levies — for what the league has deemed unacceptable contact during games.

"Not at all. I will play football the way I play football, and that's the way it is," Allen said after Sunday's practice, in which he did not participate due to his injury. "I'm not a dirty player. I never have been. I play hard football, and that's the bottom line."

UNC's Zeller out for season with broken left wrist

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Top-ranked North Carolina's unmatched depth just got a little thinner.

The school said freshman 7-foot Tyler Zeller will likely miss the rest of the season with a broken left wrist. Zeller started the first two games in place of injured star Tyler Hansbrough, was injured after taking a hard foul by Ramon Harris in transition after a turnover. He fell to the ground under the basket and got up holding his wrist before heading to the locker room with 1:26 left and
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whole game," Evansville coach
Mary Murphy said. "That led to
31 turnovers, and that led to the
final score."
McGraw said the team's
defense had not peaked, but that
the turnovers were a good sign.
"I'm pretty happy with our
assist-to-turnover ratio," McGraw
said.
What bothered McGraw, she
said, was the rebounding.
Evansville (1-1) out-rebounded
Notre Dame 42-36. "Rebounding was a big disap-
pointment. Coming off the LSU
game and out-rebounding a
very athletic team and then
coming in here tonight and allowing
ourselves to get out-rebounded,
McGraw said. "Evansville out-
worked us. They played hard, they
put on the boards, they did
everything they needed to do."

Bruszewski shot 7-for-9 from
the field and hit two 3-pointers
in the first minutes of the game.
These two attempts equalled her
two tries from behind the arc
last season, when she went 1-
for-2. "I was hitting them
in warm-ups, so I thought
today would be a good day to try.

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach
Bruszewski said.
Bruszewski's 3's came right
before a 19-5 run that gave Notre
Dame a 27-10 lead with 12:34
left in the first half. Turnovers
and fast breaks accounted for
many of the points scored in the
run. Barlow
said the turnovers fueled the fast
break. "If you can get up
turnovers and turn it
into quick layups with-
out having to set up an
offense, that's what we like to
do," Barlow
said. Thanks in part to a
couple buckets from Lechlitner,
Notre Dame went on a 12-4 scor-
ing run late in the first half to
make the score 42-20 with 5:57
to go.

Evansville struggled to shoot in
the first half, making only 35 per-
cent of its field goals. The Aces
finished the game 6-for-18 from
3-point range, something
McGraw said wasn't thrilled
about. "Playing all man-to-man,
I thought to give up 18 attempts
was a little more than we wanted," she said.
Bruszewski continued to score
in the second half. She made two
free throws just into the half,
then made a jumper and a layup
to put the Irish ahead by 19.
Aces forward Anaris Nickles
scored eight of her 10 points
in the second half, six of them
from 3-point and three foul shots.
Barlow started hitting 3-point-
ers in the second half. She went
6-for-1 in the first half, but made
three after the break, including
one right after she entered the
game to put Notre Dame ahead
71-47 with 9:22 remaining.

"You just gotta get repetitions
at it, and that's exactly what I
did," she said. I came into the
game and shot multiple times. As
long as I step into my shot, it's
alright.
Mallory had a career-high six
assists in the game and did not
commit a turnover. This was
Mallory's first game of the season
— she was suspended from the
LSU game because of an incident
at an off-campus party.
Guards Ashley Austin and
Ashlee Barrett both scored
10 points for the Aces, and Nickles
led the team with seven
rebounds. McGraw sees the
potential in the defense, she said,
but the team needs to work to get
there.
"I think we came off the LSU
game thinking we can be a great
defensive team, and we still can
be, but we've got a lot of work to
do before we can be a great
defensive team."

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took over the announcing duties for the home meet against Purdue on Oct. 8 when the normal announcer, former Irish swimmer Louis Cavolini, was unable to do it.

"Coach told the team that I was going to be the 'Voice of the Irish' for the meet," Koppel joked.

Koppel's injury will keep him out of the pool for six to seven months, but that surely isn't going to stop him from staying active with the team, even if it is from the sidelines.

"I really enjoyed announcing at the meet," he said. "I also still go to practice almost every day and try to help out with coaching and other small things that I can do. Even though it's less than I wish I could be doing, I'm glad I'm still able to contribute in some way."

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Running through the rain

Freshman running back Jonas Gray carries the ball in the rain during Notre Dame's 27-21 win over Navy Saturday.

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"meet any weakness you have is going to be exposed because the level of talent there is so high. We've been working since June all the way up to this point."

He said that it is very tough to treat the championships like just another race.

"There's definitely more pressure," he said. "Some people respond really well to it, and some people don't. It's really unique — it's 10k, it's over hill and dale, you have to be prepared for anything. I would argue it's the toughest race in another race.

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Smyth said he hopes to get the front of the pack early in the race, and to stay there.

"I'm going to put myself in a good spot and just hope for the best, run the smartest race that I can," he said. "Once you've put yourself in that position, anything can happen.

"As for the team, I mean, we were the last team to get a berth, so the only way to go from here is up.

This race is also important for Smyth's post-graduate running opportunities.

"You're only as good as your last race when you're looking to run after college," he said. "I'm just trying to make that last race as fast as possible."

Smyth was not always a runner. The cross country coach at his Salt Lake City high school convinced him to join the team as a way to get in shape for basketball, his primary sport at the time.

"The cross country coach was always trying to steal athletes from other sports," Smyth said. "I thought it was a good idea, to get in some good workouts and get ready for basketball season. When I got down there, I realized I was pretty good."

Smyth was a standout runner in high school, winning the Utah state cross-country championships twice. Though he considered schools like Georgetown and Stanford, he said he found Notre Dame to be the best fit both academically and athletically.

He made an impact immediately in 2005, his freshman year, placing well in several races. None was bigger than his 99th place finish at nationals that year. In the last 1,000 meters, Smyth put on a burst of speed to run past 15 competitors and was the fifth Irish runner to cross the finish line, ensuring the team would place third overall.

"I kind of came through in the clutch there, and that was kind of the springboard to the rest of my career," Smyth said. "A lot of people see the individual side of cross country because everyone talks about the frontrunners and whatnot, but it's really a team sport.

"I'd have to say that was my greatest accomplishment." The four-time all-Big East and two time All-American certainly has several accomplishments to pick from, and looks to add one more on Monday.

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and four rebounds in the effort. Shannon was held to 8-of-6 shooting and had five turnovers.

Just because this was the sisters' first official game against each other, it was by no means the first time they had squared off. There was a strong sibling rivalry between the two on their backyard hoops.

Natalie said that her sister usually had the edge in those games and has held her slight advantage.

"She used to always beat me, she was taller ... But it only made me better," the Irish guard said.

Natalie credited those games in the backyard with helping her develop as a player. The most important trait she learned going one-on-one against her taller, older sister was persistence, she said.

"She beat me, day in and day out, and it only made me more competitive. And I think that's why I'm so competitive now. Just maneuvering around bigger people and avoiding under them and being more crafty with the ball," she said.

Both sisters said there was never any serious trash-talking on the court — and that there wouldn't be after their first team game against each other — but that does not mean they were not intense.

"I would always get so mad, so angry. Throw balls at her, curse her — yeah it happened," Natalie said.

Shannon agreed, and has proof of the game's intensity.

"I've got a couple scars from that," she said.

Shannon said that she has seen marked improvement in Natalie's game during her short college career, and that she will develop into a solid player for the Irish.

"I think she's gotten huge leaps with each game that she's played. She had a couple of nice offensive moves in there. I even got a hand on one of her shots and it still went in. I'm just really looking forward to watching her over the next three years," she said.

As Natalie's career is just beginning, Shannon's is starting to come to a close — but will likely end as one of the best ever at Evansville.

After the Notre Dame game, Shannon is 307 points from cracking 1,000 — a reachable feat since she had over 350 points last season. She is also within striking distance of the school's top 10 list in free throws made, rebounds and steals, and is also third all time in blocks with 82 after Wednesday's game.

Since it is Shannon's senior season, the large Novosel contingent sat in the Evansville cheering section in the Joyce Center. The sisters estimated that about 20 family and friends drove to South Bend to watch the game.

"I think they were wearing a little bit of both. They were sitting in my section because I am a senior and they've got more opportunities to see Natalie," Shannon said.

Even though the fans were all in Shannon's corner, their mother remained neutral.

"I think my mom has a combination of all of our colors on her shirt. She said she was going to try to do that," Shannon said.

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would mean increased touches for players like David Grimes, sophomore Duval Kamara and junior Robby Parrish. Parrish had one catch for nine yards after Floyd was sidelined against the Midshipmen.

"I thought Robby Parrish stepped up really nicely on Saturday," Ianello said. "We've played a lot of guys at a lot of different spots in practice to build ourselves in ease someone broke a shoelace during the game and we had to put someone else in."

Ianello also said that at 6-foot-4, 210 pounds, Parris's size helps give Ouasen a big target to look for in Floyd's absence.

Weis said that the receiving corps had suffered injuries earlier in the season and he was not concerned with how they would react.

"Remember when Michael really started playing was at the expense of David Grimes early in the year. So now that we have a healthy David Grimes back, David and Michael are not the same body type and out the same player but certainly lessons the loss," he said.

Grimes was hampered for most of the first half of the season with a back injury. The senior captain appeared to be back at full strength last week when he had three catches for 22 yards.

Both Ianello and Weis said that no new players will be thrown into the mix, eliminating the possibility of other promising true freshmen like Deion Walker or John Goodman seeing some action.

"We would do everything we could not to have that happen at this time," Weis said.

Goodman and Walker have yet to play this season and would be eligible for a fifth year in the future.

Floyd, in the meantime, is doing well with his first real serious injury.

"He's been fine. He's been doing everything the trainer has asked him to do. He's in meetings, he's attentive," Ianello said.

He is expected to be back in practice mid-December which the coaching staff is confident will be enough to rebuild his stamina for a potential bowl game.

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**Smokin’ aces**

Squad picks up win behind scoring efforts from Bruszewski, Barlow

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

When you're hot, you're hot, no matter whether the heat has to carry over from the previous season.

Becca Bruszewski scored a career-high 18 points, Ashley Barlow added 19 and Notre Dame beat Evansville 96-61 Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

This game was the third in the last five, dating back to Notre Dame's 75-62 win over Southern Methodist in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season, that Bruszewski has scored at least 16 points.

"I thought Becca came out and shot the ball well to start the game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Every player scored for Notre Dame, and five Fighting Irish players scored double figures — guards Melissa Lechlitner and Britanny Mallory had 11 and guard Lindsay Schrader had 12. But the Purple Aces' turnovers told the story. Evansville gave Notre Dame (2-0) the ball 31 times.

"We were on our heels the whole time," McGraw said.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Smyth returns to NCAA’s for third time in his career

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

When Patrick Smyth lines up for the start of the NCAA Championships Monday, the view will be familiar one.

This is the senior's fourth trip to Terre Haute, Ind., for the national finals, and his eighth overall run on the course. That includes his fourth place finish at the 2006 Pre-national meet on Oct. 18.

"I’m going to be thinking back to that race, where I could have run smarter, where I could have run stronger, just try to visualize the course and visualize the race," Smyth said.

After winning his second straight regional meet on Saturday, expectations for Smyth are higher than ever. Smyth finished 5th at nationals in 2007 and has been improving ever since. Following Saturday's regional, coach Joe Piane called Smyth "one of the best runners in the country."

Smyth said his elite status is surreal.

"It’s always what I aspired to," he said. "People say these things about me, and it’s unbelievable that that’s whomever I am at."

Smyth said he looks forward to being the veteran presence as the No. 29 Irish men, who are mostly freshmen and sophomores, head to the national meet.

"I’ve been there before and in a lot of different circumstances," Smyth said. "Pretty much what I’ve been telling the guys that at the national meet, you’ve got to make sure you’re comfortable doing what you’re going to do."

**ND SWIMMING**

Koppel to take a new role

By ALEX BARKER and MIKE GOTTIMER
Sports Writers

After tearing his LCL and a muscle in his calf while playing in a pick-up football game, sophomore swimmer PJ Koppel had little hope of making further contributions to the team until next season. That was until Notre Dame coach Tim Welsh came to him with an interesting proposition.

"Coach asked me if I wanted to be the announcer for the next meet," Koppel said. "I thought something like that really makes me feel like a part of the team."

At the request of Welsh, Koppel

**FOOTBALL**

Floyd, B. Smith to miss rest of regular season

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

This Saturday when Notre Dame takes on Syracuse in the final home game of the season, it will be without the services of freshman wide receiver Michael Floyd.

"You try to build your depth so you go through the whole season," Irish receivers coach Rob Ianello said.

Floyd left the field on the third play from scrimmage last Saturday against Navy and did not return. In a press conference Sunday afternoon, Irish coach Charlie Weis said that he, along with sophomore line-

**NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament**

Novosel sisters squared off, Irish guard secures bragging rights with win

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

While Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw was gameplanning for Evansville this week, freshmen guard Natalie Novosel had a much more specific target in mind. For the first time in her career, she would get to square off against her big sister, Shannon.

"There was a lot more talking between us than usual. We saw each other last night. We’re just excited to play each other, it’s a once in a lifetime chance," Natalie said.

While this was the first time the two have played against each other, they have been teammates before, at Lexington Catholic High School in Lexington, Ky. They helped the team win the state championship during Shannon’s senior year of high school.

After Wednesday’s game, Notre Dame secured bragging rights for Natalie, even though she said she’s not sure her sophomore might counteract that.

The Irish won 96-61, with the freshman adding six points.