Lecture discusses off-campus activity

Attorney C.L. Lindsay instructs students on how to organize police-free parties

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Last night, Student Government brought speaker C.L. Lindsay to campus to inform students of underage drinking laws, and to share his legal advice on how to throw a police-free party and what to do if the cops do show up.

Lindsay, the executive director of the Coalition for Student and Academic rights, advised students to take a few key steps in order to throw a police-free party, the most important step being making nice with your neighbors.

The most common reason for the police to show up at parties is because of a noise complaint from the neighbors, Lindsay said. In order to avoid this, students should approach their neighbors and let them know about the party beforehand, he said.

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He also said students should make sure all of their parties are indoors, and if possible, have a few key steps in place to deal with noise. "If the cops do show up, they should have a problem, if there's a problem, tell them to tell you. Don't tell the police," said Lindsay. "Don't ever underestimate the power of a crappy gift, a $5 bottle of wine ... Trust me, it's midnight, it's loud, they're angry. But then they say, 'Oh but that's that nice boy who bought us a box of Franzia.'"

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"Let's Talk" program offers help beyond St. Liam

By KAITLYN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

For students who just want to talk about a problem they are having, but don't know if they need counseling, there are now a room in LaFortune where, once a week, they can consult with a professional from the University Counseling Center.

The sessions, part of a program called "Let's Talk," are free, completely confidential and require no paperwork or appointment, staff psychologist Dr. Megan Brown said.

"We're aware that not all students are comfortable coming to the University Counseling Center or even need counseling, but they may still want to talk to a professional about issues," she said.

The 15-20 minute consultation sessions were inspired by a program of the same name at Cornell University, which shared the information with other colleges, including Notre Dame, at a conference and through e-mails and discussions.

"Notre Dame is the first 'franchise' of the 'Let's Talk' variety," Brown said.

The University Counseling Center hopes the program will expand its resources to students who normally would not see SESSIONS/page 6

Cold not causing delays

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By AARON STEINER
News Writer

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By JENN METZ
News Editor

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Besides the usual du Lac, Wheeland intends the Revue to present new content, featuring some

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Jenkins speaks on Aquinas' legacy

Presentation emphasizes saint's work in unifying communities of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

By SARAH GUNN
News Writer

University President Fr. John Jenkins in a presentation entitled "Faith, Inquiry and Community" discussed the legacy left by St. Thomas Aquinas for Catholic universities. Jenkins gave his presentation to a packed room at the University of Paris, where he was engaged in disputations, Jenkins said.

In these disputations, Aquinas, students and faculty would discuss questions of a given subject and their correlating objections, he said. The sessions of questioning and objecting were followed with analysis where past theologians and great thinkers were utilized for evidence.

This is one thing Jenkins stressed as a great importance in an intellectual community — the communion of past and contemporary thinkers for analysis and disputations. Jenkins said that Aquinas had cold not causing delays

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INSIDE COLUMN

McDonalds or BK?

Free will or fate? God or no God? The Chicken or the Egg? These are all age-old questions that every man must answer before he can call himself a man.

Our modern society has provided us with new questions one must answer to be a man for woman, or, of course, in the 21st century. Not the least among these is the endless debate: McDonald's or Burger King?

A very wise man once told me that the most important questions are those that do have answers, and not one of those questions is second to none in the fast food supremacy, the crown clearly goes to the King.

Toby Keith tunes; the Happy Meal was and still remains a pioneer, and the breakfast selection is second to none in the fast food coating into transparent tissue paper. They are the kind of fries that make the entire board.

In the aftermath of Morgan Spurlock’s “Super Size Me” documentary, the “Jared Fries,” burger joints from coast to coast tried to fat-proof their menus. Words like side salad, veggie wrap, and java macho late started sneaking out of fancy French coffee shops and into drive-thru menus. Words that would make Ronald McDonald or Dave Thomas turn over in their graves.

One place, Burger King, stayed true to their principles and did not set itself apart from the rest. While McDonald’s was dialing down the grease of its deep fryers, Burger King introduced the BK Stacker.

Your choice of up to four beef patties drenched in cheese, bacon and grease that serves as a microcosm of what BK is all about — if you can actually call something that massive “micro.”

The King’s court understands the role they play in the coymose that is the fast-paced and overweight American society. Instead of trying to convince themselves that they were a healthy establishment, they went the complete opposite direction. They told their patrons to man up and they deserve to be saluted for it. If I wanted a salad I would go to Au Bon Pain; when I need a cheeseburger I’m heading to Burger King.

It’s also absurd to dispel the myth that McDonald’s fries are better. On occasion, if you are lucky enough to snag a fresh batch hot on the fryers, you may have a taste delicacy. But more often than not, you are stuck with a soggy mess of potatoes that turn card-bord-like as you reach the bottom. Or it’s all the kind of fries that make the entire state of Idaho shake its head in disgust.

Burger King, on the other hand, is a model of consistency. Almost 10 years ago, in a campaign headed by Mr. Potato Head himself, Burger King changed their fry recipe, and since then they have maintained the right level of crispness and flavor. You may win the fry lotter or at McDonald’s, but the safe bet has to go to Burger King on this one.

Fast food certainly isn’t as pressing as an issue as the economy, our historic new president or getting rid of the Iraq War. But while you are busy sorting through these issues, you know you can count on Burger King to keep you full.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DID YOU MAKE A NEW YEARS’ RESOLUTION? IF SO, HOW’S IT GOING?

Claire Davis
freshman
Farley

“My New Year’s resolution is to make my boyfriend act more human-like. It’s going fabulously... just kidding.”

Michael Kemp
freshman

“To be as perfect as Claire Davis. Obviously, it’s not quite been successful.”

Margaret Helen Wydush
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The diversity reception at the Joyce Center allowed students to network with potential employers and prepare for the winter career fair in a more casual environment.

IN BRIEF

There will be an engineering blood drive today from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Engineering Lounge (2nd floor Cushing Hall) Room 217. Donors may sign up by calling Donna Fecher at 574-631-5432 or by going to the AE office in 365 Fitzpatrick Hall. This event is sponsored by Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honorary Fraternity.

Diavolo will perform Foreign Bodies, an original new work co-commissioned by the University tonight, Friday, and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Declo Mainstage Theatre. Tickets for this event are $40, $32 faculty/staff, $30 seniors, and for $12 all students. They can be purchased online, or by visiting or calling the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

“Le plus beaux des trois,” a play by Eugene Labiche will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Snite Museum of Art. Although the play is in French, an English synopsis will be provided. Tickets are $5 cash only and can be purchased at the Center for the Study of Language and Culture, 59 DeBartolo Hall or at the door.

The film “Happy Go Lucky,” is being played at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Brownlow Cinema in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Purchase tickets at performances@nd.edu or call 574-631-2800.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.

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THE DIVERGENCE OF ASSESSMENT OPTIONS...
Student Senate talks about off-campus safety issues

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said off-campus safety is an important student concern, and he looked to senators for feedback on student government's role in addressing this issue at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

"In terms of going off campus at night, the general consensus, at least among my friends, is that students feel unsafe," Student Outreach committee chair Sarah Rodts said.

Lewin Hall senator Robin Brown agreed, stating that in her personal experience, girls are cautious to venture off campus.

"Some of my girlfriends hesitate to stay off-campus pretty late because if you call the cops, they say it's an hour wait, and then students walk back to campus," she said.

Brown said she knew several girls who have been in the uncomfortable position of having to walk back to campus alone at 4 a.m.

However, several senators said students are willing to go off campus at night, and actually fear the police more than other dangers associated with South Bend.

Siegfried Hall senator Ryan Hawley said he believes most students don't worry about the safety of going off-campus as much as being punished by South Bend police for underage drinking.

"It's the possibility of getting caught," he said. "I think that's most students' number one concern."

Chief executive assistant Karen Koski said student government's role in addressing these concerns so far has primarily been raising student awareness.

"Encouraging students to be proactive about their safety is something that really has been a focus of ours," Koski said.

Koski indicated last night's talk by attorney C.L. Lindsay about students' legal rights off-campus as student government's most recent effort in educating students about off-campus safety.

Schmidt said student government is also looking into creating a Web site that would act as an open forum for students to air grievances and state their concerns about "town-gown" relations and their safety off-campus.

"We are looking more to separate from telling specific stories and have more of a student poll on issues that have been going on," he said.

Another idea that has been broached is implementing a system where students can use prepaid cards to pay for cabs when traveling off-campus. Schmidt said, however, this idea is complicated by the numerous cab companies that operate in South Bend.

Regarding other transportation options, senators asked why Notre Dame does not have its own bus that shuttles students to and from locations off-campus. Schmidt said Notre Dame's non-central locations in South Bend makes a bus system not feasible.

Schmidt said improving student relations with South Bend residents is a step in the right direction to achieving a safe situation for students off-campus.

The off-campus discount booklets, which give discounted prices for students at businesses in town will foster better "town-gown" relations, he said.

"Ultimately, there will be a more established relationship between Notre Dame and South Bend," Schmidt said.

In other Senate news:

◆ Student Senate passed a resolution formally commending the Office of Information Technologies for working with student government to put printers in every dorm on campus.

◆ Student Senate created a steering committee to examine the University's policies for dealing with sexual assault.

◆ Gender Issues committee chair Patrick Tighe said he will participate in a steering committee meeting.

◆ Student body vice president Grant Schmidt said he has spoken with the student government presidents of Northwestern University and Washington University about the Midwest Intercollegiate Council, which will take place late March or early April.

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Build Stronger Relationships with Your Family

Want to better understand your teen?

How about your significant other?

Are you interested in what's going on in their lives but find yourself unable to communicate with them? Or are you just looking for some more family time?

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Life is calling. How far will you go?

Please recycle The Observer
Students work with Uganda schools

By MOLLY MADDEN
New Writer

About a dozen upper-level architecture students have teamed up with non-profit organizations of which Trentor, and are designing and raising money to build a school in Uganda.

"With this project we're acting on the fronts," said Elijah Pearce, a fifth-year architecture student and co-president of the University's involvement in the project. "We're trying to find a way for a school in a underserved area of Uganda, and we're also looking for architects, to see if we can improve the school's design."

The project was conceived last semester when Pearce found out about Building Tomorrow's effort to raise money for another school in Uganda. Pearce attended a talk where the organizing president, George Szalewski, spoke about how the group had raised money to fund past projects in Uganda.

After the talk and spoke with George about possibly teaming up with the architectural institute, Pearce said "George said he thought that it would be a good idea."

After talking to Szalewski, Pearce started working on the project first semester, he said.

"Everything really got underway in September," he said. "George and I spoke over the summer, and then things really got off the table."

On the architecture level of the project, the group of students and architects are working on designing a school that will be both practical and comfortable for the Ugandans.

"We're looking at any and every way to make the school design more comfortable."

They've spent months learning about the country of Uganda and its climate, he said.

"We've done a lot of research on climate in Uganda and have been gathering data about how much it rains, how much of the sun shines brightest in that particular area. This helps us in our designs, we want there windows faces, things like that," he said.

However, the school cannot be built without proper funding and this all comes from money raised by people involved in the project as well as others.

"The organization won't even get off the ground, which is about $40,000, is raised. This makes designing the school a little bit easier because we have to make sure our design is affordable," he added. Luckily, we've been very fortunate to have a dedicated group of students who have been very committed to the fundraising effort, it's always great when more students get involved with the project."

The group's main organized fundraising is the Best Gift Campaign, which allows people to donate money for specific items that will be used in the school.

"There's even an Web site through Building Tomorrow that allows people to purchase these items and even visit the classrooms for the school."

Once the total sum is raised and a site has been selected, it only takes a couple of months of construction until the school is completed. One of the reasons for this short amount of time is the support that the contractors receive from the community in Uganda.

"One of the key aspects to building a community support," Pearce said. "Members of the community come in and perform the unpaid labor voluntarily. They do it for the school, is their community's school."

Working on the project has taught the students a great deal about Uganda as a country, said Pearce.

"This project has been a great educating experience for all of us," he said. "In our research we studied the political structure of Uganda and how this affects the school system, which is now a real eye-opener."

The students have also been given a more realistic view of what life is like for themselves in comparison to the lives living in Uganda.

"This project has taught us what it is like on the ground it's impossible not to see the huge gaps in disparity between where you go to school and where these Ugandans go to school. We didn't have to walk three hours to get there," Pearce said.

Memorial honors SMC workers

Miss held commemorating two community members who passed away recently.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iceland to appoint gay female minister

JERUSALEM — President Barack Obama's new Mideast envoy promised a vigorous push for Israel-Palestinian peace, saying Wednesday that both sides must end weapons smuggling and the territory's blockaded borders must be opened if the cease-fire is to last.

George Mitchell held his first round of talks with regional leaders to determine the next steps the Obama administration would take toward reviving peace negotiations after Israel's blistering military offensive against Gaza's Hamas rulers.

"But a flare-up of violence underscores that it is immediate priority shoring up the 10-day-old cease-fire," said Mitchell, who arrived in Jerusalem after啪 pounding Gaza smuggling tunnels in retaliation for a Palestinian bombing on Tuesday that killed an Israeli soldier.

After talks in Jerusalem with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Mitchell was consolidating the cease-fire as "of critical importance." He said a longer-term truce should be based on "an end to hostilities, reopening of the crossings" into Gaza, Israel and Egypt have kept their borders with Gaza largely closed since the Islamic militant Hamas seized control of the territory in 2007.

But the envoy was silent on details of his meetings, and he has no news conferences planned during his 7-day tour, suggesting he would say little publicly before returning to Washington.

"The United States is committed to vigorously pursuing lasting peace and stability in the region," said Mitchell, who launched his diplomatic earlier Wednesday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo.

He was expected to hold talks with pro-Western Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank on Thursday. Mitchell has no plans to meet with Hamas, which the U.S., Israel and European Union consider a terrorist group.

It would be hard for the cease-fire to hold unless arrangements are made to stop the flow of arms to Hamas and to end the blockade of the coastal territory, which has deepened the deprivation of the 1.4 million Gazans trapped inside. Mitchell said crossings should be opened on the basis of a 2005 agreement brokered by the U.S. that put the main border — between Egypt and Gaza — under the management of Abbas' Palestinian Authority, with European monitors deployed to prevent smuggling.

Hamas, which routed Abbas loyalists when it took over Gaza, has said it also wants a role at the crossing in recognition of its power in Gaza. Israel and Abbas do not want Hamas there. Olmert told Mitchell that Hamas' power in Gaza "must diminish" and Abbas must "gain a foothold there," an Olmert aide said on condition of anonymity because the meeting was closed.

Olmert said crossings between Israel and Gaza "will only open permanently" after the freeing of Sgt. Gilad Schalit, an Israeli soldier captured by Hamas militants in 2006, the aide said. Israel has been trying to negotiate a prisoner swap with Hamas to secure Schalit's release.

In Qatar, Hamas' supreme leader, Khaled Mashaal, said the group would not link the opening of crossings to the release of the Israeli soldier.

"We reject these Israeli conditions. We will not accept them," Mashaal said. Hamas wants Israel to free hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Schalit.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama facing hard choices in wars

WASHINGTON — Emerging from his first Pentagon briefing as president, Barack Obama said Wednesday that his administration faces "difficult decisions" about Iraq and Afghanistan. But the new commander in chief offered no further details about his plans as the U.S. carries on wars in both places.

"Our efforts to continue to go after extremist organizations that would do harm to our homeland is uppermost on our minds," Obama told reporters after spending about two hours at the Defense Department's headquarters.

Obama underscored that troops and their families at home are in harm's way, too. The U.S. military has carried out its mission under "two hours at the Defense Department's head­quarters.

Food safety experts call for testing

LOS ANGELES — Food safety experts called this week for testing of beef from the California farm whose cattle were believed to have been the source of a deadly E. coli outbreak.

"Price is Right" host Bob Barker was among them after the operation of a company hired by a cattle farmer to investigate the case was attacked in Northern California.

experts curious as to last Blagojevich acts

CHICAGO — With Gov. Rod Blagojevich entering what could be his final hours in office, some politicians are watching closely to see whether he attempts some last-minute damage control by shifting state money, issuing executive orders or granting pardons.

"I try never to be surprised anymore by anything he does," said former Gov. Jim Edgar.

The Illinois Senate could vote as early as Thursday on whether to remove the governor by impeachment on charges that include trying to sell Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat for campaign cash or a plum job for himself.

On Wednesday, Blagojevich surprised lawmakers by asking to make a closing statement Thursday at his Illinois Senate trial. Until now, the governor has refused to participate, complaining he was being railroaded.

Until Blagojevich is removed, he retains all the powers of his office, and he has not been shy about wielding them, even after his Dec. 9 arrest on federal corruption charges.

Just weeks after the arrest, Blagojevich picked former Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris for the Senate seat, brazenly defyingscholars and politicians in Illinois and Washington who warned that any such choice would be tainted. After much hand-wringing, the Senate decided to seat Burris.

For his final act, the governor can still spend previously approved state money, issue executive orders, even pardon state prisoners.

However, Blagojevich's pardon powers do not extend to members of his inner circle who have already been charged or convicted in the continuing federal investigation of political corruption in Illinois. The federal government can intervene in state cases only.

Blagojevich spokesman Lucio Guerrero said that anything Blagojevich does will be well within his rights as governor, but that he doesn't plan anything "grandios,"
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signs outside the party. The first striking effect of this was that it was a private party. No one is permitted to enter unless they have been specifically invited. "That's what Lindsay said. The second one should say, "We're inviting you older to drink alcohol," he said.

Off-campus junior Steve DeLaurentis, who attended the lecture, said posters like this are "a lot more common in Notre Dame. You never heard of before," and something that could be useful when throwing off-campus parties.

Lindsay also warned that it is illegal to have an entry fee to get into the party at the party. He added that claim that "charge to charge for a red cup but the alcohol was free will not pass in any court of law.

DeLaurentis added all these suggestions, Lindsay said the police may still show up. If that happens he said no more than two people, who are sober, should be sent outside. "It'll be difficult to move the discussion away from the door and close the door behind them.

The most important rule to remember according to Lindsay, police, though, is "don't be a jerk."

"So many people come out, want to be a hero, and say 'Somebody's a party, I'm going to be right to be hero," said Lindsay, who is one of the best thinking of dealing with the police like taking a test.

"It's never going to open up your bluebook and write, 'Dear Provost, I am going to resign my authority. You can't get me!" said one, Agrarianism.

He also mentioned that if the police ask to search the house, the owner does not have to give their consent. You absolutely have a right to say, "I don't agree to a search," Lindsay said. But if the police insist on searching, you should allow them to do so.

The majority of the lecture was focused on off-campus parties, but Lindsay also mentioned on-campus parties.

"The one thing I can tell you is it really pretty lenient," he said. "Don't complete, don't open the boat. I know that's what you want to hear. But it's not that bad." Lindsay also said that the "Forest City" party, protecting unreasonable search and seizures, only applies to government officials.

"Your resident advisor," your router, they don't have to close the bill of rights because they are part of a private institution.

Police do," Lindsay said. NSPI must abide by the Fourth Amendment, he said.

While DeLaurentis added a contract between students and the University and students therefore need to follow it, he said, but that contract can't override the Fourth Amendment.

Freshman Christi Cebek, who attended the lecture to learn what drinking laws were in Indiana and how they differed from what we've usually had, said most of the lecture didn't apply to her because, "a lot of the stuff was geared towards the people who are 21 and throwing the parties." But she said the lecture was "really informative and he presented it in a way that got people's attention and that was amazing."

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not use them.

"That's our vision here," Brown said. "To be able to make our academic environment more skills more accessible to students."

"Let's Talk" provides support for undergraduate and graduate students dealing with any number of problems. Brown said, "It's not about anxiety and depression to family or problems with relationships."

"Let's Talk" brown can suggest problem-solving options, offer personal advice or resources about or recommended by that would be beneficial.

"That's really what it's all about," Brown said. "Let's find a solution, or let me tell you what counseling is like and how to pursue it."

The "Let's Talk" sessions, which run from 2-4 p.m. every Thursday in the Green Room on the second floor of LaFortune, started Sept. 4. The Cornell staff warned Brown that the first semester they started the program almost one came to the sessions, but Brown said Notre Dame had better luck in its second year.

Fifteen students visited Brown during the first semester, Brown "Let's Talk" hours, 11 of which were unique visitors.

"What we thought was anyone that's having any counseling but feels too shy to talk to somebody would come over to 'Let's Talk', Brown said."

Approximately 1,000 students used the University Counseling Center last academic year, but most students who go to the third floor of Saint Liam Hall are struggling with anxiety or depression or drug use.

"This is a high-achieving university with high-achieving students. Anxiety is a lot of pressure," Brown said. "We're in a situation where we're always looking for 'innovative' ways to be proactive because we've realized students have, by starting to be talking problems we're concerned about." Brown hopes "Let's Talk" sessions will eliminate some of the students in the paperwork to help for problems, including the personal advising that some of the people going to the Counseling Center, the paperwork requirements and the need to make an appointment.

Brown said "Let's Talk" could help the Counseling Center, "Sometimes we set up meetings that were wanted groups, like men, international students, first years, that are not of color, who are statistically more likely to seek out its services."

"Going to 'Let's Talk' is, and it is a lot better than going to Saint Liam, Brown said."

"Let's Talk" takes place on Thursdays during the school year at 2-4 p.m. in the Green Room on the second floor of Saint Liam Hall. Students can go to the reception area of the Office of Multicultural Support Programs and International Activities and ask to see the "Let's Talk" consultant.

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songs that are "a little different from a lot of other songs done." Wheel said the scene show will also feature some "useful" advice.

"There will be some great pipes. We don't tell the audience what they can use in your real life. Wheel said.

When pressed for detail about the show's content, Wheel said, "It's very specific. Away."

"There's a lot of histrionic memory... some very highbrow stuff," he said, sarcastically.

"It's going to be a very funny show -- there is a good mix of material that is specific to Notre Dame and broad humor that pulls up on pop culture references and references from the first 11 years which will be performed Feb. 5-7 at O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's, is still being finalized.

Revue tickets will be distributed between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. each night of the center box office. Wheel said the exact number of tickets available for Notre Dame staff and students depends on the amount left over from the previous night's performance, as well as the number reserved for residents of Keenan to distribute.

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For weather related closings, particularly snow and ice, Brown said, the decision is made by the parking and business operations Jim Lyphout and provost Tim Burck, in consultation.

"Dame Security Police (NDSP) and ground keeping crews, and excluding executive vice associate, John Delkyn, have the responsibility of looking at the conditions, including how well campus roads and paths can be cleared, how well vehicles can be cleared, and the weather forecast.

But, he said, there are no definitive guidelines.

"Every situation is different," he said. "There's a specific snowfall amount, for example. It would depend on a variety of factors -- it might depend on wind, for example, or how fast snowplows can clear the roads."

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"an understanding of the human person, the nature between inquiry and community of what makes a difference, and the works and records of the disputations."

The responsibility of Catholic institutions of education to inculcate the spiritual growth of its students and community was another critical point Jenkins made. "This can be done in many ways according to Jenkins, one being "holding students accountable."

Students, faculty staff and community members were all present at Jenkins discussion. About 20 students from a full class entitled "Aquinas's Search for God and Human Rights" watched a "scripted" viewing material of their own and look at project sheets and "talk to the words "Team Aquinas."

Allison Greene, a junior studying philosophy, was "cool to be here at the lecture." She thought it was important to recognize Aquinas's impact on Catholic colleges and universities "as a reminder of the importance of faith as the bedrock of any education."

"Faithful," Loyie Pugh added. "We've been anticipating this for months," as she described the viewing material as "a Super Bowl-like" hype and time for "teaching and learning together.

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**House passes record stimulus package**

After much prodding by Obama, Senate and House approve $819 billion bill

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — In a swift victory for President Barack Obama, the Democratic-controlled House approved a historically large $819 billion stimulus bill Wednesday night, filled with new spending to fight the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

The vote sent the bill to the Senate, where debate is expected to begin as early as this week on a comparison measure already taking shape. Democratic leaders have pledged to have legislation ready for a House vote by mid-February, with its signature by mid-March.

“A few more days after Inauguration Day, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Tuesday’s events heralded a new era. The ship of state is difficult to turn,” said the California Democrat. “But that is what we must do. That is what President Obama called us to do in his inaugural address.”

With unemployment at its highest level in a quarter-century, the banking industry wobbling despite the infusion of staggering sums of bail-out money and businesses struggling with budget crises, Democratic leaders said the legislation was desperately needed.

“Another week that we delay is another 100,000 or more people unemployed. I don’t think we have the luxury of time,” Pelosi said. “We have a moral obligation to do something.”

The party’s leader, Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, said the measure “won’t create many jobs, but it will create plenty of programs and projects through slow-moving government spending.”

A GOP alternative, compromised almost entirely of tax cuts, was defeated, 266-170, moments before the final vote.

On the final vote, the legislation drew overwhelming support among Democrats while all but a few Republicans opposed it.

The White House-backed legislation includes an estimated $544 billion in federal spending and $275 billion in tax cuts for individuals and businesses.

Included is money for traditional job-creating programs such as highway construction and mass transit projects. But the measure tickets far more for unemployment benefits, health care and food stamp increases designed to aid victims of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Tens of billions of additional dollars would go to the states, which confront the prospect of deep budget cuts of their own. That money marks an attempt to ease the recession’s impact on schools and safety enforcement. With funding for housing weatherization and other provisions, the bill also makes a down payment on Obama’s campaign promise of creating jobs that can reduce the nation’s dependence on foreign oil.

The centerpiece tax cut for workers is for a $600 break for single workers and $1,000 for couples, including those who don’t earn enough to owe federal income taxes.
Blagojevich travels to Illinois for impeachment trial

Governor returns to home state to offer closing argument before the final vote; conviction all but certain

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich will leave Chicago as a governor Thursday morning. He may come home just an average citizen, because I don't think he'll have the state police to take him, joked Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno, R-Lemont.

A buzz swept through the Senate chambers Wednesday when Senate President John Cullerton announced that Blagojevich wanted to speak at the trial, which he has boycotted so far.

"I think it's understandable that the governor wishes to file an appearance to give a closing argument, not to testify or to submit himself to cross-examination," Cullerton of Chicago announced. "Just to give a closing argument."

The prosecution rested its case Wednesday, the third day of an unprecedent trial on whether Blagojevich has abused his power.

A conviction is all but certain Blagojevich presented no defense and virtually the entire Illinois political establishment has turned against him, and the Senate has already impeached Blagojevich.

While Blagojevich faces one of his few friends in the Senate scoffed at the idea of the governor using the statement to announce his resignation. It's just as likely senators will see the Easter Bunny hopping through the Capitol, said Sen. James DeLezio, D-Chicago.

"I think he wants to be heard," DeLezio said.

A Blagojevich spokesman said the governor will not testify.

"Don't think he's going down there to resign, I think he's going down there to explain to the senators," Lucio Guerrero said.

Blagojevich repeatedly has said he won't resign. But he also said he wouldn't take part in the trial.

While the Senate has considered accusations that Blagojevich is corrupt, the governor appeared on one news show after another to proclaim his innocence and declare the trial rigged against him.

"It's a kangaroo court," Blagojevich said Tuesday on Fox News Channel. "My lawyers and I believe that to be part of a process that is a grossly precedent for governors in Illinois and governors across the nation," Cullerton, D-Chicago, said.

But Wednesday afternoon, Blagojevich's acting chief of staff contacted Cullerton's chief of staff to ask that the governor be allowed to make a statement after the trial concludes.

The impeachment prosecutor called his last witness Wednesday and is scheduled to make his closing arguments Thursday morning. Blagojevich could be ousted from office by afternoon.

By making his own closing statement instead of testifying under oath, Blagojevich avoids taking an oath, endangering the impeachment prosecutor. Sen. Dan Cronin, R-Ellinburg, called it "cowardly, but consistent with the way he has governed."

Cullerton, joined by the Senate's top Republican, recommended Blagojevich's unusual request be granted. He said the governor would be given 90 minutes to make a closing statement — in effect, acting as his own attorney.

Ironically, Blagojevich often has talked about how poorly he did in law school, joking that he barely knew where the law library was.

The two-term governor has denied any wrongdoing since being arrested last month on a variety of corruption charges, including scheming to benefit from appointing President Barack Obama's U.S. Senate replacement and demanding campaign contributions in exchange for state services.

No other Illinois governor has been impeached, but alone convicted in a Senate trial.

If Blagojevich is convicted, he will be removed from office and replaced by Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, a fellow Democrat.

Earlier Wednesday, Cullerton challenged Blagojevich to show up and explain himself and objected to the governor's tour of national media.

Blagojevich invites the wiretapped conversations released when he was arrested on federal corruption charges are being taken out of context.

"If he wants to come down here instead of hiding out in New York and having Larry King asking questions instead of the senators, I think he's making a mistake," Cullerton said. "He should come here and answer the questions and provide the context he claims that these statements are being taken out of." The case against Blagojevich, presented by house-appointed prosecutor David Ellis, included audio of secretly recorded conversations in which the governor appears to discuss demanding a campaign contribution in exchange for signing legislation. Senators also heard from an FBI agent who vouched for the accuracy of eye-popping Blagojevich quotes that were included in the criminal complaint against him.

And on Wednesday, senators heard testimony that Blagojevich and his aides agreed to pay $2.6 million for doses of a flu vaccine that they knew couldn't be brought into the country. Auditor General William Holland also testified to a long list of management irregularities under Blagojevich — such as giving a lucrative contract to a company that didn't officially exist.

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The nation's second set of octuplets were born

Associated Press

BELLEFLOWER, Calif. — The nation's second set of five-born octuplets were all breathing on their own Wednesday, 48 hours after a woman gave birth to the surprising bunch in Southern California.

Two of the babies were still receiving supplemental oxygen but were inhaling and exhaling on their own.

"They're doing amazingly well," said Socorro Serrano, spokeswoman for Kaiser Permanente's Bellflower Medical Center, where the babies were born nine weeks premature.

The mother, whose identity remains a secret, had not been able to hold any of the delicate babies — six boys and two girls — who were born weighing between 1 pound, 8 ounces and 3 pounds, 4 ounces. However, she was able to see them in their incubators Tuesday night.

In lieu of names, the babies have been assigned letters A through H, in the order of their birth Monday morning. The babies' incubators were being kept near one another in the same room for bonding, said Miriam Khoury, clinical director of inpatient obstetrical nursing at the hospital.

Four of the babies were receiving tube-feedings of donated breast milk, said Khoury. The stomach of a fifth baby didn't absorb the milk he was given Wednesday and was being fed intravenously, said Khoury. Two of the babies that were receiving milk were also being fed through a tube.

The mother has begun pumping breast milk in anticipation of eight hungry babies, said Serrano.

Doctors were surprised by the birth of the eighth baby, because they were only anticipating seven, said Dr. Harold Henry, one of 46 obstetricians who delivered the babies by cesarean section.

Khoury said the addition of eight babies to the neonatal unit had not stressed the hospital.

"This is history for us, so of course we're happy," said Khoury, who helped coordinate the materials needed for the labor.

Details about how the octuplets were conceived have not been released, but doctors not involved in the delivery believe the mother was likely on fertility treatment.

Dr. Daniel Mishell, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine, recommend carefully monitoring pregnancies involving fertility drugs by ultrasound.

"Octuplets can be dangerous for babies and their mother, and in some cases, may result in lasting health problems. However, in cases where a woman insists on having multiple births, there's a limit to a doctor's role.

"We can't mandate a reduction of pregnancies," Mishell said.

"You can advise them, but you can't mandate them.

The babies were expected to remain hospitalized for several weeks and could face serious developmental delays because of their premature birth.

The nation's first five-born octuplets were born three months prematurely in Houston in 1998. The titliest baby, who was born at 10.3 ounces, died of heart and lung failure a week after being born.

Bates, who represents about 2000 fishermen in Alabama, said there was fear that foreign companies would buy permits to farm fish offshore and then sell the fish at a profit, undercutting U.S. fishermen.

Harlon Pearse, a council member, said farming would create jobs for struggling fishermen. Fisherman, he said, "have been over-regulated to death and we don't have enough wild production because of regulatory problems.

The United States takes in about $10 billion in seafood imports a year and exports only about $2.7 billion, according to data from the Commerce Department. About 80 percent of all seafood consumed in the United States is imported.

Commercial seafood company owner John D. Ericsson favors the plan. He said the United States has fishing rights behind countries like Greece, Norway and Chile, where offshore farming has taken off.

Board member Mike Berry agreed, saying it was time for the United States to "catch up with the rest of the world." Some states do allow fish farming close to shore.

Ericsson said his company, Florida-based BioMarine Technologies Inc., is looking at flounder, in cages that could contain up to 60,000 cobia, also known as king fish in the Northeast, and amberjack. He said it would take about $10 million to set up an offshore fish farm.

"It's a serious business commitment," he said.

Besides creating jobs, fish farming is important for the nation's food security, he said. "Just think if someone was able to wipe out our cows and other land creatures with an anthrax. Where would we get our protein from?"

Supporters of farms estimated that only 2,000 acres of fish farms in the Gulf would match the amount of fish caught every year in the wild, but sport and commercial fishermen lined up against the plan being considered by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, which sets fishing rules.

The offshore farming plan still needs approval by the Commerce Department, which has not taken a position yet. The earliest Commerce could weigh in would be three months from now, after a comment period.

Charter boat fishermen also were opposed, saying it would limit the fishing waters, said Rob Zules II, the executive director of the Conservation Cooperative of Gulf Fishermen.

"They're going to take an area and put their cages there and I can't fish there anymore," Zules said.

Fish farming has so far been limited close to shore, but the U.S. Council would establish sweeping regulation that would open up offshore farming.

Former President George W. Bush's administration pushed for offshore fish farms, but the Bush administration opposed. In 2006 Congress did not give the Commerce Department the authority to establish regulations.

"I don't care who's president," said Avery Bates, vice president Organized Seafood Association of Alabama.

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John D. Ericsson commercial seafood company owner
Over Christmas break, I was afforded the opportunity to spend a few weeks interning in a hospital working on some business projects. I spent some time analyzing and writing a report of the anesthesia department’s revenues and payments, their patient volume, and other measures of productivity and profitability. While the analysis was fairly straightforward, and the report was similarly cut and dry, the implications that followed were murky, opaque, and difficult.

These days, the media seems to divide health care policy into just two camps. On one side is the liberal associated national health care plan, i.e. a Canada or England’s system. This system would entail universal coverage, little or no cost per visit, but also possible problems for choice of treatment or doctor. It could also be quite expensive. On the other is the Conservative associated idea of free market health care, with very little government intervention, and a considerable weakening of the Medicare/Medicaid system. This option points to the necessity of doctor choice, treatment quality, vis-a-vis survival of the best doctors, but also leaves a great many people, possibly as many as 40 million, out of the health care loop.

The one debate that nobody is really right now, however, is the need for a better, more cost effective health care system. Research by the economist David Cutler indicates that only around 17 percent of Americans are currently well served by the health care system. The doctors and administrators gave personal weight to this number within just a few days of my arrival. There are issues with just about every facet of the business of providing health care, which in turn, makes it difficult for doctors to provide easily and effectively the care that people need.

The first morning of the internship I sat in on a meeting my boss, a department administrator, was having with one of his anesthesiologists. Instead of treating patients or working on a difficult case, he had spent the morning scanning through a 100-page plus page audit of their compliance with insurance payers. Then, she had no fewer than four other meetings during which she had to explain particular compliance errors and explain why the department still deserved to be paid. Immediately, I understood why the administrative overhead costs of one patient in America exceed $1000 yearly.

The more I worked the better I could see the problems in health care. The greatest problems, and the reason for so much exorbitant costs, for the doctors and patients are all focused around poorly aligned incentives, economically, not medically speaking! Doctors, doctors, and insurers are all in agreement that a healthy patient is the best outcome. But when it comes to the question of who will pay for it, and for what will they pay, the three groups turn into a Scylla like creature, with every head armed with health care in a different direction.

Patients are most concerned, naturally, with their health and quality of life. For this reason, they will commonly choose the option that will provide the best chance of survival. It’s ideas of the actuarial odd of survival. Sometimes these battles provide great stories of courage and strength, and sometimes they involve spending exorbitant amounts of money to extend a life by days if not hours. Often times, the costs of a particular surgery are not even clearly articulated or acknowledged. While patients and families shouldn’t feel overloaded with costs, for this mentality, the system cannot be improved if the issue is not addressed.

Doctors represent another different business issue. Atul Gawande, a Harvard educated surgeon at Brigham hospital spends an entire chapter of his newest book, Better, pondering the inherent dilemmas in physician pay. Most doctors are clearly concerned with the care of their patients, and with the amount of care they can provide, even to those with little means to pay. And while good intentions go far, there will always be the necessity, as Rod Tidwell would say, to "show me the money." After all, most doctors have endured four to six years of strenuous schooling, beyond the undergraduate years, with six plus years of residency, and are still exposed to 60 plus hour workweeks in a high stress environment. Who would want to go through all of that and not be paid decently, despite best intentions?

The third head of this monster is the health insurance industry, including government insurance programs. They are burdened with the majority of costs of health care, and have to find ways to pass these costs on to the patients. Unfortunately, they are also the only major player that is seriously compelled to turn a profit even while trying to provide insurance. An in-depth analysis of insurance in this country would take pages and pages, but suffice it to say that it is perhaps the most complicated, costly, and interesting problem of the bunch.

That’s also why I will have to leave my discussion on that note. The issue is complicated, and even with a few weeks of observance on my belt, I still probably don’t understand half of the problems with the system. One morning, while I was asking my boss about some of the issues I have noted, he said to me, “You know what Jason, you could stick 10 of the smartest people in the country in a room, and they would solve social security in a few days, but couldn’t solve health care in a lifetime.”

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Good luck, Mr. Daschle

**Quote of the Day**

"Call it a clamp, call it a network, call it a cliche, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whichever you are, you need one!"

Jane Howard

**Quote of the Day**

"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be."

Douglas Adams

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March for life: a fragile journey

Jesus said to his disciples, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed plant you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of garden plants, with such large branches that even the birds of the air can perch in its shade.”

When I think about my own life, and the greatest signs of God’s love in my life, I realize that none of them just descended on me, dropping forcefully out of the sky and into my lap. Rather, they almost all started out as small, precious, even fragile signs. I think of my 2nd grade teacher, Sr. Thomas Edward—she was a registered nurse herself at 4-foot-8. But she also prepared us for Catholic Communion. She was one of the most extraordinary lessons and powerful personal witnesses. A love for the Eucharist is evident in her, for she planted it within us 25 years ago.

My vocation to be a Catholic school teacher, to be a priest—did not drop upon me out of the sky. It was much more tenacious, and up-for-grabs. It took a friend, who knew I was wrenching about trying to find my way after college, telling me that I should apply for a teaching opening at my new high school. It took my girlfriend, who hung out at my St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Manhattan before we went to see Cats (yes, I admit, but I didn’t like it), telling me she thought I’d give a great homily (talk about a daunting challenge). It took a number of nights of holding on to what seemed to be a whispering of a call, until the voice grew stronger and stronger. Even our Church itself began as a small town in Capernaum, gathered at the door to hear a former neighbor suddenly, surprisingly, preaching a new message and God’s love for his life, for, he left his new Church in the hands of a handful of educated workers living in the middle of a desert. The things that have come to represent the greatness of God in my life have almost without exception begun as very small, fragile, precious things.

We see this powerfully in the mystery of the Incarnation. The greatest sign of the presence of God in the world—God’s own Son—came as a little baby, his life hanging by a thread, born in a manger, willed to life by the courage of his own mother Joseph. But if it all comes down to a thread—and God did not choose to seek a more secure way of sending him to us.

Perhaps in all of this, it is one way to understand the Church’s stand on the Right to Life: as a deep realization of how precious and delicate are the greatest signs of God’s Presence in the world. They all seem, they hang by a thread. Like the mustard seed, they’re extremely vulnerable—but if they are cultivated, they become our surest signs of the presence of God. At its best, the object of the Church’s stance on life is not to claim moral superiority, but to bring about a conversion of the heart in our culture so that all may see the preciousness of the lives we come to cherish especially those who are most vulnerable. This includes the vulnerability of young women in crisis pregnancies, who don’t have the support they need to raise a child. It includes the poor and the homeless, who, because it seems they can’t contribute to society, are always at the risk of being ignored by society. It includes the elderly, gentlemen previously mentioned that Ms. Adam’s suggestion of “an insult to this university.” I propose that the only viable solution to this squirrel issue is an administratively coordinated squirrel fight. Each dorm could sponsor their own little “friends” in a campus-wide, bracket-style tournament. This would not only take care of our problem, but it would also be a clean, fun-filled occasion for the whole family. The proceeds from this event could be donated to charity, such as the local animal shelter or the Handsome Community of St. Joseph County.

Having weighed all of the options presented, I humbly submit this proposal for the consideration of the Interhall Ice Hockey here is a joke. Our season starts tomorrow night, and if we do not change the playing conditions tomorrow, next week and for another two weeks. How does this school have the top ranked varsity team in the country and then have such a lackluster quads from squirrels. The stresses of unchecked for too long. A task force or unchecked for too long. A task force or "working the great squirrel quandary present on our campus. The latest submission from Rich Helgeson and Stein suggested that we create a special taskforce of felines trained to specifically target Duke’s squirrel problem.

I say that this proposal would be both irresponsible and downright unintelligent. It is highly likely that these well-trained and highly disciplined cats would dispose of their big-eyed prey quite quickly, leaving us with nothing else to engage our energies. When this happens, who will be our next targets? It is well known that cats are incred­ibly fickle creatures that show little to no loyalty. The loss of our special­ training and experience may give them the confidence to turn on us as prey. Namely, us. Instead of writing about "Our big-eyed bushy-tailed problem," we would be discussing a new "sharp-clawed, lightning-quick problem." This, my friends, is unacceptable.

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By RYAN RAFFIN
Scene Writer

In 2004, Franz Ferdinand released their self-titled debut album to rapturous acclaim and high sales bolstered by the success of hit single “Take Me Out.” A follow-up came in late 2005 with “You Could Have It So Much Better,” which, though an excellent album, did not sell nearly as well. Since then, the group has been operating under the radar, recording songs for movie soundtracks and producing music by other groups. So much so that three years after their last release, where is the group at now?

Can they maintain their standard of excellence? Luckily for fans of the group, the answer is assuredly yes. “Tonight: Franz Ferdinand” is the group’s most dance-centered effort, at times only a degree or two removed from straight-up disco. Make no mistake, this is still Franz Ferdinand, only now with an even more pronounced affinity for dance music. The nods to forebears like the Kinks are mostly gone (except on album closer “Katherine Kiss Me”), replaced with a sleek sheen and dance floor-ready beats.

An early criticism of the album has been that its songs are too similar and sterile. This displays a fundamental misunderstanding of what “Tonight” is trying to accomplish. It’s a party album, so the music needs to keep people moving, hence the music will generally be up-tempo and very dance-oriented. Even within the bounds of dance music, the group experiment, from 8-minute long “Lucid Dreams” to the heavy keyboard use displayed on “Twilight Omens” and “Live Alone.” At 42 minutes, the record is a perfect length, leaving an impact without overstaying its welcome. First single, “Ulysses,” kicks the album off in style, comparing that mythical hero to a party lifestyle: “You’re never going home.” It’s a strong way to begin, settling the tone from the outset. In fact, the overall “are” of the album, if one chose to look at it that way, follows the experience of a party from the beginning of the night to the next morning. It’s not a strict concept album in the traditional sense, but the overriding theme of the record works well.

The midsection of “Tonight” contains the killer one-two punch of “What She Came For” and “Live Alone,” where the guitars hit their hardest on the former and keyboards do the same on the latter. As “What She Came For” with its short-along-chorus gives way to the dance-ready beat that introduces the next track, it becomes clear that the group will never completely cut ties with their guitar-based post-punk roots, no matter how much their sound evolves.

The aforementioned “Lucid Dreams” is a standout song, and defiantly the most ambitious group has ever written. Heavily processed vocals low in the mix, the song segues into a nearly four and a half minute long electronic outro. This sounds like a tempestuous group pull it off well. They’ve always been good at splicing two different song ideas together, even as early as “Take Me Out,” and it works again here.

Many people will be disappointed by this album simply because it’s not the same as their first. However, the experimentation on “Tonight: Franz Ferdinand” shouldn’t deter fans of the group willing to grow. They’ve long threatened to go in a more dance-oriented direction, and if this effort is any indication, doing so was the correct choice.

After years out of the spotlight, the real deal finally returns to remind us what all the hype was for in the first place. In the world of music, going three for three in terms of producing good albums is remarkable, so here’s to hoping Franz Ferdinand can continue their streak in the future.

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Scene Writer

Dia: Greek for “from point to point.” Volo: Latin for “fly.” Diavolo: an abstract dance group under the artistic direction of Jacques Heim who the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be hosting this weekend. They will be performing their new and original work “Foreign Bodies.” The 10-member dance company was founded in Los Angeles in 1992 by Heim, and the company carries more than a dozen works in their repertoire. Diavolo is not just composed of dancers, but also gymnasts and actors that bring a new dimension to the performance. The performers must be extremely athletic. The sets are creative and surreal and add a critical element to the show. Diavolo’s dance routines emphasize both teamwork and individual expression.

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Diavolo will perform a number of separate dances during the show this weekend, all of them contributing to the theme of community and humanity in the modern world. “Foreign Bodies.” The piece that will premiere at Notre Dame, will take the audi­ ence on a journey through mankind’s evolu­tion. The scenery will be constantly shifting and transforming to reflect man’s ever­ changing environment. Next, Diavolo will perform “Tete en LAir,” which is French for “head in the sky.” The theme of this seg­ ment is the isolation people feel with the modern world, and the barrier technology creates resulting from a lack of intimacy with fellow humans. “Knockturne” is a low duct centered on a set of a door. D2A rep­ resents the hardships of war, and the dancers even flip gowns that affect their dancing ability and range of movement. After a twenty minute intermission the company will finish the show with “Trajectoire,” which is set on a 21st Century Gallo­ n. This dance explores the ideas of surviving in a rapidly changing society and competing with destiny.

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Label: Domino
Recommended Tracks: “Lucid Dreams,” “What She Came For” and “Live Alone”

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By MICHELLE FORDICE

Dining Hall Dish

This week's recipes:

**Hash Brown Casserole**

This is basically your average egg breakfast cooked up into a casserole to make it a little more warm and homey.

Layer it all up and enjoy!

1. If you are in North: Head to the make your own eggs bar. Scramble one or two fresh eggs, diced tomatoes, diced white onion and either sausage or bacon. (Feel free to experiment with other ingredients to add into the egg mixture, like green pepper or salsa.) Put into one of the soup bowls.
2. If you are in South (or don't want to spend time at the make your own eggs bar). Mix the pre-made scrambled eggs, diced white onion, diced tomatoes and bacon (or you can slice sausage links) into one of the soup bowls.
3. Top egg mixture with a layer of shredded cheddar cheese.
4. Top with hash browns.
5. Heat in microwave for about a minute and a half, or until the cheese melts.

**Peanut Butter and Banana Bagel**

This is probably one you've heard of before, but it doesn't make it any less tempting.

1. Toast bagel.
2. Spread with a layer of peanut butter.
3. Slice bananas on to bagel.
4. Other toppings to try: honey, apple, and raisins.

Quick Tip

One of my favorite things my mom used to make for me when I was little was cinnamon toast, and it's pretty easy to make in the dining hall. Just toast some bread, spread butter over the toast, and sprinkle with cinnamon (you'll probably have to wait for the days when they serve it with applesauce.) You'll have to provide your own topings.

**Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.**
Raptors edge New Jersey for third straight win

Wade leads Heat to blowout victory over Wizards; Wallace nets 25 points, 10 rebounds as Pistons beat Timberwolves

Associated Press

TORONTO — Joe Calderon had 17 points and 11 assists and the Toronto Raptors beat the New Jersey Nets 107-106 on Wednesday night for their first three-game winning streak since the start of the season.

Devin Harris had a chance to steal the game for the Nets in the closing seconds, but his step-back jumper from the right side of the line rimmed off the rim at the buzzer.

Anthony Parker added 21 points, and Chris Bosh had 18 for the Raptors, who shot almost 56 percent and had six players in double figures.

Andrea Bargnani had his streak of 15 straight games of at least 15 points stopped, scoring eight.

Vincent Carter had 27 points to lead the Nets, who rallied in the final minutes by hitting four of their 15 3-pointers. Harris added 25 points and 10 assists, but he missed the biggest shot of the night after Calderon had left the door open by missing a jumper with about 21 seconds to play.

Toronto, which opened the season with three straight wins and was expected to take control late in the fourth quarter when Joey Graham converted a three-point play for a 102-90 lead with 4:47 to go.

Bobby Simmons, who added 16 points, then hit two 3-pointers in an 11-2 spurt to bring New Jersey within 104-101.

Bosh had two free throws with 2:17 to play pushed the edge back to five points, but Parker only made one of two free throws and Carter nailed a 3-pointer to close the gap to 107-104 with 1:05 to go.

Bosh drove the baseline and appeared to be fouled on a layup attempt but nothing was called.

After a timeout, Harris drove the left side of the lane for a layup but nothing was called.

With 5.4 seconds left, Mike James drove the baseline and missed the layup to get New Jersey within a point.

After Calderon missed, Harris took the ball upcourt, worked his way for an open shot and simply missed it, putting his hands to his head in disbelief at the buzzer.

Graham added 15 points for the Raptors and Jason Kapono and Jamario Moon had 10 apiece.

Keyon Dooling had 17 points and Brook Lopez 14 for New Jersey.

Despite shooting 61 percent in the first half, the Nets trailed 54-50. The difference for the Nets was eight 3-pointers, including four by Carter in the opening four minutes, and 12 second- chance points.

Heat 93, Wizards 71

Dwyane Wade knew he was on the coup of a triple-double. He didn’t mind getting a break instead.

Wade had 14 points, nine rebounds and seven assists before sitting out the entire fourth quarter. The Miami Heat pulled away in the second half to beat the Washington Wizards 93-72 on Wednesday night.

“Anytime I can get rest, I’m fine,” Wade said.

Daequan Cook and Michael Beasley each had 16 points for the Heat, who’ve won three straight, all against Southeast Division rivals. Ivan Johnson had scored 14 points, and James Johnson and Mario Chalmers had 10 each for Miami, which closed the game on a 44-21 run.

It’s the first time since March 2006 that Miami held exec­­u­tive opponents under 80 points. The Heat beat Atlanta 95-79 on March 20, 2006. The Wizards, who were 9-14 in season’s first 21 games, were outscored Washington’s reserves 50-14, and the Heat had a 26-2 edge in points off turnovers.

“Our activity level was consist­­ent pretty much the whole way through,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “That’s what we’re looking for.”

Antawn Jamison had 21 points and 12 rebounds as the Wizards beat Washington, an NBA-worst 8-23.

Caron Butler added 18 points, and Darius Songaila had 10 for the Wizards.

“We still feel like we’re fighting and winning with discipline and within our design,” Wizards coach Ed Tapscott said. “It’s a long season for us. . . . And we held that, for a while.”

For a while, indeed, Washington controlled the pace throughout the first half, hold­ing the lead for 16:46 in the opening ­quarter.

Miami needed Wade to make a play just to send them into halftime with the lead. He stripped the ball from Juan Dixon, dribbled upcourt and found Cook for a 3-pointer with 1:18 seconds remaining.

But Wade was off the court with two free throws, a layup jumper and a 3-pointer — for Detroit during a 13-3 run to close out the game.

Minnesota led by 11 points with just over four minutes to play in the third quarter after an 11-2 run.

But Wade threw down a wind­­up dunk and then hit a 3-pointer from the wing to help the Pistons close the period with a 13-3 spurt to make a game of it going into the fourth.

After Iverson hit one of his trademark floaters in the lane and Rodney Stuckey scored on another drive to the hoop, Detroit cut the lead to 84-83 with just under five minutes to go before Wallace took over.

It was his 11th double-double of the season. He had 10 all last season.

This was the first meeting between the teams since a heart­­mark moment for both squads on Nov. 23 at The Palace.

That’s when a struggling Minnesota team came to Detroit and embarrassed the Pistons with a 106-80 romp for just their third win of the sea­­son.

The Wolves won one in the 15-game stretch to start the season, but have turned things around in 2009 after new coach Kevin McHale, Jefferson and Randy Foyle.

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MLB

Mariners relief pitcher Aaron Heilman reacts as he walks off the field after giving up three runs and the lead to the Pittsburgh Pirates in the eighth inning of a game in Pittsburgh while playing for the Mets.

Cubs trade for Mariners’ Heilman

Associated Press

CHICAGO, Ill. — Aaron Heilman needed a change of scenery after his struggles last season with the New York Mets. He’s gotten it. Twice.

Heilman was traded from Seattle to the Chicago Cubs on Wednesday, seven weeks after the Mets shipped him to the Mariners as part of a three-team swap. Chicago gave up utility infielder Ronny Cedeno and left-hander Garrett Olson, who had just been acquired in a trade with Baltimore.

The Cubs will give Heilman a chance to become their fifth starter but he could land in the bullpen, where he’s been used exclusively the last three seasons. A year ago, when the Mets had their second straight late-season swoon, Heilman went 3-8 with a 5.21 ERA and three saves in 78 games.

He blew five of eight save chances and heard steady boos from the disenfranchised fans at Shea Stadium. “Categorize last season as kind of an aberration,” Heilman said. “I didn’t throw the ball the way I was capable of and didn’t have the results I would have liked,” said Heilman, a 6-foot-5 right-hander. “I don’t think there was one thing that was the sole cause of last year. I think there were a lot of different factors that played into it.”

The 30-year-old Heilman grew up a Cubs fan in Indiana and graduated from Notre Dame. He said he mostly enjoyed his six seasons in New York and acknowledged that going back could be an interesting experience. “I didn’t have any ill feelings toward anyone or anything there in New York. I enjoyed my time there,” he said. “The fans treated me pretty well for the most part. They’re a fickle crowd. They know what they like and they want to see their team do well. Sometimes they let it be known.”

Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik said Cedeno could compete for a job at second base and shortstop, prodging incumbents Jose Lopez and Yuniesky Betancourt.

"Ronny’s young. My goal for Ronny is to come in and push these guys and not have any thought other than, ‘I have a shot for one of these two spots,’” Zduriencik said.

The new GM has put Mariners veterans on notice that past performance doesn’t necessarily guarantee starting jobs. After all, Seattle is coming off a 101-loss season.

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**NBA**

House's 3's carry Boston over Kings

Associated Press

BOSTON — Eddie House is all warmed up and ready for the 3-point shooting contest on All-Star weekend.

All he needs is an invitation.

The Boston sharpshooter scored 28 points on a career-high eight 3-pointers, five from beyond the arc on Wednesday night to lead the Celtics to their ninth straight win, 119-100 over the Sacramento Kings.

"He needs to be in the 3-point contest," forward Kevin Garnett said afterward. "That's what this press conference is about: Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett are here to say that we think Eddie House needs to be in the 3-point contest.

It was the seventh straight loss for Sacramento, which fell to a 10-point lead in the first quarter. Boston scored the next six points and went on a 25-9 run to start the second quarter that turned a two-point deficit into a 14-point lead.

The Celtics led by 24 in the fourth, when House was 4-for-5 from 3-point range.

"I wish I could have thrown a net out there and held him on one end of the floor," Kings coach Kevin Ollie said. "Give the guy credit. He is a great shooter and his teammates looked for him and he moved well without the basketball.

House has hit at least seven 3-pointers in three of the last four games and his teammates aren't the only ones campaigning for him to be invited to All-Star weekend. The crowd chanted "Ed-die! Ed-die!" whenever he touched the ball in the fourth and gave him a standing ovation when he left with 4:02 left and Boston leading by 23.

"Any given night it could be anyone," House said. "If they invite me, great. If they don't, it's a chance to rest up.

One of the players standing in the way of House's free weekend in Phoenix is teammate Ray Allen, who is second in the league with 112 3-pointers.

**SMC SWIMMING**

Six seniors lead Belles heading to MIAA meet

By ERIC PRISTER

Sports Writer

As the Saint Mary's enters the last month of its 2008-2009 season, six seniors like Dayad Dayad are looking forward to their last year of collegiate careers. Leah Bocinsky, Katie Carroll, Mary Kate Daday, Melissa Gerberth, Jennifer Nicol and Kate Orbon have each posted a team top-five time this year, in the case of diver Bocinsky and has contributed to a team in some way.

Bocinsky, the lone diver among the seniors, has posted top scores for the Belles in both the two-meter and three-meter dive competitions. She set the school record for one meter (six dives) last year, and is second all-time for the Belles in three meter (11 dives), the format for the MIAA championships.

"As a diver, it feels so great to be able to contribute to the swim team and help make SMC competitive for the first time in over a decade," Bocinsky said.

Daday, a distance swimmer for the Belles, has put up top times for the Belles as well. She has the best time on the team in both the 1000 yard and 1650 yard freestyle events. Gerberth also holds the Saint Mary's record for the 400-yard (individual medley) and was a part of the school record-setting 4:00.95 800-yard freestyle relay team from last season.

Orbon is the only other senior to have recorded the top time for an event this season, doing so in the 200-yard freestyle event. She was a member of both the top 200-yard freestyle relay and the top 800-yard freestyle relay teams for the Belles this season.

Orbon was also a part of the 400-yard freestyle relay team that finished in first place in the dual meet against Calvin earlier this season.

Daday competed in the backstroke competitions, holding the 4th best time this season for the Belles in both the 50 yard and 200-yard backstroke. Daday said the Saint Mary's team has improved in her three seasons on the squad.

"The team has dramatically improved since freshman year," Daday said. "Each new class brings so much to the program and each class is getting faster and faster.

Carroll swims the breaststroke for the Belles, and she recorded the 4th best time in the 100-yard breaststroke competition in Saint Mary's dual meet against Hope.

Nicol, a butterfly competitor, holds the 4th best time for the 200-yard fly this season. She said she thinks her fellow swimmers for giving her the motivation she needed to continue competing.

"I could not have survived all this butterfly if it were not for my fellow flyers; they give me strength when I am tired," she said.

All of the seniors look to finish out their season with a bang, with two dual meets left before the MIAA championships.

"I am confident that all of the girls will continue to push each other at practice, our last two dual meets, and the conference championships February 19-21," Daday said.

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Belles edge Knights in overtime

By ALEX WEST

Sports Writer

It took overtime for Saint Mary's to win the third game on its current four-game road trip. The Belles (11-7) defeated Calvin (10-7) 72-68 in the extra period.

The Belles and the Knights played close in the first half, with neither team being able to take control early. Jill Thomas for the Knights hit a 3-pointer as time expired before halftime to give Calvin a 32-31 advantage.

The contest remained close until the Belles took a seven point lead with just over four minutes to play in the game.

The Knights fought back but the Belles extended their lead to three points when senior Erin Newsom hit a free throw with just over a minute to play. It took another Thomas 3-pointer with four seconds to send the game into overtime.

The Belles got off to a slow start in the extra period as they fell behind by three points. But they responded and took the lead with two and half minutes to play. Junior forward Anna Krammara made two free throws with four seconds to play to ice the game.

Newsom, Krammara, and freshmen Patty Mahoney and Kelley Murphy each scored 13 points for the Belles as their balanced offense continued to roll. Maggie Ronan added 12 points.

The Belles will finish their four game road trip Saturday against Hope College (15-1) in a game that might decide who wins the MIAA regular season title. The Belles handed Hope their only loss on Jun. 3.

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Ceremony held in honor of Kay Yow

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Bob Davis, who was the North Carolina State women's basketball team's head coach, talked about his former coach and mentor on the court that bears her name last week.

"I feel like I've been trying to do that for a long time," Davis said. "I wish I could have made it happen sooner."

Yow, like many of about 2,300 fans who attended the hourlong ceremony, came wearing a pink T-shirt and a pink playlist as part of the North Carolina State University's campaign against breast cancer.

The ceremony was one of a series of events held in honor of Yow, who died Saturday after a long fight against cancer. "She was so much more than a coach," said Davis, who was a coach, and this part of the world that she was a coach, and this part of the world that she loved.

The 2004-05 season and lingered until she died. The final four was good enough for her to coach the Duke Blue Devils for nearly the entire way — before letting a late 13-point lead slip away and recovering just in time to claim the fifth victory over a top-ranked team in school history.

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HOLMES’ LIFE A TURNAROUND STORY

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Turns out there are still new depths for No. 25 Georgetown to find.

Despite Virginia’s score 20 points Wednesday night, and Cincinnati crushed the Hoyas’ midseason misery by sending them to a 65-57 loss; their fourth in a row.

The Hoyas (12-7, 3-5) were coming off a 71-60 loss at Seton Hall, which hadn’t won a game in the Big East until Sunday. Afterward, coach John Thompson III proclaimed that his team was in “a bad situation right now.”

It got a whole lot worse against Cincinnati (14-4, 4-4), which finally got a distinguishing win.

The Bearcats were 0-2 against ranked teams this season.

It’s Georgetown’s longest losing streak since 2004-05, Thompson’s first season.

“We have to evaluate, 4-evaluate everything,” Thompson said. “We have to do everything significantly better than we are right now. We’re missing shots.”

Chris Wright scored 15 points for Georgetown, which saw its usu­ually dependable defense fold down the stretch. Cincinnati shot 45.8 percent from the field, the only time this season the Hoyas allowed more than 40 percent.

And, there was one new worry for a team with already more than enough: DaJuan Summers left the game after fouling out as the Hoyas uncertain how much he can play the next few games.

The junior forward is Georgetown’s leading scorer at 16.1 points per game, but sat out the second half and finished with seven.

“First and foremost, regardless of how bad DaJuan’s injury is,” Thompson said. “We’re in a bad place, but I told the guys, we will figure this out.”

The Bearcats are on an unex­pected upswing. They’ve won their last five games, overcoming a limited offense and poor ball handling. They had 10 turnovers in the first half of Wednesday’s game.

“Means a lot to us,” Vaughn said. “We’re getting our feet on the ground. We’re letting everyone know we’re coming out to play.”

Neither team played very well in a sloppy first half, setting a back-and-forth pace that held until the closing minutes. Cincinnati’s final lead was the biggest of the game.

After the loss, we are all dis­appointed about the loss, but we are going to keep fighting,” said Wright, who went 7-for-12 from the field. “That’s the only thing we can do. We can’t feel bad about ourselves now, because we were 0-6 in games left in the Big East. Today again, unfortunately, our shots didn’t fall.”

Many of them did — Georgetown shot 40 percent, but the Hoyas missed several open shots in the closing min­utes, helping Cincinnati pull away.

“We got the shots we wanted, just didn’t go in,” Thompson said. “A bad time for bad baselines.”

Umar Wattad and Nikita Mescheriakov hit 3-pointers to cut Cincinnati’s lead to 27-26 at halftime and gave the Hoyas a sense that they were finally shooting their way out of their slump. In the last two games, Georgetown went 2-for-9 from behind the arc.

Didan’t last long. The Hoyas fin­ished 5-6 on 3-point attempts.

By that point, it was apparent that Cincinnati’s stagnant offense was going to need another big half from its starting lineup to pull off the win. The junior guard had 20 points Wednesday night, but 10 in the second half at St. John’s last week.

He had eight points and four turnovers in the first half against Georgetown.

Vaughn hit a 3 from the left wing to open the second half, an indication he was willing.

Each basket brought another lead change or tie over a six-minute span in the second half.

Both teams tried something differ­ent on defense to try to change the pace — Cincinnati went to a full-court press, Georgetown to a 2-3 zone defense.

Yancy Gates’ tip-in and Vaughn’s two free throws put Cincinnati ahead 54-49 with 6:02 left, giving lead by the biggest lead of the game over the Hoyas in the second half.

That lead didn’t last long, either, taking it down to the final minute.

Vaughn leads UC to upset of Hoyas
Villanova Providence pick up upset victories

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A Philly guy had a career night in the last college basketball game to be played in the Spectrum.

That will be Reggie Redding's only memory of the place as he never saw a game in the building where he had a career-high 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds as No. 21 Villanova beat No. 3 FSU 67-57 on Wednesday.

"My father is a big basketball fan. When I was younger, he would talk to me about Dr. J, Moses Malone, Andrew Toney. I never got the chance to watch a game here. But I knew about it coming from a basketball background," the junior guard said of the building that opened in 1967 and will be torn down later this year. "But coming from Philly, it's the Spectrum. Everyone loves the Spectrum, respects it. It's just great to finish it off like that."

Dante Cunningham added 15 points for the Wildcats (16-4, 4-3 Big East), who beat a ranked team for the first time in five tries this season and did it by coming up big on the boards and playing good perimeter defense in the second half.

"The reason we wanted to get this win today was we were really good," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "It wouldn't have got us down if we didn't come in the match, and after falling two losses this season and they did it never got the chance to watch a game.

"It's just great to finish where he had a career-high 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds as No. 21 Villanova beat No. 3 FSU 67-57 on Wednesday."

"I knew it was going to be a high-scoring game. They get up and down the floor and have good perimeter guys. They shoot the ball well."

Providence scored 14-point lead after consecutive 3s by Curry and Brooks 22 seconds apart midway into the second half and Syracuse never got closer than five points the rest of the way.

"If we don't stop anybody and we don't play better, we can't win," the team we want to be," Hynm said. "It was just a lot of things that killed us this game." Providence students stormed the court when the game ended despite many requests from the public address announcer to stay off "for their safety."

Providence scored 10 straight points and 16 of 19 during a 4-minute stretch early in the second half, opening a 63-57 lead on Hynm's layup with 14:24 to play.

The Friars came out shooting in the second half, hitting 15 of their first 20 shots and 10 of 18 from the floor. Many came on short jumps in the middle of Syracuse's zone.

In the first half, the Friars didn't have any trouble solving the Orange's zone, getting the ball inside for several easy baskets, while Syracuse relied on Deuane's outside shooting and Flynn's transition game to keep it tight.

Providence 73-65

Flynn opened the game on Flynn's three-point play, but Curry and Brooks hit their consecutive 3s to spark a 10-4 run that made it 83-69 with 6:47 to go.

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From the age of six Lytle competed in Clearfield, Penn., and fell in love with the sport. As Lytle continued to swim competitively, he immediately made a large impact on his high school team. Lytle was named freshman of the year on the Clearfield Area High School team, and the next three years was earned team MVP honors.

"I was fortunate enough to swim well and make some major improvements from season to season in high school," Lytle said. "Eventually I was lucky enough to be noticed and recruited by Notre Dame."

Once he arrived on campus, Lytle enjoyed the tougher challenges both in the pool and classroom.

"I wanted to be surrounded by the best, not only athletically, but academically as well," Lytle said. "It was exciting to race against fast guys everyday in practice, and it's something that only makes you better."

As a freshman Lytle made an instant impact, collecting five individual wins and placing first among Notre Dame swimmers in the 100- and 200-meter freestyle at the Big East championships.

Lytle continued to rack up wins as one of the Big East's best freestylers as a sophomore, and set school records in the 100- and 200-meter freestyle. The highlight thus far of Lytle's 2008-2009 season was the team's winter training trip to Puerto Rico.

"The workouts were demanding on the winter trip, but everyone was in good spirits and had a great time," Lytle said. "The weather was perfect, and we were even able to make it to the beach in between practices."

After another year leading the Irish as a junior, Lytle hopes to help the Irish defend their Big East championship Feb. 18-21.

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pulled him over to pole vault and said "Try it." So he did. In a couple of years, he ended up doing really good, went to nationals a few times ... Everyone else just decided to try it, too."

The pair still does not acknowledge pole vault as the family sport, however.

"We're actually a family of gymnasts," Kevin said. "Coming from gymnastics is good for pole vaulting because it's kind of the same thing. A lot of people says it's like gymnastics on a stick, which it pretty much is."

In fact, they said, gymnastics is still a large part of their training.

"We do as much gymnastics as we can," Kevin said. "They have a high bar and rings over in Lefou, so we'll stay after practice sometimes and get in some time on those."

Along with that, their training consists of vaulting twice a week, lifting weights three times a week and running six days a week.

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The combo went 13-1 in doubles play during the fall season, earning them the No. 1 doubles ranking heading into the spring dual-match season. They are already off to a good start after putting away Ohio State 8-3 in the season's opening match.

Louderback said the early success can be attributed to the players' complementary styles.

"Kristy has a high 'hit-ting' game," he said. "It pretty much is."

In fact, they said, gymnastics is still a large part of their training.

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It takes two, baby

Doubles pair is top-ranked duo in country

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

A battle-tested veteran is exactly what you want leading your team at the No. 1 spot. Pair her with a super-talented freshman who has a promising collegiate career ahead of her and you really have created something special.

Irish head coach Jay Louderback found that out clearly this past fall. When he paired returning senior Kelly Schipper twins push each other to go higher in pole vault

NOTRE DAME'S top two pole vaulters are not your typical athletes. One is a junior that has worked hard to go from slightly above average to winning two of his first four meets this season. The other is an upstart freshman who vaulted 17 feet in high school, finished fourth at the Junior Nationals meet and has already won his event at one meet.

The two are fierce competitors and often each other’s top competition — and they’re brothers.

“The thing I’ve never experienced before,” said freshman Kevin Schipper about competing and training with his older brother, Matt. “We push each other. It actually helps a lot because we’re both really high level. It works out well.”

The older Schipper has beaten his brother three times this season, while Kevin has topped Matt nine.

“Of one hits a big height, the other one comes back and hits a bigger height,” Matt said. “We just keep getting better, both of us, until eventually one has to win. You can’t both win.”

Both brothers have already set marks high enough to qualify for the Big East indoor championships in March, but each has different goals for that meet.

“If I don’t know what the Big East meet record is,” Matt said. “But I want to win the Big East and set the meet record. I also want to make it to nationals.”

Kevin’s goals are not quite as high — for the indoor season, at least.

“I haven’t done as well as last year,” he said. “But I’m working on it. I want to compete in the Big East, and give it my best shot to go to nationals. I jump better in the outdoor season.”

John Lytle leads Irish in team’s Big East season

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Irish junior swimmer John Lytle earned all-Big East honors in five events as a freshman and six events as a sophomore. But heading into this season’s Big East championships, Lytle said he is only focused on the performance of his team.

“If I miss my personal goals, but we still win the Big East meet and send guys to the NCAA Championship, the season will be successful to me,” Lytle said.

The season has already featured several successes for Lytle, who has 10 individual wins on the year. The freestyler recently won Big East Athlete of the week honors for swimming and diving after winning the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events in a dual meet with Northwestern.

Lytle’s career in the pool began at an early age, and as the youngest of three siblings he had little choice in the matter.

“My older brother and sister both swam, and my parents figured that I might as well swim since I would have to be at their meets anyway,” Lytle said.

John Lytle leads Irish at the Junior Nationals meet as a freshman who vaulted 17 feet at one meet.

Squad falls to Seminoles

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

No. 30 Notre Dame dropped a 4-3 decision to No. 11 Florida State Wednesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish fell behind early by losing the doubles points. While the home team grabbed early leads on all three doubles courts, the Seminoles tied the score back up and made the Irish fight.

Freshman Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Matt Johnson were the No. 3 doubles team for the Irish.
Since arriving on campus, senior captain Erik Condra has taken his teammates and the Irish hockey program to the next level.
Ruth, Cole play for U.S. in World Junior tourney

Irish defensive duo helps Team USA earn fifth-place finish

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

While the rest of the Notre Dame hockey team gained some well-deserved recognition recently, there was no such breather for sophomores Ian Cole and Ted Ruth, who won gold on the United States National Team in the 2009 IIHF World Championships in Canada.

Cole tallied two goals and two assists in six games for the U.S. team, which finished in fifth. Ruth didn't score any points, but managed to lead the Irish defensive duo in the unforgiving world of the BCS-like rankings with several teams of less-than-incredible records, and the general consensus of non-Notre Dame fans on these boards is that the Irish may be the best team in the nation, but they haven't proved it yet.

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despite the disappointing
career, Cole said he would
take some things away from the international tournament, most notably the ability to approach all games the same way.

"Against Canada, there were certain people screaming that it was just another game," he said.

"So I'm trying to take that back here, too. Hopefully we'll make it farther and play in some bigger venues. I love the Joyce Center, but it's not exactly where you want to end your season."

This was Cole's second year on the team, as he also played on the U.S. team that finished fourth in the Czech Republic last year.

"Last year, being an underdog, I didn't have as big a role as I did this year," he said. "It was definitely a different role for me, but I just approached it like I do any other game. I just try and make plays when I can."

It was Ruth's first year playing on the team, and Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said he can already see improvement from the young goalie.

"Last year, when Ian played in the World Juniors, he came back a little bit better," Jackson said. "And I'm sensing that from Teddy right now."

Joining Ruth and Cole on the U.S. team were two players the Irish will be facing tonight, Michigan forward Matt Rust and Aaron Palushaj. Ruth has four and five points, respectively, for team USA. Not to worry, though. Ruth said that any camaraderie between the players would stay off the ice this weekend.

"Me and Palushaj and Rust are pretty good friends," he said. "But when you get on the ice you don't have any friends. I mean, me and Palushaj probably hate each other more than anybody else when we're on the ice."

Palushaj is leads the Wolverine's points in 31 games and has netted five goals of his own this year.

Cole said that he planned to take advantage of tendencies he noticed while playing with the duo in Canada.

"Palushaj likes to dangle a little bit," he said. "So I've just got to make sure to watch the body on him or he'll make you look stupid."

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Irish winning streak faces true test vs. UM

Despite Notre Dame's win over Michigan in last year's Frozen Four and the No. 1 national ranking the Irish now boast, there still lingers a sense that the ruling BCHA-dominated world is largely stolen runs through Ann Arbor.

But, if anything, one senses that they are in the national polls or in the CCHA, "Irish senior center Calle Hanson said.

"They're going to bring their "A" game in and year out, they're one of those teams that always is in the Frozen Four."

If it was possible for the nation's top-ranked team to have a pair of must-win (or tie) games in the midst of a 20-game unbeaten streak, which is not by the way — this would be that weekend for the Irish.

Notre Dame has topped both national teams in the past few weeks, but skepticism still exists in the unforgiving world of the online CCHA board. Certain BCS-like formulas rank the Irish behind other U.S. teams with less impressive records, and the general consensus of non-Notre Dame fans on these boards is that the Irish may be the best team in the nation, but they haven't proved it yet.

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Culture shocker

Notre Dame's captain has taken his team from worst to first in his four-year career

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

In the four years before senior captain Erik Condra arrived at Notre Dame, the hockey team won 58 games. Since then, the No. 1-ranked Irish have racked up 197 wins and counting—an average of almost 10 more per season.

Condra's freshman year saw a new coaching staff and the beginning of a new culture for Notre Dame hockey.

"Erik has had as much of an impact on the culture of this program in the last four years as anyone, including myself," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. Serious praise from a generally tight-lipped coach, who already has two national championships under his belt and a .708 career win percentage. Jackson ended a nine-year hiatus from college hockey by returning to coach the Irish in 2005. He said that players like Condra were the reason he returned.

"That's the reason I came back to college hockey, because of kids like him," Jackson said. "He's got great personality and he works extremely hard. When Condra and his classmate came to South Bend four years ago the team was coming off a 2-27-6 season. The Irish lacked the attitude, work ethic and discipline to be a serious threat in the world of college hockey. Three years, two NCAA playoff appearances and a CCHA championship later, we've turned the Irish into a team that everyone has respect for."

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Erik Condra picked up his 100th career assist in a 2-0 win over Alaska on Jan. 13 in the Joyce Center.

Impressive, but even more important is his ability to improve the team as a whole.

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Notre Dame captain Erik Condra, right, and his teammates were happy for a loose puck during the team's 2-0 loss to Miami on Oct. 24.

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Irish look to run streak to 21 vs. Wolverines

By SAM WERNER
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When these two teams last saw each other, the Irish were piled on the center of the Pepsi Center ice after Calle Ridderwall's overtime goal gave Notre Dame a national semifinal win over Michigan and sent the No. 1 overall seed Wolverines home for a long summer.

Now the roles are reversed. Notre Dame is the near-unanimous No. 1 team in the country, and looking all but unbeaten in the first 18 games. Since then, though, the Maize and Blue have only been able to rack-up three first-period goals to the Irish, and replaced with Hogan, then a relatively untested freshman. This season, Hogan has played in 18 games to Sauer's 9, and has a 1.91 GAA to Sauer's 2.33, third and fourth in the CCHA, respectively. Jackson said he expects to see Hogan in net both nights this weekend. The Irish coach also said that the key to both games would be to withstand Michigan's trademark early attack. So far this season, the Wolverines have outscored opponents 16-5 in the first period of games.

"Their team is good," Irish sophomore defenseman Ian Cole said. "They might not be having the best year, but they have the players to be a dominant team."

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson also said that the Michigan team coming to the Joyce Center on Friday is similar to the one the Irish lost to twice during the regular season last year, despite losing some key players. "They just seem to reload," he said. "They don't appear to be a whole lot different to me."

The Wolverines lost three of their top four scorers from last year's Frozen Four squad, with seniors Kevin Porter and Chad Kolarik graduating and freshman Max Pacioretty leaving early for the NHL. Also since the teams' last meeting, Michigan netminder Billy Sauer has all but officially lost his starting job to sophomore Bryan Hogan. In last year's national semifinal, Sauer was pulled after giving up three first-period goals to the Irish, and replaced with Hogan, who just seemed to play and I'm excited to get back," he said. Growing up watching them, and now I get to play against them, it's just awesome." Jackson also said, though, that he didn't want to get his team to get ahead of themselves. "I'm not going to blow it out of proportion," he said. "It's still January. This is a big weekend, but the two points the two points we get last weekend against Lake Superior. I don't look at last weekend's games any different from this weekend's games, except for the fact that it's Michigan and you have that rivalry factor."

Senior Erik Condra and junior Ryan Thang have been doing their part to add to the intensity of the rivalry, as the two have been wearing temporary Michigan face tattoos during practice this week. Condra said the team has also been playing Michigan's fight song in the weight room this week. "Me and Erik Condra did [the tattoos] after workouts today," Thang said. "We surprised everybody with them on our face to get everybody fired up a little bit and it worked."

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