Candidates debate prominent student issues

Four tickets square off in first official electoral contest Wednesday

By JENN METZ
News Writer

The four tickets vying for the positions of student body president and vice president presented themselves before their constituents in the annual general election debate held by the Judicial Council Wednesday evening.

George Chamberlin, president of the Judicial Council, acted as moderator of the hour-long debate, and asked the candidates three questions from the Council and five submitted by students.

The tickets — juniors Laura Bundick and Derek Sanchez, junior Grant Schmidt and sophomore Cynthia Weber, junior James McCaughan and sophomore Tom Gorski and freshmen Luke Harig and Charlie Harig — gave two minute opening statements.

The tickets then gave ten minute stump speeches, after which the candidates had a five minute debate.

The tickets then gave two minute speeches on their closing arguments, after which the audience questioned the candidates.

On Tuesday, students in the Department of Communication will choose from eight candidates to vote for student body president and vice president.

For more information on the candidates, see the Student Senate page.

Obama’s racial impact on U.S. debated

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Last night, students and university staff members met in the Coleman-Morse Lounge for an inter racial forum called “Where Do We Go From Here,” which discussed the impact of the election of the nation’s first African American president.

Participants included members of Wabruda, the male African American club on campus, Shades of Ebony, the female African American club on campus, Sisters of Wabruda, the male American club at Saint Mary’s and staff members from the University Counseling Center, said Saint Mary’s senior Melissa Gates, who facilitated the discussion.

Gates began the discussion by posing the question, “Where do we go from here as African Americans after America has elected its first black president? And also, does this change anything for everyday people, like us?”

“I think one thing that we have to understand, since Barack Obama is in office that doesn’t mean that we are in a post-racial America,” Senior Matthew Tipton, president of Wabruda, said. “It’s something that gives people confidence for change. It’s a symbol for us in America going a long way.”

Junior and co-president of Shades of Ebony, Danielle Keller agreed that Obama can be seen as a symbol of hope, but warned against relying on Obama to solve all problems.

“There is a danger of saying look what he can do for us. It turns into a Messiah complex. What is really important at a local level is that people will be inspired by him,” Keller said.

The quality that makes Obama so inspiring is how much people are able to relate to him, Jennifer Kestner from the University Counseling Center said.

“He’s so relatable. Little kids can see themselves in him. You know, he’s shooting basketball with anyone in a pick up game. That provides some hope that it’s not just some suit and tie that represents the presidency... He represents a family man. He came from a poor background and has made it. That provides more hope,” she said.

Keller said that this image of people who can relate to has made it “cool” to be a community organizer, because Obama was a community organizer and it has become a way to work together quite well.

Continuing the examination of student relations with the South Bend community, the Student Senate hosted 4th district Common Council member Ann Puzzello to present South Bend residents’ side of the story Wednesday.

Puzzello said the community is grateful because it has seen a decrease in noisy student parties, but she asked for better communication than there has been in the past.

She said the relationship between the University and the community does not have to be a love/hate one, as long as there is direct communication about issues such as student parties and zoning laws.

“I think the two groups can work together quite well,” Puzzello said. “There are ways you can be neighbors, instead of isolated from the community.”

A disregard for zoning laws – which limit houses where more than two unrelated people are allowed to live by students looking to live off campus is a problem that plagues the community, Puzzello said. A lot of houses are turning into student housing that should not, especially in the Harper Heights neighborhood, directly south of campus, near Notre Dame Avenue and Angela Boulevard.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**It could be worse**

Next time you want to moan about париетals or alcohol rules, remember: you could have it much worse.

Like the students of Liberty University in Richmond, Va. You’re upset that you can’t take shots of SoCa at 3:30 a.m. alone in your room with some hot number you met at the party down the hall. Students at Liberty complain that they can’t do laundry after 10 p.m. on a Tuesday.

You can’t watch movies rated R at Liberty, and if you do it’s a “reproducible offense,” according to the on-campus living guide. You also can’t play video games rated M, A or RP. I’m thinking that means “Call of Duty” in out; this seems to be a more “Yoshi’s Story” kind of school. Anything loud enough to be heard in the hallway is considered too loud, which makes Rock Band a little troublesome.

Music must be kept within Christian standards, whatever that means, and the university employs a “reprimand” system to discipline students. Think house points from Harry Potter but in a negative fashion. Different offenses have different amounts of reprimands; staying out past curfew is four reprimands; having a seagull in 30. I don’t know what they add up to, but at this point it’s not looking good.

They do have a curfew: Midnight Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 p.m. Tuesday; Friday and Saturday the students go crazy because they don’t have to be back until 12:30. And curfew means curfew, because students aren’t allowed out of their dorms afterwards. Of course, no laundry after curfew.

By the way, if you’re smart enough to live off campus, you’re not welcome on campus after curfew. There’s also no sambahting on campus (except by the Cali girls) or going to the gym (to scan for the hoozies). Sounds like a rocky dorm environment. It better be, because you can’t stay anywhere but the dorm. Direct quote: “Resident freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are not permitted to stay off campus overnight in the apartments or houses of single off-campus individuals.” No overnight gigs with singles? Isn’t that the point of an overnight gig?

No he says, because “Handbuilding is the only appropriate form of personal contact.” You can’t even visit the apartment of someone of the opposite sex unless there are three or more people there, and God forbid you have to pee, because “under no circumstances” are you allowed to enter the bathroom of the opposite sex. In fact, blanket statements sum it up best: guys and girls can’t be alone in school buildings, in an open and after dark and never ever can they enter each other’s dorms.

Nah, right? Makes Notre Dame’s rules seem tame in comparison. So remember the next time you’re aching to sneak a friend into your room for some fun time or crack open a bottle of hard A, be glad you can’t play Call of Duty Hall and visit Reckers at 1 a.m. It’s a privilege.

And it’s a good thing Liberty is in Virginia, and not here: there’s no scheid-allowed on campus.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Bill Brink at wbrink@nd.edu.

**IN BRIEF**

There will be a conference on “Sustainability and the Environment: The Original ‘green’” at 7 p.m. today in 104 Bond Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Keenan Hall’s annual comedy show “The Keenan Revue” will take place tonight, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in The O’Leaughin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College.

The Baseball Eighth Annual Opening Night Dinner will be at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Mike Scioscia of the LA Angels and Notre Dame alum Jeff Samardzija will speak. Notre Dame team members, who will be seated at tables with the rest of the attendees, will be available for autographs prior to the dinner, from 6 - 6:45 p.m. For dinner ticket information, please contact the Notre Dame athletics ticket office at (574) 631-7356.

L.A. Theatre Works presents “The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial” Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play is based on original transcripts of the famous 1925 Tennessee v. John Scopes “Monkey Trial,” which challenged the newly passed Tennessee legislature’s “Butler Act” banning the teaching of evolution in the state’s public schools. Purchase tickets online, visit or call the Ticket Office at 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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CEAC measures waste in SMC dining hall

By MANDI STRIONE
News Writer

Yesterday afternoon, Saint Mary's College Environmental Action Coalition collected the wasted food from 856 people during lunch in the Saint Mary's Dining Hall. The second "Weigh Your Waste" event amassed a total grand total of 267.3 pounds of food for 708 people, equaling approximately 32 pounds per person.

During lunch hours in the Dining Hall, four student volunteers along with Dr. Doris Watt and some members of the Dining Hall staff collected food that students hadn't eaten. Member Monica Aguirre said, "We just decided we wanted to do it again," she said, referring to last year's "Weigh Your Waste." "I just think people need to be aware about how much food they're not eating," member, Jamie Watt, added. "It's easy to take it for granted." she said.

Another student, sophomore Liz Aguirre said the event was about awareness, and added that it was an attempt to convince students to change their habits. "Especially for today but even more after this type of thing, I notice... hopefully people will too, especially people who try to hide their food," she said.

Something the volunteers noticed was the effect their presence had on students, volunteer, Claire Fashby-Smith said, "We've gotten bananas and apples (that haven't been eaten)," she said, adding that they've also found unopened packets of crackers on some trays that students were just throwing away.

But regardless of how they react, the important thing is that students are taking notice, Fashby-Smith said. "They see what we're trying to do, others find it disgusting," she said.

Some students, after dropping off their trays, said they think part of the waste problem is a lack of variety in the Dining Hall.

"Well, I do think it's really sad how much food we waste...I do think the Dining Hall sucks. We had Spanish rice ten times within the past seven days," Junior Anastasia Wilson said. "Regardless of whether we like it or not, it's sad that people are throwing away." she said.

Fellow junior, Megan Sokat agreed with her, adding that sometimes people forget how lucky they are. "It's easy to take it for granted," she said.

Another student, sophomore Liz Cross, pointed out that she didn't know how much students wasted until she saw all of the baskets the environmental group was using to hold the wasted food in.

"I think it's a good idea," she said, "I never realized how people don't recycle." Contact Mandi Strione onstrione@1saintmarys.edu

Faith, liberalism relationship discussed

By CHRISTINE FAGAN
News Writer

About 40 people gathered in Hesburgh Center to hear a debate concerning the relationship between faith and liberalism, as put in the question by A. James McAdams, director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies. Mark Lilla, a Professor of Humanities at Columbia University, recently wrote his answer in the provocative book, "The Stillborn God: Religion, Politics, and the Modern West." His opponent, Notre Dame's own Professor Daniel Philpott, wrote a blog response to the book's claims, but yesterday the two men were given a chance to meet and debate face to face.

Philpott began the debate by saying that religious philosophy has always been crucial to the expansion of liberalism, and that a true divorce of the two is not possible. He added that religion lays a foundation for modern liberalism.

"Arguments for religious tolerance," Philpott said, "are rooted in biblical thought." Philpott said that theology itself defends religious freedom, and was the root to feminism and the civil rights movement.

Lilla countered that statement later by saying despite being correct; Philpott was neglecting biblically endorced racism, denial of education to women, and hierarchy in the home.

"The Church said a right to religious freedom is a right to human dignity," said Philpott.

Then Lilla took his turn and began it with his definition of political theology.

"Political theology," Lilla said, "is a doctrine that gives institutions a legitimate authority based on divine revelations." Lilla said that the separation of church and state was a good thing, also said that total disregard of theology was not the best approach to governing.

"It is a good thing we're past political theology for legitimacy," said Lilla. "But it is not a good thing to jettison all the theological appeals."

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Lilla used the example of human dignity in government and the concept of the soul to conclude his argument. He asked if it was possible to define or defend human dignity without the theological concept of the soul. The end of the debate marked the beginning of a bigger conference at Notre Dame involving the separation of church and state.

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Keenan Revue sells out in 11 minutes
After six months of preparation, production opens tonight

By MADIELLE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The men of Keenan Hall have spent six months putting together the highly anticipated comedy show, the Keenan Revue, but it only took 11 and a half minutes for tickets to the show to sell out on all three nights, show director Danny Wheeland said.

Students enjoy the merciless mocking of Notre Dame life every year because a group of about 100 Keenan Hall residents work as writers, actors, stage crew, publicists and more to produce this campus fixture.

“We get the staff together in September, and in October, we start thinking of a theme,” Wheeland said. “From there, we hype up all guys in the dorm, especially the freshmen, letting them know what the Revue is.”

The staff then waits until second semester to start the actual production of the revue, he said.

As the director Wheeland, along with producer Andrew Derksen, is in charge of hiring staff, overseeing the writing of the skits and collecting funding for the show. The Hall receives a small amount from the Student Activities Office, but most of the funding comes from donations from Keenan Hall alumni.

Wheeland said, “We receive a small amount from the Rector of Keenan Hall, Derksen said. “They are guys who are generally known to be funny guys,” Wheeland said.

After the skits are written, there are auditions to play different roles in the show, Wheeland said. There are currently 20 to 25 skits, he said.

The show, entitled “It’s a Bird, It’s a Plane, It’s the Keenan Revue!” has a superhero theme this year, Wheeland said.

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“He sits in during tryouts and gives his approval of the show, so we won’t get it completely obscene and ridiculous skits,” Derksen said.

Wheeland said a couple of skits were omitted during the tryouts, but they were scripts that would not have made the final cut anyways.

“We know what’s appropriate,” Derksen said.

Since the Revue will be held at Saint Mary’s O’Laughlin Auditorium, the College reviews the show to ensure it is “not just bashing Saint Mary’s,” Wheeland said.

“It’s touchy,” Derksen said. “They usually let a couple things go as long as you aren’t blatantly making fun of them and not making fun of anyone else.”

If there are just a couple of things in the show, they generally let that slide, Wheeland said.

“We do little things to get around it like ‘Saint Monica’s College,’” Wheeland said.

“We hope to see you in March, and in October, we will hold three nights, show director Danny Wheeland said.

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The College of Engineering Welcomes Early Admitted Engineering Intents

Electronic records save money, lives, says Angst

Special to The Observer

The economic stimulus package winding its way through Congress includes a $20 billion investment for health information technology, or health IT. The funding would boost the movement toward establishing an interoperable national system for exchanging electronic health records (EHRs) and is expected to increase the number of physicians who use electronic record systems in their practices. Currently, less than 20 percent do.

Corey Angst, a Notre Dame management professor and expert on health IT, says such a move will save money, promote wellness, and most importantly, save lives.

“Electronic health records provide the means for all of your information to be available to you and every physician or health care provider whom you wish to see it,” Angst said.

This will not only reduce the likelihood of duplicate tests—which increase health-care costs needlessly—but also make medical error less likely.

“If a doctor can review your entire history of drug allergies or treatments by calling up your electronic record, there is less chance that a wrong prescription or some other error is made,” Angst said.

Angst says that according to a 1999 study by the Institute of Medicine, “to err is human: Building a Safer Health System between 44,000 and 98,000 Americans die each year due to avoidable medical errors.”

Angst also points out the network effects of having an interoperable system.

“EHRs are somewhat like fix messages, but the true value comes from lots of people adopting the technology—a single doctor is of no value if only you own one,” he said.

“While there is some value in a single doctor having an EHR, the public or societal value is exponentially more when the vast majority has them.”

“If all of this rich medical data is residing in databases that can be analyzed, it isn’t a stretch to think that researchers could be using the data to develop new drugs, identify outbreaks, search for geographic pockets of certain diseases, and even identify the best means of countering obesity or even the common cold.”

Many people are concerned that digitizing health records could result in loss of privacy, but Angst said that through education, most consumers will become more comfortable with electronic records.

“Digitizing records almost everyone believes that nothing is really changing in terms of information being less private or secure,” he said. “Paper records are potentially more of a security risk.”

We hope to see you in our Class of 2013.
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Sunni leader claims election fraud

BAGHDAD — A senior Sunni tribal leader claimed Sunday that the government has hundreds of documents proving fraud in weekend elections in Anbar province, escalating a crisis that has threatened to reignite violence in the former insurgent stronghold.

Iraq’s electoral commission, which is overseeing the process, promised it was taking the complaints seriously and warned the findings from an investigation could affect election results for the province.

Signaling the high stakes involved, a prominent national Sunni lawmaker traveled to Anbar province to try to mediate the dispute.

"We came to Anbar province to ease the situation because there is a lot of tension," said Sajid al-Mutlaq. "There was a lot of fraud. Its effects will be great unless it is resolved."

**Russia to help in Afghanistan**

MOSCOW — President Dmitry Medvedev said Wednesday that Russia and its ex-Soviet allies wanted to cooperate with the international community in Afghanistan.

Speaking and his allies "are ready for full-fledged, comprehensive cooperation," the Russian president said in a televised address.

These include a halt to NATO enlargement in Europe and the cancellation of plans for a U.S. missile-defense system on Russia's western borders.

**National News**

Ark. official injured in car bomb

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. — A bomb explosion critically wounded the head of the Arkansas panel that licenses and disciplines doctors, detouring in his driveway as he was leaving for work, authorities said.

Police said they had no idea why someone would target Dr. Trent F. Pierce, chairman of the Arkansas State Medical Board. The explosive device placed on or near the car shattered the front of his white Lexus hybrid in a blast that injured Pierce and destroyed his vehicle.

"We don't know if this was a random target or specifically targeted," State Medical Board Chairman Dr. John Willis, the Arkansas State Medical Board Police Chief Bob Paulard. He said it wasn't known if the doctor was in his car or out side when the device exploded.

**Good Samaritan stops suicide**

CAMDEN, N.J. — House Speaker Googled the name 'Bishop Williamson' but said he couldn't believe Vatican aides didn't do more research to better inform him about the advice the pope receives and his access to information. Papal aides say Benedict, a former university professor and theologian, receives a daily news summary and a weekly briefing on a pack of cigarettes. They were surprised to find out the news summary is distributed to all the cardinals and bishops. The controversy provided a rare look at the cracks in the Vatican's facade of unity and raised questions about the advice the pope receives and his access to information. Papal aides say Benedict, a former university professor and theologian, receives a daily news summary and occasionally watches television.

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**Local News**

Highway commissioner resigns

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's state highway commissioner is resigning, and the governor has appointed a new head to replace the executive director of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Indiana Department of Transportation Commissioner Karl Brown will step down at the end of February to return to the private sector.

Gov. Mitch Daniels says he did all he could to keep Browning, who he says did a spectacular job. The governor's office said Browning didn't plan to stay in state government very long.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama signed a bill Wednesday extending health coverage to 4 million uninsured children.

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President Barack Obama speaks before signing the statute. President Obama was reading from a prepared summary and didn't take any questions.

The bill went to the White House after passage in the Democratic-controlled House, on a vote of 290-135. Forty Republicans joined in support.

The bill calls for spending an additional $32.8 billion on the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP, which now enrolls an estimated 7 million children.

Lawnmakers that raising the federal tobacco tax.

Obama said adding 4 million children to the program was a key step toward his promise of universal health care coverage for all.

"We fulfill one of the highest responsibilties that we have, to ensure the health and well-being of our nation's children," the president said before a cheering audience of families, lawmakers and interest groups.

"Providing coverage to 11 million children is a downpayment on my commitment to cover every single American.

Republicans criticized the cost of the legislation.

But they also said it will mean an estimated 2.4 million children who otherwise would have access to private insurance will join the State Children's Health Insurance Program instead.

"The Democrats continue to push their government-run health care agenda — universal coverage, as they call it," said Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas.

The bill's passages has long been a top priority of Democratic lawmakers.

In late 2007, President George W. Bush twice vetoed similar bills. The Senate passed the same bill last week. Obama made it a top priority in his first 100 days and one step in his push for universal coverage by the end of his first term.

"President Obama and Congress are demonstrating that change has come to Washington, and we are moving forward to improve the quality of life for American families struggling during these hard times," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

House passage came a day after Obama's choice for health secretary, Tom Daschle, withdrew his nomination, citing the distraction of his delinquent tax payments.

CHIPS was created more than a decade ago to help children in families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid but too low to afford private coverage.

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To cover the increase in spending, the bill would boost the federal excise tax on a pack of cigarettes by 62 cents, to $1.01 a pack.

Opponents of the bill complained that the tobacco tax increase hits the poor the hardest, because they are more likely to smoke than wealthier people.

Many also took exception to expanding the SCHIP program and Medicaid to children of newly arrived legal immigrants.

Republicans said they supported SCHIP and providing additional money for the program. However, they said Republicans were taking the program beyond its original intent and were encouraging states to cover middle-class families who otherwise couldn't get private insurance.

"This debate is about, do we want a children's health insurance program that covers every child in America with state and federal dollars regardless of their ability to pay?" said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas. "Do we want to freeze out the private sector for health insurance?"

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**VATICAN CITY**

Church: Holocaust denier must recant

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican, bowing to the growing furor over Pope Benedict XVI's decision to accept a return to the church of a priest who denied the Holocaust, made a dramatic about-face Thursday and Wednesday and demanded the bishop resign immediately.

The Vatican sought to distance the pope from the controversy by saying he did not know about British Bishop Richard Williamson's views when he agreed to lift his excommunication last month.

"In the surprisingly public spat, some leading cardinals in Germany and at the Vatican blamed unidentified aides for not fully briefing the pope."
Professor discusses youth advocacy in Africa

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Anthropologist Dr. Catherine Bolton of the University of Michigan spoke on the affect of socio-economic effects of rendering the youth ex-combatants socially includable through the post-war integration programs that have been established in the African country of Sierra Leone in her lecture entitled "The Politics of Inclusion: Youth Politics, Ex-Combatants, and Governmentality in Sierra Leone".

"I really want to address the intersection of fear and governmental policy," Bolton said in her introduction. "I will not report on young people and led them to develop alternative ideas of brotherhood which has swept the native elders."

The war which Bolton refers in is the Sierra Leone Civil War which began in 1991 and was initiated by the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) which was composed of mostly "youth" individuals, that is those ranging from age 15 to 35. The war was declared over on Jan. 18, 2002. However, once former RUF commandant that Bolton interviewed on a trip to Sierra Leone said that the RUF "only put down their weapons because the UN asked them for peace."

"These people were once very powerful RUF officials and now they are struggling to survive," Bolton said.

Bolton explained that many of the traditional elders of Sierra Leone had a fear of the youth after the war came to an end.

"The elders of the country fear that the youth won't respect authority," Bolton said. "In response to this fear, the government published the Sierra Leone National Youth Policy in June 2003."

Bolton explained that the national elections that would be best for them.

"Where is a place where rangers can happen and we won't get into trouble?" she asked, hypothetical-

"It's a question I ask frequently, literally," Bolton said.

"When Chamberlain introduced all the candidates, he stumbled over James McCaughan's last name. McCaughan should have taken comfort from the fact that a man named Barack Obama, one of the strangest names in American politics, was just elected president."

"It's like walking by The Huddle, and stopping in and getting a candy bar," McCaughan said.

"Do this mean student government will start handling out chocolate? Should I expect a cappuccino machine," Cynthia Weber, Grant Schmidt's running mate, quickly assured them that this was not possible. Believed she, her decision.

"It's strange to see Schmidt of GivensSchmidt.com, without the other member of the Bob and Grant duo. But Schmidt mentioned mentioning Bob Heish during the debate, and Heish, the war separated many youth after the war. He said, "The only requirement for the "mainstream youth" is that they stay in school," she said. "However, the government decides what gets taught in the school. It's just another way for the government to have a finger in all youth activities."

Bolton insists that the government's extreme fear of youth is unjustified and unnecessary.

"All these young people want is to be treated equally by the elders," she said. "They are not trying to seek power, they are simply seeking validation and nurturing of their ideas." She says that all these men want is to reach their status as an "adult," and also a "man," which is a major part of Sierra Leone culture.

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Dr. Catherine Bolton anthropologist

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ideas on the Zahm ticket's platform. They also want to start an affirmative action program for beautiful women, because they are the majority of the Notre Dame populace, Harig said. The freshman, wearing tight blue shorts and a cape, gripped the microphone and stumbled as he stood up to speak for the first time.

During the course of the debate between candidates for student government president and vice president, Lennon tried to start a game of "Who's Line is it Anyway?" and dared to the candidate's "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on it)," and the whole student body standing in the lobby of LaFortune in a cheer for "that mistake," which she said his running mate helped the student body would make on Feb. 9, student government election day.

I miss the U.S. presidential election day. I'm going to sound like I am.

From August to November, we went to The Observer covered the race between the Olivia THEMPEL and McCarthy-Palm tickets.

We watched debates, discussed platform issues and followed the trajectory of the campaigns from the conventions to, finally, Grant Park, Chicago.

Then, abruptly, it ended. I've been thinking about this often, and have felt many professional politics, the national conversation about who should lead us.

Last week, we began covering the race for student body president. In some ways, it was similar to the national elections. The can-

candidate have detailed platforms. They have fancy Web sites. They have fancy Web sites.

The Zahm ticket was supposed to be the joke: the annual ticket that runs, gives everyone a good laugh, but never gets their hands near the keys to the student govern-

ment office.

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"I am pleased, the White Power Ranger," Lennon said.

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dent of the student government and the moderator of the debate, asked him whether he had found a Power Ranger suit that large.

And I wondered why I was sitting in LaFortune at 8 p.m. on Wednesday night, listening to a freshman who, in his introductory remarks, said, "I have a fear, and I will never brush my teeth." The Zahm ticket was supposed to be the joke: the annual ticket that runs, gives everyone a good laugh, but never gets their hands near the keys to the student govern-

ment office.
MARKET Recap

**Stocks**

| Dow Jones | 7,956.66 | -121.70 |

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**AMEX** 1,404.33 20.46

**NASDAQ** 5,155.05 -1.25

**NYSE** 5,247.25 -25.27

**S&P 500** 832.23 -6.28

**NIKKEI (Tokyo)** 7,985.66 -55.25

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**Treasuries**

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**CONGRESS moves TV transition to June 12**

WASHINGTON — After weeks of debate, Congress is giving consumers four more months to prepare for the upcoming transition from analog to digital television broadcasting.

The House voted 264-158 on Wednesday to push a last-minute, 90-day delay in the June 12 digital-to-analog switch to September 11.

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In the question and answer portion of the debate, the tickets were asked two minutes to answer the three questions from the Judicial Council and 45 seconds to answer questions submitted by members of the student body. The pairs alternated who spoke first in each question.

The McCaughan-Schmidt ticket said their platform for improving student life involved game day at LaFortune. They "aim to deal with the football atmosphere and live audience that is present toward students," GORSKI said.

McCausahin urged the students to vote for his ticket, the only ticket that has the experience to deal with fluctuating rates for downtown parking.

Sanchez and Weber propose a plan to deal with safety. They said they would be able to know where students are going and what they are doing. Weber, the only vice-president candidate, said safety and communication is important in this campaign. "Give the biggest thing you can do to safety and communication is to have these people, sitting down, performing Beyonce's 'Single Ladies,'" he said.

The second question addressed communication relations, which featured the question of McCaughan-Schmidt's involvement with members of Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC).

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“cool” to be black. “It’s cool to be black because the president is black, not because my favorite football player is black, or because I like this rapper and he’s black, and as a black person it’s good to hear that,” Keller said.

Gates said that because of Obama’s image, he “provides another face for black men,” and alternative to the stereotypical black man in jail. However, Keller said, “I can easily see people seeing Obama as the exception rather than the rule ... and saying well, so many black men are in jail, alma alone can’t change the stereotype.”

Participants in the discussion agreed that to win the battle against racism and stereotypes will take more than just having a black man as president. Black men have not yet broken through the glass ceiling of racism that has been built down in the past.

“It’s been scratched,” Tipton said, but it has not been broken. “No one in the forum was addressing the issue.”

The forum ended with a discussion of what it would take to be successful in breaking the glass ceiling. Keller said that the only way to break that glass ceiling is for individual blacks to succeed.

She said that in order to be successful in her life, she told herself, “don’t be late to class, don’t be the one who needs help. Be the perfect student. If no one can say ‘oh, she’s here because she’s black or oh, getting it because she’s black’ said that success will happen when blacks have the same opportunities for things such as housing and education.

“For me, success for black people is being able to push the needle if I’m here on an athletic scholarship. I’ve been told to my face, ‘you’re not going to have affirmative action. That would be a success if that stopped happening,” Keller said.

Tipton added that he thinks blacks have been successful far in what they have accomplished. Keller agreed.

“Look at the strides we’ve made in such a short period of time,” Tipton said. “You have to remember the civil rights movement,” she said.

In other Senate news:

Social Concerns

Rebecca Alphonse, Michaela Marreat and Michelle Byrne Bell communicated the commitment of Notre Dame is hosting Communion University Day on April 4, as the administration encourages students to spend the day doing various service projects in the South Bend community.

Contact Madeline Buckley at m Buckley@nd.edu
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"Half an hour of meditation is essential, especially just after awakening before the sun has risen. A full hour is needed." — St. Francis de Sales

At a committee meeting at our parish the other night, the parish secretary had volunteered to lead the prayer break by saying, "I thought we could include in with several minutes of silence." She offered a few ideas about how we might pray in the silence, and really did talk about all about five truly quiet minutes before concluding with a reflection and a prayer. Each person seated around that table seemed to relish the opportunity — maybe as we're reaching to turn off our cell phones and laptops to our iPods. Even when I intentionally

Michael Murray, I must respectfully insist that you revise your offensive and fallacious FootballViewpoint article ("Goals worth one point," Feb. 3). You insist that "while a 1-1 tie to the reigning league champs [Zahm] may have felt like an awe-inspiring defeat" to an Alumni fan, it was, in fact, still at tie."

It was not a tie; you are wrong. Here's why. Let a = b; so a2 = b2 = ab; and it follows that a + b = a = b; or it becomes a + b = a; and by substitution a + 0 = a; which simplifies to 2a = a; so we can say 2 = 1. It is plainly evident that Alumni's goal counts twice. You just got sloppy in the face by math. What's that, you say? Your goal should count twice, too? No, it shouldn't. Just look at the homework into the history of the Boss. By the way, no matter how much Brian might wish, the kneeslide into the camera was not an intentional exposure of Bruce's leather-pants crotch. The Boss continues to rock.

I am writing in response to Brian Conway's electrifying performance Sunday night. I have made sure to get to the LC on an hour late game time, but the game versus Michigan was a completely different story.

After watching the quality product that Notre Dame hockey offers on the ice and the camping-out loyalty towards Notre Dame basketball and College GameDay, it was a no-brainer that I must arrive a little earlier to the JACC for the Michigan game. I only made it to a little earlier than you did for the Michigan game. I got to the JACC at 4 p.m. for the Michigan game, was first in line, and had no problem getting a ticket. If you are going to class so you can say (a+b) (a-b) = a (a-b); so it leads us to say (a+b) (a-b) = a (a-b); so it becomes a + b = a; and by substitution a + 0 = a; which simplifies to 2a = a; so we can say 2 = 1. It is plainly evident that Alumni's goal counts twice. You just got sloppy in the face by math. What's that, you say? Your goal should count twice, too? No, it shouldn't. Just look at the history of the Boss. By the way, no matter how much Brian might wish, the kneeslide into the camera was not an intentional exposure of Bruce's leather-pants crotch. The Boss continues to rock.
On the opening night of the annual Keenan Revue, one can still find Musical Director Joey Kuhn hard at work on perfecting the final details of the famed sketch-comedy show. "Everyone involved has been hard at work preparing for the show," Kuhn said, "I didn't know quite how much work I was getting myself into when I signed up to be the Music Director...the Revue has basically consumed my life for the last two weeks." 

Certainly, it's been hard work put to good use. For 33 years, the Keenan Revue has been entertaining Notre Dame and alumni and intermission collections from audience members, the Revue has become arguably the most popular dorm function on campus. Many still hold memories of past Revue's fondly in their lives. Kuhn said, citing the explosion of superhero movies in recent years, "The superhero theme was the most popular idea." 

"Preparing for the show has been no small endeavor. More than 60 skits auditioned for one of the 25 spots in this year's Revue." 

By EMILY LESTRANGE 

Cited last year's 'Casper: The Overly Friendly Ghost' as one of his favorite skits. Many can also recall the famous hit 'Talk Love with Dos Padres' from the 2007 revue. This year's Superhero-themed show, decided upon by the 20 members of the Revue staff, is guaranteed to be equally as entertaining. Although many themes were consid...
**Weekend Events Calendar**

**Thursday, February 5, 2009**

**THUR.**

**Inherit the Wind** (1960), 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Browning Cinema

With a title that comes from Proverbs 11:29, "'He that troubles his own house shall inherit the wind; and the fool that shall be servant to the wise of heart," "Inherit the Wind" plays on the idea that when one does something provocative, such as teaching Charles Darwin's theory of evolution before it is allowed, trouble will soon follow. "Inherit the Wind" is a fictional account of the actual Scope "Monkey" Trial that took place in 1925 in which a teacher was put on trial and convicted for teaching a theory other than creationism to his Tennessee high school science class. Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin with this weekend by watching this Academy Award nominated film embellishing one of the most controversial times in educational history.

**Friday, February 6, 2009**

**Silent Light** (2008), 6:30 p.m., Browning Cinema

In a Mexican Mennonite community, a scandalous adultery has taken place forcing a man to re-evaluate his marriage, religion and path in life. When the Johan falls for a woman other than his wife and continues his affair even though he knows its wrong, he has a complex experience between him, his wife, Esther further slips into a separation from both her husband and the world she knew, showing the painful effects cheating can have on those who deserve to feel its effects the least. Before heading out Saturday night, delve into this complex cinematic accomplishment.

**Experience the Instrumental Melodies of Ireland with Chulrua, 8 p.m., The Livery**

In true fighting Irish fashion, get your jig on this weekend by attending the traditional Irish band Chulrua's musical performance Friday night at The Livery. Drums, harp, pipes, jigs and polkas will keep the pub rolling late into the night and early into the morning.

With almost 70 years of musical experience between them, Chulrua knows how to transport the audience to the stony intimate pub atmosphere that will have you knocking back pints and trading stories of your funniest memories. Tickets are $10.

**Faculty Recital: Deanna Emmons, Saxophone, 4 p.m., Moreau Center for the Arts, Saint Mary's College**

A master of music with degrees from both Bluffton University and Indiana University - South Bend, Deanna Emmons will put on a jazz performance this Sunday afternoon at Saint Mary's. With experience playing in recitals, jazz ensembles, private venues and instructing students at band camps, Emmons has immense experience that has mounted to an impressive proficiency on the saxophone. This free event will feature professional, soulful, brass wind instrument skills that will make you wish you were back in the 1920s, at a juke joint putting on the hit.

**SAT.**

**Dining Hall Dish**

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Tonight Dining Hall Dish offers an entire and a great dessert idea.

The common theme? Both were submitted by some loyal readers and experienced dining hall recipe makers. Hopefully all of you out there are coming up with some great ideas, so don’t forget to submit them and get your name something every Notre Dame student should aspire to in The Observer! This week’s recipes:

**Chicken Parmesan**

Craving some Chicken Parmesan but it’s not on the menu tonight? No problem! You can find most things you need to make it every night of the week. Thank you to Charlie Vogelheim for this recipe.

1. Pick up a fried chicken breast.
2. Cover with marinara sauce from the pasta bar.
3. Cover with mozzarella from the salad bar and allow the hot pasta sauce to let it melt. Serve with a side of pasta and some garlic bread. (No garlic bread tonight? Try toasting some good bread, spreading a little butter or olive oil and topping with parmesan cheese for a substitute.)

**Puppy Chow**

This dessert (or snack) is probably something you stumbled upon as a kid, and it features what every kid wants: lots of sugar. And what’s wrong with that? Better yet, this is our first recipe from an alum! Thanks to 2008 graduate Matthew Lisowski for submitting it.

1. Pick up a bowl of Crispex cereal if the dining hall is out, you can try experimenting with other types. Aim for something on the plain side so that it doesn’t conflict with the ingredients you’re about to add.
2. Fill a bowl with a bit of butter and about equal parts creamy peanut butter and chocolate chips. If there are no chocolate chips, try substituting chocolate sauce, but you may need to adjust the portions of each ingredient to make the sauce thick enough.
3. Melt in the microwave for about 1 minute, until you can mix all the ingredients into a sauce.
4. Pour the sauce over the cereal and shake it between two bowls until it is coated.
5. Head to the waffle bar, toss on some powdered sugar, and toss again until it is covered.

Quick Tip

Want some new toppings for your ice cream? Try checking out the cereals. A lot of the sweeter ones give you an extra crunch the same way Oreos crumbles and candy do. One of the best ones I’ve tried is Fruity Pebbles.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail Michelle Fordice at mfordice@nd.edu.

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Kobe leads Lakers to victory over Raptors

LeBron answers Kobe with 52 points to go along with 11 assists and 10 rebounds in return to Madison Square Garden

Associated Press

TORONTO — Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers warmed up for their showdown in Boston with a victory over Toronto.

Kobe Bryant scored 52 points, Paul Pierce followed with 23, and the Lakers beat the Toronto Raptors 115-110 on Wednesday night for a straight victory and eighth in nine games.

"We got it going a little bit more," said Bryant, who scored 10 points in the fourth to help the Lakers outscore Toronto 30-20 in the final frame. "We obviously picked up our energy a little bit. It felt like the first three quarters, we didn't do a lot, we just played the way we need to. In the fourth quarter it seemed to be there for us.

"It says a lot about the level he's playing at right now," Fisher said.

Gasol had a career-high 24 points for the Lakers.

The Raptors also played with confidence and nearly overcame a 35-point deficit at one point in the game.

"It's the same injury to the 3-point play, and Bryant responded with a jumper in the lane, then a pair of free throws, to push the lead to 10, 105-107.

But Bryant failed to convert the 3-point play, and Bryant responded with a jumper in the lane, then a pair of free throws, to break the 100-point mark for the Lakers.

"I don't go out for the numbers, I just play my game," James said.

"I've seen guys every phase of my game tonight, the scoring, the rebounding, the assists and defensively just trying to attack the opposing team.

"I never thought you could look at the box score and see somebody with 50 with a triple-double, but it's happened.

James added 11 assists and 10 rebounds, becoming the first player since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1975 to have a triple-double in a playoff game.

"A pretty impressive triple-double," Cleveland guard Wally Szczerbiak said. "I bet his fantasy owners are pretty happy.

They were similar numbers to James' game in New York last March, when he finished with 50 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds.

"James did it twice," Szczerbiak said.

"It's the same injury that he sustained at the foot.

"We had to fuss to get that game," Jackson said. "I didn't feel a few shots go in and just try, and they were just in the right place at the right time."

Jackson added he wouldn't try - and win ball games and some­times we make games like that," Jackson said.

"It just so happens where we get our numbers or we make an unbelievable play. It just happens that way. But we're out there first of all trying to win the basketball game. I never go in there saying 'I'm going to try to get a decent amount of numbers or anything like that. I've never been that type of player.'

"We're going to try to get that game," Jackson said.

"I'll just get a triple-double," Bryant didn't do that.

Grunyes Azuagu was scored 15 points, and Szczerbiak had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who have won four straight and eight of nine.

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"It was a fun night, that's for sure," coach Flip Jackson said, recalling the Game 6 loss last June that gave the Celtics the title.

Gasol looks back just as dis­tressed.

"It's not a good memory," he said. "Hopefully we'll be able to change that and do better next time.

After that, the Lakers head to Cleveland for a Sunday matchup with the defending Eastern Conference champs.

"For good test for us, these two games coming up," Gasol. "They're going to be extremely hard. I think we're going to have to overcome that and identify ourselves there.

Toronto lost its fourth straight, but didn't go quietly. Joey Graham had a career-high 24 points, and Jermaine O'Neal added 22 points and nine blocks.

Andrew Bargnani scored 20 points, and Anthony Parker had 17 in his first 20-21 overall against the Lakers.

"We probably gave more than we would have liked to," Parker said. "The Raptors played a solid game, that's the second time against a team that's been second or third, three from Bryant, cutting it to 23-23 3 minutes later. Bryant had 20 points, eight rebounds, but the Lakers lost 31-26 after one.

"I was a little off my rhythm tonight," Jackson said. "I thought we have enough gas in the tank to figure out how to win (Thursday).

Toronto All-Star Chris Bosh left the game with 8:50 remaining in the third quarter because of a sprained right knee.

Bosh, who had 12 points and eight rebounds in 29 minutes, was taken to a hospital for tests.

The Lakers also played without point guard Jose Calderon, who sat out with a sore right hamstring. It's the same injury that kept him out of 10 games in January and two in November.

Parker moved over to point guard with Graham starting at shooting guard.

"We have never had more than two and trailed 87-85 to begin the fourth, but took its first lead since the second quar­ter by shooting 8-10 on Bryant's jumper with 6:27 left.

"From there it seemed like the momentum was really on our side and we were able to finish that game," Fisher said.

The Lakers trailed by seven with just over a minute left, but Parker found Bryant and followed Bryant's miss with a layup in cut it to two, at 107-106.

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Los Angeles Lakers guard Bryant drives to the basket against Toronto Raptors forward Jermaine O'Neal during their game Wednesday night in Toronto.

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**A NCAA Men's Basketball**

**AP Top 25**

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**PGA Tour**

**Harrington headlines Buick field**

Padraig Harrington prepares for this weekends Buick Invitational during a practice round on Wednesday. Harrington won two majors last year, the British Open and the PGA Championship.

**IN BRIEF**

WNBA's Leslie to retire at end of basketball season

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Three-time WNBA MVP and four-time Olympic gold medalist Lisa Leslie will call it quits after her upcoming 15th season with the Los Angeles Sparks.

The 36-year-old center announced her decision Wednesday, accompanied by her 19-month-old daughter and husband.

Leslie, a cornerstone of the league since its start in 1997, guided the Sparks to WNBA championships in 2001 and 2002.

"I'm not going to pull a (Michael) Jordan and come back in a year or two," she said. "For me, I feel good about where I am ... I just know this is a good time. I can still help the team. I don't want to be out there where I can't do it." Leslie said she considered retiring last season when it became more difficult to balance her family life and her basketball career. She took the 2007 season off to give birth to her first child, Lauren, and returned last season. She is married to Michael Lockwood.

**Associated Press**

SAN DIEGO — He captured more majors than anyone last year, won every player of the year award on golf's landscape and will make his PGA Tour debut this week in the Buick Invitational.

The story should sound familiar, just not the name. "Never really thought of that way," Padraig Harrington said Wednesday. Instead of Tiger Woods, the feature attraction at Torrey Pines is Harrington, who has won three of the last six majors, including consecutive titles last year in the British Open and PGA Championship.

Harrington is No. 3 in the world, the highest-ranked player at the Buick Invitational by a small margin over hometown star Phil Mickelson. And while Lefty figures to attract the largest gallery — the security detail that usually follows Woods has been assigned to him — the Irishman was the No. 1 pick at the pro-am draw party.

"This will be the earliest I've been to Torrey Pines for the U.S. Open last summer, but this is his first time to play the Buick Invitational. He spent his pro-am Wednesday on the North course, which in June was occupied by parking lots, practice areas, corporate tents and the media center.

Reaching the crest of the fifth fairway, staring below at the green, the cliffs and the Pacific Ocean, Harrington taught himself. "This is a particularly pretty view," he said, a rare understatement by his standards.

And when one of his amenities asked him to set his favorite golf course in America (not counting Augusta National), Harrington listed the next three tournaments on his schedule — Torrey Pines, Pebble Beach and Riviera, the only time in PGA Tour history that three straight tournaments are held at U.S. Open venues.

What kind of game will he bring to those courses remains a mystery. "Less than sharp," Harrington said. He takes a two-month break from tournament golf during the winter, but he is always working, always refining his swing to find a way to make it better. He conceives that it takes time for the moving parts to get in sync.

"You can practice as much as you like, go on the golf course and play as much as you like," he said. "But it's totally different when you have a card in your hand."

Phelps copes with fallout from suggestive picture

BALTIMORE — Olympic champion Michael Phelps said Wednesday that he is going to have to live with the fallout from a photo of him smoking a marijuana pipe.

Phelps spoke to The Associated Press about the ordeal outside is pool where he trains. The public comments were his first since the photo surfaced in a British tabloid over the weekend.

"It's something I am going to have to live with and something I'll have to grow from," Phelps said. "I know with all of the mistakes I made, I learned from them and that is what I expect to do from this. By no means is it fun for me, by no means is it easy."

Wearing a black sweat suit and shaking off the remaining drops of water in his hair after a workout at the Meadowbrook Aquatic Center, Phelps said the most important thing for him is that he was back in the pool training.

**NHLPA meets to make changes regarding fighting**

TORONTO — The head of the NHL Players' Association believes it is time to consider a rule mandating helmet use during fights and to examine the role of one-dimensional enforcers in the game.

While a "clear majority" of players want fighting to remain a part of hockey, Paul Kelly feels his constituency is open to restrictions on the process.

"A couple of us who've talked about that ought to be looked at anyway is, do you consider a rule whereby players need to keep a helmet on during the course of a fight, and perhaps require officials to step in if a helmet comes off during a fight," Kelly said Wednesday before the Gom Smythe Celebrities Dinner and Auction.

"If it's true that when guys get hurtled to the ice or tripped to the ice and hang their skull on the ice where is the real danger comes from, then maybe we can prevent against that. It's certainly something worth looking at," the union chief added.

**around the dial**

**NCAA Men's Basketball**

Temple at No. 9 Xavier

7 p.m., ESPN

**NBA**

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8 p.m., TNT

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... and we’re not even to SATURDAY yet.

Ever wonder what a band with girls tap dancing instead of a drummer sounds like?

Tilly & The Wall
SCOTLAND YARD GOSPEL CHOIR
10PM SATURDAY

REGGAETON
nightclub
midnight
get it.

Legends of Notre Dame
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Ohio State recruit Jack Mewhort stands with head coach Jim Tressel during a news conference Wed. in Columbus, Ohio.

"Jim Tressel is one of the great national recruiters. He has a fence around the state and he filled it up again this year," Tressel said.

Tom Lemming
CBS analyst

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel turned another batch of blue-chippers into Buckeyes, putting together a class that rated among the best being announced Wednesday. The first day high school players can make their verbal commitments to colleges official.

Still in the usual suspects cleaned up on the recruiting trail: Southern California, Texas and LSU have classes that experts are touting as top 10.

Defending champion Florida's class is small, but that's what happens when a team wins a national title with a roster full of underclassmen — but strong.

Michigan's first class fully recruited by new coach Rich Rodriguez should give Wolverine fans some hope for a brighter future after a 3-9 debacle in 2008.

In Miami, coach Randy Shannon is poised to have a second consecutive promising signing day, though the Hurricanes won't know if top-rated running back Karim Brown of Brownsville, Texas, will keep his verbal commitment to Miami and switch to Oklahoma or Kansas State. Brown's adviser said it will be several days before Brown signs a letter of intent.

And at Alabama, Nick Saban has another top-rated class lined up to help him keep the Crimson Tide No. 1. He had them for much of the 2008 season: atop the polls.

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel boasts a class that's No. 2, behind LSU. "He has a fence around the state of Ohio and put it up again this year. He also did a great job in western Pennsylvania." Linebacker Dorian Bell and defensive back Corey Brown, teammates at Gateway High School in Monroeville, Pa., and both given five stars (out of five) by Rivals.com, are headed to Ohio State. Tressel even managed to convince a couple of four-star recruits from the Sunshine State — running back Jaamal Carter and defensive back Jelani Jenkins, a highly touted JUCO running back from Gateway High School that previously committed to Georgia.

"This was my team growing up. There's not anything in the world I'd rather be doing," Tressel said.

Tom Cable
LSU coach

As said when this became an interim job in October, this is my dream job. I'd rather be doing.

"I feel like I understand that locker room. They're going to tell me where I stand, and I'm going to tell them the truth."
Court documents link Bonds to steroid use

New testimony released on Wednesday adds to the already overwhelming amount of evidence pointing against Bonds.

Former San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds arrives at the federal courthouse in San Francisco, Calif. on June 6, 2008 for a hearing in his perjury trial.

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Court documents show Barry Bonds tested positive for three types of steroids, and his personal trainer once told his business manager in the Giants’ clubhouse how he injected the slugger with performance-enhancing drugs to ‘‘for all over the place.”

Prosecutors plan to use those 2000-2003 test results and other evidence released in previously redacted documents Wednesday at Bonds’ perjury trial next month to try to prove he lied when he told a federal grand jury in December 2002 that he never knowingly used steroids.

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SMC BASKETBALL
Belles rebound with big win over Olivet

By ROBERT GRAHAM
Sports Writer

After their tough, lopsided loss to nationally-ranked rival Hope College last weekend, Saint Mary's will most likely have to win the remaining four games to reach the NCAA tournament at the end of the month.

The Belles didn't let Olivet up for air as they won Wednesday night, 82-49. The Belles (12-8, 3-4 MCC) were senior forward Erin Newsom, who had 14 points, respectively. The other two Belles to reach double digits in the winning effort. Newsom, who had 13 points, and junior forward Anna Kammrath with 10. Both Newsom and Kammrath also contributed six rebounds apiece in the win.

Despite the fact that Hope also won Wednesday, there are still four games left for each team in conference play before the MIAA tournament at the start of a three-game stretch against top 10 teams. They visit No. 4 Duke on Saturday and will be at home against No. 3 North Carolina on Feb. 15. "The Demons struggled throughout and shot a season-low 37.1 percent, including 3-for-20 from the 3-point range. Their 52 points were a season low. "We were relying way too much on the 3-point shot," said Robert Graham at rgraham@nd.edu.

The Observer

NOTRE DAME

The College of Engineering Welcomes Early Admitted Engineering Interns

The University of Notre Dame's College of Engineering welcomes 31 early admitted engineering interns for the spring semester. The college has offered internships to all interns since 2005.

The interns are from a variety of backgrounds and will work on projects in engineering fields such as mechanical, electrical, civil, and computer engineering.

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Erik Anderson
Mauru Aranguren
Taylor Barker
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Thomas Pollard

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Laura Semeraro
Jarred Simmons
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Kyle Stadet
David Smith
Zachary Staudier
Christina Stutts
Nathan Thomas
Kaylinn Troyer
Ross Turner
Jeffery Ulrich
Kyle Vinson
Stephen Wandel
Brett Wiener
Michael Williams
Derek Wolf
Samuel Wright
Thomas Young II
James Yurkovich

We hope to see you in our Class of 2013.
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eye-opening performance at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl game, he quickly began gaining respect in national rankings.

Weis said the Sunshine State native reminded him a lot of current Irish linebacker Harrison Smith. Moita has already impressed the coaching staff in his first few weeks in South Bend and is expected to play either outside line­backer or safety.

Tyrer Stockton

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as, it was like, "Oh, yeah, and I'm considering Notre Dame." Not good, not good. If he didn't come here, ND football is officially dead, and even worse, I'll have to change my handle.

11:30 a.m. posted by Frierstrock

He was just saying that it was too show people off. Besides, I heard from my super-duper secret source that his dad called Weis yesterday to tell him he's coming to ND.

11:31 a.m. posted by Tlorlover: I heard that same phone call was to tell Weis he's not coming! If he doesn't come to ND, you know Pete Carroll must've done something shady. And I'm sure that wuss Urban Meyer had a hand in this somehow. (But I do wish he was our wussah).

End scene. The above was a dramatization of conversations held on recruiting message boards over the past five weeks all over the Internet, not just at Notre Dame's official pages. The language is obviously exaggerated, but not that much — a lot of talk for kids that have played a down in college yet.

Of course, recruiting is a vital part of college football, and there's nothing wrong with following recruiting as a fun program. But the Internet frenzy that comes with recruiting seems to have gotten out of hand. If we were a parent of a 17-year-old kid, frankly, I'd be creeped out a bit by what these faceless strangers are saying about my son on the Internet and the rumors that they're spreading about him.

This culture is also not good for the athletes. These are 17-year-old high school kids, who've still not fully developed emotionally and haven't learned to avoid looking at such things, that can't help but read what's said about them on the Internet. In some ways it's easier to read about what people are saying about you, debating whether or not you're going to one school or another when you actually know the truth. A recruit who can such glowing dialogues can develop sort of a God-complex. That's certainly not healthy.

On the other hand there are peo­ple to people, too. Frankly, back then for not choosing a school, and this can cause unwarranted pain. No matter how good you are, it hurts when somebody says something nasty about you, even if it is an anonymous message board post.

In the case of Manti Te'o, no doubt Wednesday was a good day for Notre Dame. Te'o is a first-class athlete and Notre Dame is lucky to have him, especially given the past two seasons. More importantly, Te'o seems like a first-class person. But Te'o, along with the hundreds of other athletes who signed letters of intent Wednesday, hasn't played a snap in college. It's rare, when a player can come in and have an immediate impact the way Michael Floyd did last year, Te'o may do that, but in general, it takes the spring and fall to turn a recruit into a five-star potential. Throwing it on the Internet, you would think those guys are going to be mythical tomorrow.

It's fun to think about what Notre Dame will be putting on the field in years to come. There are a lot of reasons for optimism. In addition to Te'o, Notre Dame nabbed some great athletes in Cierre Wood, Tyler Stockton and Shaquelle Evans. But until the players develop, there's just talk, and it's absurd talk about that.

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and ends up committing; it's truly remarkable," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said in a press conference Wednesday.

Sixteen other recruits also announced their intentions to play for the Irish Wednesday, which was national signing day for high school seniors. Wide receiv­er Shaquelle Evans, running back Cierre Wood and offen­sive tackle Chris Watt all announced their intention to play for Notre Dame.

"He's every bit of that 6-2, 300 that might not be doing it at this position," Weis said. "He might be big­ger than that." Weis said Te'o asked one question during a phone call with him Tuesday night: Did he have a chance to come in and com­pare notes? Weis said he received other indications that Te'o trusted the Irish but didn't know for sure until Te'o announced it himself.

"Not until he actually does it do you feel good about it," Weis said.

Te'o is a Mormon and may take a mission trip after his senior year. Weis said one of the things that alerted him to the fact that Te'o may have been moving towards Notre Dame was that Te'o's father, Brian, called Weis last night to inform him that Te'o made his decision on ESPN around 11:15 p.m. Wednesday. ESPN ranked him as the No. 1 defensive player and the No. 2 player overall in this year's signing class.

The 6-foot-2, 225-pound Te'o was named the nation's two top running backs in 2008 and 2009, but he didn't have any five-star potential. A 6-foot-3, 220-pound Te'o has played three different positions on the line and was spon­sored a sack in the Don Shula Bowl playing in the Hawaii Bowl this past season.

"Certainly didn't hurt that he picked Notre Dame," Weis said. But, he added, he doesn't think the players, who had a role in the decision of which school to commit to, were thinking about getting Te'o to feel good about it.

Weis said he understood the importance of getting recruits nationwide and that signing the top recruits will keep Notre Dame competitive.

"Whether it's California or Florida or anyplace, Indiana, Illinois, no matter where you're going, if you want to truly mark­et, you have to get the best players," Weis said. "I don't have illusions of grandeur [and know] that getting top players in the future is the way to beat them."

Notes:

• Irish Illustrated reported that Roby Coma, a senior wide receiver who was recruited to Punahou High School with Te'o, may be considering committing to Notre Dame. He was originally going to commit to Stanford, but has not turned in his letter of intent.

• Junior Chris Martin, a 6-foot-4, 220-pound line­backer from Oakland, Calif., committed to Notre Dame Wednesday. Irish Illustrated reported he had an offi­cial visit at Notre Dame Wednesday and asked Irish Illustrated's Brian Smith about the Notre Dame recruiting process.

"He's a complete receiver with a combination of size and speed," Weis said. "He's just a playmaker. Weid, a 6-foot, 192-pound running back from Oxnard, Calif., verbally committed early to Notre Dame. USA Today named him an All­America player, and The Sporting News ranked him the No. 2 running back in the 2010 recruiting class in the nation and 15th in his position, according to Stockton and Shaquelle Evans. But Te'o, along with five other recruits Notre Dame signed besides Te'o that Rivals.com gave five stars. A 6-foot-3, 230-pound Evins from Glen Ellyn, Ill., was also named an All-American by USA Today.

"Here is another guy that we have had a good rela­tionship with for some time and we are really happy to have him on board," Weis said.

Watt had 107 pancake blocks for the Glendhun West High School even though he missed two weeks with a hand injury.

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Irish Row Apartments and Irish Crossings Townhomes are housing fast for both the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years.

Irish Row Apartments and Irish Crossings Townhomes are one of the 10 best places to live in the South Bend area. Irish Row is located just 6 blocks as a senior at Punahou High School.

"I'm just not going to go out on a limb and say we have had a good relationship with him," Weis said. "I don't have illusions of grandeur [and know] that getting top players in the future is the way to beat them."

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FOOTBALL SIGNING DAY

The full Manti

Team nets Manti Te'o and several other studs

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Cold weather be damned — Charlie Weis managed to lure the biggest fish in the pond away from the temperate waters of southern California to the North Atlantic-esque conditions of South Bend.

Linebacker Manti Te'o, from Punahou High School in Laie, Hawaii, signed a letter of intent to play for Notre Dame next fall, the athletic department announced Wednesday. Te'o chose the Irish over Southern California, UCLA, BYU and Stanford.

"You think about it, a kid from Hawaii, he comes to the Syracuse game in March," Weis said. "You turn around and there's Manti Te'o. You say, 'I've got to get the hell out of here.'"

E.J. Banks

Banks is one of three Irish players already on campus. He played both safety and quarterback for Montour High School in Pittsburgh, but will serve as a cornerback for Notre Dame.

Last season he racked up more than 1,000 yards rushing and passing. He is currently coming off a torn ACL, but Irish coach Charlie Weis and the Irish are hoping his athleticism will help him rebound quickly. He also played basketball and competed in track in high school.

Carlo Calabrese

From the same high school as former Notre Dame tight end Anthony Fasano, Calabrese brings a hard-nosed New Jersey attitude with him to South Bend.

"He just likes contact," Weis, a New Jersey native, said. "He's a rocked-up unit. He looks the part. He looks the part like he would be ready to go early in his career."

Calabrese was named his state's Defensive Player of the Year in his senior season after finishing with 130 tackles and three sacks from the linebacker position. He is known as more of a run-stopper, but showed some athletic ability by catching 27 passes for nearly 500 yards this season.

Dan Fox

Fox is another one of the many young linebackers expected to compete for a job early in his career. At 6-foot-4, 215 pounds he has the size to be a good outside linebacker, where Weis expects he will fit in. Fox played safety this year and is a cousin of Notre Dame's new recruits. After an ACL tear in his senior year at St. Joseph's, Fox is hoping this season will be a "ballpark" year for him.

Zeke Motta

Motta, another early enrollee, has been touted as the most likely of Notre Dame's new recruits. After an injury-filled senior season at Ignatius in Cleveland, Motta was named a first-team All-Ohio defensive tackle and has strong ties to Notre Dame. Zeke Motta is the cousin of Notre Dame's new recruits.

Notre Dame lands top recruits from across the country-

Irish fall in sixth straight

Squad drops to 12-9 overall and 3-7 against Big East foes

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's season is turning into a bad movie series. The sequel is just like its predecessor, which was nearly identical to the one before that. All have ended badly for the Irish.

For the sixth consecutive game, Notre Dame hung tough with its opponent for a stretch before watching the game slip out of reach in the second half. This time, the villain was Cincinnati. With their 93-83 win Wednesday, the Bearcats handed Notre Dame their first six-game losing streak under coach Mike Brey.

"The best goes on, baby," Brey said.

Men's Basketball

Irish junior point guard Tory Jackson attempts a layup during Notre Dame's loss at Cincinnati Wednesday.

Miami (Ohio) beat Notre Dame 93-83 in its season finale Wednesday, sending the Irish to their sixth consecutive loss.

The Bearcats (15-16, 6-7 Big East) shot 58 percent from the field and outscored the Irish 48-27 in the second half.

Notre Dame (12-9, 4-9 Big East) had a five-game winning streak earlier this season and was riding a two-game winning streak in Big East play.

"We're going to have to do it the same way we've been doing it," said coach Mike Brey. "It's not going to be easy. We've got to get it all done in one night."

Brey said the Irish were not ready to play and were forcing the Bearcats to shoot from the outside.

"It's not like we're going to shoot 70% from the field," Brey said. "We're going to have to shoot 40% from the field and have a chance at winning."

The Bearcats, who were previously 0-5 in the Big East, took a 20-point lead in the second half and never looked back.

Irish senior forward Zach Auguste had 18 points and 14 rebounds, but Notre Dame shot just 35 percent from the field and 1-11 from three-point range.

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Miami (Ohio) coach Pam Borton said her team played well overall.

"They're a good basketball team," Borton said. "They're a good basketball team. We just had a tough time with their defense tonight. They're a tough team to beat."