Remaining ND tickets debate platforms
Schmidt-Weber and Burdick-Sanchez prepare for Thursday’s run-off election

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The Grant Schmidt-Cynthia Weber ticket emphasized its experience and platform research while the Laura Burdick-Derek Sanchez ticket accused their opponents of recycling ideas from old campaigns in the run-off debate for student body president and vice president Wednesday night in LaFortune.

Schmidt, a junior, and Weber, a sophomore, along with juniors Burdick and Sanchez, advanced to compete in the run-off election after neither ticket won 50 percent of the vote in the general election Monday. The debate, moderated by George Chamberlain, president of the Judicial Council, featured questions from the Council and the audience with a chance for the candidates to give a rebuttal.

Schmidt and Weber said they present a comprehensive and well-researched platform with feasible ideas.

“I think a lot of people have questioned our taxi reform,” Schmidt said. “But these are things I have been looking at for a really long time. We need to accomplish these big initiatives.”

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Vice presidential candidate Derek Sanchez, with running mate Laura Burdick, speaks during the run-off debate on Wednesday.

Knights raise money for several charities
Organization collects $48,325 from selling steak sandwiches at home football games

By KATLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

There’s a lot of money in steak sandwiches, at least when you sell them prior to Notre Dame home football games.

The Notre Dame chapter of the Knights of Columbus made a profit of $48,325 during the 2008 football season. The Knights, a fraternal service organization, are currently in the process of distributing these funds to several charities, as they do every year.

Grand Knight Jim Redden said the 2008 profit was good considering there was one fewer home game than recent years, and that the weather was rainy the day of the Michigan game.

On a football weekend with good weather, they sell about 3,000 steaks, said Redden, a junior at Notre Dame.

“People buy them faster than we can make them, so there’s always more of a demand than we can get them cooked,” he said. “So one of the challenges is to get started early enough that you can make enough of a batch to order.”

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John Peterson, a member of the Knights of Columbus, grills steaks before a 2007 home football game.

Exhibit features poet’s works
Ingeborg Bachmann’s life and literary achievements on display at library

By LIZ LEEFBRVE
News Writer

The prominent exhibit “Writing Against War” featuring the life and works of renowned Austrian-born poet Ingeborg Bachmann will open on the second floor of the Hesburgh Library Thursday at 5 p.m.

The multi-media display focuses specifically on the theme of war throughout Bachmann’s life and literary achievements.

The ceremony will feature a presentation and reading by poet and Bachmann translator Peter Filkins of Bard College. A reception will follow the event.

The exhibit will be on display at Notre Dame through March 8. This is the first stop on the exhibit’s United States tour, though it has been traveling throughout Europe since 2003. The Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs provided the exhibit and it has already appeared at 57 different locations and been translated into seven languages.

Bachmann, a famous writer of poems, radio plays, short stories, novels and literary theory essays, became one of the leading voices in post-war German literature. Her works represent a large body of anti-war writing, as she used language to challenge the chronic state of war in the world. Each year a prestigious award is given out in her name and memory to an outstanding work of Germanophone literature.

German professor and Mark Twain Institute fellow, Anita McChesney was responsible for bringing the exhibit to Notre Dame.

“Ingeborg Bachmann’s works present singular vision of literary protests against wars that touched her life, and they reflect both a criticism of war’s atrocities as well as the continued hope for peace,” McChesney said. “This exhibit has been down this year, he said. Kirsits said the best way to handle alcohol-related issues is continued education.

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Campuses, community seek better relationship

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Improving relationships between Notre Dame students and South Bend residents and concerns over-off-campus housing were two issues discussed Wednesday at the Community Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meeting, held at the County-City Building in South Bend.

Student and faculty representatives from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and city and county officials from the community for the third time this year to talk about community and student related issues.

Council chairman Al Kirsits said one issue of concern between community members and students are parties and alcohol-related matters. But overall, the number of parties and incidents involving drinking has been down this year, he said.

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The housing options tab would give students all the information

STUDENT SENATE

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INSIDE COLUMN

Diamonds on Feb. 14

The temperature has been above freezing for almost a week now. On Tuesday, I saw the sun. I've been wearing flip-flops since Saturday. Yesterday, it started raining. Indeed, signs of South Bend spring are everywhere. And with Feb. 14 drawing near, I've got diamonds on the brain.

No, I'm not talking about getting engaged. Seeing as how I'm a sophomore and single, it would be a pretty big shock if someone were to take me down to the gift shop and ask the question. If it did happen, I'm pretty sure I would decline.

(Except for Michael Floyd.) I'm talking about a different type of diamond. A kind that is less expensive to enjoy — not counting in New York — and a much better best friend than a jewel is.

That's right. Cubs fans, start your engines (hear that distinctive whine?), because it's baseball season again. On Saturday — known to some as Valentine's Day, to others as Singles Awareness Day, still to others as Jon Lester's birthday — pitchers and catchers will begin reporting to their spring training camps all along the warm parts of the country.

Actually, the pitchers and catchers of one team will start reporting on Friday the 13th. Interesting that the Yankees think of themselves as above bad luck.

Baseball season is my favorite part of the year. I'm a happier person when I have sports to ease my stress, and basketball just doesn't cut it. Granted, sometimes it adds to my stress, but that's what you get for being a Notre Dame student from Cleveland.

The new season is already brimming with storylines, including yet another steroid scandal, C.C. Sabathia in those oh-so-stirring pintstripes, and my personal favorite, Manny-Being-Unemployed.

In my mind, though, the new season is still a blank slate.

Anything can happen over the course of five months and 162 baseball games. Every year, experts make predictions, and every year, they're proved completely wrong.

Remember the beginning of 2008's season, when the Tigers were supposed to score 1000 runs and easily win the World Series? That was the end of the 2008 season, when the Tigers finished last, behind the Kansas City Royals?

I feel the urge to make fun of the Yankees and Cubs more, but it's not fair because I've already targeted them. Plus, it's just too easy.

The point is that, lame as it sounds, every team is undefeated right now.

There's a point in every season where the general attitude among sports fans migrates from general envy to obvious excitement. I've got diamonds on the brain.

Peterson Campbell, a graduate assistant in the College of Arts and Letters, takes notes during a presentation by David Cortright and George A. Lopez entitled "The Impact of Counterterrorism on Civil Society" in O'Shaughnessy Hall on Wednesday.

IN BRIEF

Valentine's Day Candy Heart-grams will be sold in LaFortune today. The hearts cost $1 per package and will be delivered on Friday.

Fair Trade Coffeehouse in the CoMo Lounge, today from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Learn about the Fair Trade movement and enjoy coffee, baked goods, and live entertainment from popular campus acts. Sponsored by the Department of Sociology. Proceeds help fund SOC 23534's cross-cultural trip to Guatemala.

The Glass Club is having a sale of some of their products—etched glassware, jewelry, stained glass, etc.—in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. It will take place today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Freshman Class Council is hosting Lovefest on Friday at 9 p.m. The event will take place in Casey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library and will include free candy from the South Bend Chocolate Factory and musical performers from the Freshman class. Tickets are $5 and will benefit the American Heart Association.

The annual Edith Stein Project will take place throughout the day this Friday. The conference will address women's issues and feature performances which will include speakers, a Mass, meals, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students are invited free of charge, but must register at https://marketplace.usd.edu/er/index.cfm.

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

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Italy’s political landscape discussed

Ambassador Guido Lenzi addresses country’s history and origins

By BECKY HOGAN

News Writer

In the Gallery of Bond Hall, adorned by Roman casts and sculptures, ambassador to the United States, Guido Lenzi described Italy’s complicated character to a packed room on Wednesday.

“Italy is a country of contradictions. It’s a land of improvisation—things are made up at the spur of the moment, and inventiveness is part of the life of everybody,” Lenzi said.

Lenzi described Italy as a “grown-up teenager,” noting that its fragmented nature can be compared to a teenager’s need for independence and a desire to prove themselves. He also pointed out that Italy is younger than the time holding itself together, and inventiveness is part of the life of everybody.

“Some are much stronger nowadays. Everybody in Italy was a party-goer ... it is the most multilateral-minded country in the world,” Lenzi said.

He explained the nation’s history and origins.

“History and origins...”

By BECKY HOGAN

News Writer

The Irish Marauders, a color guard and exhibition drill team of the Notre Dame Army ROTC, recently received an invitation to perform at St. Patrick’s Day parade in New York City, Officer-in-Charge, Justin Figueredo, a senior, said.

“We are really excited to be invited to perform in this parade and provide the colors in a nationally televised event—not many teams are invited, so it is a huge honor to be recognized and invited to participate and represent Notre Dame.”

Figueredo, a senior, said. The team provides color guard for sporting leagues and charities off campus, and represents Notre Dame’s Army ROTC at various events and functions throughout the nation.

“Not many people know about the other component of the Irish Marauders, the drill team, as well,” Figueredo said.

The drill team is made up of about 17 Army ROTC students in all classes and has practice every week, he said. The Marauders are a voluntary group with no personal development, he said.

“Since it is intended to be for enjoyment and the development of personal discipline, there are no tryouts for the team or cuts from the team,” Figueredo said.

“...the best things about developing leadership, confidence and teamwork while learning the art of military ceremonies and rifle regulations, drill techniques, including nhu, throws and other maneuvers.”

Casey Kenny

The team’s performances involve silent drill, which requires that all rifle movements are executed at precise moments.

“Our performances are a real show of discipline,” adds Figueredo. “We move and spin to music with no beat or count, but rather create our own beat which requires that all members be mentally sound and in complete sync with one another in order for it to work.”

Though they are challenging, the performances are also meant to be fun and exciting for team members and viewers alike, he said.

The drill team’s performances are “a lot of fun to watch and really demonstrate the values of the Army ROTC program. They are especially enjoyable for the team members.”

The Marauders drill team has been looking forward to its performance this year. It is the team’s first performance outside the battalion and a great opportunity to show the public our drill team,” says Figueredo.

Public performance is such a rewarding part of our practice and the team really enjoys putting on these exhibitions.”

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Professor looks for trends in college age plagiarism

Special to The Observer

SUSAN D. BLUM, associate professor of anthropology at the University of Notre Dame, is the author of a new book titled “My Word! Plagiarism and College Culture,” which examines the prevalence of plagiarism among American college students and why it exists.

Blum is a cultural and linguistic anthropologist who has been researching deception, truth, lying and cheating for several years, mostly in the context of China but also cross-culturally. In “My Word!” she examines the complexity of student behavior using standard anthropological tools for holistic approach to a problem, she said as a translator of students’ culture to non-students through analysis of the perspectives of faculty, administrators and students. She neither excise nor blame students for the behavior, but lump together as ‘plagiarism.’

“My goal simply is understanding.”

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associate professor of anthropology

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Blum, who served for five years as director of Notre Dame’s Center for Asian Studies, is also the author of “Lies that Bind: Chinese Truth, Other Truths,” which explores the ideology of truth and deception in China and elsewhere, as well as “Making Sense of Language: Readings in Culture and Communication,” and “Portraits of ‘Primitives’: The European Image of the Chinese Nation.”

She is co-editor of “China Off Center: Mapping the Margins of the Middle Kingdom,” a number of the Notre Dame faculty since 2000. Blum was graduated from Stanford University. She earned mas­­er’s degrees in anthropology and Chinese language and literature and her doctoral degree in anthropology from the University of Michigan.

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tion they need, he said. Because this student gov-
ernment administration has focused on off-campus safety, the site will also have a lot of information about safety, good community relations, Gari said.

"There will be resources about being a good neighbor and communicating better with the community," he said.

Gari said he presented this information to the Council of Representatives (COR) Tuesday and received feedback.

"COR mentioned having a 'Your Rights' tab on the site," he said. "We were also told to be stressing stuff from the Eddy Street Commons."

The 'Your Rights' tab would detail what is expected of students when they move off campus, he said. COR members also suggested tracking the parts of the site that receive the most hits and then making those tabs more accessible to students, Gari said.

Student body president Bob Reish said the site for on-campus students as well as students living off campus.

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reserve in order to feed the lunchtime crowd. One of the big selling points that we advertise is that 100 percent of the profits go to charity. The four largest charities that receive money from the Notre Dame council are Corvilla, Inc., a South Bend organization that provides homes for mentally and physically handicapped adults; Gabilian, a school founded by the Indiana Knights of Columbus for troubled teens; Andean Health and Development, a healthcare society founded in Ecuador by 1984 Notre Dame graduate Dr. David Gaus and University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh; and the James Karaffa Business Academy for Women in Nairobi, Kenya, a mini-business school that teaches women to make a living for themselves and their family. Smaller amounts of money are distributed to other charities, Redden said, but those are the top four.

Redden is not sure who first came up with the idea to sell steak sandwiches, but he said it has become a "staple" of Notre Dame football games. In the morning and afternoon before kick-offs in the fall, lines of people stretch down sidewalks next to the Knights of Columbus building on South Quad to wait for the Knights' signature sand-
wich.

"We have literally been doing this since the early 1980s," Redden said.

"We have pictures and records that go back of a group of kids who basically just thought it would be a good idea to raise money for the Corvilla House.

Over the course of a season, about 100 members of the Knights work the concession stand. They set up at 7:30 a.m. Saturday mornings, light the grills by 8 a.m. and have the first steaks ready for sale by 9 a.m.

For $6, a person in line can get a sandwich and a drink. We get lots of people that say this is their first time and they've heard about the steak sandwiches, and they heard they have to get the steak sandwich, and then you'll get people who have been coming here for 10 years and always get a steak sandwich and they love it," Redden said.

Since 2003, the Knights have given $287,444.49 to charity from steak sales. The steak sandwiches have been so popu-
lar that this year, the Knights are bringing steak sandwich-
es to spring semester.

In honor of Valentine's Day, the Knights are selling "steak grams," steak sandwiches that can be pur-
chased in advance at tables in the dining halls and LaFortune. They will be delivered Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

"What would a guy rather have?" Redden asked. "A steak sandwich or a piece of candy?"

Redden said they will donate money from these sales to charity if they make a profit.

The Knights of Columbus are 200 members-strong at Notre Dame, according to the listerv, Redden said. The requirements to join the society are that the person must be male, Catholic and at least 18 years old.

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exhibit offers a great opportunity to inspire as we seek to change how we respond to injustice. Given the rampant relev-
ance of war and the atrocities of war in our 21st century society, I wanted to bring a poetic voice into the discussion."

McChesney also hopes that the exhibit will provide exposure to one of Austria's most renowned poets to students and faculty who are not as familiar with her and the significance of her work.

"I wanted to give students the chance to experience an Austrian writer through her works and through images of her life and the European con-
text in which she wrote," said McChesney.

One of the overall goals of dis-
playing the exhibit at Notre Dame is to strengthen the com-
mitment of students who have resolved to make a difference in the world.

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cation to join ACE.

"I hope that as the students read Bachmann's poetry, they are moved by the beauty of that lan-
guage, the pain reflected in the words, but also the light of hope that continually drove her to write, they will reflect on these core missions," said McChesney. As Bachmann herself focused on needing simple peace as a foundation for far-reaching cul-
tural projects, McChesney hopes that this exhibit can —

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Election brings no peace to Israel

JERUSALEM — Inconclusive election results in Israel on Wednesday brought no clear winner and will see the nation governed by a coalition government for the remainder of the term, the Associated Press reported Thursday.

The results, announced by the Central Elections Committee, are the result of a election in which the Likud party, headed by Benjamin Netanyahu, secured the most seats in the 120-member parliament, according to nearly complete results. Neither party won a clear majority, neither party being able to form a government, and state officials had failed to agree on details and no steps have been taken to change privacy laws that bar emergency services from accessing the national telephone number database.

N. Korea preps long-range missile test

Country scraps peace agreements, seeks to provoke neighbor and win Obama's attention

SEOUL, South Korea - North Korea appears to be gearing up for another long-range missile test, the latest in a series of provocative acts seemingly aimed at stoking tensions with the United States and South Korea and winning the attention of the new U.S. president.

In recent weeks, Pyongyang has declared it will scrap peace agreements with Seoul and warned of war on the Korean Peninsula. Reports that it could be preparing to test a missile capable of reaching the western United States have added to the anxiety.

South Korean Yonhap news agency reported Wednesday that at least a vehicle carrying radar equipment was seen driving to a site on the North's eastern coast from a munitions facility near Pyongyang.

"It can be analyzed that the North is processing one missile launch preparation in stages," Yonhap quoted a South Korean government official as saying.

South Korean and Japanese media said last week that intelligence agencies had spotted a train carrying a long-cylinder-shaped object believed to be a long-range missile to the launch site at Masan-eu.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates has played down reports of possible North Korean missile launch preparations, noting Tuesday that Pyongyang's last such test in 2006 was a failure and that the U.S. could shoot down a North Korean missile "should we deem it necessary.

Nevertheless, North Korea's saber-rattling has been interpreted as an attempt to grab President Barack Obama's attention. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is scheduled to visit South Korea next week.

The stalled multilateral dialogue to denuclearize North Korea resumed late last year after the U.S. removed the country from its list of nations that sponsor terrorism. Those talks also involved China, Russia, South Korea and Japan.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman warned Wednesday that North Korea actions could disrupt the disarmament process.

"I think activities of this nature, should they be taking place, would be harmful to the ongoing efforts, the diplomatic efforts within the six-party talks," Whitman said.

"It's always been our position that North Korea should refrain from provocative actions that might aggravate tensions in the region," Whitman told a news conference in Seoul with his Japanese counterpart.

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban attack gov't building, kill 20

KABUL — Taliban militants killed 20 people in a coordinated attack on three government buildings in Kabul on Wednesday, launching the assault after a text message to the leader of their terror cell in Pakistan, the head of Afghan intelligence said.

The three-pledged attack on gov­ernment ministries struck the heart of the heavily fortified capital on the eve of a visit by Richard Holbrooke, President Barack Obama's special envoy, to the region.

Holbrooke underscored the reach of the Taliban outside their mountainous strongholds and the challenges Obama faces as he increases America's focus — and troop levels — in Afghanistan.

The morning assault sent workers scrambling for safety as security forces spread out in the streets and searched rooftops for attackers, reinforcing the perception that security in Afghanistan is rapidly deteriorating. Security analysts tracking daily attacks say numbers have spiked this year, and militants now control wide swaths of Afghan countryside.

The assault began about 10 a.m. and was carried out by eight insulated, night­killing Kalashnikov rifles, grenades and explosive vests.

The Taliban claimed responsibility shortly after the siege began.

All eight attackers died, said Mohammad Hanif Atmar, the interior minister, bringing the death toll to 28. Another 57 people were wounded, he said.

The tactics the militants employed were similar to the Mumbai assault on hotels, markets and a train station last November that killed 164 in India, said Amrullah Saleh, the head of Afghanistan's intelligence service.

Indian officials have blamed the Mumbai attack on the Pakistani-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba. Saleh did not blame Pakistan, but said the attackers communicated with a militant leader in Pakistan.

"As they were entering the Ministry of Justice and before start­ing the indiscriminate killing of the civilians there, they sent three mes­sages to Pakistan, calling for the blessing of their mastermind," Saleh told a news conference.

LOCAL NEWS

Hospital has water supply again

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The water is running again at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

The hospital was without its principal water supply Wednesday after a break to a city water main. Service was restored about 4 p.m., some 15 hours after the water outage.

Spokesman Sam Rogers says a boil advisory remains in effect for drinking water, so bottled water is being distributed to the hospital's 350 patients. But patients row can take showers and flush their toilets.
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In response to a question from the audience at the end of the Budget Committee meeting last week, Cekanski-Farrand said that any reduction in the Student Activity fee, as proposed by Schmidt’s tax reform plan, would affect all students equally. Schmidt and Weber have previously said that the fee is necessary to support student groups, but the audience wanted to know how Schmidt and Weber could justify their proposals.

“This [cabin companies] have been in existence for a long time, and they are doing a great job,” Weber said. “If we were to decrease prices, we would be afraid of losing them altogether, which would mean that we wouldn’t be able to display them.

“Derek and I feel that since we have been a part of all these student groups, we get a lot better feedback.”

Laura Burdick
presidential candidate

Sanchez attacked this idea, stating that they are going back on their words that they’ll say ‘I work independently,’ she said. When asked about this scenario, she said both he and Weber bring experience to the roles, as Schmidt currently is in the Student Government and Weber is the Sophomore class president.

“Derek and I feel that since we are part of student groups, all these student groups, we get a lot better feedback,” Burdick said.

Sanchez said the biggest strength of the Burdick-Sanchez ticket is originality, and he attacked Schmidt and Weber’s platform for “piggyluding old ideas.”

“It’s really easy to say you have something when you forgot where the ideas are,” he said.

A question from the Judicial Council asked Burdick and Sanchez to talk about the feasibility of their tuition reform plan.

Sanchez said he and Burdick have discussed the plan with Jonathan Cekanski-Farrand, director of Financial Aid at Notre Dame and researched a public service program. Additionally, he said they want to lower the Student Activity fee.

“Student Activity fees are something we can control,” he said. “The more they go up, the more they burden our families.”

In response, Schmidt said the current Student Activity Fee is not under his current administration with student body president Bob Reish. It is currently at about $95 and would drop to about $70.

Weber said she and Schmidt realize tuition is a significant issue for students, but they will push for textbook prices in the Huddle, they will not accept the coupons.

“If someone goes to the Huddle because they need permits, they are going back to them regardless,” she said. “Having the price there doesn’t lower the price.”

Schmidt explained his textbook reform plan, explaining that student government would challenge the monopoly the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore has on the classroom materials by making the ISBN numbers public and presenting a cheaper alternative.

“The bookstore has exclusive rights, but instead of not being able to see the ISBN numbers, we would contact professors [for the numbers] and put them up on a Web site,” Weber said. “Creating competition does not subvert a monopoly.”

Sanchez attacked this idea, stating that it is unfair, and that the Burdick-Sanchez ticket will bring originality to the office.

“I just want to emphasize that the textbook plan was not a plan that day and it didn’t happen,” he said. “While we’re talking about how easy this is and how feasible this is, you’ve had a year to do it and it’s still not done.”

Schmidt later stated 19 of Schmidt’s approximately 55 platform ideas are new.

Responding to the year-old attacks of unoriginality in his platform, Schmidt said continuity with the previous administration is necessary.

“There are a lot of things that will get carried over, and there are a lot of things that still need to get done,” he said.

Weber said a campaign platform is basically a plan for the year, so it makes sense to continue with the productive efforts of the past.

When asked what the candidates believe are the most important issues to the students, Schmidt and Weber focused on off-campus safety, while Burdick and Sanchez said continuing Notre Dame traditions such as the Bipline Rally, Pig Tostal, Alumni Hall’s Wake Week and the Fisher Zoo, which are rumored to have been cancelled.

“We want to resurrect old events,” Burdick said.

Schmidt said her administration will question University authorities about these cancelled traditions.

“We are students, we think it is our role to ask those questions and talk to those people,” Sanchez said. Schmidt countered that the Fisher Zoo and Wake Week have not been cancelled, and Pig Tostal is off-campus and is not recognized by the University.

Student government will never go to the administration saying, “Can we have an off-campus k merger?” Weber said.

“It’s not something we are able to touch.”

Sanchez said if they do get wind that Wake Week or the Fisher Zoo will be cancelled, they will ask the necessary questions.

“We believe that we will take action,” he said.

Sanchez and Weber were asked about the criticism they have received for being unapproachable.

“We believe we can communicate, and students have come across it as unapproachable,” she said.

Responding to the criticisms of not coming to the town hall meetings, she said the business like is because government is running the student body is something that they plan to improve.

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Grant Schmidt
presidential candidate

However, Schmidt said that while they take the job seriously, they are regular college students.

“We are normal students,” he said. “I’m from Dallas, Texas. I’ve been in football and baseball, and I like baseball and she likes softball.”

Students will vote in the run-off election between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday.

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The Coalition also discussed zoning regulations that state where students can and cannot live off-campus.

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Oil prices fall to $36 in Asia, rise in US

Associated Press

SINGAPORE — Oil prices lingered near $36 a barrel Thursday in Asia, following a steep fall overnight, as speculation mounted in the U.S. that the stocklined concern that consumer demand will continue to fall amid a recession.

Light, sweet crude for March delivery rose 10 cents to $36.04 a barrel by midday in Singapore on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract settled at $35.61 overnight to settle at $35.94.

U.S. crude oil inventories jumped by 4.7 million barrels for the week ended Feb. 6, more than an increase of 3.4 million barrels expected by analysts surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires. Including last week's build up, crude inventories have swelled by more than 30 million barrels in the past six weeks.

"Conditions in the West and global remain quite weak," said Gerald Burg, minerals and energy economics with National Australia Bank in Melbourne. "Given the economic outlook, there's little to drive prices higher."

Forecasters continue to lower their expectations for crude demand. The Paris-based International Energy Agency said Wednesday that global oil demand in 2009 will likely be 84.7 million barrels per day, $700,000 less than the previous estimate.

"It's still a market that's really focused on demand," Burg said. "I think there's potential for conditions to weaken further."

Investors are also skeptical that a Treasury Department plan announced earlier this week to spend more than $1 trillion to help reduce banks' exposed assets from their books and unlock the credit markets will work.

"The bank plan lacks specifics, and the market is quite concerned that it won't kick the economic 'crash,'" said Christoffer Moltke-Leth, head of energy trading for Saxo Capital Markets in Singapore. Falling prices may eventually trigger a recovery in the medium-term,
By any standard, the OIS is an overwhelming success. They successfully enroll nearly 40 percent of the student population into study abroad programs, and feature a wide range of programs across quite a few countries. U.S. News and World Report has given the Notre Dame OIS top marks for its study abroad. They have programs for students of every school, both undergraduate and graduate. However, there are a few issues with the process of applying for sophomore undergraduates that are overly complicated, confusing and hazy. First, the application process has come to resemble the arduous task that applying to college was in the first place. I have heard the terms "get in" and "have an edge" used far more frequently for the study abroad process than I think is healthy. While the need to evaluate the appropriateness of candidates for a program is necessary for the reputation of the department abroad and even just for space considerations, the confusion and stress inherent in the current process is not. If OIS wants the process to be competitive in this way, however, then it should take steps to level the information playing field for applicants. Last week the Notre Dame Office of International Studies (OIS) posted its decisions for the current sophomore class regarding their junior year study abroad aspirations. As some of my friends excitedly tore open letters, I began to think back to the application process myself.

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Will Jesus show for the Louisville game tonight?

Letters to the Editor

Genuine beauty and hook-ups

How does beauty play into the hook-up culture? What's the difference between external and internal beauty? What is "internal beauty"? Is there an inherent beauty in all of us? Why do people continue to hook-up? Does hook-up culture validate our self-worth, through ahook-up be a hurtful addiction? Does hook-up culture, are varied. Each panelist can teach us unexpected losing streaks can teach us something about responding to disappointment in our own lives. But what? Or as the old bracelets would say: What Would Jesus Do... on a seven-game losing streak?

Administration kills fun

I am not so much responding to Trey's comments ("Tradition never graduates.", Feb. 9) as I am agreeing with them. In terms of society, Notre Dame separates itself from other schools by starting things like parietals. I have it with this student body. In terms of immaturity and going to mass every Sunday. They tell stories involving drunk driving and going to bars, and I would love more off-campus parties. Personally, when I get older, I want to be more stressed young adults need to let up on the weekend and just have fun. Personally, when I got older, I wanted to be more aware of the fact that I am not a big partier, but I certainly understand that over-stressed young adults need to let up on the weekend.

An epiphany

Students of Notre Dame, I have seen the light, the beacon of eternal hope that Ms. Michelle Fordice lit for me and my peers in the Holy Cross. "Faithful at NIU" (Feb. 10). For so many years I have been marching around this dark cold world dressed better than a slovenly mountain climbing gardener. In my foolish, self-absorbed 19-year-old mind I completely forget that I am the center of everyone's attention. How could I have been so insensitive when I dressed myself in the morning? How dare I offend the eyes of those around me when I walk in our hallways. There are still stories involving alcohol (just a little, alright) about going to parties in Saint Mary's, amazing dorm events and sneaking cars on campus past the security guards. It's these traditions that keep our appliance so tight.

I don't think the administration realizes how good they have this student body. In terms of immunity and roundness we are nothing compared to the students at schools like Michigan, Penn State and USC, whose week-ends start on Wednesday nights. We are a different type of student body.

The Manti cometh

On Feb. 4, Hawaiian Linemenbacker Manti Te'o's signed letter of intent to play football at our beloved Notre Dame. The very next day, Editor-in-Chief Chris Hine claimed that the expectation placed upon his soldiers was "absurd talk" ("Kids are too young to warrant such hype," Feb. 5). Absurd? Is it absurd to assume that Manti will tackle 100 people per game, sack 40 quarterbacks, intercept 21 passes, score 12 defensive touchdowns, beat USC, win the Heisman, crush Tim Tebow, and save the economy? All while leading us to the first of four consecutive undefeated seasons and national championships?

Pat Hagan
By J.J. REES Scene Writer

Until three years ago, Macri’s Deli, near East Race, was an easy spot for the downtown lunch break crowd during the day, and an ordinary sports bar with sandwiches and beer at night. In 2006, owners George and Carmela Macri made the excellent decision to remodel and shift their focus towards an Italian bakery, also adding a gorgeous restaurant area (Carmela’s) more suitable to dinner crowds. Since then, the appropriately renamed Macri’s Italian Bakery has been a starting point for non-chain Italian food in South Bend.

Macri’s Italian Bakery
214 N. Niles Ave. (574-282-1010)
Hours: Lunch 11-2 M-F, Dinner 5-9 T-R, 5-10 F-Sa
Prices: Half sandwiches $5.50, desserts $3
10 Words or Less: Fantastic Italian taste, first-rate sandwiches and desserts.

Walking into Macri’s, the very first sensation to land is the smell. It seems ludicrous to think of the combined smell of cookies, cheeses, cakes, muffins and Italian meats as appetizing, but by some unique happening there it works.

One is struck by the atmosphere immediately. Despite its upmarket style, Macri’s presents an eatery, probably due to the helpful and interested staff, and the easy booths and tables. Displays of groceries not offered elsewhere, like pizza dough and raw specialty pasta, are surrounded by palettes of murals of Italian scenes. None of the décor comes off as authentically Italian, but to the Macri family the restaurant has an undeniable Italian feel, especially when coupled with the food.

The two most popular sandwiches are the Italian Grinder and the Sicilian Turkey, and for good reason. These sandwiches best suit the Macri’s style of fresh ingredients paired with ideal preparation, and they are sized to fill—a half sandwich would fill most.

The Sicilian Turkey (turkey, tomato, lettuce, mozzarella, Italian dressing) is mostly standard, but the ingredients and the exceptional Italian dressing make it just different enough to be worth trying. Although the other sandwiches (ham and swiss, vegetable, roast beef and tomato and muffafata) offer solid fare, most outstanding is the overall favorite, the Italian Grinder (salami, coppa, mortadella, prosciutto, roasted red peppers and again, Italian dressing). This gives a rich, almost spicy taste that truly is redundant of Italy. Dinners who have room would be well-advised to try a side, such as one of the many pastas salads, or the excellent mozzarella balls with roasted red peppers mixed in with fresh tomatoes that even a tomato-hater can enjoy.

A visit to the deli is incomplete without a dessert from the bakery. Perhaps most famous for its cakes, they also serve superb pastries, donuts and especially cookies. Pleasantly filled after our sandwiches, my companion and I were reluctantly willing to spring for dessert and we were recommended the highlights of each case. The Morning Glory carrot cake-turkey meatloaf, as was the glazed donut, but probably best for, well, morning. The variety of cake would be agreeable especially to those who like them cheesy. The “delights” were slices of swirled cake with creamy filling. The know that you can’t go wrong. It is mindful and not too flourish, while the swirl is rich enough for more than one sitting. Lately, the wonderful pastries and plain choco-late chip cookies were just right—slightly crunchy and chewy in all the right places.

For first-timers, there is an effective process for taking in the entire scene. Park off Hill Street, enter Macri’s and take a deep breath. Then, walk by the bakery and pretend to notice only slightly the cases of pastries and desserts as you intelligently size up the groceries to the right. At the deli counter, order the Italian Grinder and maybe a side, while keeping in mind everything you smelled at the bakery. After your sandwich, take a peek into the Tuscan-decorated Carmela’s restaurant as you digest Valentine’s dinner takes note: the romantic Carmela’s is still taking reservations for Friday night, but is all booked Saturday. Lastly, visit the bakery for your choice of a dessert or two, and cake-turkey meatloaf is a must.

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By PATRICK GRIFFIN Scene Writer

Growing up in the quiet rural community of Anderson, Ind., Jon McLaughlin found an outlet in original music. From his adolescent musical development, through his time at Anderson University, where he studied music, and beyond, McLaughlin honed the skills and creativity necessary to establish a strong grassroots following.

The 26-year-old composer of Anderson, Indiana community. His record of piano-driven ballads in Los Angeles has achieved the perfect performance for this weekend’s "Killer Love" celebration at Legends. His songs are filled with passion and soul, and his performances are filled with heart and soul.

McLaughlin was groomed for the music business from an early age, attending piano lessons despite his disdain for formal training. A serious car accident that shattered both of McLaughlin’s wrists could only delay the young talent’s arrival on the national scene.

McLaughlin released his first album, an independent effort, entitled “Up Until Now” in 2003. Shortly afterward McLaughlin became one of the first artists to sign with Orangehaus Records, a product of Anderson, Indiana community. His recording contract afforded touring opportunities and a formidable regional fan base in the Midwest.

The Indian native officially arrived on the national music scene a year later with Island Records in May 2007 with the release of his first full-length album. The album’s title track “Indiana” marked the outbreak of the artist’s career. He began a tour with American Idol champ Kelly Clarkson and later, a separate tour with fellow newcomers Sara Bareilles. The single “So Close,” was featured in the Disney movie, “Enchanted,” and was performed at the 80th anniversary Academy Awards. Another “Indiana” single “Beautifull Disaster” attracted upwards of 420,000 fans during its tenure as iTunes “Song of the Week.” Following these accomplishments, “Indiana” experienced exponential record sales, furthering McLaughlin’s tour-de-force campaign.

McLaughlin’s sophomore album, “OK,” continued the Hoosier’s journey into the hearts of listeners. The self-proclaimed “child of the 80s” recorded his latest collection of piano-driven ballads in Los Angeles under the watchful eye of producer John Fields (Hilfigure, Jonas Bross, and Switchfoot). Since the album’s release in late 2007, “OK” has achieved notable success, becoming one of the top 50 most popular albums on U.S. charts. The single “Breaking My Heart” has been listed as high as No. 18 on adult contemporary charts.

McLaughlin follows in the wake of the recent revival in piano driven pop-rock. The piano virtuoso is approaching the popularity of similar artists such as Gavin DeGraw, Keane, The Fray and Daughtry. While McLaughlin may still be on the rise, he surely exhibits talent enough to warrant the success of these slightly more prolific artists.

Listening to McLaughlin’s work, it is difficult to catch the Midwest-inpired sound even as his creative genius.

McLaughlin will be returning to his home state this fall for an exclusive concert here at Notre Dame. The show begins at 9 p.m. on Saturday evening. Admission is free to Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students.

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By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Another week another dining hall dish! This week’s recipes are a bit varied, but they are all pretty tasty. The microwave has been out of commission at North for about a week, so hopefully it will return soon. In the meantime, all of these dishes can be made without our favorite contraption. And as a special bonus? Look forward to the special Valentine’s Day Dining Hall Dish tomorrow.

This week’s recipes:

**Kicked Up Macaroni and Cheese**

Macaroni and cheese is that great boney meal that only improves with experimentation. There are thousands of recipes out there putting variations on this dish and starting with the basic macaroni and cheese the dining hall offers, you can have your own fun.

Top with red pepper flakes and some blue cheese (Be careful not to overdo either. They both pack a pretty good punch, so you don’t need a ton to get lots of flavor). The hot macaroni and cheese base should melt the blue cheese. Add in some steamed broccoli (you will have to cut it up to make it bite-sized).

Mix together. Feel free to try the same idea using different new ingredients.

**Mashed Sweet Potato**
The dining halls have baked sweet potatoes fairly often, and there is a lot you can do with them. This recipe is one of the easiest places to start. Most people think white when they think mashed potatoes, but using sweet potatoes puts a great twist on the traditional. The pepper and salt help to balance out the sweetness. Pick up a baked sweet potato.

Remove the potato skins. Add a pat of butter, a lot of pepper and some salt. If you have a sweet tooth you can add a small dab of maple syrup too. Mash it up with a fork, like you were making regular old potatoes. Enjoy.

**Quick Tip**

Make chili cheese fries! Take some French fries and top them with chili from the soup area (make sure to get a ladle with us little brood as possible so that the fries don’t get soggy) and cheese. You can top it with sour cream and salsas if you like as well. Delicious. Thanks to Charlie Vogelheim for this idea.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.
Ex-girlfriend files $15 million lawsuit against Alomar

Dall alleges that Alomar insisted on unprotected sex even though he showed symptoms of HIV.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An ex-girlfriend of Roberto Alomar filed an explosive lawsuit alleging the former baseball star insisted on unprotected sex for four years despite having AIDS.

The lawsuit, filed Jan. 30 and annexed to the U.S. District Court in Wednesday, contains accusations that could not be corroborated but portray Alomar as someone who demanded sex without a condom despite showing obvious signs of HIV.

Blue Jays Dall is seeking at least $15 million in punitive damages from the 41-year-old former infielder. Alomar, who was once engaged to tennis star Mary Pierce, spent 17 years in the majors and was one of the game's great second basemen.

Dall made no comment to lawyers for Alomar and Dall who immediately returned to the hotel. Alomar’s lawyer Charles Bach told the New York Daily News the allegations are “frivolous and baseless.”

News of the lawsuit was “something out of the blue,” Alomar’s father, Sandy Alomar Sr., told El Nuevo Dia newspaper in Puerto Rico. “We’ve never talked about something like this before.”

Dall said the two began dating in spring 2002 and had unprotected sex for the next four years. She said that on several occasions during that time, Alomar refused to get tested for HIV, despite severe fatigue, sores on his mouth and throat, a constant cough and an infection of the esophagus that is associated with AIDS.

She said Alomar finally relented and tested positive for HIV in February 2006. Dall said she was angered by the disclosure and was tested herself; the result was negative. She said follow-up exams determined that Alomar had full-blown AIDS.

By then, she said Alomar had purple skin, was foaming at the mouth and was too sick to walk, forcing him to need a wheelchair to get around at an airport.

Dall said the ordeal caused her severe emotional, mental distress and fear she may one day test positive for HIV herself.

She called the conduct of Alomar “outrageous with wanton disregard of the health, safety and well-being” of Dall. The lawsuit does not say why Dall continued to have unprotected sex with Alomar. Dall said the couple lived together until last year.

Alomar was one of baseball’s best players in the 1990s, making 12 straight All-Star appearances and winning two World Series with the Toronto Blue Jays.

A career .300 hitter with 10 Gold Gloves, Alomar broke in with the Baltimore Orioles in 1988 and also played for the Cleveland Indians, New York Mets, Arizona Diamondbacks and Chicago White Sox. He was out of baseball by 2005.

Of the most memorable moments of Alomar’s career came in 1996, when he became engaered after a third strike and spit on umpire John Hirschbeck. He drew a five-game game suspension that was later overturned.

The Seattle Times

NCAA FOOTBALL

Panel to discuss harsher penalties for late hits, celebration

Rules committee chairman Bellotti says that if changed, rules may not go into effect until 2011 season.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Oregon coach Mike Bellotti wants college football to have tougher penalties against unsportsmanlike conduct and dangerous hits.

But first, he said, it’s time to find out whether his coaching colleagues agree with his suggestions.

Bellotti, the NCAA football rules committee chairman, said Wednesday official would like to see players be penalized for flagrant personal fouls, and agreed to seek input on whether those penalties should be live-ball penalties, which could result in losing points.

While the ejections will be penalized for player behavior before, during and after games. If there are repeated infractions, a coach and school could be disciplined by conference officials.

None of the proposals will be official until they are passed by the oversight committee next month. Bellotti also wants officials to have more leeway in ejecting players for flagrant personal fouls. Those calls would also trigger an automatic review by conference officials.

“We believe, in some cases, that players must be penalized more severely when the contact is clearly flagrant and dangerous,” Bellotti said.

Another change would limit the protective area for punters.

That is a reaction to the trendy rugby style kicks, a tactic in which punters move several steps before kicking the ball on the run. If adopted, opponents could not be called for roughing or running into the kicker if the punter is outside the tackle box.

Game clock and time issues that have dominated rules meetings in recent years were not major topics this week.

“There was consensus approval by coaches on all levels on the clock discussions,” Bellotti said. “I think the clock rules worked out as we thought they would. It may have cost teams four or five plays per game, but that’s what we were expecting.”

The committee also approved a provision allowing both teams to wear colored jerseys in games when there is a clear contrast in color and only if both teams agree.

The agreement is also subject to conference approval.

If there is not an agreement, the visiting team would wear white jerseys.
Favre informs Jets he's retiring

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brett Favre's done with football — again.

The 39-year-old quarterback told the New York Jets on Wednesday morning to say he's retiring after 18 seasons, ending a record-setting career in which he became one of the NFL's all-time greats.

"He felt he had given us everything he had," general manager Mike Tannenbaum said, "and it was time for him to move on."

Favre, who retired last March only to return with the Jets after keeping his goodbye simple — no tearful farewell or jam-packed news conference. His decision came six weeks after his only season with the team ended in disappointment as New York failed to make the playoffs. In an e-mail to ESPN, Favre said he had no regrets about finishing his career in New York and praised Tannenbaum, owner Woody Johnson and fired coach Eric Mangini.

"My time with the Jets was great. I have honored to be given that chance," Favre wrote in the e-mail.

If this is indeed it for Favre, he leaves the game with a slew of records, including career touchdown passes (508), completions (5,720), passing yards (68,552), attempts (10,768), completion percentage (62.1), and passing attempts (2,550), according to the NFL. He's also fifth all-time with 4,902 rushing yards.

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Jets quarterback Brett Favre informed the team Wednesday that he would retire from football after 19 seasons. Last March, Favre announced his retirement after 17 seasons with the Packers before eventually returning.

Running back Thomas Jones and safety Kerry Rhodes were critical of the season of Favre and his performance. The Jets went from 8-3 to missing the playoffs.

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used to seeing," Louisville coach Jeff Walz said. "She occupies so many people because she can score so quick. And she found a way to get to the free throw line and hit those shots at a high percentage.

To get to the charity stripe, McGoughery heaved a desperation shot with one second remaining on the shot clock and was fouled by Irish point guard Melissa Lechleitner.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said whether or not the foul was the correct call. "I didn't think it was a foul, but I'm sitting on the Notre Dame side of the court," McGraw said. "It thought it was all-ball. And it was kind of not really even a shot. She barely had control when she shot it, so I thought maybe we'd get the foul and go get the rebound.

But regardless of whether or not the foul was legitimate, McGraw said that was the most incredible moment of the game. "That was key, that put it to a two-possession game," McGraw said. "That really hurt us.

McCoughty finished the game with four points and five rebounds, one of two Cardinals starters that did not score a point for Notre Dame. The other, forward Candace Bingham, had 21 points and 12 rebounds.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Heels, Huskies beat rivals

Associated Press

DURBAN, N.C. — Ty Lawson helped Tyler Hansbrough make a big return at Cameron Indoor Stadium, while keeping himself perfect against Carolina’s most despised rival.

Lawson had 21 of his 25 points in the second half, and No. 3 North Carolina rallied past Connecticut 99-87 on Wednesday night.

Hansbrough completed 17 points — and hit another late 3-point-er — for the Tar Heels (22-2, 8-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) who finished the stretch, using late runs of 25-4 and 14-0 to first take the lead for good and then stretch it to 17. In the process, they snapped the Blue Devils’ 14-game home court winning streak while claiming first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference standings.

Wallace Gilberry and Danny Green added 15 points apiece. Green and Hansbrough joined former Wake Forest standouts Jonny Flynn had 16 points and 9 assists for Syracuse (18-7, 6-6), which has won three games since assuming the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press poll last week.

They overcame a sloppy first half by cutting down the turnovers and hitting 3-point-ers, pulling away in a 1:24 run that gave Connecticut a 56-42 lead midway through the second half.

The Huskies had to play almost the entire game without starting-score leader Jerome Dyson who injured his knee just over 4 minutes in and didn’t return.

Dyson winged knobs with a Syracuse player as he fought through a screen with 15:44 to play in the first half and remained on the court for several more minutes before being helped to the locker room by two teammates. Dyson, who averages 13.7 points, never returned to the game. School officials said he would be taken for an MRI and X-rays on Thursday but that there was no structural damage, just a severely bruised right knee.

Jonny Flynn had 16 points for Syracuse (18-7, 6-6), which was ranked as high as No. 8 before the skid that may now see the Orange drop out of the national rankings.

"We had some really good opportunities early and didn’t take advantage of them," Boeheim said. "That first half we played as good as we are capable of defensively but we just couldn’t do anything offen- sively and he had a lot of help."
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dis for the opposition. "We've got to somehow get ingrained into a game, it kind of snowballs on you and teams get easy on you. But we were competitive. We said, 'Before you know it, they're putting the ball in the basket.'"

During their current seven-game losing streak, Notre Dame has given up an average of 82.5 points per game. The Irish have allowed their opponents to crack the 90-point plateau three times over the stretch. The team's all-around advantages have caused Brey to increasingly confirm that he gets the majority of buzzing playing time. At the beginning of the season, Brey almost exclusively used a seven-man rotation. A few games into the losing streak, Brey started to make changes to the starting lineup and began giving increased playing time to sopho­mores Tyrone Nash and Carleton Scott.

After the Irish hit rock bottom last Saturday in Pauley Pavilion, Brey is using the most drastic mea­sure yet by declaring that all posi­tions are now subject to open competition, in an obvious display of the attention of his players. "We're deep, it's offense," guard Toney Jackson said. "We need it. There's a competition amongst ourselves, and it helps us work better together.

For players like Nash, the move represents an opportunity — his best shot at playing time yet this season.

"We're feeling really, really hungry now," Nash said. "It's really a wake-up call for all of us. Every day in prac­tice we're going to compete against one another close to the starters. There are spots open. We're all looking to take advantage."

As of Tumen's practice, Brey still hadn't declared starters for tonight's game. With an uncertain starting lineup and a laundry list of improvements on both offense and defense, things are in flux for Notre Dame. Nash knows the best way to put an end to the cycle.

"Right now, we just need to get a win," he said. "Then everybody will be off our back with the offense."

Exactly one month ago, Louisville beat the Irish 87-73 at Freedom Hall in what was the beginning of Notre Dame's seven-game losing streak. The Cardinals needed overtime to stave off the Irish and held a difficult in the early period. The Irish managed just two points for the first two minutes before regaining some of the momentum that the first team had run off the court.

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to not notice the wingman and also free up the defense to concentrate on his strengths. The improved inside scoring of most Big East teams seem to hold the Irish in check. Louisville was able to do that.

"That's an area of concern for us," said Coach Jeff Walz. "They got the rebound and got easy baskets on their own.

The Irish did not take advantage of the situation.

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down in the third period of Notre Dame's eventual 4-3 win. While pursuing a loose puck along the boards, Thang was hit by a Buckeyes player and went down awkwardly.

"It was just a fluke deal," he said. "I was battling for a park along the boards. I got hit on my side, my leg kind of buckled, and it best in ways it wasn't supposed to go.

Immediately, Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said he thought Thang, who had to be helped off the ice by the Irish training staff, had broken his leg or blown out his knee.

"If that's a kid that doesn't have the kind of physical attributes that Ryan has, that's a broken leg," Jackson said.

Thang, who has scored nine goals this season, sat out of Sunday's game against Ohio State for the first time in his collegiate career. The Edina, Minn., native was named finalists for the Most Significant Injury of his hockey career.

"It's going to be weird," he said. "It's tough not being able to come to the rink and skate, but hopefully I'll be able to get back into the lineup as soon as possible."

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to take up eight weeks. The injury may remind some Irish fans of when Erick Condra was lost for the season in the second round of last year's NCAA playoffs.

Thang said he talked to Condra about what it was like to miss significant time during the final stretch of the season, but that he is more than confident in his teammates' ability to make up for his absence.

Jackson also said players such as Justin White and Dan Kilwill have to step up their offensive produc­tion in Thang's absence. "Guys like Kessel and White are just going to have to elevate their games," Jackson said. "And con­tribute not just defensively, but offensively as well.

Their impacts could be even more important this weekend if Hanson, who leads the team with 14 goals, is forced to sit as well. The senior center was hit twice at different points Friday night, but didn't expect him to divulge any details. "I remember bits and pieces here and there," Jackson said. "But to be honest I don't really have a recollection of what happened. I just know I got hit twice pretty hard."

With skater Evgeni Minella named finalists for the Most Significant Injury of his hockey career.

"It's going to be a matter of seeing how it feels and making sure I won't get hurt worse," Hanson said. "I can play through the pain, but I don't want to be put in a situation where I could possibly get hurt worse."

Last time was more blunt with his assessment. "I'm not going to play him if he's in any risk," he said.

As far as lineup adjustments go, Jackson said that freshman Patrick Gaul, who played Saturday in Thang and Hanson's absence, will definitely see ice time this weekend, but that a second substitute won't be deter­mined until an official deci­sion is made on Hanson's status.

"You don't replace guys like that," Jackson said. "You just make sure that guys who step in there contribute."

Junior Christian Minella and senior Garrett Regan will see more action on the power play while Thang and Hanson are out.

"We've bragged about our depth all year long," Jackson said. "Now it's going to show up even more.

Note:
• Notre Dame senior cen­ter Erick Condra and senior goalie Jordan Pearce were named finalists for the Senior CLASS Awards Wednesday. They are among 10 Div. I hockey players to make the cut for the honor, which recognizes success on the ice, as well as achieve­ments in the classroom and community. Fans can vote for the winner at www.seniorclassaward.com. The winner will be announced at the 2009 Frozen Four in Washington, D.C.

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In Celebration of Black History Month,
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Park leads Irish squad to twelfth-place finish

Sophomore finishes in four-way tie for 20th

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame finished 12th at the Northrop Grumman Regional in a field full of top-ranked teams in Palos Verdes, Calif. No. 3 Arizona State came into the day leading the field, and combined for a 15-over par total to hold on for the win. Sundevils golfer Juliana Murcia turned in yet another solid performance, shooting 2-over par to bring her total for the tournament to a 1-over 214, eight strokes ahead of second-place finisher Carlota Ciganda, also of Arizona State.

After Wednesday's final round, the Irish came out in 12th place, with a 10-over par 956. Leading the Irish for the third day was sophomore All-American So-Hyun Park, who finished in a four-way tie for 20th place. She turned in a final-round 6-over 77, finishing 20-over for the three rounds.

Freshman Becca Huffer finished behind Park in a tie for 41st. Her 6-over performance was her best of the tournament and brought her stroke total to 237, 24-over par. Rounding out the squad were the solid performances from Junior Annie Brophy, senior captain Lisa Maunu and sophomore Katie Conway. Brophy shot a 1-over par for the day, the best performance by an Irish golfer at the tournament, and finished tied for 44th place at 240 strokes.

Maunu's 8-over final-round score of 79 brought her to a total of 247, 34 strokes over par for all three rounds, causing her to drop seven places down to 65th in the field. Conway capped off the Irish with her own 8-over performance on the day. She finished in 73rd place, shooting 37-over par on a 250-stroke effort.

The Irish will now have a long break before traveling to Baton Rouge, La., for the Cleveland/LSU Classic on March 13th.

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Weighting it out

Weeks before the opening bell sounds this Sunday, boxers began their fight to get in shape. This week is crunch time for the fighters working to cut weight and make their final preparations. Senior Matt Poslusny, above, knows the ropes after three years in the Bouts. He said his final week is about mentally preparing, but that didn’t keep him from bundling up to break a good sweat. Knott junior Adam Steinbach, below, will make his boxing debut Sunday night. Steinbach has been training since last May and has lost over 30 pounds in the process. After two final days of pushing himself to the limit, he tipped the scales at 160 pounds Tuesday night, his lightest since junior high.

- Photos by Ian Gavlick
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**ND Women's Basketball**

**House of Cards**

Louisville picks up win at Joyce Center

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Despite giving up a 12-0 run, having two Louisville players register double-doubles, and shooting only 37.9 percent from the floor, No. 22 Notre Dame still had a chance to win at the end of Wednesday night's game. Angel McCoughtry made sure they didn't.

The 6-foot-1 Louisville senior forward nailed three free throws with 1:16 remaining in the game to push the score to 66-61, all but which all but crushed any attempt at an Irish comeback. The No. 12 Cardinals went on to win 71-65.

"This is the Angel that I'm..." see LOSS/Page 14

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish look to dig themselves out of hole against Cardinals

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's four senior captains are no strangers to adversity. During their freshman season, Kyle McAlarney, Ryan Ayers, Zach Hillesland and Luke Zeller endured a 1-8 start in Big East play, bottoming out after an overtime loss to Louisville on Feb. 4.

As the Irish prepare to face that same Louisville program tonight at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center, they find themselves in the midst of an arguably more brutal stretch, a stretch in which the team has lost seven consecutive games by an average of just about 14 points per contest. Those four captains know it's up to them to prevent a sinking season from becoming a total wash.

"I think our seniors have drawn on their freshman year and have said we're going to be really good captains through this," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "(They) remember as freshmen that leadership was the key. There's no denying that Notre Dame needs good leadership now as the team continues to deal with issues on both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor. On the offensive end, the key term is efficiency.

"The most frustrating thing for me is we're not playing the way we know how to play," Hillesland said. "We're playing against too good competition to have two good possessions then come down and take a quick shot that leads to a transition opportunity for these talented teams. When you get out of character and take bad shots, you try to do too much and you try to go out of your comfort zone, and teams make you pay for it."

Those poor possessions have not only caused the Irish to shoot an uncharacteristic 41.3 percent from the field in Big East play, but also are hurting the team on the defensive end of the court. One only needs to remember the Josh Shippe ESPN alley-oop slam from last Saturday to see how a turnover can lead to easy buckets... see CARDINALS/Page 16

**HOCKEY**

Hanson, Thang sidelined

Coach Jackson says others must step up to ease pain of losses

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

After a virtually injury-free season to date, the Irish saw two of their top forwards, Christian Hanson and Ryan Thang, go down in Friday's win over Ohio State. Thang is expected to miss four to six weeks with a high ankle sprain, while Hanson is week-to-week after suffering a slight concussion.

While there is a chance that Hanson could play this weekend against Northern Michigan, the earliest Thang could see the ice again is the second round of the CCHA playoffs.

The junior right wing went... see INJURIES/Page 16

**SMC BASKETBALL**

Hoopsters slam dunk Adrian on home floor

By ROBERT GRAHAM
Sports Writer

After losing to Hope a week and a half ago, the Belles knew the only way they would have a shot at the conference title would be if they won all of their remaining five games. After a scrappy, hard-fought win against Adrian last night at the Angela Athletic Complex, Saint Mary's is more than halfway there in terms of accomplishing that goal.

Saint Mary's (14-8, 12-2) pulled ahead early in the second half to defeat the visiting Bulldogs 77-71 after only being ahead 42-41 at halftime.

The game was a change of pace for the Belles, who have been on both sides of blowouts in three of their last four games, the most recent of which was a 66-39 win against Alma.

After leading by one at the half, Saint Mary's fell behind to Adrian until there were about 10 minutes remaining. After a 9-0 rally, the Belles jumped ahead 63-59 and lead the rest of the way. The win extended the school record for most MIAA conference wins in a season to 12 and the team's 14 wins overall are the most since 1993.

Senior forward Erica Newsom recorded her sixth double-double of the season, scoring 22 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Freshman guard Patsy Mahoney also contributed 22 points and freshman forward Kelley Murphy contributed 14 points to the winning effort.

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