H1N1 vaccine expected to arrive soon

Vaccinations to be given to priority groups as number of presumed cases rises to 659

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

As the number of presumed H1N1 cases on campus totals 659 since the beginning of August, Notre Dame hopes to receive vaccines to treat the virus in the near future, Director of University Health Services Ann Kleva said.

“We wish we knew. Every day we hope we’re going to get some,” Kleva said. “Within the next few days, or within the end of next week, we hope to receive some.”

When the shipment arrives, students or faculty who are pregnant, regularly interact with children less than 6 months old and students under 24 with an underlying illness will be the first priority for vaccination.

Underlying illnesses like diabetes, heart disease and asthma make students under 24 eligible for priority vaccination. After this high priority group is treated, vaccinations will be available to all students under 24, Kleva said.

“We have no idea the number of doses we’re going to receive. It could be as little as 50 or it could be as much as 500,” she said. “It will be first come first serve.”

“We’ll do the best possible thing to get them out as quickly as it arrives on campus,” she said. “We already have plans in place. We have rooms that are already being reserved. In a short period of next week, we hope to receive vaccinations to be given to priority groups as number of presumed cases rises to 659.

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Documentary highlights refugee camps

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Human Rights ND partnered with Project Nur Tuesday night to present the documentary “Terror’s Children” and to create a greater awareness among students for human rights violations in refugee camps.

Project Nur visited Notre Dame as a student-led initiative of the American Islamic Congress. Bashir Martin, a representative of the organization, described Project Nur’s mission as one of advocacy for human rights in the Muslim world.

“Another one of the purposes of Project Nur is to build bridges among Muslims and between Muslims and non-Muslims,” Martin said.

Martin described the work of Project Nur as spurred by a general lack of knowledge and understanding of Muslim communities. The program, he said, is currently working to spread awareness of human rights violations around academic communities.

Project Nur and Human Rights ND connected over

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Bureau Chief addresses Middle East

By ADRIANA PRATT
News Writer

Political change in the Middle East has been a challenging and frustrating process over the years, especially for the people affected by its current state of affairs. New York Times United Nations Bureau Chief Neil MacFarquhar described factors that have made such change difficult at a lecture Tuesday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

“The first is the stifling control the secret police have over society,” MacFarquhar said. “The second one is the lack of the rule of law. There are plenty of laws on the books but they’re all sort of

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ND grad elected

Gov. of VA

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

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By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

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My chemical romance

There are a lot of things that keep Notre Dame students going all day. Some are specific to us. For example, we like Jesus more than a lot of schools do, and Ho likes us better too. We also like Michael Floyd more than every school does, and his impending return has us all rejoicing. Of course, those are both long-term motivations to continue onward. In the short term, we need something less ideal and more chemical.

Some students (and workers) across the country use on a daily basis.

Something we can actually ingest into our bodies that makes us perk up, open our eyes and smile at our professor as he walks through the door.

We need caffeine. Imagine the word need with about seven more e's. That's how much we need caffeine. Lots of it. All day long.

That is why I was flabbergasted yesterday when I walked into the Huddle for a cup of tea and a bagel only to find that the 20 or so flavors of tea, two of them had caffeine.

Two.

One was English breakfast, and the other was the regular Lipton tea that you can get in the dime ball. No green, no chai. No weird Indian flavor that actually tastes good, or weird lime flavor that tastes disgusting.

There were, however, three different types of chamomile. Just what I need in the morning.

This was an aberration. It's like if Beckers didn't have cheese pizza, just sauce and olives. Or if Waddicks stopped serving breakfast sandwiches and instead gave you a melted slice of cheese wrapped in paper.

Upon reflection, it's probably a good thing we stopped serving breakfast sandwiches in the first place.

Reckers didn't have cheese pizza, just Wheat Chex.

We can actually ingest that chemical.

What is the chemical?

Our bodies that makes us perk up, open our eyes and smile at our professor as he walks through the door.

We need something in the short term, we need caffeine. Lots of it.

The point of tea is caffeine. It's a stimulant for people who want to feel fancy, for those who can't handle black coffee or for those who just like the taste of tea. I'm mostly in the third group, although I don't mind being fancy.

Huddle, give us our caffeine back. You have swung and missed in the past — "organic" carrot chips that are basically pure sugar, Pop Tarts that are not brown sugar or cinnamon, not selling Wheat Chex.

But this is like you swung and missed in the past — "organic" carrot chips that are basically pure sugar, Pop Tarts that are not brown sugar or cinnamon, not selling Wheat Chex.

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Gay marriage vote too close to call

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Gay marriage was put to a vote in Maine on Tuesday in a close spirit of fairness and live-and-let-live. The law was passed by the Legislature in May but never took effect because of a petition drive by opponents. Early returns showed a close contest, as forecast. With 229 of 608 precincts reporting, each side had 50 percent. A vote to uphold the law would mark the first time that the electorate in any state endorsed gay marriage. That could energize activists nationwide and blunt conservative claims that same-sex marriage is being foisted on states by judges or lawmakers over the will of the public. However, repeal — in New England, in the region of the country most supportive of gay couples — would be another heartwarming defeat for marriage-equality movement, following the vote against gay marriage in California a year ago. It would also mark the first time voters had torpedoed a gay-marriage law enacted by a legislature. When Californians rejected same-sex marriage, it was in response to a court ruling, not legislation.

Maine's secretary of state, Matthew Dunlap, said turnout seemed higher than expected for an off-year election and voter interest appeared intense. "I've never seen anything like it," more than 100,000 people — out of about 1 million registered voters — had voted by absentee ballot or early voting.

Five other states have legalized gay marriage — Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut — but all did so through legislation or court rulings, not by popular vote. In contrast, constitutional amendments banning gay marriage have been approved in all 30 states where they have been on the ballot. If we don't win, then Maine will have its place in infamy because no state has ever voted for homosexual marriage," said Chuck Schott of Portland, who stood near a polling place in Maine's largest city with a pro-repeal campaign sign.

Another Portland resident, Sarah Holman said she was "very torn" but decided — despite her conservative upbringing — to vote in favor of letting gays marry. "They love and they have the right to love. And we can't tell somebody how to love," said Holman.

Hundreds of gay-marriage supporters gathered in a Portland hotel hallway in the evening to await the results. On display was a three-tiered wedding cake topped with two wedding rings. "What we found were children facing tough choices and overwhelming responsibilities in very short times," Obaid-Chinoy said. "Our focus for Human Rights Watch is to appeal to Maine voters' independent streak — a noble spirit of fairness and live-and-let-live. The other side based many of its campaign ads on claims — disputed by state officials — that the new law would make "homosexual marriage" would be taught in public schools. Both sides in Maine drew volunteers and contributions from out of state, but the money edge went to the campaign in defense of gay marriage. "I felt like it was incredibly edifying for both to see actual stories. It really gives the chance to connect to the issue," Corr said.

The need for greater learning is an issue of great concern for refugees as they rebuild lives both in Pakistan and Afghanistan. "Relief agencies must provide better education opportunities, working conditions, and health care," Obaid-Chinoy said. "That is the only way to ensure that there is a better day coming for these refugees and for future generations."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Actors light London Christmas lights

LONDON — Jim Carrey, Colin Firth and Bob Hoskins switched on London’s Christmas lights on Tuesday and attended the world premiere of the 3-D film “A Christmas Carol.”

The actors came to the British capital to promote their animated movie, which features their voices.

The three stars turned on the lights at Oxford Circus and Regent Street — London’s main shopping areas — and at St. Paul’s Cathedral. After that, tenor Andrea Bocelli and the St. Paul’s Cathedral Choir led more than 14,000 people in a Christmas carol ever.

The new movie was later screened at a cinema on central London’s Leicester Square.

Vaccine has potential to cure malaria

SIAYA, Kenya — Blood streamed into the anemic 4-month-old who already has malaria, the mosquito-borne disease that kills a million African children every year.

Malaria is one of the deadliest sicknesses for children, she nurse said — words that sent the young mother into a crumpled heap on the floor next to her baby boy, wrapped in a blue-and-yellow floral blanket.

There is now hope, however, in this ver- dant area where President Barack Obama’s relatives live. A vaccine that appears to be able to prevent the disease in about 50 per- cent of children is now undergoing the final stage of testing.

LOCAL NEWS

School chief defends proposal

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana school chief Tony Bennett dismissed Wednesday a lawsuit challenging a plan to strip some in higher education oppose it because they fear they how they eventually could be impacted.

Bennett told members of the Indiana Education Roundtable, an advisory group that includes lawmakers, educa- tors and business leaders, that his pro- posed changes are needed to help bring more top-notch teachers into Indiana’s schools.

SUDAN

Concerns arise as first elections approach

Khartoum — Permit delays, lack of funds and security intimidation are obstructing international and local observers from monitoring registra- tion for Sudan’s first ever nationwide elections, former president Jimmy Carter’s foundation said on Tuesday.

These and other hindrances could diminish the credibility of the center — the only international group Sudan invited to monitor the process — to verify the vote’s fairness, the group said.

Sudan is holding its first parliamen- tary and presidential elections in all regions of the war-torn country next April. The elections are a key part of the 2005 peace deal that ended more than two decades of north-south civil war. Two million people died in the war, which devastated the country’s oil-rich south.

Authorities have asked the Atlanta-based center to monitor the voting process for the referendum, which began in 2010.

“Observation is important … to build confidence in the process both nationally and international- ly.”

Verjee said the Sudan’s National Election Commission is over- seen by the task of preparing for the elections. The Carter Center called on Sudanese authorities to ensure the observers’ freedom of movement. The vote is critical — the 2005 peace deal created a transitional national unity government, but mis- trust between Sudan’s former north- south rivals runs deep. The elec- tions are also expected to pave the way for the 2011 referendum in which the south will chose whether to become independent from the north, another critical point of the peace deal.

EGYPT

Clinton engages in peace talks

Secretary of State makes unexpected stop to discuss Israeli-Palestinian negotiation strategy

CAIRO — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton made a hastily arranged stop in the Egyptian capital Tuesday to consult with a longtime Arab ally amid a shifting U.S. strategy for getting Israel and the Palestinians back to peace negotiations.

Instead of returning to Washington, as scheduled, after attending an interna- tional conference in Marrakech, Morocco, Clinton flew to Cairo and held late-night talks with Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit and Omar Suleiman, the Egyptian intelligence chief. She was due to meet Wednesday with President Hosni Mubarak before returning to Washington to brief President Barack Obama.

Egypt and other Arab nations reacted with strong concern to remarks Clinton made in Jerusalem on Saturday. She caused a stir when she said with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at her side that his government’s offer to restrain — but not stop — settlement activity in Palestinian areas was unprecedented.

And in a new twist Tuesday, Clinton made what appeared to be an inadvertent slip of the tongue in a television interview with the al-Jazeera network, accordin- ning to the goal of “an Israeli-Palestinian settlement in east Jerusalem.”

It has not been U.S. policy to favor including east Jerusalem in an Israeli-Palestinian settlement, with the Palestinians claim- ing it as their capital, and the issue is one of the most important and delicate points that would have to be settled in any final peace deal between the two par- ties.

Two Clinton aides mon- itoring the interview alerted her to the mis- take and that portion of the interview was retaped so she could correct herself.

Upon arrival in Cairo, Clinton was met at her aircraft by the U.S. envoy for Mideast peace, George Mitchell, who briefed Clinton aboard the plane on his meetings in Amman, Jordan, with King Abdullah II and, separately, with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. Arab governments had already reacted with criti- cism to her comments about settlements last weekend in Jerusalem as a liling of U.S. policy toward Israel. But on Monday in Marrakech, Clinton issued what she called a clarification, saying her words in Jerusalem were meant as “positive rein-forcement” for the Israelis. She added that Israel’s effort still fell far short of U.S. expec- tations, and she added strong praise for the Palestinians.

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In the al-Jazeera inter- view, Clinton reiterated that Obama has clearly stated his desire for a halt to set- tlements. But she added that the Israeli offer of “restraint,” to include an end to establishment of new settlements and other measures that limit settle- ment growth, might be close enough to theulti- mate U.S. and Palestinian goal to merit embracing in the near future.

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Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, left, unexpectedly stopped in Cairo Tuesday to consult with officials and a Bahraini ally on peace negotiations.
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of time we can get staffs together and be prepared.”

Kleva said everyone who wants a vaccination will be able to receive one eventually, but it is a matter of time before the vaccines are received. “There will be enough for everyone eventually, but they will not be a priority group,” she said. Kleva also said they do not know the exact number of confirmed H1N1 cases on campus because the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) did not have the resources to track each case.

“There are so many coming in, they can’t test it,” she said. “CDC tells us it is not as severe as other influenza-like illness, then we are to presume that you have H1N1 and treat it as such.”

Influenza-like symptoms include a fever of at least 100 degrees, a cough and/or a sore throat, Kleva said.

Out of 2,339 upper respiratory illnesses reported to the Health Center from Aug. 2 to Nov. 2, 659 were presumed to be the H1N1 virus, she said.

Though H1N1 seems to spread more easily than the regular flu, its symptoms are generally milder and the recovery period is shorter, MacFarquhar said.

“I think this flu is highly contagious. We are going to see more pupils coming down with the flu than may be seen with the seasonal flu,” Kleva said.

She advised students to cover their mouth with their sleeve when coughing and wash hands often in order to prevent the spread of the H1N1 virus.

“Although as far as the seriousness of the illness, the symptoms have been less severe and the recovery period is shorter for H1N1,” she said.

While it usually takes one to two weeks to recover from the seasonal flu, students are recovering from the H1N1 virus in four to seven days, Kleva said.

The University has not had any H1N1 cases that have resulted in hospitalization, she said.

When the vaccines for H1N1 come in, Kleva said students will be able to get the vaccination, but she also recognized that it is a personal decision for anyone, “It’s really an individual person’s decision. I wouldn’t make a decision for anyone,” she said.

“Personally, I feel that this vaccine is like any other seasonal flu vaccine. It's risk of receiving the shot is less than the benefit of receiving the vaccination against the influenza,” she said.

Kleva said an e-mail will be sent to the student body detailing availability and priority groups when the first shipment of vaccinations arrives.

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tion and the Democratic Party. The current state governor, Tim Kaine, serves as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The race saw the intervention of President Barack Obama, who campaigned on behalf of Deeds.

Prior to serving as state attorney general, McDonnell's lead came from his advantages as an independent voters and white men.

McDonnell, known by most as a social conservative, emphasized the economy throughout his campaign, promising to create more jobs. According to polls, the economy was the top issue among voters when deciding who to vote for.

His opponent publicly criticized McDonnell’s handling of the economy, which, by some interpreta-

tions, was critical of working women and single mothers. The thesis and its fallout generated national attention, but polls Tuesday said a majority of voters reported the thesis had “no effect.”

McDonnell is also tied to Notre Dame through his oldest daugh-

ter, Jeanine, who graduated from the University also on a ROTC scholarship, with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science.
**Market Recap**

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- GOLD ($/oz): +31.20 $1,085.20
- PORK BELIES (cents/lb): +0.15 $9.15

**In Brief**

Windstream to acquire NuVox

Windstream Corp. said Tuesday it's buying NuVox Inc. for $643 million in stock and cash.

The company plans to pay for the acquisition with cash on hand and loans. Windstream said the deal is expected to save $30 million a year from the integration of operations and lower capital spending.

The acquisition is expected to close in the first half of next year.

Farmers receive agricultural funding

Elgin, Minn. — A federal Agriculture Department official in southeastern Minnesota is announcing $17 million in grants to address the needs of beginning farmers and ranchers.

In southeastern Minnesota, Tili Ayala, a worker who was unable to get to work due to the transit union strike, sits at the Frankford Transportation Center in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

**Disney spends funds on conservation**

WASHINGTON — Seeking to help fight climate change, the Walt Disney Co. says it will spend $7 million in partnership with the Conservancy groups to protect tens of thousands of acres of forest lands in the Congo basin, the Amazon basin and in two regions of the United States.

The project, announced Tuesday, is designed to work with local communities to establish reserves or set aside forest lands for protection against logging.

In partnership with Conservation International, Disney is providing $4 million for forest protection projects at two reserves in the Democratic Republic of Congo and for a forest program in the Amazon basin area of Peru.

The company also said it will work with the Nature Conservancy and provide $2 million for tree planting on 2,000 acres of former forest lands in the lower Mississippi Valley, and $1 million for the Conservation Fund’s forest protection project along California’s North Coast.

Peter Seligmann, chairman of Conservation International, said the Disney commitment “represents the largest single corporate contribution ever made to reduce (greenhouse) emissions from deforestation.”

The project in the Congo is expected to prevent 3 million tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere over 20 years, and the project in Peru to protect 740,000 acres of pristine forests is expected to prevent the release of 900,000 tons of carbon dioxide over its five-year life, according to the conservancy group.

The Nature Conservancy will work with private landowners to plant trees in 2,000 acres of former forest land in Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas. The group said that restoring native hardwood forests would not only help reduce carbon emissions but expand local habitat for migrating songbirds and the black bear.

“Protecting forests is one of our most powerful tools in the fight against climate change,” said Mark Tercek, president the Nature Conservancy.
We all remember freshman orientation, that intimidating, awkward rite of passage that every Domer must go through upon arriving to campus. In a weekend full of forced interaction, the best way for everyone to get to know each other is through a series of icebreakers. One of the more popular icebreaker questions is, “What is your favorite kind of music?” Sounds harmless, right? It can be, but there is one answer that I heard more than once during my Fresh-O (and I’m sure was used the last two years as well) that I absolutely cannot stand: “Anything but country.”

If you are one of those people (and I know you are out there), you’re in good company. A friend of mine is a DJ on WVU and when I asked her what she was going to play on her radio show, she told me, “anything but country.” So I have just one request for all of you haters and naysayers out there: Just give it a chance.

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I was one of you. In fact, I even used to tell people that I would listen to anything but country. But the truth was, I used the last two years as well) that I during my Frosh-O (and I’m sure was used the last two years as well) that I absolutely cannot stand: “Anything but country.”

I have nothing to lose, so I popped it in my car’s CD player the next morning. If this doesn’t get you into country, nothing will.

I took the discs, skeptically, but figured I had nothing to lose, so I popped it in my car’s CD player the next morning. And what I found in that playlist blew away every preconceived notion I had of country music. It was upbeat, creative, occasionally hilarious and incredibly entertaining. Within a week, I was hooked, and by the end of the summer I was dressed in a plaid shirt, boots and a cowboy hat belting out “Celebrity” at a Brad Paisley concert.

Country music is awesome for a number of reasons. The instrumentation is unique and fun and it is perfect for sitting along the beach, or just chilling anywhere with your friends over the summer after everyone gets back from work. People don’t realize the number of talented guitarists that play country music nor do they appreciate that some of the fiddle solos are mind-blowing (plus, what other genre of music uses fiddles?). It truly is the optimal mood-setter for any kind of gathering.

What makes country, however, is the lyrics. Unlike a lot of popular music, the lyrics in country songs have real meaning and aren’t just as an addendum to the beat. Country songs are generally about one of four things, all of which are equally awesome: love, family, partying and being an American. With apologies to Maino and T-Pain, I don’t know anything about being a soldier, a rider or a ghetto survivor; let alone all the above. I can’t relate to that kind of music. However, I have gotten my heart broken, like in Brad Paisley’s “Letter to Me” and I am proud to support every “American Soldier” alongside Toby Keith. We all have been at parties with wild guys like Montgomery Gentry’s “One In Every Crowd” and everyone looks back on going “Out Last Night”, just like Kenny Chesney does. You get the feeling that these songs are sung by real people who have had the same experiences as you. You can relate to these guys. It’s comforting.

So for everyone that thinks about saying that you listen to “anything but country,” the next time anyone asks, just do me one favor before you do. Give it a chance.

Andy Ziccarelli should’ve been a cowboy. He is a junior majoring in civil engineering. He can be reached at azicare@nd.edu

“Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is going faster than you is a martian?”

Isaac Asimov
U.S. comedian
Part 2 by Christine Fagan
Desperate for a way through, he decided to try a new approach. He swallowed all that was left of his pride and leaned his whole body into the bricks. He simply leaned, and with that he could feel movement. The wall chipped and flowed as if controlled by breath. This wall works remarkably like a lung, he thought as he continued his leaning. In almost an instant he felt swallowed. The wall consumed him in its entirety and he clumsily fell through the bricks. Given the chance he would have screamed, but a contradictory mix of pride and shameless fear overtook him, and he remained silent. After a few seconds of eternity, he was on the other side.

Once he regained his balance he stood ready to face the council. He was going to win, if only because he was not ready to die.

Part 3 by John Cirilli
He did not know of what he was accused, only that he had done it. The starkly cold eyes (or he thought they might be eyes) of those sitting in council followed his every move with unrelenting focus. The minds behind those eyes, hard and sharp and twisted, would never have tried to accuse the innocent. They saw further into him than he himself, but he knew one thing that they did not.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soulja Boy ruined everything

In regards to Danny Masse’s Nov. 3 Letter to the Editor (“Ignorant or genius?” discussing Soulja Boy, I fail to understand why there is even a debate on whether he is ignorant or a genius. Despite his one hit song, Mr. Boy is extremely inconsequential to rap music and hip-hop. I do not even know how to refer to him professionally. Is it Mr. Boy?

But the controversy over Soulja’s intelligence is not what compelled me to write today, but rather is the damage he has done to the fabric of our society. I am a victim of this damage and I believe I am not alone among Observer readers. For most of the second half of 2008 I had to deal with everyone practicing that ridiculous dance until perfection. Even my 17-year-old sister bad it down pat. I have to tell you, there is nothing more embarrassing than going to Finnegan’s and everybody knowing the dance you do. So what happened? I went home and watched the video on YouTube until I learned it. Today, I don’t know anybody who can outdo me in the Soulja Boy dance, not even Soulja Boy himself. The countless hours I spent learning this dance could have been better spent doing other activities such as volunteer work, studying or even catching up on sleep.

Not only is he a bad influence on the youth of today, he is criticized from those in the same profession. During 2008, Ice-T, a rap pioneer in rap music, referred to Soulja Boy’s music as “killing male genitalia. Only a truly destructive individual such as Soulja Boy could provoke the normally reserved and eloquent Ice-T in such a way.

After a series of exchanges between the two musicians over the internet, the only person who came to Soulja Boy’s rescue was none other than Kanye West. The same Kanye West who could not go through an entire VMAs without downsing a bottle of Hennessy and taking the spotlight away from Taylor Swift (who I personally believe is overrated).

All of this could have been avoided if nobody, including myself, had spent 99 cents to download the song on itunes. I hope next time when there is a dance craze, society will be intelligent enough to not give into the gimmick, and will spend their time and money on things that are more worthwhile.

Travesty in North

Students of Notre Dame, a travesty has struck North Dining Hall. It has become apparent that the Cheerios bins are being filled with Honey Nut Cheerios, and the Honey Nut bins are being filled with regular Cheerios. The parity of each has been compromised by such mixing. For the sake of us all, especially those who rely on Cheerios or Honey Nut Cheerios for sustenance, North Dining Hall’s failure to separate the Cheerios must be stopped.

P.S. While this may seem like a joke, we are not kidding.

Nick O’Sullivan
sophomore
Knoen Hall
Nov. 3

Inquiry on ND girls

Dear Meghan Dougher,
Please post a photo of yourself to defend your Viewpoint (“University of ugly girls?” Oct. 28).

Sincerely,
Michael Smigelski
sophomore
Stanford Hall
Oct. 28
Since 2006, “Loyal Daughters and Sons” has told stories about sexual assaults. And not just any assaults, but the ones most personal at Our Lady’s University: the stories that Notre Dame students have to tell.

With its 2009 three-day run starting today, “Loyal Daughters and Sons” continues to tell the stories that we most need to hear. They aren’t easy stories to deal with, but they’re stories that need to be told, and everyone should try to attend one of the three shows of “Loyal Daughters and Sons.”

As I watched the dress rehearsal of the show (produced this year by Ellen Rolfes), I could not help but feel that under the co-direction of Katherine Khorey and Shay Thornton, the show took on a darker and much more emphatic tone. The show really gets across the idea that sexual assault — and sexuality in general for that matter — is an issue that the University can no longer brush aside. While many of the sketches were familiar to me (they were carried over from prior productions I have attended in 2007 and 2008), they were grouped differently, and I felt as though that served to emphasize the dark issues the play addresses. The show gets its point across with skill, and one can’t help but feel thoughtful and wondering how many people struggle with the issues portrayed.

Now, the show isn’t just about sexual assault. The play also addresses issues of merely being sexually active at a Catholic university and of being homosexual. The play addresses sexuality as a whole, though I felt like much of this year’s emphasis was on the darker issues that continue to be problems. However, sketches about building a positive self-image are also in the play, which makes it a lot easier to take in everything else that’s being portrayed.

The actors bring great levels of emotion to their characters. Even if they appear in multiple scenes, each time they capture what the person in the different situations would feel. Most importantly, they remained connected to the audience. Before the rehearsal began, Thornton reminded the actors that “the whole concept of the show is that you’re Notre Dame students; you’re just like anyone else.”

And indeed, one cannot help but relate to the students portrayed in different situations. You feel horror. You feel terror. You smile and feel good about yourself, all depending on the scene that’s unfolding in front of you. “Loyal Daughters and Sons” is readily accessible, because it portrays situations that we deal with on a too-regular basis.

The show’s production team will join Notre Dame professors, FIRE Starters (peer educators from the Gender Relations center) and representatives from the University Counseling Center and the St. Joseph County Rape and Crisis Center for panels following the Wednesday and Thursday shows.

I know it’s uncomfortable. None of us really want to face the issues brought up by sexuality, both positive and negative. “Loyal Daughters and Sons” handles the issues in a manner that is powerful and enlightening. No one should miss this year’s show.

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By JOEY KUHN
Assistant Scene Editor

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SPORTS MEDIA

Sportscaster owes ex $916,000 a year

HARTFORD, Conn. — CBS sportscaster and his ex-wife are facing a divorce that will pay $916,000 yearly in alimony and child support. The couple gave up their Connecticut home under terms of a newly awarded divorce. The ruling, made Monday in Bridgeport Superior Court, dissolved years earlier and “this last year from his wife after 17 years of marriage; Judge Howard Owens noted that the couple didn’t share the same interests in their joint accounts, real estate and other property. Nantz will get their home in Houston and a luxury condominium in the Deer Valley ski resort near Park City, Utah. They were awarded joint custody of their two daughters, including millions in other income, shared investment accounts, real estate and other property. Nantz, who started his broadcast career at a local CBS affiliate in Idaho, said he had to sort out his life before he turned his attention to football and that he was never provided the support Seattle hoped to get when he signed with a team. Seattle signed receiver Mike Hackett and James on Tuesday, and Seattle made a spark the Cardinals need—loudmouth right tackle Leonard Davis, who is also out indefinitely what’s best for his daughter Caroline, 15. They’re two good people and as sometimes happens over 26 years, they grew apart,” Ferro said. "He'll have two years of eligibility left once he dies or his ex-wife remarry's attorney, Gregory Samms, face in Miami in April. His demeanor charges of theft and robbery Tuesday for White and Mbakwe, is in trouble: Freshman forward Royce White faces misdemeanor battery charge against him. Police report shows a man with a police report for shoplifting at mall. Mbakwe is scheduled for a December trial in Miami-Dade County for allegedly punching a woman in the face in Miami in April. His attorney, Gregory Samms, said Tuesday he’s been told by the judge he will go on trial in a court that week and won't be pushed aside: http://pregnancysupport@nd.edu

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Tubby Smith Minnesota coach

"If you do something wrong, our guys know that playing time... is a privilege. They all understand the concept of what it means to conduct themselves in a proper way. When they don’t, unfortunately they force our hands and we have to do something we really don’t want to do."

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**NBA**

**Cavs’ Delonte West faces more charges**

WASHINGTON — Cleveland Cavaliers guard Delonte West was indicted Tuesday on additional weapons and traffic charges stemming from his Sept. 17 arrest for speeding on a motorcycle and carrying multiple weapons.

The eight-count indictment sheds no new light on why West, 26, was riding a motorcycle on the Capital Beltway in Prince George’s County, Md., at 10 p.m. West was expected to play in Tuesday night’s game against Charlotte, scoring 13 points in 24 minutes.

It’s illegal in Maryland to carry concealed weapons and to transport loaded handguns.

West was indicted on two counts of carrying a dangerous weapon, two counts of transporting a handgun, two counts of transporting a handgun, and one count each of reckless driving and negligent driving. The charges are all misdemeanors. Each weapon carries a penalty of up to three years in prison.

West was initially charged with just two counts of carrying a handgun and with driving in excess of reasonable and prudent speed.

**IN BRIEF**

Complied from The Observer’s wire services

**Associated Press**

Noah Croom, did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

**Wolfgang Brokawi**

He was expected to play in Tuesday night’s game against Washington.

Browns general manager Dennis Brown, who along with team doctors has been handling West’s delicate situation, said.

The 5-11, 186-pound Amendola rode a stationary bicycle during Tuesday’s workout and a loaded shotgun. Prosecutors on Wednesday added an 8 1/2-inch Bowie knife to the list of concealed weapons West was carrying.

It’s not clear why West was riding a motorcycle during the Cavaliers’ Labor Day weekend trip to Europe. West was expected to play in Tuesday night’s game against Charlotte, scoring 13 points in 24 minutes.

**Rams’ Amendola sits out of labor talks with NFLPA**

ST. LOUIS — Rams returner Danny Amendola sat out practice due to a concussion while guard Jacob Bell was cleared after tests showed he had only a mild one.

Amendola rode a stationary bicycle during Tuesday’s workout and coach Steve Spagnuolo said the diminutive receiver was set to undergo tests for concussion-related symptoms on Wednesday.

“Still has some symptoms, so they weren’t going to take any chances,” Spagnuolo said.

Bell also had a concussion in the press forced him that missed a few weeks, but Spagnuolo anticipated that the lineman would practice on Wednesday.

The 5-11, 186-pound Amendola was leveled by the Lions’ Zach Follett early in the fourth quarter Sunday and didn’t return to the Rams’ 17-10 victory.

**Buccaneers’ Jackson plans visit to New York**

TAMPA, Fla. — Buccaneers running back Willis Jackson plans to visit New York this week to see his stepfather, who lives in the city, and his girlfriend.

Jackson, who had a 134-yard rush against the Eagles last Sunday, said Tuesday he plans to fly to New York this week, although he didn’t specify the dates.

Jackson, who was born and raised in New York, said he’s excited about the trip and hasn’t been back to the city in years.

“I’ve lived here my whole life, so it’s exciting to go back,” Jackson said.

**Preseason NCAA Men’s Basketball AP Top 25**

1. Kansas
2. Michigan State
3. Texas
4. Kentucky
5. Villanova
6. North Carolina
7. Purdue
8. West Virginia
9. Notre Dame
10. Tennessee
11. Butler
12. Connecticut
13. California
14. Oklahoma
15. Michigan State
16. Ohio State
17. Oklahoma
18. Mississippi State
19. Kentucky
20. Georgetown
21. Dayton
22. Georgia Tech
23. Illinois
24. Creighton
25. Minnesota

Preseason NCAA Women’s Basketball AP Top 10

1. Connecticut
2. Stanford
3. Duke
4. Notre Dame
5. North Carolina
6. Tennessee
7. LSU
8. Texas A&M
9. Michigan State
10. Maryland

**Standing at the dial**

**World Series**

Philadelphia at New York
7:57 p.m., FOX

**NBA**

Miami at Washington
7 p.m., ESPN
NEW YORK — When the New York Yankees clinched their 12th American League pennant last week, the casual TV viewer might have wondered if there was really a point to go swimming in the 200-meter butterfly with Michael Phelps.

Call it a fashion statement for the very rich and very happy: There they were, stars like CC Sabathia, Mark Teixeira and Jacoby Ellsbury, sporting swim goggles and beginning to project their eyes from the victory Champagne being poured, squirited and sprayed amid the post-game revelry.

It’s become a more familiar sight in the past few years in the locker rooms of baseball’s top teams. And some die-hard fans aren’t too happy.

Sure, they say, it’s important to preserve those valuable eyes. But the eyewear sure looks a little goofy, doesn’t it? And more importantly, it suggests a broader problem, these fans say: Post-game celebrations have become too predictable, with all that unspontaneous Champagne-pouring.

“I guess it was funny when they first poured Champagne on somebody, but it’s just too prepared, too scripted now,” says Matt O’Donnell, a high school history teacher and baseball fan in Sebastopol, Calif. “The way they have the plastic tarps all laid out in the locker room, and they have the goggles already set up there.”

O’Donnell, 39, is an ardent Boston Red Sox fan (his 4-year-old son’s middle name is Fenway, after Fenway Park.) “Pinacle...More Champagne Goggles!!” he pleaded on his baseball blog in September, when his team was about to clinch a playoff spot.

After every big victory, he complained, the plastic sheets go up, “and then a few players will put on the readily available ridiculous looking champagne goggles and begin spraying their teammates. A manager or coach will inevitably be sprayed with bubbly...and the perpetrator will think it is the funniest thing ever. Yawn.”

Patrick Stimson, Oakland A’s fan.

Stimson recently posted the question of whether Champagne goggles were ever acceptable — or whether it made the players seem, well, wimpy. “Most people thought it took away some of their manly nature,” he says. “Talk to an eye doctor, though, and you’ll be converted to the pro-goggle side with the speed of one of Sabathia’s fastballs.”

Champagne has a high alcohol content, high enough to damage the surface lining of the cornea, says Dr. Matthew Gardiner, director of emergency ophthalmology services at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. (For those medically inclined, the lining is called the epithelium.) “A corneal abrasion like that usually heals within two to three days, but it can be extremely painful while it’s healing,” says Gardiner.

In other words, you don’t want your ace pitcher or hitter nursing a corneal abrasion while taking on the next team, as the Yankees did a few days after their pennant victory against the Los Angeles Angels, facing the Philadelphia Phillies for the big prize. (The series stands 3-2, Yankees.)

For Jane Heller, the well-being of her treasured Yankees is the key concern — much more important than how silly they may or may not look in goggles.

“I see all these posts, saying gee, what sissies,” says Heller, a lifelong Yankee fan in Santa Barbara, Calif., who blogs about the Yankees on “Confessions of a She-Fan,” and has written a book of the same name. “But it doesn’t bother me.”

What bothers Heller more is what the goggles might represent. “These quote-unquote celebrations have become so calculated and neat and tidy now,” she says. “It used to be a spontaneous burst of enthusiasm. There was no plastic tarp covering everything.”

Heller notes that the goggles are a relatively new phenomenon, something she first noticed in 2007. “I noticed that one player, Doug Mientkiewicz, was wearing them during a celebration,” she says.

At the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s library, researcher Gabriel Schechter can’t pinpoint when the first Champagne goggles were donned, but he says it’s only in recent years. (Champagne celebrations, on the other hand, have been around since the 1950s, when they took the place of beer.)

“It might just be that they’re using so much more Champagne now that it’s really, really hazardous,” says Schechter.

One important baseball fan doesn’t know anything of the goggles tradition. “Really?” asks W.P. Kinsella, whose novel, “Shoeless Joe,” became the movie “Field of Dreams.” “It sounds so calculated,” the author says. “Just so you don’t get a little Champagne in your eyes.” (Kinsella, a huge fan, says he hates watching the celebrations and always turns the TV off anyway once the game is over.)

Hazards aside, fans like Brian Welch may find it hard not to stare a goggle when they see the next World Series champs don their swim equipment on Wednesday or Thursday, when the series ends. “I think the goggles are hilarious,” says Welch, 34, a Cincinnati Reds fan who lives in Chicago.

But he hopes the victorious Yanks or Phillies, with finally no games left to worry about, will throw caution to the wind — or, more like it, to the spray.

After all, says Welch, “Maybe it’s good to save your eyes before you go on to the World Series. But once you’ve won, hey. You’ve just won the World Series! Suck it up. Get some Champagne in your eyes!”

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Steroid rulings hurt progress

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — A key lawmaker said Tuesday that recent court rulings block suspensions of two NFL players threatened to undermine progress made in reducing performance-enhancing drug use among athletes at all levels.

"If these rulings prevail, they could wreak havoc with policies designed to curb performance-enhancing drug use in professional sports," Rep. Henry Waxman, the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said at a subcommittee hearing. "In fact, if the rulings are taken to their logical conclusion, players on one team could be allowed to use drugs that would subject players on another team to suspensions and fines."

In short, he added, "these new legal interpretations could render the NFL and Major League Baseball drug testing programs unenforceable, loophole-ridden, and unacceptably weak and ineffective." Waxman, a California Democrat who has held high-profile hearings on steroids in sports, said that if the court rulings are not reversed, "then we need to find out if the collective bargaining process can solve these problems or whether congressional action is needed."

One thing is clear: we should not allow the drug policies that the NFL, Major League Baseball, and other sports leagues have put in place to be rendered null and void. That is an invitation to steroid abuse in professional sports. And it will inevitably lead to more steroid use on high school football fields and baseball diamonds."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell was to testify later and planned to ask for legislation.

"We believe that a specific and tailored amendment to the Labor Management Relations Act is appropriate and necessary to protect collectively bargained steroid policies from attack under state law," Goodell said in his written testimony.

Recent court decisions “call into question the continued viability of the steroid policies of the NFL, and other national sports organizations,” Goodell said.

The NFL has attempted to suspend Minnesota Vikings Pat Williams and Kevin Williams for four games, but the players sued the league in state court, arguing the league’s testing violated Minnesota laws. The case was moved to federal court, and the NFL players union filed a similar lawsuit on behalf of the Williamses and New Orleans Saints players who were also suspended.

In May, a federal judge dismissed the union’s lawsuit and several claims in the Williamses’ case but sent two claims involving Minnesota workplace laws back to state court. A judge there issued an injunction prohibiting the NFL from suspending the players and has scheduled the trial for March 8. In September, a federal appeals court panel agreed with those decisions, essentially allowing the Williamses, who are not related, to continue playing while the case proceeds in state court.

The Vikings players tested positive in 2005 for the diuretic bumetanide, which is banned by the NFL because it can mask the presence of steroids. The players acknowledged taking the over-the-counter weight loss supplement StarCaps, which did not state on the label that it contained bumetanide.

Neither player is accused of taking steroids.

The court ruling led the NFL to allow New Orleans defensive end Charles Grant and Will Smith, who had also been issued four-game suspensions, to continue playing. Both players also tested positive for bumetanide.

DeMaurice Smith, executive director of the NFL players union, said this case differs from others. He said Dr. John Lombardo, who oversees the league’s steroid policy, learned that StarCaps contained bumetanide but did not inform the players.

"Frankly, the fundamental failure of that doctor to ensure immediate disclosure of the fact that StarCaps included bumetanide violated his paramount duty as a doctor — to protect patients, in this case, our players," Smith said in his prepared testimony. Smith called for changes to the league-union steroid policy that would mandate the NFL notify players when it learns that a product contains a banned substance.

Pedro prepared for Game 6 start in N.Y.

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — A city seethes in anticipation of Game 6 tonight.

Outside Yankee Stadium, workmen wielding power washers crisscrossed the bases, trying to wash away a crisp autumn afternoon, dutifully cleaning each and every groove between the concrete squares. Inside, groundkeepers wielding rakes push pebbles back and forth, smoothing the dirt around home plate. Everyone seems to say that if it seems, the place to look perfect for the return of Pedro Martinez.

"This is the kind of stage that I deserve," Martinez said, “and in a stadium like this, the most legendary of all places.”

It will be a holding short of a miracle if the Yankee Stadium baseball palace remains an anchor during the fall moorings when Martinez’ name will be brought out by the month, Wednesday, one of a Phillies uniform for Game 6 of the World Series. The last time the time the Philadelphia Phillies pushed the needle this far in a World Series, "the Ghostbusters" were called in to save the city.

Pedro ain’t afraid of no ghosts, either, even though he brings a history to the Bronx like almost no other.

When Martinez last showed his face here — in the interview room after losing Game 2, despite a strong effort — he was wearing a striped jacket that looked like it had been stolen from the set of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Yet it was while wearing the red sack of hate rival Boston a half-dozen years ago that Martinez was rendered a villain in these parts forever.

In Game 3 of the ALCS, he was at the center of a hit-for-tat, purpose-pitch skirmish that erupted into a bench-clearing brawl. Don Zimmer, then a 72-year-old skipper of the Yankees, rushed from the Yankees dugout straight for Martinez, who threw him to the ground.

New York didn’t have to wait long for its revenge.

In the eighth inning of Game 3, Red Sox manager Grady Little left a tiring Martinez in to clean up the jam he’d gotten himself into. Bad idea: four straight hits erased Boston’s 5-2 advantage, leading to a dramatic extra-inning, series-ending victory for the Yankees.

But Martinez’s lowest moment in New York was still almost a year off. In the following September, after yet another tough loss, the defiant right-hander who once famously growled, “Wake up the limbo, I’ll back with the Yankees!” was disconsolate and said he never wanted to face New York again.

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**NBA**

Nuggets rout Pacers to remain unbeaten

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points Tuesday night, lifting the Nuggets to their best start in 24 years.

Anthony had averaging 38 points, shot just 6-for-17 from the field but made 11 of 14 free throws. Nuggets added 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Nuggets (4-0), who are off to their best since the 1985-86 season.

Former Denver guard Dahntay Jones led the Pacers with 20 points, and Danny Granger added 18 for Indiana (0-3).

Pacers forward Troy Murphy bruised his lower back when he fell hard to the floor in the first quarter and did not return. He was second in the league in rebounding and third in 3-point percentage last season.

Indiana has lost all its games by double digits.

Anthony made 5 of 15 3-pointer on Tuesday while Indiana made just 3 of 22.

The Nuggets led 30-13 at the end of the first quarter, even though Anthony shot 1-for-7. The Nuggets led 55-39 at halftime.

Indiana cut Denver's lead to 59-50 on a layup by Jones, but Billups responded with a 3-pointer. Later in the first quarter, when the Pacers again started building momentum. Billups hit another three. Anthony followed that with a breakaway dunk to make it 71-55.

Anthony and Billups combined for 23 points in the quarter, and Denver led 83-71 at the end of the period.

Denver puled away in the fourth quarter and led by as many as 25 points. Indiana's only lead was 6-5 in the first quarter.

**NCAA FOOTBALL**

Pike’s arm healing after surgery

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Tony Pike had X-rays on Tuesday that showed his non-passing arm is healing nicely from surgery, another step toward getting him back to full practice with fourth-ranked Cincinnati.

Pike expected to practice on Wednesday wearing a special splint instead of a bulky cast on the left forearm, which was injured during a game on Oct. 15 at South Florida. The senior quarterback has missed the last two games while the injury took.

Sophomore Zach Collaros led the Bearcats (8-0) to wins over Louisville and Syracuse, throwing for seven touchdowns during those two games. He’s likely to start on Saturday at home against Connecticut (4-4), when Cincinnati attempts to tie the school record for best start.

Coach Brian Kelly said it’s possible that Pike could get into the game for a short time, but he would prefer waiting until he’s capable of playing without limitations.

“It really would depend on how he practices, because he hasn’t been in there holding off and moving on the perimeter,” Kelly said, before the start of practice Tuesday. “It may be the case that we think he’s 75 percent there, we can’t start him but he could come in in certain situations. That’s a scenario that’s possible.

“I would prefer that not to be the case. I would prefer him to be 100 percent and able to start.”

Pike broke the left forearm and dislocated the wrist during a game last season and had a plate and six screws inserted to stabilize the area. He returned after missing two games and led the Bearcats to the Big East title wearing a protective splint on the arm.

He didn’t have a problem until the game at South Florida, when he took a helmet to the forearm. The force of the blow damaged the plate, which was replaced a few days later after specialists were consulted about the best way to handle the injury.

**NCAA Women's Basketball**

UConn’s Moore leads All-America team

Associated Press

Preseason or postseason, Maya Moore is making a habit of racking up honors.

The UConn junior became just the seventh unanimous choice on The Associated Press’ preseason All-America team Tuesday, garnering all 40 votes from a national media panel. It’s the third straight year a player has been an unanimous choice in the preseason.

“It’s a great honor to be mentioned with them,” said Moore, who was one vote short of being a unanimous choice in her first two seasons and was the AP’s player of the year in 2000-01.

Abrosimova in 2000-01.

and Kara Wolters in 1995-96 and

preseason team — Jen Rizzotti

other pairs of teammates on a

America squad.

and Virginia’s Monica Wright. It was

Ohio State’s Jantel Lavender, and

Charles, Stanford’s Jayne Appel,

season squad by teammate Tina

son.

For Bruno, who has coached all five

years and was the AP’s player of

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and 10.7 rebounds in helping

Ohio State to a 29-6 record and a

Big Ten title. She is just the sec-

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Jessica Davenport, to be honored

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Partnering for a Safer Neighborhood

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Robinson Community Learning Center

All students, faculty, and staff interested in working with their neighbors and local law enforcement to create a safer off-campus neighborhood are invited to meet this Wednesday, November 4, at 5:30 p.m., at the Robinson Community Learning Center.

Learn strategies and tips to reduce your risk of being targeted for crime and partner with your neighbors to make your neighborhood safer!
third-string quarterback until Crist returns. Fifth-year senior Evan Sharpley was moved up to second string on the Irish depth chart, behind Clausen.

Goodman, who played quarterback for Notre Dame's Wildcat formation this season. Phillips' experience has consistently helped the Irish poised and confident on the court this season.

"She's continued to get stronger every year, and that physical strength and consistency coming with experience has really helped her as a player," Brown said. "She leads by example and her consistency on the court is something the team really relies on."

As Notre Dame remains the only undefeated team in the conference, Phillips has high hopes for her final season.

"Personally I would just like to finish strong," she said. "As for the team, our biggest goal is to find this thing. A regular season undefeated as well as win the Big East tournament."
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“I was a little nervous [at the start],” Diggins said. “Coming out in front of the community that has been supporting me for years, seeing some of their faces, really helped ease some of my nerves. And when you got players around you that know the offense and understand the system, it’s a lot easier to play.”

Coach Muffet McGraw said she was encouraged by Diggins’ performance, particularly the energy that she brought off the bench.

“[Diggins] came in with a lot of intensity,” McGraw said. “She played very intelligent, didn’t force things, and just took what they gave her. She did a good job creating and also running the offense.

After a sloppy start to the game, the Irish seized control behind a suffocating full-court press that forced 16 first-half turnovers. Notre Dame held Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Nov. 5-for-14 shooting from the field on its way to a 42-22 halftime lead.

Sophomore forward Erica Solomon also had an outstanding game off the bench, finishing with 17 points and six rebounds. Solomon was 4-of-7 from the field and 9-of-14 from the free-throw line.

“I’m still concerned about our depth in the post and I was just ecstatic about the way [Solomon] played tonight,” McGraw said. “If we can have her do that every night, that would be great. She is the x-factor for our team.”

The Irish did much of their damage on the offensive boards, corralling 20 on the night.

“We’re really working on getting our guards rebounding, getting three rebouned in the lane. And I thought we did a really good job of that,” McGraw said.

Six different players recorded three-pointers on the night for the Irish, who shot 8-of-16 as a team from behind the arc.

“I thought offensively we did a lot of good things,” McGraw said. “That’s where you’ll see the strength of our bench, particularly at the end of the game when the other team is wearing down.”

In her first career start, sophomore guard Natalie Novosel added 13 points and 6 rebounds for the Irish behind 3-of-7 shooting.

“Novosel really worked on her 3-point shot this summer,” McGraw said. “She’s always been able to drive the ball and now she’s really difficult to guard because of the 3-point. She also gets to the foul line really well which is something we’re lacking.”

Notre Dame will open regular-season play when it hosts Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Nov. 15 at the Purcell Pavilion.

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been playing as good as anybody in the country ... You’ve got some sophomores that play like they’ve been here and that’s already.”

The reason the underclassmen play like veterans is because, in many ways, they are veterans. Any highlight reel of the Irish in the past two seasons has featured sophomore Melissa Henderson prominently. Last year she was named Big East Rookie of the Year and earned first-team Freshman All-American honors as she played in all 27 games, starting 20, and scored 17 goals.

“A couple of those kids are kids that really played last year, and had a great year,” Waldrum said of the Irish youth movement. “Melissa was really much a starter for most of the year.”

Joining Henderson on the field their freshman season were classmates Jessica Schuveiller and Courtney Barg. Each has getting experience with every game and totaled the selection of minutes among position players on the team, and Barg started all six NCAA Tournament games. This deep experience leads to Waldrum’s rock-solid confidence.

“The team that scores in the first half, or you get to the half in positive,” he said. “She’ll have to get her feet wet and not let the process intimidate her. But I think she has played in enough big games through the year that she is ready for it.”

One of the biggest differences for Notre Dame between this postseason and last is the girl in the goal. Weiss did not start a single game last year, but about halfway through the Big East schedule, she moved past senior Kelsey Lysander into the starting spot in the goal, and after only allowing one goal in nearly 600 minutes of conference action, she has not looked back.

“The competition between the three keepers [freshman Maddy Fox being the third] has been very close all year,” Waldrum said. “Nikki has been hot lately, which has been good because we have been able to get her into some big games.”

Despite Weiss’ record-setting performances so far, Waldrum said his expectations for her in the playoffs are being held in check.

“The playoffs are a little different animal,” the 11th-year head coach said. “She has shown us that she has the consistency to handle that and do well with it, and this time of year that is all you really ask of your goalkeeper, just to be consistent and handle the things you are supposed to. And then if she shows a great save in there along the way, that is icing on the cake.”

As long as the young Irish continue to play as well as they have been, a cake or celebration of some sort looks to be on its way. Notre Dame plays St. John’s in the Big East tournament semifinal Friday, and the youth are just getting started.

“It’s been the young players that have really carried us,” Waldrum said. “That bodes well for the future too.”

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

On the right foot

Notre Dame wins big in exhibition over Indy

By ALEX BARKER
Assistant Sports Editor

Highly touted freshman Skyler Diggins scored 17 points in her collegiate debut to lead the Irish to a 97-53 victory over Indianapolis Tuesday at the new Purcell Pavilion.

A Notre Dame women's basketball exhibition game record 7,508 people were in attendance to see the South Bend native in action and she did not disappoint. Diggins made her presence felt just minutes into the game after forcing a turnover in the backcourt and then finding junior Brittany Mallory under the basket for an easy layup.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Phillips leads Irish through Big East schedule

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

At the center of the Notre Dame team this year and every year she's been on the team, "Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “She is an all-around player, able to play all six rotations, and is a real stabilizing force on the court.

From making her 1,000th career kill on Oct. 10 to earning the Big East Player of the Week Award on Oct. 19, Phillips has proven herself to be a force on the court again and again. Her record-making kill came in a Notre Dame (16-4, 10-0 Big East) 3-2 win over Connecticut where Phillips had 17 kills, seven digs and six blocks. The Big East honor came after she led the Irish in sweeping both Pittsburgh and West Virginia on Oct. 17 and 18. At Pitt, she put in 11 kills, seven digs and five blocks for the Notre Dame win, and had 18 kills, five digs and five blocks against West Virginia.

"She’s an incredibly hard worker," Brown said. "She’s a huge part of the success of the team this year and every year she’s been on the team.," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “She is an all-around player, able to play all six rotations, and is a real stabilizing force on the court.

Not many teams in the country can say they are confident starting three sophomores on the field and a first-year starter in the goal as the post season begins.

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