H1N1 flu vaccines arrive at University

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

This weekend’s premiere of “Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut” will reveal not only a few months’ work of a dedicated few, but also nearly 80 years’ work of a passionate many. The 75-minute film, to be shown on tonight at the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, tells the story of the boxing club Bengal Bouts and its relationship with the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

Mark Weber, a 2009 graduate, former boxing club president and captain and producer of the film, hopes the film will not only educate, but also remind audiences of the significant connection between the club and the developing country.

“Our goal is to transform the connection (with Bangladesh) from sending them as an abstraction to an actual relationship,” Weber said. “It went from an abstract mission to something we could see and touch.

Gail Mancini said.

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Cab companies: Over-charging is illegal

Most trips with two or more people within a three-mile radius of campus are three dollars

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

Students may be powerless to stop the pain of rising tuition costs or the falling temperatures, but they can do something to prevent cab drivers from illegally increasing their fares on the weekends, according to Modern Cab Company manager Jean Ntakirutimana.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

Bored with the lakes

Notre Dame is full of runners — a fact made even more apparent as the November weather has not deterred the joggers from running outside in Nike running tights and Under Armor. But during a recent conver—Madeline Buckley, a friend who runs almost every day said she does not feel safe running off campus. This surprised me because campus is not large, and I am curious about how many runners at Notre Dame feel the same way as my friend.

As much as I love the two-mile, figure-eight lakes that surround campus, the repetitiveness is dizzying after awhile, and this short route gets boring quickly during a long run. My other usual running routes on campus have become routine as well. So I generally do the bulk of my runs off campus because it offers a greater variety of routes, instead of running past Carroll Hall, Moreau Seminary and the beach on St. Joe Lake over and over again.

And I always feel safe doing this. Of course, I would never venture off-campus on a run by myself after dark, and I would recommend looking at a map if the neighborhoods around campus are unfamiliar. But aside from the occasional, terrifyingly-large dog in someone’s yard, I never feel uneasy running through the neighborhoods surrounding campus.

In fact, I have come to prefer running off-campus. I run past some beautiful houses and through some beautiful neighborhoods. Getting away from campus, even if just for a five-mile run, is refreshing.

My current favorite route — and I encourage any runners out there to try it — is about 4.5 to five miles depending on the starting point on campus.

I head from Breen Phillips Hall to Main Circle and continue south down Notre Dame Ave. from there. I run about two miles on Notre Dame Ave. through the Northeast Neighborhood and near downtown South Bend.

When I hit Wayne St., I head west toward Howard Park, and then pick up the East Race trail at Howard Park. I then take the East Race path north back to Notre Dame.

This trail runs near St. Joseph High School, right by the University.

For any runner bored with the lake path, I highly recommend using the East Race trail along the St. Joseph River. Pick up the trail on Angela Blvd. and go north back to campus.

Maybe I am completely off-base in assuming most Notre Dame runners stick to campus routes, but if I am not, try running off campus safely of course.

Add some variety to a daily jog and learn your way around South Bend neighborhoods at the same time.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Madeline Buckley at mbuckley@nd.edu.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** Where is your favorite weekend hangout?

*Alex Riney, junior*  
*“Off campus at a friend’s house.”*

*Chris Wynkoop, junior*  
*“Chem lab.”*

*Katie Mayka, sophomore*  
*“Legends!”*

*Gail Cech, senior*  
*“The football games.”*

*Joe O’Brien, senior*  
*“Since my weekend starts Thursday, The Fere.”*

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

**OFFBEAT**

SUV nearly slams into elephant on highway  
OKLAHOMA CITY — It’s not unusual to see a deer or cow crossing Oklahoma’s rural highways. But an elephant? A couple driving home from church nearly slammed into a giant pachyderm that had escaped from a nearby circus late Wednesday.

“Didn’t have time to hit the brakes. The elephant blended in with the road,” driver Bill Carpenter said Thursday. “At the very last second I said ‘elephant!’” Carpenter, 68, said he swerved his SUV at the last second and ended up side-swiping the 29-year-old female elephant on U.S. 81 in Enid, about 80 miles north of Oklahoma City.

Man fined for 911 call over McDonald’s order  
ALOHA, Ore. — A 20-year-old man who called 911 to report that he got his fast-food order called 911 to report that he got his fast-food order straightened out has been told to pay a $300 fine. Washington County, Ore., sheriff’s deputies said Rabin Raof Osman called the emergency line to complain that a McDonald’s in Aloha had left out a box of orange juice from his drive-through order. A restaurant employee later called 911 to report that Osman and others who were with him were blocking the lane, knocking on restaurant windows and intimidating employees.

Deputies tried to explain to Osman that refreezing such disputes is not what they do. They said he insisted he had the legal right to call police. He was taken to jail.

The Oregonian said Osman pleaded guilty recently to improper use of 911 and has been ordered to pay the fine.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

The men’s basketball team will play Quincy tomorrow in an exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center. Ticket information is available by calling 574-631-7356.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will host its Alumni Reunion Concert tomorrow at 8 p.m. with several hundred of its alumni at the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students.

The film “Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut” will be shown tomorrow at the Browsing Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 9:30 p.m. The film examines the Bengal Bouts boxing club and its partnership with the Holy Cross Mission in Bangladesh. Tickets are $3 for students and are available at performingarts.nd.edu.

A science lecture series entitled, “The Physics of Angels and Demons: Notre Dame at the Large Hadron Collider,” will take place Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. The lecture, given by Mike Biddle, Associate Professor of Physics, will take place in the Jordan Hall of Science, room 101.

The Notre Dame Folk Choir will perform at 9 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in the 16th Annual Concert for the Missions to benefit the missionary work of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Badin Hall displays student art in annual show

Signature event will run through Nov. 19; prizes for best art awarded for first, second and third place

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Badin Hall’s annual signature event offers something unique, Academic Commissioner Melissa Guinan said.

The Badin Art Show, which showcases the work of student and local artists, opened Thursday.

“It’s a different type of signature event, and it appeals to a different kind of audience,” Guinan said. “You get people who wouldn’t come to other events, like dances.”

Guinan said the event, organized by Badin’s Academic Commission members, has always been a big success.

“It’s our fall signature event,” Guinan said. “It’s been going on for at least the past four or five years.”

While most of Badin attended the opening, most of the participants in the art show aren’t from Badin, Guinan said.

“Only six girls out of the 30 or more participants are from Badin,” Guinan said.

The participants are from all over campus, and include several art students from Saint Mary’s College and some local residents, Guinan said. The number of participants also rose this year.

“We have art students and non-art students,” Guinan said. “We have lots of different mediums and styles.”

These include some first-time mediums and unique works, including music recordings and a choreographed dance, Guinan said.

Meg Keegan, a junior, said she decided to participate after noticing the call for entries on her dorm’s Stall Notes.

“I’m an Environmental Sciences major,” Keegan said. “I like art on the side. [The Badin Art Show] is a great way to get to know other artists. I didn’t know this kind of stuff happened.”

Sophomores Zach Stackhouse and Jamie Baffa entered a collaborative painting into the contest.

“We took up the opportunity when it became available,” Stackhouse said. “This is the first time we’ve participated in this sort of event on campus.” Baffa said. “We needed an artistic outlet, even though we’re bad at art.”

“It’s one of my favorite parts about Notre Dame — the presence of art on campus,” Stackhouse said.

Erin Hallagan, a sophomore and member of Badin’s Academic Commission, said she is looking forward to seeing all the artwork.

“The Academic Commission gets to hang all the artwork and position the lighting,” Hallagan said. “I like being able to look at the art in a private setting and getting to see what looks good where.”

Hallagan also said she enjoys seeing the descriptions under the artists’ names.

“I like seeing why the artist chose to do it,” she said. Prizes were awarded for first, second and third places. Saint Mary’s junior Eileen Laskowski won first place with a drawing titled “Nervous Habits.”

“This is the first step. I’m seeing how my work compares to others my age.” Laskowski participated in last year’s Badin Art Show.

“Last year I took a course here at Notre Dame,” Laskowski said. “The drawing professor mentioned it. This year, I knew one of the coordinators. I just finished this piece. I decided to put it in.”

Second place went to fifth year senior Matthew Degnan for his digital photograph, “The Forgotten.” Third place went to freshman Audrey Hayes for her oil painting, “Girl With an iPod.” Also third place was sophomore Waylon Chen for his wire sculpture “Widemouth Bass.”

The show, which will run through Nov. 19 in Badin’s social space, is free to attend.

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Junior Claire Brosnihan contemplates works of art displayed at the Badin art show. The show will run through Nov. 19 in Badin Hall’s social space.

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SMC Right to Life Club launches campaign

By MEGAN LONEY  News Writer

The five life-sized silhouettes of pregnant women around Saint Mary’s campus are not part of a display sponsored by the art department, they are part of a month-long campaign by the College’s Right to Life Club to advocate support on campus for pregnant women.

The Right to Life Club made the cardboard cutouts after getting the idea from the Students for Life of America Web site. The cutouts are meant to be a visual reminder for students on campus to ask the question ‘Are we supporting them enough?’ Anne Maguire, the club’s vice president, said.

Another concrete sign of support for their peers who are currently or may become pregnant is a list of students’ names that pledged their support to their fellow students.

“Think if you were a pregnant student walking around campus,” said Maguire. “If students feel that they are welcome on campus among their peers, it can make all the difference.”

The club’s goal for the month is to spread the knowledge that support is needed for pregnant women on campus.

Maguire said she believes this topic is especially pertinent to Saint Mary’s as it is an all-women’s college.

“Being Pro-life is a women’s issue, since abortion hurts women so much,” she said. “Not that the baby isn’t important — it is. But the women are sometimes forgotten.”

The message of support for pregnant women is geared toward students, although the College does not have specific outreach programs to students who are or have been pregnant, Maguire said.

“There is nothing advertised on campus for anywhere a pregnant woman can go for advice and support,” Maguire said. “But there has to be a need for it. We are all Belles, and we support one another. That’s what Saint Mary’s is about. We have to feel the need to help the women on campus. It just makes sense.”

“Letting them know where they can go for help in the community or having places on campus is important,” Maguire said. “We need to think about providing support on campus through like the health center.”

The goal is to have someone in academic affairs, in the health center, and in the counseling center that can offer these students the support they need, Maguire said.

A table of information for local and national programs that do offer support to women who are currently or have been pregnant will be set up each Thursday during November in the Student Center. The list of names showing students’ support for pregnant women will also be at the table for those students who wish to sign it.

Not all of the feedback has been positive.

“We have had both positive and negative responses,” Maguire said. “But both are good. As long as people notice, and they think about it and it challenges them, we know it’s been a success.”

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Alumna elected to Penn. Supreme Court

Special to The Observer

Superior Court Judge Joan Orie Melvin of Pittsburgh, a 1978 University of Notre Dame alumna, was elected Nov. 3 (Tuesday) to a seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Melvin, a Republican, defeated her superior court colleague, Democrat Jack Panella, with 53 percent of the vote.

A native of Pittsburgh, Melvin majored in economics at Notre Dame, where she lived in Lyons Hall, and earned a law degree from Duquesne University School of Law in 1981.

A judge for more than 24 years, Orie Melvin first served in the Pittsburgh Municipal Courts, where she created the first domestic violence court in Pennsylvania. She was appointed to the Allegheny County bench in 1990 and seven years later became the first female Republican elected to the state Superior Court, where she has heard more than 8,000 cases.

Panella, with 47 percent of the vote, served as a judge for 24 years in the Allegheny County Municipal Courts, where he served in the first domestic violence court in Pennsylvania. When appointed to the Municipal Court bench in 1993, he was the first male Republican elected to the Allegheny County Municipal Courts bench.

Melvin received the largest number of votes among the five candidates running in Tuesday’s election. The five candidates receiving the most votes in each of the five races will serve on Pennsylvania’s 2009-2010 Supreme Court. Two other races were held Nov. 3, but the candidates did not receive the required number of votes to win.

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“The most difficult part of the film was picking through the documentary footage and also adding a musical score,” Weber said. “We did research over there to get an idea of what we wanted for the film.”

Donaruma said.

“There was no electricity. Much of the time, he said, there was no electricity. Weber also said the team struggled to transport the heavy equipment, which had to be removed from the crowded van when crossing bridges.

“The core principles of Bengal Bouts don’t graduate,” Weber said. “The passion in alumni can be directed back to the missions.”

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Former boxing club captain Pat Ryan poses during a 2008 trip to Bangladesh. The film “Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut” premiers tonight in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 9:30 p.m.

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**IN BRIEF**

Tyson Foods charged in labor suit

A federal court has ruled that Tyson Foods Inc. violated federal labor standards for not paying production line employees for the time it takes them to put on and remove protective and sanitary gear.

The U.S. Department of Labor, which originally filed its first began investigating the situation in 2000. The government said the company did not pay its employees for the time it takes them to put on and remove protective and sanitary gear.

The jury found the company didn’t fairly compensate workers seeking unemployment benefits as required by law. The government’s order that the company pay workers fair wages is likely to go into effect next year, as unemploy- ment is expected to remain difficult into next year, as unemploy- ment is likely to continue to rise.

The department of Labor in a statement it first began investigating the situation at the poultry and meat producer in 2000. The government said the company did not pay some 3,000 production line employ- ees at its plant in Blountville, Ala., for the work time in question from 2000 to the present.

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SMC professor examines women in mathematics

By BRITTANY VANSNESPON
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College commemorated women in the mathematical field in the third installment of a three-part lecture series, which took place in Spes Unica Hall.

Mathematics professor Sister Miriam Cooney delivered the third lecture, titled “Issues In Math Education.”

Cooney’s main focus was addressing the social issues in mathematics that involve women, citing how women in the past had to deal with choosing between their marriage or career.

“It’s not like that anymore,” Cooney said. “Now it’s marriage or career.”

Cooney referenced Fennema’s work in examining gender and mathematics, saying that the fact still remains that there is a ring involved but nowhere else that is as special to women.

All three couples say that they are students and have to receive questions about whether or not they will get married before graduation but as individuals.

“People treat us differently as a couple than they do as individuals,” Brickl said.

On-campus interactions are very different,” Brickl said. “People treat us differently as a couple than they do as individuals.”

While many people in the Notre Dame community feel that there is a strong “ring by spring” attitude that students feel and get closer to graduation, Minta said she felt there was no pressure on her and Mac Carthaigh, who have been together for more than three years, to get engaged.

“This is our place,” she said. “Being engaged is a special step rather than a set date; it was never about getting a ring before graduation because we knew we were going to be together,” Minta said.

MC C a r t h a i g h agreed, saying although he and Minta had discussed marriage before, their engagement is more about dedication.

“I felt ready for an official commitment,” he said. “I never thought about ‘when’ we’d get engaged.”

Brickl and Robertson said they see the “ring by spring” outlook more now that they are seniors quickly approaching graduation.

“There are some people that I do think will end up together,” Robertson said. “But there are others that are thinking that there is a clock ticking.”

The pair, who got engaged in June 2008, will get married the Lady of Loretto Church at Saint Mary’s this June. Robertson said there was no question that they would get married in the Notre Dame community, which was an integral part of their relationship.

“This is our place,” she said. “This is where we met, fell in love and where our whole relationship developed. There is nowhere else that is as special or as sacred to us.”

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"We go over price gouging on a regular basis," Clear said. "Students have to understand that three dollars each is if they are all going to the same spot. If they all want to get dropped off at different locations, we’re going to have to do something different."

The struggling economy has hurt Modern Cab Company’s business, according to Ntkirutimana, who said students account for about 30 percent of the company’s customers. Clear has also seen an overall decrease in demand, but he mentioned another cause — students are going out less and now only make up about 40 percent of Blue Ribbon Taxi’s business.

"It used to be a lot," Clear said of the percentage of business coming from students. "But students have stopped partying as much. I think maybe students, maybe the University has put the squeeze on them or what, but there definitely isn’t as much partying as there was two years ago. But we’re still feeling the big dip in business and the inevitable pressure to maintain revenues," Clear said he hasn’t gotten any reports about his drivers price gouging.

I haven’t gotten any complaints of overcharging for one thing," he said. "And for another thing, I try to hire drivers that are conscientious people.

Clear also said even if students cannot find the sought-after two dollar cab, the benefits provided to them justify the expense, especially considering the amount many will spend once they reach their destination. "Students explain a lot of times when they have to pay three dollars," he said. "One thing to consider is that they’re spending a lot more than three dollars at the bars."

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the organizers of the petition approval a corresponding memorandum. Morris said the memorandum will provide more details for what the petition asks and answer common questions. "Our effort, admittedly, has been met with a lot of controversy and a lot of people have had questions about it," he said. "It details the decline of our book acquisitions, the massive layoffs of staff that we have, and puts it in a comparative framework so that we can see how Notre Dame’s library compares among different universities," Morris said.

The memorandum also anticipates arguments against the library reform, he said. "The idea that there isn’t enough money. They say it’s not necessary," Morris said. "They say that trying to compare Notre Dame to Harvard and Yale and the Ivy league schools is somehow wrong or inappropriate.

"We consider the recession the fact that there are hard times right now as an excuse to cut back on the numbers, the recession has actually bolstered Notre Dame’s position.

Notre Dame went into the recession as 16th among private universities in endowments and now ranks seventh, he said.

Morris also countered the idea that improving the library means Notre Dame wants to become an Ivy league school. "Notre Dame should never strive to be an Ivy league school, we should be ourselves. But the point is we do have to look at other universities and see what we want to do," Morris said.

"If you ask the average person, they say the biggest problem is, what are the best universities in the world?" he said. "You think of Harvard, you think of Yale, you think of Stanford and Cambridge across the Atlantic. Do they all have in common? They have very large endowments and their academic life is centered around those.

"Morris said.

Singer said a graduate student, Morris said he most likely will not be around as a student to see the result of the petition if it is accepted, because the improvement will take time.

Yet Morris has worked on creating a petition to improve the library for months.

"I love Notre Dame. I’m a Domer. I want Notre Dame to be thought of as being as breath as Princeton and Yale. To right now there is no possible way that is going to happen so long as we are a Tier 57th largest library in the country," Morris said.

"So we started the petition, the memorandum, a full list of signatures and a brief statistical breakdown of those who signed it next week."

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Tylex case expert to speak at Notre Dame

Special to The Observer
In 1982, seven people in the Chicago area died after taking Tylenol pain-relief capsules that had been laced with potassium cyanide. The crime, still unsolved, eventually led to large-scale reforms in the way food and drug products are packaged and sold in the United States.

For Johnson & Johnson, the drug’s manufacturer, the “Tylenol crisis” resulted in a new level of corporate crisis management, namely, how does a company show its concern for public safety while at the same time, survive as a business in the face of controversy and fear?

John R. Mullen, a 1953 University of Notre Dame graduate and the vice president for corporate affairs who was instrumentally involved in Johnson & Johnson’s response, will speak at Notre Dame about the experience. His talk, “Leadership in a Corporate Crisis: Johnson & Johnson and Tylenol,” will take place Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business.

“The Tylenol case is one of the most cited business ethical leadership and crisis management teaching cases in business ethics education,” said Jessica McManus Werner, management assistant professional specialist at the Mendoza College. “It exemplifies values, leadership and decision-making rooted firmly in corporate policy and culture, as evidenced by the J & J crisis statement, one of the first ‘ethics mission statements’ in business.

The event, sponsored by the Notre Dame Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide, is free and open to the public. All Notre Dame undergraduate business ethics students will attend the talk to supplement their in-class exploration of the case.

Mullen joined Johnson & Johnson’s Law Department in 1962. He subsequently served in a number of positions, including assistant counsel, assistant-secretary and vice president of personnel. He then became vice president of corporate relations, and finished his career with Johnson & Johnson in 1997 as vice president of corporate affairs.

Mullen’s Notre Dame appointments include vice president of the National Alumni Board, member and former chair of the Mendoza College of Business Advisory Council, member of the International Advisory Council, member of the Student Activities Public Relations Council, and chairman of the Friends of the University for International Peace Studies Advisory Council.
CHIPLEY, Fla. — Investigators spent five days searching a rural area of dense vines and marshes for a missing infant, only to find her lying quietly in a 2-foot-by-3-foot cedar box that had been shoved under her baby sitter’s bed.

Clothing was packed around it to muffle any sounds and baking soda placed inside to mask the stench of dirty diapers.

Authorities said the baby’s mother, Christyana Lynn Mercer, gave the infant to baby sitter Susan Elizabeth Baker early Saturday, then reported her missing about 10 hours later. About 100 law enforcement agents and others spent days scouring around the baby’s home in a remote, makeshift community of dirt roads, tin-roof shacks and old mobile homes. Searchers also dug through trash cans and holes.

All along, the baby was under the bed.

Washington County Sheriff Bobby Haddock choked up Thursday as he described how 7-month-old Shannon Dedrick was last seen. In August, pleading for help for the months-old Shannon, Mercer, the baby’s mother, called sheriff’s deputies and didn’t talk to reporters.

Mercer was charged with interference of child custody, desertion of a child and several other charges. Charges against Baker included neglect of a child with aggravated circumstances and interference of child custody.

Bond was set at $150,000 for Mercer and $75,000 for Mercer. In separate hearings, the women shuffled in wearing leg chains and their hands bound with plastic restraints.

The judge told Mercer she couldn’t have contact with her daughter, who was in state custody, if she posts bond. Both women said they understood the charges against them and their arraignments were scheduled for Dec. 14.

Baker’s husband, James Arthur Baker, was arrested Wednesday night but released.

Baby found alive in box under bed

Associated Press

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Children’s show set to open to public

The set of the popular children’s television series Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood was rebuilt and will be open to the public Saturday.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — For just this weekend, a neighborhood in this city that has lain dormant in boxes and under plastic coverings for nearly a decade, is coming back to life.

Everyone important will be there in Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood of Make-Believe: Daniel Striped Tiger, X the Owl, Henrietta Pussycat and even Mr. McFeely in the desk.

The set is being rebuilt and opened to the public Saturday and Sunday, giving generations of Americans who grew up with Fred Rogers and his mother’s hand-knit cardigans — as well as their children who watch his reruns — a real-life look at one of TV’s most famous neighborhoods.

“It’s really an iconic part of Pittsburgh,” says David Newell, who played X the Owl.

The weekend marks the renaming of the WQED studio, where the show was taped, after Fred Rogers. The show, now in its 41st year, is taped, after Fred Rogers. The show, now in its 41st year, is the longest-running show on public television, according to Maria Pisano, WQED’s marketing associate.

Newell and Pisano have been fielding e-mails packed with memories from people across the country and the world.

One woman from Chicago remembers visiting the set with her father as a child.

Now, she plans to make the 460-mile trip to Pittsburgh this weekend with her 5-year-old son so he can have the same memory.

An American now living in Sweden wrote to Pisano to express her disappointment in missing the event. The public television station in Erie, Pa. wrote to say it is sending a bus load of members to visit the studio. A Milwaukee resident sent an e-mail just to share her memories.

“People are very emotional linked to the show and their memories,” Pisano said.

“It’s really amazing to see the impact.”

It’s unclear when, or if, WQED will have the opportunity to again rebuild the set in the studio where the show was filmed, since its high-definition facilities are used by clients. It was only possible to open it up to the public for one weekend, Newell said.

Reps of parts of the set exist in some places, such as the Folk Neighborhood, which has since expanded into a neighborhood based on the set. Trolley Round has been in storage since the show ended in 2001, as has the tower and the rest of the colossal set.

Not only is Mister Rogers himself conspicuously absent — Fred Rogers died of cancer in 2003 at age 74 — so is the timeless trolley that has disappeared along the tracks for 40 years. It’s preserved in plexiglass at the Fred Rogers Center in Latrobe, Pa.
Associated Press

LONDON — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is expected to defend his country’s commitment to Afghanistan in a speech Friday, Associated Press.

When the main terrorist threat facing Britain emanates from Afghanistan and Pakistan; and

facing Britain’s streets.

It’s all about the sustained pressure in Pakistan, combined with military action in Afghanistan, in having a suppressive effect on al-Qaida, we know that they continue to train and plot attacks on Britain from the region — we cannot, must not and will not walk away.

Brown repeated his calls for an inclusive Afghan government, saying recently re-elected President Hamid Karzai’s international support depends on what he achieves in key areas.

“International support depends on the scale of his ambition and the degree of his achievement in five key areas: security, governance, reconciliation, economic development, and engagement with Afghanistan’s neighbors.”

Prime minister to defend war

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RAMALLAH, West Bank — By announcing he doesn’t want another term in office, embattled Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas pushed the Mideast peace effort into unknown territory Thursday, opening the way to a succession battle that could play into the hands of his rivals, the militant Hamas.

But also it could boost the prospects of a popular candidate who reportedly wants to run for the presidency from his Israeli prison cell.

Abbas blamed his decision on the continuing international talks, but the wording of his televised speech raised speculation that it was not final and could be a tactic for pushing Israel and the United States to a larger compromise.

He said only that it was “desire not to run in the upcoming elections” which are set for January but could be delayed, extending his current term indefinitely.

Abbas took over after the death of Yasser Arafat in 2004, and his speech appears to have come to see him as a symbol of moderation. But his move was as indecisive and associated with the corruption-tainted old guard of his Fatah party, he has given free rein to his prime minister, Salam Fayyad, to reform the West Bank’s economy and boost its police, which has raised doubts in a limited economic upturn.

But the stalemate with Israel overshadows all, and Fatah activists say the party is in a panic, facing a fragmented slate of candidates that would hand victory to Hamas. Late last month, Abbas told U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that he would not run, but recanted after President Barack Obama called him and expressed his commitment to Mideast peacemaking, Abbas’ aides said.

Another potential candidate is Mohammed Dahlan, 48, a one-time Fatah strongman in Gaza. He was recently elected to the top Fatah policy-making body, but he is blamed for losing Gaza to Hamas, and is tainted by allegations of corruption.

Hamas spokesman Taher Nunu said he didn’t believe Abbas really meant to step down. “His speech wasn’t for the Palestinians alone,” he said. “It was for the United States and the international community, so they will give him more support in the elections.”

After Abbas’ speech, Clinton praised his leadership in working toward the creation of a Palestinian state next to Israel.

Speaking to reporters in Washington, she ignored a question about whether she would urge Abbas to reconsider, and saying only that she would go on working with him to advance peace.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Love thee Notre Dame

The realisation that I only have the privilege of serving as your Fighting Irish Leprechaun for two more home games inside Notre Dame Stadium has me in a panic. Before I have the honor of taking my final steps on that hallowed field, I would like to thank you and share with all of you the most important lesson that I have taken away from my experience here at Notre Dame.

Rocket was right when he told us that “some legendary stuff” was about to take place inside our stadium as our Fighting Irish took on Southern Cal. On that day I came out of our tunnel ready to be all that I could be for Notre Dame, our student section came out in full force wearing green and chanting “Here come the Irish” and our team came ready to fight like the true champions they are steadily becoming.

As we fought back within yards of tying the game, the overwhelming emotion of it all washed over me and I shed quite a few tears. They were not tears of sadness, but of amazement and joy as I stood in awe of the power of that moment. When the game ended I was standing with sadness and my tears continued, not out of disappointment, but because of pride.

We have never been more proud to be a student at Notre Dame than I was as I stood facing the student section with tears streaming down my face while we all sang the Alma Mater together. I felt the power of the Notre Dame Spirit at that moment, and I hope that you all get to feel that same way about something at some point in your lives.

Enjoy every moment that you spend as a fan of the great tradition in all of sports. Soak it all in and let yourself get swept away by the Notre Dame Spirit. So many times we forget what it is like to truly live in the moment. The most important lesson that I have taken away from my position is that living in the moment with love and gratitude in your heart will feed you with an energy and a perspective that you may not have known you were capable of achieving. When it is all said and done, I hope that I have shared that lesson with as many members of our Notre Dame family as possible.

We have something special here at Notre Dame that can’t be replicated anywhere else in the world. I want to thank all my fellow students, all of our fans, all of the alumni who still attend our games and contribute to it.

Love thee Notre Dame.

Your Fighting Irish Leprechaun

Daniel Cole Collins

Editorial

A useful resource for students

Going off campus to head downtown can be costly, and sometimes less than safe, especially when alcohol is involved. Student government and the Office of Student Affairs have teamed up with local transport authority Transpo to offer a safer, more convenient form of transportation for both off- and on-campus students.

The new bus service — which will begin at Library Circle and wind its way through student neighborhoods and downtown South Bend before returning to campus some 36 minutes later — is one of the main initiatives of the Schmidt-Weber administration.

There are several advantages to this initiative, foremost among them is safety. Students who live close to the stops will no longer have to worry about cab fares or designated drivers, or worse, relying on the least intoxicated person to drive them home. Even though there are benefits to taking the bus, there are still some concerns students should keep in mind. If you have to walk three or four blocks from one of the stops to get to your apartment or house, that puts you at risk — law enforcement consistently tells students not to walk long distances at night.

Although at this point the route is tentative and cannot possibly hit all student housing, it’s a good start. At this point, it will cover places that the Transpo sees as well lit and safe.

The weekend route will cost $25,000, of which $11,000 will be put up by the University through the Office of Student Affairs. Their move to help finance the project shows the University taking a step in the right direction in making student living off and on campus safer.

Fr. Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, said the Office would continue to help fund the service as long as student government can hold up their end of the financing and as long as the bus is used by enough students.

All that being said, student government should be commended for their efforts. They’ve committed $14,000 to support the new route and worked closely with Transpo and University administrators to implement the idea. In doing this, they are offering students a convenient and safe way to travel off campus on late weekend nights.

Chip Lewis, chairman of the Board of Directors for Transpo, said he was impressed with how the student government handled the situation and is offering the service for exactly the price it costs the company to run it — a sign that the community is willing to do its part to foster a better relationship with the University and its students.

Student government should be commended for following through on one of their main initiatives, one which should be a positive development for many students.
The BCS system encourages cheating

Gary Caruso

Human nature dictates that as the more selfless and selfless seek the greater the impetus to control the process that as well as a billion or two. It is little need be said but for the granddaddy of all the punkishly right and the unadulterated processes than that of the national collegiate football championship. The so-called "Two-Three-Four Bowl Team" Series is a fiction presented with an earthshaking clarion call, but in only reality focuses on one important bowl very slightly. It is neither an actual series, nor an imperial championship journey. Rather, the BCS is a manipulatable, and covetable a prize, the greater the oligarchy of interests who assiduously limit the competition to a mere two teams. As a result, the current BCS model is the quintessential study that demonstrates that the most others past, will ignore at least one game or a bowl game. The BCS stranglehold this season, like most others past, will ignore at least one team that should have been given the chance to prove its metal on the gridiron.

Not meaning to appear churlish, this columnist last January outlined more inclusive and effective process to determine the champion on the field by placing the top-four ranked teams in a two-week, three-bowl process. My "Two, Three, Four Championship" process is sensible, reduces cheating and manipulation. This is a new way of creating excitement to college football without upsetting conference play or team schedules, and most importantly, it allows the top-four ranked teams to settle the championship on the field. Furthermore, it involves two more bowls each year that will host the semifinal rounds. Each aspect of the 2-3-4 process is a yard balancing with a positive Yin. This quick and clean "playoff" would match the top four teams on New Year's Day with the surviving two teams playing a week to 10 days later for the championship.

The beauty of the 2-3-4 comes on two fronts — more teams participate, and fewer outside influences determine those teams. It is not out of pique to note that thus far this season more than one Southeastern Conference head football coach has publicly complained that SEC officiating seems to favor the currently number-one ranked team. Larry's biggest cringe is to grab a grey stone out of the pet rock collection and back tears of laughter, Frederick saw the madman gles, as the madman made his escape. Blinking daisies. As the madman made his escape. Blinking daisies, as the madman made his escape. Blinking daisies, as the madman made his escape. Blinking daisies, as the madman made his escape. Blinking daisies, as the madman made his escape.
by MAT T BROWN
Scene Writer

In a match that pitted the lizard that destroyed Tokyo against the most terrifying hunter in the universe, Godzilla shrugged off Predator on his way to victory.

The match was so ferocious that this reporter feels that he could not do it justice. Luckily, a transcript of the play-by-play was discovered, and it has been reprinted here, with the match described by the one man who could correctly relate the glory of the battle — Harry Carey.

Harry. Hello and welcome to today's match. Today we are in for one heck of a ride. We have Godzilla, king of the reptiles, versus none other than the one, the only Predator. With me in the booth is Bob Costas and personally I can't wait to see these guys in action today. Can you Bob?

Bob. Well Harry I certainly can't. It's going to be a clear-cut case of brains versus brawn in a close match that I think could go either way.

Harry. I hate to interrupt you Bob, but Godzilla has entered the arena and my, what a sight he is! Standing 10 stories tall and weighing in at 55,000 tons, he makes an imposing figure standing tall in the center of the field. And there is Predator, no doubt a fierce competitor who does not know the word “quit.” This dreadlocked beast is dangerous enough to strike fear in even the Governor himself. The Predator has begun to circle the field sizing up his enemy, looking for any weaknesses to use against him.

Bob. This is true to form. Predator has not been seen to make an error in judging throughout this tournament. Statistically, he is one of the safest players out there, rarely taking anything beyond a carefully calculated risk. This controlled offense makes him a huge threat.

Harry. I don't know if preparation will be enough to take down Godzilla in this match. Looking at this beast, it's hard to believe that anything less than a strategic air attack could take him down.

Oh wait, the Predator is closing in! Charging across the field with reckless abandon, firing energy bolts as he goes, he has found his way under the gargantuan lizard! The Predator has pulled out his blades and it appears he is swiping at Godzilla's Achilles tendon, a daring strategy that might just pay off. I gotta admire the guts in that guy, it takes some sort of steel to run directly at that behemoth.

Oh wait, Godzilla has raised his foot! It appears the Predator has been crushed! No! He's up again, just shaken from the fall. He's climbing on top of the foot, he's scaling the side making his way to the head using his knives as climbing picks — what has gotten into this guy? He's out of his mind.

With an earth-shattering roar Godzilla shakes himself and the Predator has lost his grip! He's flying through the air and oh my, still shooting at Godzilla as he falls! Gotta love that in a player. Tracking the diminutive hunter through the air, Godzilla lets loose a laser bolt from his mouth and wait ... wait ... I don't see the Predator. Could it be YES!!! GODZILLA HAS DONE IT!!!

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by NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

...and as for his own recovery, insisted that “I am a lumberjack and I'm still OK, and I plan on returning to sleeping all night and working all day.”

Hopefully he will also get excited and finally figure out the match-up system when he goes against the winner of the Mythical bracket as the number one seed and representative of the Folklore bracket.

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High noon in the arena marked commencement of the fight. As the respected warriors approached one another, it was clear that both would be in for a tough fight. In this battle of oh-so-many-heads, the size, speed and intelligence of each con-
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The hydra, finally defeating a worthy opponent, roared in victory. The media feared getting too close, lest being disfigured by the beast. The media feared getting too close, lest being disfigured by the beast.

The Dragon is set to face Godzilla in his Final Four matchup, a clash of two over-sized lizards with a ferocity that can only be described as cold-blooded and calculating. The Dragon said he under-
stood not to underestimate his opponent. “I think he got what he deserved,” the Dragon said. “He has been arrogant throughout the tournament and he believed that he could outsmart me just as he out-
smarted his other, non-human opponents. Dragons resent the belief that we have less intelli-
gence than those miniscule humans, even those with magic. If he was so smart, he would have known that.”

Merlin was unable to comment after the match. The Dragon then took offensive measures, swooping down occasionally and driving Merlin closer and closer to the dragon’s edge, unable to return to the unprepared wizard. When he drove him close enough, the Dragon struck.
**MLB**

**Lincecum facing pot charge**

Associated Press

SEATTLE — San Francisco Giants pitcher Tim Lincecum is facing misdemeanor marijuana charges following a traffic stop in his home state.

Washington State Patrol spokesman John Arruzzo said Thursday that the 2008 Cy Young Award winner and former University of Washington star was pulled over for speeding on Interstate 5 in the town of Hazel Dell, about four miles north of the Oregon border, on Oct. 30.

An officer approached Lincecum, who smelled of marijuana as the pitcher rolled down his window. Arruzzo said police immediately compiled with a request to hand over the drug and a marijuana pipe from the car's center console.

The charge was 3.3 grams. Schatzel said police consider that a small amount for personal use, well below the maximum of 40 grams before possession is
classified differently and carries a more severe penalty. The arrest was first reported by The Columbian in Vancouver, Wash.

"It was about the size of a thumb, the whole thumb," Schatzel said of the volume of marijuana Lincecum handed over.

Lincecum was fined a total of $622 for driving at 74 mph in a 60 mph zone, and for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Both are misdemeanors.

"Teamates consider the smallish-right-hander a quirky perfectionist. They also consider him the Koenig of marijuana. They say he gave them when he broke into the big leagues only a couple of years ago, to see his boyish face, shaggy dark hair, his diminutive frame dressed in a small, soft迤 and "call and him The Freak."

San Francisco chose him 10th overall in the 2006 draft out of Washington, and he was selected as the organization's top pitching prospect since Hall of Famer Famer Marichal signed with the New York Giants as an amateur free agent in 1957.

**NFL**

**Jury convicts in Collier shooting**

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A jury convicted Collier Wednesday of attempted first-degree murder in the shooting of former Jacksonville Jaguars offensive lineman Richard Collier, 22, during a carjacking.

The six-person jury deliberated two hours and 45 minutes before returning its verdict against Tyrone Hartsfield, 33, at the end of a nine-day trial.

Hartsfield faces up to life in prison plus 40 years in prison for the shooting that occurred in December. He still faces a charge of possession of a firearm, a charge originally filed in December. He still faces a charge of possession of a firearm, a charge originally filed in December. He still faces a charge of possession of a firearm, a charge originally filed in December.

"My opinion is they have the wrong man and Mr. Hartsfield deserves a new trial," she said after the verdict.

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Oklahoma State wide receivers Jeremy Broadway, left, and Dez Bryant celebrate with the fans following the Cowboys’ 39-3 victory over Sam Houston State in 2008. Bryant will not play this season for lying to an NCAA investigator.

NCAA rejects Bryant’s final appeal

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The NCAA has rejected a final appeal to reinstate Dez Bryant, and Oklahoma State (No. 19 BCS, No. 18 AP) probably has seen the last of its All-America receiver.

The NCAA rejected Oklahoma State’s appeal to reinstate Bryant on Thursday, meaning he won’t be back this season. The junior is considered a top NFL prospect and few expect him to return for another season in Stillwater.

Bryant sat out the past five games for Oklahoma State 6-2, 3-1 Big 12, after the school ruled him ineligible for lying to an NCAA investigator looking into Bryant’s offseason meeting with former NFL player Diron Sanders.

The NCAA decided last week that Bryant should be suspended until next September, and OSU appealed to the NCAA’s Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

That group announced Thursday that it had rejected Bryant’s appeal in a two-paragraph statement that included no explanation.

The NCAA indicated in its initial decision that it was showing leniency toward Bryant, because it could have taken his eligibility away entirely.

Bryant caught 87 passes for 1,480 yards and 19 touchdowns last season while also scoring twice on punt returns. He was ruled only one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award left in school this year.

In a letter to the NCAA that accompanied his request for reinstatement, Bryant had asked to be allowed to play again this season and that his punishment is not so bad that I do not get to play football again at OSU.

“We’re obviously disappointed for Dez. As a team, we’ll move forward from here,” Cowboys coach Mike Gundy said in a statement.

Gundy had allowed Bryant to skip some team activities, including practice, because Bryant found it difficult emotionally to be around the team while ineligible. He was in Dallas for an interview last week when the NCAA’s initial decision came out.

“He’s been in and out and around in touch,” defensive coordinator Gunter Brewer said this week. “It’s just been a struggle mentally and it’s just been a tough time for everybody.”

“He’s still working out and doing some things and somewhat on his own and somewhat with us,” Brewer added.

While Bryant was away, Brewer said, he had made “real tryings to get with his family and make some decisions for him for the long haul.”

NCAA Football

FSU’s Bowden to pick defensive coordinator

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Bobby Bowden sounds like he plans to coach next year at Florida State and says he’ll choose the successor to longtime defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews.

In response to a question on Wednesday’s Atlantic Coast Conference football coaches teleconference, Bowden said he would give his designated successor, offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher, a lot of input in the selection, but that he would make the final decision.

Andrews announced his intention Tuesday to retire after 26 seasons at Florida State.

Bowden, who turns 80 Sunday, is on a year-to-year deal at Florida State with a final option for the 2010 season since the school has promised $5 million to Fisher if he is not the head coach by January 2011.

Former NBA referee from jail

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. — Disgraced former NBA referee Tim Donaghy was a free man Wednesday after serving most of a 15-month sentence in a gambling scandal.

Pai Berdian, a consultant working with Donaghy, said he was released from Hernando County Jail in Florida. Donaghy had been jailed there since August after officials said he violated travel restrictions while living at a halfway house in the Tampa area.

A New York judge sentenced the ex-referee in July 2008 after Donaghy said he took thousands of dollars from a professional gambler in exchange for inside tips on NBA games—including games he worked.

The 42-year-old pleaded guilty to conspiracy to engage in wire fraud and transmitting betting information through interstate commerce in the tips-for-payoffs scheme.

NOW calls for Raiders coach Cable to be suspended

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The National Organization for Women called on the Oakland Raiders to suspend coach Tom Cable while the team investigates allegations he has a history of violent behavior toward women.

NOW president Terry O’Neill praised the Raiders in a statement for undertaking a “serious evaluation” of charges made by Cable’s first wife, Sandy Cable, and former girlfriend, Marie Lutz, that the coach physically abused them at various times during their relationships.

But she said that Cable should be suspended while that investigation proceeds. The Raiders had no comment.

“This is the National Football League. Boys and girls around the country, as well as many women, look to the leaders of the NFL as our role models,” O’Neill said in a phone interview.

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around the dial
Liebermann breaks another gender barrier

Associated Press

DALLAS — The first woman to play pro basketball with guys in the WNBA said Thursday she’s not worried about coaching them.

Former WNBA star Nancy Lieberman was introduced Thursday as the head coach of the Mavericks, becoming the first woman to coach in a men’s league in North America. She is also the first hired to a head coaching position in the NBA Development League, which will tip off next November.

The D-League team is partially owned by Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks’ president of basketball operations. Hiring Lieberman was a no-brainer, he said, and he’s confident young men won’t have a problem taking orders from a woman — at least, not this woman.

“She’s got the skin, the experience, she knows what she’s doing — so I certainly hope she’s well beyond those issues,” Nelson said.

“Besides, if you can’t respect authority, no matter what form or color it comes in, I don’t want you on my team.”

Lieberman has been a basketball pioneer since she was 17 and started the U.S. Olympic team for the first women’s tournament, at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, played at Old Dominion and in various pro leagues, last year played for the Springfield Fame of the United States Basketball League. When the WNBA started, she

returned as a player, and later was a coach and general manager. She returned briefly as a player in July 2008, at age 50. Kobe Bryant later told her that he and his daughters were watching during her latest comeback. He also asked, “Why would you put your reputation on the line like that?”

She told him she did it because she had no fear — and that’s exactly why she’s taking on this challenge.

“I feel like I’m the right person for the job,” she said. “I know how these guys feel. I played in the minor leagues. I’m intimately connected to that part of development in a player’s life.”

She’s also proud to break another gender barrier, one she hopes “could be the last barrier.”

“I kind of look at President Obama,” she said. “Everybody knows it’s historical because he’s a man of color. But at the end of the day, regardless of his race, creed, color or gender, he has to be president. Everybody knows I’m a woman, but at the end of the day, regardless of my race, creed, color or gender, I have to win basketball games.”

“In 1986, my goal was not to be a girl playing in a man’s league, it was to be a player in a man’s league,” she added.

“In 2010, I don’t want to be a woman who is coaching men, I want to be a coach who is coaching.”

NBA commissioner David Stern, a strong supporter of the development league and women’s basketball, called the hiring “great news for all.”

“This is wonderful for the NBA D-League,” Stern said. “A basketball pioneer and Hall of Famer continues her journey.”

While the hiring is the most notable in D-League history, it’s no publicity stunt.

Lieberman has lived in the Dallas area for 28 years and happens to live about 3 miles from the new D-League team’s gym in Frisco, a north suburb.

“She’s run summer camps for girls and boys since 1983, so long that she’s now teaching the children of some former pupils.”

Her involvement on every level of basketball, along with the obvious marketing benefit, is part of why Nelson calls the hiring “a no-brainer.”

“When I told him I was going to do this, he was so excited,” she said. “That was so different from when I came back last summer. He was like, ‘Ma, come on.’ But then the night I played, kids were blowing up his cell phone and he’s like, ‘Dude! I’m here with her! We’re making history!’”

The Mavericks will loan several players from their roster to the Frisco club and obviously will have input on other signees. Lieberman said she would like to watch Mavs coach Rick Carlisle so she can run the same drills and use similar technical terms to make the transition between the teams easier on all the players.

Longtime NBA coach Del Harris will be the team’s general manager. Former slam dunk champion Spud Webb, who is from the area, will be president of basketball operations. The team has yet to be officially named.

Blue Jackets in financial trouble

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Columbus may have trouble holding onto the NHL’s Blue Jackets because the club has been losing $12 million a year for a decade, officials said Thursday, according to a report released Thursday by a business group.

The report commissioned by the Columbus Chamber offers a variety of options for strengthening the hockey team’s financial position, such as new taxes or fees or selling shares to other investors or the public.

Other suggestions include allowing the team to renegotiate its lease for Nationwide Arena and trying to attract a second major tenant, such as a basketball team.

“It is important that our community retain this team,” said Dave Blum, chairman of the Columbus Chamber board. “The Columbus Blue Jackets have developed our regional economy, support thousands of jobs and bring millions of dollars to our local economy – and that translates to increased property values, increased tourism, increased property values by 267 percent and employing thousands, the report says.”

Columbus Blue Jackets President Mike Priest said that the team’s current economic model has “significant disadvantages” and that it plans to work with public and private groups to find a solution.

Priest said the Blue Jackets, now in their ninth season, have built and maintained fan awareness and corporate participation that has supported the team.

“Public partnership in arena and back end has been a critical element to ensuring a healthy, competitive sports franchise in markets across the country, including Cleveland and Cincinnati in Ohio, and our priority continues to be to secure long-term financial viability in this great city,” he said.

Options in the report, produced by Stephen Buser, a finance professor from the Ohio State University, include plans to continue the current ownership, opt for alternate private ownership or public-private partnerships.

He says in the report the Blue Jackets are at a disadvantage compared to NHL teams for reasons including that the team must pay $5 million a year to use the arena, incur costs of managing the arena year round and have no access to parking revenue or payments for arena naming rights.

The $150 million arena was financed by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. It is one of the few NHL facilities in the country that is privately owned — largely because county voters wanted it that way. They have rejected arena tax issues three times between 1986 and 1997.

The team’s owners unsuccessfully asked that the current state budget include a tax on beer, wine, liquor and cigarettes in Franklin County to raise $65 million to underwrite a possible state takeover of the arena.

The state Department of Development has been involved in discussions with Nationwide, the Blue Jackets and city and county officials, department spokesman Bob Grevey said Thursday. While nothing specific is on the table, the state recognizes the importance of keeping the team in Columbus, he said.

Local voters have repeatedly rejected public financing of the center, and the tax issues are top of mind for residents who are members of the beer and wine industry, including brewing giant Anheuser-Busch, which operates one of its 42 U.S. breweries in the city.

The Blue Jackets qualified for the first time last year for the NHL Western Conference playoffs, losing in the first round to the Detroit Red Wings.

The team came to town nine years ago through significant private funding — much of it from the late John H. McConnell of steel finishing company Worthington Industries. McConnell died last year, leaving his son John P. McConnell at the helm of the franchise.
Irish send best to USFA Juniors

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Following back-to-back second-place finishes in the NCAA Championships, the Irish begin this season looking to grab that elusive title. Led by sophomore epeeist Courtney Hurley and sophomore Olympian Gerek Meinhardt, Notre Dame will send its best to compete in the USFA NAC Juniors today in Kansas City, Mo.

“We have a different team now,” coach Janusz Bednarski said. “One third of the fencers are new, so we are trying to find out from the individual competition in the fall and we will know their strength. There was big enthusiasm brought by the new kids coming here.”

Despite being one of the youngest teams in collegiate fencing, the Irish finished the regular season first overall before falling to Penn State in the finals in March. The Irish will compete in a number of individual competitions in the fall to build up player rankings before the start of intercollegiate competition in the winter.

“From my experience, the team is very strong,” Bednarski said. “It has a blend of very good top international fencers like Meinhardt and a lot of young kids who are competing to be starters. Gerek is considered by me the top in men’s foil in the country.”

Meinhardt, the youngest male Olympian in Beijing, understands the challenges attached to his name-tag.

“I have to focus hard against every competitor,” Meinhardt said. “Because I’m at the top, people want to bring me down.”

But Meinhardt is just a small piece of a very talented core of young Irish fencers on the men’s side, including sophomore Enzo Castellani and junior Avery Zuck.

On the women’s side, Hurley and her older sister, senior Kelley Hurley, will play an instrumental role in leading a squad balanced in talent and experience. Courtney is coming off a sensational performance last weekend in the Junior World Cup event held in Montreal, bringing home the gold medal.

“She was first on the continent in the world cup competition, which gave her a lot of points to the international standing,” Bednarski said. “It’s a good sign to win a big world cup event, and she won last year, so she keeps the level.”

Led by the only Notre Dame coach to win multiple national titles in fewer than five seasons, this year’s squad promises to give Irish fans plenty to look forward to as the season progresses.

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MLB

Matsui named World Series MVP

 Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hideki Matsui took a meaty cut, watched the ball fly and winced when it hooked a foot foul.

That’s about all that went wrong for him.

Matsui put the world in World Series MVP, earning the award by homering, doubling, singling and driving in six runs Wednesday night as the New York Yankees beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 to claim their 27th championship.

Matsui became the first Japanese-born player to win the award that started in 1921. He hit .187 for 13 homers and eight RBIs. His performance in Game 6 matched the record for RBIs in a Series game. No one, however, had done it in a clincher.

“It’s awesome,” Matsui said through a translator. “Unbelievable. I’m surprised myself.”

Standing on a podium in shallow center field, Matsui waved his new championship hat and shook hands with commissioner Bud Selig. Matsui won three titles in Japan and was eager to celebrate his first in the Bronx.

“I guess it’s hard to make a comparison. When I was in Japan, that was the ultimate goal. Being here, winning the World Series, becoming world champions, that’s what you strive for here.”

“You could say that I guess this is the best moment of my life right now,” he said. “It’s been a long road and very difficult journey.”

Matsui’s two-run drive off Pedro Martinez in the second inning put the Yankees ahead for good. Nicknamed “Godzilla” back home, Matsui sent a shot to right field that banged off an advertisement on the facing of the second deck.”

It was a sign for the Japanese company Komatsu, which makes mining and construction equipment.

After his hard foul, Matsui added a two-run single in the third and lined a two-run double off the right-center field wall in the fifth. The giant video board in center field showed fans holding Japanese signs and while the sellout crowd roared, he stood placidly at second base.

“Fans cheered when Matsui’s feat matching Bobby Richardson’s 1960 mark for RBIs in any Series game, was posted on the scoreboard. Matsui drew a standing ovation when he came to bat in the seventh, and chants of “MVP! MVP!” bounced around the ballpark.

“His hit was something we threw up there,” Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Praised Yankees captain Derek Jeter: “Man, he looked like he wanted it bad, didn’t he.”

“Matsu is one of my favorite players, one of my favorite teammates,” Jeter said. “He comes ready to play every day. He’s a professional hitter,” he said.

Watching Game 6 on TV in Tokyo, Masanori Murakami echoed that sentiment. He was the first Japanese player in the majors, in 1964 with the New York Mets. He of course, fully appreciated the magnitude of Matsui’s achievement.

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“New York is a tough place to play, so this is a great achievement for him given all he has been through with injuries and missing time,” he said.

Matsui outfielder Nick Swisher hollered Matsui’s name during the clubhouse party.

“Matsu,” Swisher yelled. “The best player in Tokyo tonight, I know that. Man, what a great job Matsui did for us, been coming up clutch for us in situations all year long. He deserved that MVP trophy. There’s no doubt about it.”

Outfielder by trade, Matsui hasn’t played the field since June 15, 2008, because of bad knees. He hit .274 this season with 28 homers and 90 RBIs, and wasn’t much of a force in the AL playoffs against Minnesota and the Los Angeles Angels.

That changed against the defending champion Phillies. Now strictly a DH and pinch-hitter because of his knees, Matsui sent a shot to the stands in a big, big game to give you a lot of RBIs in a World Series MVP.

This year wrapped up Matsui’s $52 million, four-year contract. It remains to be seen what the aging Yankees will do with him. Whatever happens, he certainly left his mark.

“I hope so. I hope it works out that way,” he said. “I love New York, I love the Yankees.”

Yankees DH Hideki Matsui holds up the MVP trophy after Game 6 of the World Series Wednesday.
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Men's Tennis

Irish finish fall slate in Virginia

By KATE GRABAREK

Sportswriter

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Notre Dame will round out its fall practice schedule when it travels to compete in the William and Mary Invitational this weekend in Williamsburg, Va.

They will face Maryland, the College of Charleston and William & Mary.

"Kyle Spencer is new at Maryland and is going to make a difference there," coach Bobby Baylis said. "W&M has added sever- al new foreign players to their roster."

The Irish are coming off of a great showing throughout much of the fall season, including sophomore Casey Watton's run to the finals of the ITA Regionals in October.

Baylis noted that Watt's performance made his presence known on more of a national stage and has the potential to become an elite college player.

"Casey had a significant break- through at the ITA Regionals," Baylis said. "Reaching the finals in a field that included some of the best collegians in the country is a terrific achievement. Beating Justin Kronauge (Ohio State) is quite an accomplishment, as he had been the No. 1 player in the U.S. in the juniors several years ago."

His win over Marek Michalik (Wisconsin) is significant because Michalik beat Brett Helgeson twice last year. He clearly is becoming more aggressive and getting to the net more than a year ago. He always had the heart and

wheels of a champion, but he now is getting some new weapons which allow him options he previ- ously lacked."

While the Irish got a stellar per- formance out of Watt, they are still looking for some new doubles combinations to help secure the doubles point more often and will try out some new combinations this weekend.

Junior Dan Silah will also get to see some actions at No. 1 singles this weekend as the Irish continue to search for Hellen's replacement.

Sophomore Niall Fitzgerald will make his only appearance of the fall season.

"Bliss, Mihos and Moore have been very impressive this fall and I am anxious to see them in this field. Bliss has added to his serve and Michael is becoming more comfortable coming forward to finish points," Baylis said. "Both can impact freshmen this year. Sam Koston has had a great weekend in Boston in early October. We are asking him to keep this growth now that he is coming in to the net more because he really controls play in the net when he comes there."

Baylis said junior David Anderson's back has improved, as has junior Matt Johnson's groin injury. The Irish will take the rest of the semester off before hosting William and Mary to open their season at the Eck Tennis Pavilion January 22.

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Yankees musing offseason options

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The sign men were out bright and early at the Yankees minor league complex, sticking vinyl strips with a fresh, white "27" over the "26" that had been up on the board for nine, long years to mark the team's total of World Series titles.

Wind caused a few problems at the Flimes complex in Tampa, Fla., but eventually the numbers were posted along with a new "2009" in what had been an open blue space below "2000."

"It's a ton of joy," manager Joe Girardi said on WFAN radio later in the day. "There's a sense of relief because you know that you could rest your mind a little bit for a while."

Turnbull and turnover ceased in Yankeeland, at least for the moment. A 7-3 victory over Philadelphia on Wednesday night had brought the title back to the Bronx, etching the names of Alex Rodriguez, Hideki Matsui, Johnny Damon, CC Sabathia and others into the night had brought the title back to Philadelphia on Wednesday night. A 7-3 victory over Yankeeland, at least for the moment. "There's a sense of relief because you know that you could rest your mind a little bit for a while."

"Matt had a very enjoyable time," owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. "This group will become legendary — similar to the 26 world championship teams that preceded them."

Even though the clubhouse was still wet with champagne Thursday and the triumphant parade through the Canyon of Heroes was a day away, attention already was turning to the future.

Girardi said he was likely to switch from uniform No. 27 to No. 28 next year, signifying the next quest.

"Basically, you have got to get after it," general manager Brian Cashman said Thursday. "It pretty much comes pretty quick. I'll be in Chicago with the other GMs on Monday. Two trades already have taken place."

Matsui, the World Series MVP, is eligible for free agency as is Andy Pettitte, who beat the Phillies in the game 3 and 6. So is Johnny Damon.

Matsui, limited to designated hitter because of bad knees, wants to return. So does Damon, bothered by leg and back pain.

The 37-year-old Pettitte needs time to decide whether to retire or return for a 16th major league season and try for a sixth World Series ring.

"I have to talk with my family," he said.

There may not be room for Damon, who turned 36 Thursday, and the 35-year-old Matsui, especially if the Yankees land Holliday, the top available free-agent catcher on the market. Damon and Holliday both are represented by the same agent, Scott Boras.

"They could play Matt Holliday in right field, too," Boras said. "He has a strong arm. They have needs for two outfielders."

"When you're playing well and winning, the confidence continues to build," coach Debbie Brown said. "It makes practice more fun. It's definitely a positive thing."

The streak could work against the Irish, too. Because of their accomplishments, the players will enter both opposing arenas with targets on their backs.

"I think all the teams work really hard to beat us and there's a lot of incentive," Brown said. "It's a big thing for them in a year where we're playing well and we're undefeated. We expect that both teams are going to play really, really well against us."

Both teams have an extra motivation to come out strong — the Big East tournament is on the horizon. But that might not be the case this weekend.

Marquette and Syracuse are playing at a pretty high level right now and we don't want to do anything that will disrupt the rhythm of the team," Brown said. "We feel confident about a lot of the players but right now we need to put our best foot forward and just want to play our starters more.

Brown said the team has been focusing on the fundamentals to prepare for Marquette and Syracuse.

"Both of them have a couple good players that will give us a challenge," she said. "We've worked on our defense, blocking and defending different shots. The serving and passing, the basics of the sport, are going to be really important to us. Our passing has been really good so that should help us."

The Irish will face the Golden Eagles Friday at 8 p.m. and will then travel to Syracuse to take on the Orange at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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MEN’S SOCCER

Irish host USF in Big East Tourney quarterfinal

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For a team that’s managed to scrape together only two winning streaks all season, there is no better time for the Irish to start a third.

A week after beating No. 8 Connecticut, Notre Dame (10-7-1, 8-3-0 Big East) will host No. 13 South Florida (12-3-2, 6-3-2 Big East) Sunday at 1 p.m. in a quarterfinal match of the Big East tournament at Alumni Stadium. The game will be a rematch of the 2008 Big East semifinals in Tampa Bay, where the Bulls defeated the Irish 2-1.

“I really think [South Florida] will be a tough test,” ninth-year coach Bobby Clark said. “We will need to have the same focus as we had last weekend against Connecticut. It is important that we concentrate on what we bring to the table and not our opponent. If we do that, we will be in good shape.”

The No. 3-seed Bulls and the No. 2-seed Irish also squared off earlier this season in a closely contested 2-1 South Florida victory in Tampa Bay. Despite heavily out-shooting the Bulls, Notre Dame could not overcome losing senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn to injury only minutes into the match in the sweltering Florida heat.

“It was a match where we were playing without both [sophomore defender] Aaron Maund and [freshman defender] Dillon Powers who were away in Egypt with the US Under-20 team for the World Cup,” Clark said. “ Losing Aaron was a double blow having earlier lost [sophomore defender] Cory Reilas.”

While defensive injuries prevented the Irish from keeping a steady starting eleven, the Notre Dame defensive has come into its own since its early struggles.

“I feel that our defense has settled down since then,” Clark said. “Hopefully, it will provide a more stable base than back in September. I am sure that South Florida will also have grown, but we have now found our feet as a team and are beginning to hit our best form of the season.”

The Bulls are coming into Alumni Stadium after a 2-1 victory over Marquette in the opening round of the Big East Tournament Wednesday night. After staking out a 2-0 lead with goals in the 16th and 77th minutes, South Florida cruised to an easy victory over Golden Eagles, who were kept off the board until the 84th minute.

While the Irish offense should keep the Bulls on their heels throughout the match, it will be the Notre Dame defense and goalkeeping that will decide the game.

Still unresolved is the Irish goalkeeping situation during the tournament. Senior Andrew Quinn has a 3-4-1 record with a 1.23 goals against average, while fellow senior Philip Tuttle carries a 7-3-0 record with four shutouts alongside his 0.65 goals against average.

“Both lads have played well this year, and once we see fitness later in the week, we will make a decision,” Clark said. “We are very lucky that we have two first class keepers, and Will Walsh, our other keeper, is not too shabby either.

Still, Clark acknowledged that wins or losses will result from the actions of more than just one player, and that, if Notre Dame hopes to mount a deep run in the Big East tournament, the Irish will have to play a complete game.

“Go far in tournaments we need to have good team defense,” Clark said. “This is the springboard for success. If we defend well as a team, then we will be in good shape to transition into attack. I feel this team knows their strengths, and if we work as a tight unit, then we have the players to go far.”

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With only three combined starts between the five entering the season, acquiring experience for them is another important goal for Brey and the Irish.

“I look at the five guys playing with Harangody and Jackson, and it’s almost new territory for them,” Brey said. “They’re all playing new roles and so a lot of my attention has been on those five, trying to get them confident. It’s also a little bit with Harangody and Jackson, adjusting to five new guys. They’ve played their roles with a similar nucleus for a long time so I think there’s an adjustment period there for those guys too.”

Of the five, Peoples and Nash received the most playing time last season, averaging just over 14 and 11 minutes, respectively. Both played in at least 34 of Notre Dame’s 35 games last season, but averaged just three points apiece, something that will need to improve for the Irish to be successful.

“Nash has more of a role, and for Peoples, to start a game, that’s kind of new territory for him,” Brey said. “Those guys have been good trying to figure out how to play together, and we’re trying to help them with that. Last year, when we started practice, we were kind of a finished product, and we were good. (This year) we’re going to change a lot, and we have a chance to do some things. And that’s where we’re different, and they need to be patient, and I have to remember to be patient as I watch them and try to figure it out.”

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believes that the 2009 edition of the Red Storm could pose challenges for the Irish with their experience and strong defensive play.

“They’ve got a roster that’s pretty senior dominated, so they’ve got experience, and they haven’t given up defensively this year,” Waldrum said. “It’s gonna be difficult, experience, and they haven’t given up defensively this year.”

Waldrum said. “It’s gonna be difficult.”

St. John’s finds themselves in the semifinals after a thrilling 1-0 overtime victory over a good Georgetown team in the quarterfinals. The stout Red Storm defense is anchored by sophomore goalie Kristens Russell, who has played every minute of the 2009 season, allowing just 0.56 goals per game and recording nine shutouts.

On offense, the Red Storm are led by senior forward/midfielders C.J. Ludemann, who leads the team with 11 points, and Kaitlin Hass, who leads the team with four goals.

Although Waldrum said each team carries momentum into the game, he believes that St. John’s may come out aggressive early on as they fight for a berth in the NCAA tournament.

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WOMEN’S TENNIS

Frilling, Irish cap fall tournament schedule

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McGlinn challenges PW in first round of playoffs

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In a match-up between the top-seeded team and the eighth-seeded team, Pasquerilla West (6-0) will look to continue its path toward perfection in a first round game against McGlinn (3-3-1).

While the Purple Weasels dominated both sides of the ball, McGlinn barely scratched its way into the playoffs with a thrilling last-minute win over Lewis.

“We know we have the upper hand,” Pasquerilla West senior captain Cynthia Curley said. “But in the playoffs, teams give it everything we have. We expect McGlinn to come out ready.”

The Shamrocks nearly fell to Lewis, who was playing spoiler in their final regular season game, which was essentially a playoff game for McGlinn. However, the Shamrocks have proven how successful they can be in the playoffs, and do not plan on making an early exit.

The Pyros, in turn, look to continue their winning ways with victories against Pangborn (4-2) its second and final loss in the regular season, and Panthers (3-3-1). Pangborn and Farley will kick off at 1 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Pasquerilla East vs. Walsh
Sunday’s playoff match-up between Pasquerilla East (3-2-1) and Walsh (3-5-1) will showcase two of the best quarterbacks in the league.

The Pyros’ senior quarterback Tara Pillai hopes to bring the team their first playoff win over Walsh since 2002. Their quarterback and force defensive end Kim Bugos and senior linebacker Carolyn Langnecker to generate big plays.

Walsh’s senior quarterback Molly McCarthy said that Langnecker’s primary targets will be senior Sierra Smith and junior Lindsay Schanzler. McCarthy emphasized the high level of dedication and spirit among the Wild Women as they get ready to take on the Pyros.

“We’re working hard to make sure we’re prepared,” she said. “Our team is pretty diverse in terms of age, so we’ve got a good combo of fresh enthusiasm and talent from our new girls and know-how, grit and desire from our older girls.”

Farley quarterback Lauren Miller wins up to throw a pass during the Finest’s 13-13 tie with McGlinn on Oct. 4. The Finest will matchup against Pangborn in Sunday’s first round of the playoffs.

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Molly McCarthy
Wild Women captain

“Practice feels a little different. We are all a little more focused.”

Cynthia Curley
Weasles captain

The meeting between Langnecker and Pillai, the Pyros and the Wild Women, is 3 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Howard vs. Cavanaugh
Cavanaugh (3-3) looks to spoil undefeated Howard’s title chances in the first round of playoffs Sunday. The Chaos are led by an experienced group of seniors and the sophomore quarterback to wide receiver connection of Rebecca Cink and Brittni Alexander, respectively.

“Rebecca has been able to scramble and run really well,” Alexander said. “She’s also made really good decisions with the ball all year long.”

In order for Cavanaugh to have a shot against Howard, Alexander and Cink must come up big. The Chaos have noticed a trend during the regular season as the offense goes, so goes the team.

“The offense has executed well this season in our three wins,” Cink said. “When we’ve struggled, it has been in rainy weather that has been difficult to pass the ball in. If we get a couple scores early, we should be fine.”

Those early scores will be tough to come by against the Howard defense. The Ducks (6-0) have made their mark playing stingy defense, pressuring opponents into turnovers and mistakes while an opportunistic offense looks to cash in.

“We’re going to look for our defense to put pressure on that Langnecker and Pillai combination, which our offense will hopefully capitalize on.”

Ducks junior captain Kayla Bishop said.

Bishop emphasized the Ducks will not be content with just a perfect regular season. In order to make a deep playoff run, Howard must continue to improve.

“We have put in plenty of time in practice to be sharp for the playoffs,” Bishop said. “We want Sunday’s game to be a statement that we’re for real.”

This season’s unblemished run is the first in Howard history. Howard looks to make a strong statement, and continue a perfect season, against Cavanaugh Sunday. Gametime is 4 p.m. at LaBar Field.

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assumed the role of defensive back coach and has played a large role in
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Bruck said. “After that, we ral-
lie together and things turned out
okay.”

Bruck also said Sullivan’s coaching was a large reason
why the secondary still per-
formed so well.

“Even though he was injured, he really stepped up,” Bruck
said. “He’s the reason we are where we are today.”

Even the rest of the defense credits the secondary as the
aura of the defense’s success.

“Everything starts with the defensive backs,” junior line-
backer Reid Mahoney said. “They come ready to play and we all like
to hit hard.”

With the sec-
ondary playing at such a high level, the Otters focus on stop-
ning the run and forcing the opposing team to pass against
what coach Joe
Westerhuis called a very dis-
ciplined secondary.

Sorin does not rely on any special tactics or strategy, but
rather pure athleticism, Bruck said.

“Our call 100 percent of the time is ‘make plays,’” he said.
Vermin, Juggerknotts chase elusive playoff win

By ANDREW OWENS, CHRIS ALLEN, MEGAN FINNERAN and BARRICK BOLLMAN
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Carroll and Knott meet in the first round of the playoffs Sunday, and both will be playing for one of the biggest wins in recent dorm history.

Neither the Vermin (2-0-2) nor the Juggerknotts (3-0-1) have lost this season, but it has been years since either won in the playoffs.

Carroll junior captain Nick Ruof said the Vermin relish the chance to be victorious in the postseason.

“It’s extremely important to Carroll Hall,” he said. “We’re playing for pride. We won’t be happy campers out in the middle of nowhere if we lose.”

The Vermin defense has anchored the team all season long and they hope for the unit to continue to play hard-nosed defense Sunday.

“The defense has been extremely important to our team,” Ruof said. “Defense wins championships, and that’s what we want to do.”

Ruof also acknowledged that the Juggerknotts will provide the Vermin its biggest challenge and that Carroll will have to play a complete game to win.

“The key to beating Knott is playing good football, converting on all our possessions and not making mistakes,” he said.

Knott sophomore Aidan Fitzgibbon said Knott is relying on youth to earn its first playoff berth in its history.

“We have a lot of young energy that has contributed to the strong season we have had,” he said. “We are confident in our players.”

Although the Juggerknotts are seeded above Carroll, the third seed against the sixth seed, Fitzgerald said the Vermin will take nothing for granted.

“We need to keep playing how we have been playing all season,” Fitzgerald said. “We want to play our game and if we do that we will do our chances. At practice this week we’ve been going over plays and making sure we know our assignments.”

Carroll and Knott come from different divisions, so the two teams are not familiar with each other.

“It will be a little different than the other games,” Fitzgerald said. “When we play teams in our league we know what types of plays they run and how their defense looks. We don’t have a lot of knowledge of their offense.”

The Vermin and Juggerknotts will play Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field with the winner advancing to play either Sorin or Siegfried.

Stanford vs. St. Edward’s

Two years removed from its last Interhall championship, Stanford (4-1) knows what it takes to succeed in the postseason.

When the Griffins face St. Edward’s (2-2) Sunday in the first round of the playoffs, they will try to prove it.

“We have a lot of players left from the team that won two years ago,” junior captain Chris Gill said. “The players from last year’s team made the playoffs last year and we all knew what to expect. Being the top seed, we know [St. Edward’s would] love nothing more than to come out and beat us.”

Stanford will come out with the balanced attack that has placed them at the top of the bracket, led by junior quarterback Tony Rizzo. The defense, which stifled opponents all season, will try to stop an unpredictable St. Ed’s attack, but the Griffins are prepared.

“We’re ready for anything,” Gill said. “We just have to come out and play the way we’ve been playing and get out to an early lead. Our defense will have to take nothing for granted.

As the top seed playing a team that squeaked into the playoffs, Stanford might be tempted to overlook the Gentlemen, but Gill knows how experience how dangerous this match-up can be.

“My freshman year we were the eight seed and we went out and beat the one seed,” Gill said. “St. Edward’s is Interhall football so anybody can beat anybody. We have to play like they are the best team we will face all season.”

St. Edward’s knows it faces a challenge in playing the top-seeded Griffins, but is not intimidated.

“We haven’t really seen them, being in a different division, so all our information is hearsay and rumor,” St. Edward’s coach Cameron Hogue said. “It comes down to executing our game-plan. We’re going to go out and play the game and make Stanford adjust to us.”

Hogue also dismissed the David vs. Goliath comparisons that being a low seed playing the higher seed would conjure up.

“Being the lowest seed doesn’t add motivation for us,” Hogue said. “It’s still Interhall football and all it takes is two big plays to win the game.”

The top-seeded Griffins will take on the Gentlemen Sunday at Riehle Field at 1 p.m.

Sorin vs. Siegfried

One of the best defenses in league history will look to knock the defending champions out of the playoffs in the first round Sunday when Sorin (3-0-1) meets 2008 champion Siegfried (2-1-1).

With single elimination dictating who continues to the next round, this game begins the first of three very important weeks.

Only one team will advance to the next step on the path to the championship.

Sorin has consistently looked to sophomores Matt Pepe to make key catches and put points on the board, along with freshman Ryan Robinson, senior Bob Gallic and numerous other men who have worked to make the Otters’ offense a strong one.

But the biggest reason for Sorin’s undefeated season lies not in its offense, but in its stalwart defense, led by junior lineman Matt Gamber.

In four games, the Otters have repeatedly stopped teams from converting on fourth down with blocks and interceptions. They have yet to allow a single point to any team in its four games.

“Coming in as a freshman, it’s pretty exciting to have a team do so well,” freshman Killian Fralley said. “It’s nice when a team can come together like this and work hard to stop our opponents.”

While Siegfried does not have a flawless defense in its title defense, its offense has proven itself time and time again, scoring at least one touchdown every game thus far. The Ramblers mainly look to junior quarterback Matt Meinert to make things happen, moving the ball through both the passing and running game.

Defensively, they have only given up a total of 16 points, thanks in large part to players like junior defensive lineman Dan Scime.

“We’ve all really excited that it’s the playoffs now and we want to keep the championship trophy in Siegfried,” freshman David Whitmore said.

Sorin and Siegfried will play at 2 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Field.

Morrissey vs. Dillon

In one of the most evenly matched games of the first round, Dillon (3-1) will play Morrissey (3-1) in a match-up of a strong defense against a versatile offense.

Dillon has been a dominating force throughout the season, blowing out O’Neill, Keenan and Keesough. In each contest, the Big Red held their opponents scoreless while scoring multiple touchdowns. Their only loss came at the hands of undefeated and unified Stanford 12-7. The key to their success has been a solid defense, giving up only seven points all season.

“Games are won and lost in the trenches,” junior captain Jordan Smolenski said. “We have played well on the offensive and defensive line all year.”

Morrissey hasn’t been as dominant throughout the entire season. After blowing out an overmatched Alumni team in the beginning of the year and easily dispatching still-forming Duncan, Morrissey beat defending champ and perennial powerhouse Siegfried 9-7.

However, in their last game of the season, the Manorites suffered a defeat to Knott Hall, hamstrung by mental lapses.

After the mental mistakes cost them the game against the Juggerknotts, Morrissey’s goal in the playoffs is to win and have a very simple plan to accomplish that objective.

We want to score points ... touchdowns preferably,” senior captain Phil Yuhas said. “On defense, we need to reap some souls and not let the other guys in the end zone.”

Both teams recognize the importance of the playoffs, which is the goal of every team at the start of the season.

“The playoffs are the real season,” Yuhas said. “Special things happen in the playoffs that don’t happen in the season.”

The two teams will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Field with a semifinal berth at stake.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame makes trek to Alaska for two-game set
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The Irish travel 3,500 miles to Fairbanks, Alaska this weekend for a two-game CCHA series against the Nanooks in the second weekend of conference play.

“It’s nice to get away from home,” Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson joked. “But not this far away.”

One of the biggest goals for the No. 9 Irish (4-3-1, 1-0-0 CCHA) this weekend will be to finally light the lamp during even strength play. Of the five goals the Irish scored against Ohio State last weekend, four were on the power play and one was an empty-netter.

“It’s kind of evolved now where we’ve got guys pressing,” Jackson said. “We’ve got guys where they don’t score, they tighten up on the sticks, and all of a sudden they’re trying to do too much or shooting the puck from bad angles.”

Senior captain Ryan Thang echoed Jackson, saying that the team’s even strength woes were more about mentality than anything else.

“It’s just a matter of time,” Thang said. “We’ve just got to stay positive.”

This weekend may not be the best set of circumstances for the Irish to break their slump, though, as Alaska (5-0-1, 2-0-0 CCHA) has only given up an average of 1.2 goals per game this season.

“It’s going to be tough,” Thang said. “Alaska’s playing great.”

Part of the Nanooks’ success defensively can be attributed to sophomore goalie Scott Greenham, who has given up only seven goals on the season with a .949 save percentage.

The situation in the Notre Dame goal is slightly murkier, however. Junior Brad Phillips, the presumed starter coming into the season, has started five games for the Irish with a 2.18 goals against average.

Freshman Mike Johnson, though, has looked impressive in his two starts, with only one goal allowed and a .982 save percentage.

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INTERRALL FOOTBALL

Playoffs?!
Stout Otter defense ready for Ramblers
By ALLAN JOSEPH
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If the old adage “Defense wins championships” is true, Sorin’s first round playoff game against Siegfried should be nothing more than a speed bump on the road a to a championship in a few weeks.

The Otters (3-0-1) enter the playoffs undefeated which has yet to allow a point thanks to their stellar defense, a fact that would be filled by freshmen tight end Sonny Moat, and only a few key losses on the season with a .949 save percentage.

The Otters are looking to fill in the pieces of a championship with a third title.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Irish face Red Storm in semis
By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

No. 4/7 Notre Dame finds itself in a familiar position this weekend as they head to Storrs, Conn., to play St. John’s in the Big East semifinals. By the end of their east coast road trip, the Irish hope to return home with their 13th Big East title.

The Irish, who are making their 14th appearance in 15 years in the conference semifinals, find themselves facing a Red Storm team that has not advanced this far in the conference tournament since 1994.

Notre Dame hasn’t faced St. John’s since the 2007 season. Coach Randy Waldrum said he does something and you say ‘Wow, I didn’t know he could do that. Maybe we should tweak things.’ I’m still trying to figure out our identity a little bit and we’re still going to be trying to do that, but it’s a fun atmosphere to work in.”

Since the start of practice, Brey has looked to five upperclassmen role players — each of whom Abromaitis — each of whom Harangody. Tonight’s exhibition game against Quincy University will be the final exhibition game of the season for the Irish with a 2.18 goals against average. Freshman Mike Johnson, though, has looked impressive in his two starts, with only one goal allowed and a .982 save percentage.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish host Quincy in final exhibition game
By ERIC PRISTER
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At the start of a season with many question marks still unans-swered, coach Mike Brey is still looking to fill in the pieces of his lineup around star seniors Tory Jackson and Luke Harangody. Tonight’s exhibition game against Quincy University is simply the next step in that process.

“I think when you’ve been coaching a while you cycle into more of a teaching mode with a new group, and I certainly like with it,” Brey said. “It’s energizing. There are new things to talk about every day, as somebody