Panel discusses GLBT issues at ND

Talks center on how to construct a more inclusive atmosphere

By SARAH MERVOSH
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When Saint Mary’s junior Laurel Javors saw a comic implying violence towards the gay community in the Jan. 13 edition of The Observer, she thought of a friend.

“I was in Florence last year, watching my friend Jeff wheeled away in a stretcher,” Javors said. “He was beaten to the point where he lost sight in his eye because we was holding his boyfriend’s hand.

“These are the realities we face,” Javors, a member of Saint Mary’s Gay and Straight Alliance, said in a panel Thursday evening. In response to The Observer’s “These are the realities we face,” the Alliance, said in a panel...

AFTLS perform ‘Romeo and Juliet’

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Actors from the London Stage (AFTLS) are reviving the British theatre tradition at Notre Dame during this week’s performances of William Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet,” which present the play in its original version, at Washington Hall.

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Lecture series focuses on changes in business

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Anticipating changes in the culture of the business world is a valuable skill in today’s fast-paced world, and to keep pace, the Mendoza School of Business is hosting a series of lectures throughout the spring semester titled “Ten Years Hence.”

Mendoza has hosted a spring lecture series for the last six years, and for the last six, they have all held the common theme of “Ten Years Hence.” This year’s lecture series is focused on “The Future of Capitalism.”

The series began Jan. 22 with a panel discussion titled “The Ascent of Money,” hosted by Scott Malpas, vice president and chief investment officer at the University of Notre Dame, and Professor Richard Mendenhall. It will conclude April 16 with a lecture by Catherine Mathis, senior vice president of Marketing and Communications for Standard & Poor’s.

There will be a total of seven lectures, and if students attend all seven, they can receive one...
Fair trade?

Many students currently find themselves in the midst of job hunting or internship searches. This will inevitably lead to a discussion about previous jobs and useful skills that were developed during these times of employment. You want to talk about skills? Since I was 14, my jobs have ranged from working at a pet kennel, a country club, a bridal shop and my most recent foray at Reckers. I’ve got skills alright. If you ever feel the need to hear an amusing workplace anecdote just ask me to tell you one of my numerous stories spanning from my jobs over the past six years. The overwhelming principle I’ve learned? People on this planet are nuts.

I found this out my first day of work at Petropolis Pet Hotel, or, as the advertisements said, the “Ritz Carlton” of the dog world. Two hours on the job I was asked to come to the help check-in client. I go to reception after an overnight stay. I handed a lab named Charlie Bear to his owner sitting by a hot-pink duffel with the name “Oscar” embroidered on it.

My manager asked me if I would mind assisting Oscar into her villa. Yes, you read that correctly, the female dog’s name was “Oscar.” Oh, and it turns out she wasn’t a rat but an expensive breeder known as a lanka exhibition rabbit. And that sweater of hers? That was her Tuesday sweater. Oscar’s owner, in all her plastic glory, insisted that Oscar get “chilly” if she wasn’t properly clothed at all times.

Yeah, right.

Then there was the time that I was bringing a lab named Charlie Bear to his owner at reception after an overnight stay. I handled the loads over to his “mom” and expected the socially acceptable “thank you,” and instead ended up being told by this woman that, “I kicked a man out today so that I could pick up my real man.”

Poor, poor Charlie Bear.

My three years at Petropolis helped me prepare for my time as a waitress at a local country club. Petropolis Pet Hotel, or, as the advertisement suggested that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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IN BRIEF

A short classical concert titled Bach’s Lunch: A Noontime Concert will take place today at 12:10 p.m. in the Rennebohm Ballroom at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free but tickets are required. Call 574-631-2800 for reservations.

A lecture will be given today titled FFT talks: Steerlin Harjo today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Harjo, a director, will talk about his work. This is a free but ticketed event. Call 574-631-2800 for reservations.

A film titled “End of Poverty?” will be shown Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students, $5 for faculty, and $6 for general admission. Purchase tickets online at performingarts.nd.edu.

McGillins Casino Night will take place Saturday at 10 p.m. at South Dining Hall. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased in advance at North or South Dining Hall or at the door.

Paul Thornock will give an organ concert on Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Hoyes Organ and Choral Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $10 for faculty and $5 for students. Call 574-631-2800 for tickets.

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

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

ANSWER

Argentinian president says to eat pork for better sex

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina President Cristina Fernandez is trying to promote the swine industry in her country with a sexy, straightforward message — forget about Viagra, eat some pork.

Argentina is reeling with surprise Thursday after their president not only said the meat is better than Viagra, but suggested that she has personally proven it.

She joked in a meeting with representatives of the swine industry Wednesday that “it was all good” after she enjoyed some pork meat with husband and former president Nestor Kirchner.

Video surfaces of man playing with chicken

NEW YORK — New York City’s transit agency is investigating a video posted online that shows a man kissing and smugging a live chicken aboard a subway.

The subway rider who took the video said Thursday that it was one of those New York moments she felt compelled to record. Kylie Kaiser, a 27-year-old architect from Brooklyn, and two friends boarded the uptown No. 6 train at the 33rd Street station around 7 p.m. Tuesday.

“He was on his back, rolling from side to side, kissing, hugging and lifting the chicken up in the air,” she said.

She said the man was oblivious to everything around him and didn’t respond to onlookers.

“It was definitely an only-in-New York situation,” said Kaiser, who moved to the city about three years ago from Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your favorite pick-up line?

Katie Cirese sophmore Le Mans

“I’m a gymnast. I’m flexible.”

Patrick Gorman sophmore Morrissey

“Do you have a mirror in your pocket? Because I can see myself in your pants.”

Elizabeth Bonne sophmore Le Mans

“You’re so sweet you put Hershey’s out of business.”

Mike Hannigan sophmore Carroll

“How much does a polar bear weigh? Enough to break the ice. Hi, I’m Mike.”

Sarah Cole sophmore Brown-Phillips

“I lost my number. Can I have yours?”

Katie Cirese, sophmore, Le Mans

“I’m a gymnast. I’m flexible.”
Dance Marathon hosts fundraisers

Club aims to beat last year’s total with a number of charity events

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

After raising over $91,500 at Dance Marathon 2009, the Saint Mary’s College Dance Marathon club continues to raise funds and awareness for Riley Children’s Hospital senior Kelly Deranek, the event’s president, said. With a variety of events planned, the club hopes to raise funds to benefit the Hospital.

Any amount of money that we raise is money that the Hospital didn’t have,” Deranek said. “Anything that we can give them is great. Of course we always love to raise more than we did last year, but we have no set goal.”

The club hosted “Give Back Night” at Five Guys Burgers and Fries this past Wednesday. A portion of the proceeds from the event that were collected will be added to the grand total which will be announced at the Marathon on March 26 and 27. The club has several other events coming up within the next few weeks. Other “Give Back Nights” will be offered, as well as a sale of candy for Valentine’s Day. We are going to be doing a sale for Valentine’s Day where we will be selling sweets that people can purchase and we’ll deliver them,” Deranek said.

The candy sale will begin on Feb. 8 and will continue through Feb. 22. Additionally, a Purse Party will be held on Feb. 12, where handbags and accessories will be available for purchase. Another event that Dance Marathon will be hosting is Salon Night, which will coincide with Valentine’s Day. Mimi Candy Sale for Easter on Feb. 22.

The club has a variety of other events, including A Miss–A–Meal where students at the College can give up a meal one night and allow the money that they would have spent on the meal to be donated to the Dance Marathon. A Charity Denim event and a babysitting night will be hosted as well.

“We will have a babysitting night for Riley families in the area that come to our marathon,” Deranek said. “We’re going to have a night where we volunteer and watch their kids so they can go out for the evening.”

The club plans on hosting the actual Dance Marathon towards the end of the academic year. At the Marathon students come together from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. to raise awareness for the Hospital.

“The purpose of Dance Marathon is to raise financial and emotional awareness for the Children’s Miracle Network but specifically at Riley’s Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis,” Deranek said.

Forms are available on the Dance Marathon Web site and will be accepted through the event. Any amount of money that is raised, for all three campuses,” Deranek said. “We’re going to be at Holy Cross some time in the next few weeks. We had information at Notre Dame Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights to encourage Notre Dame students to come as well.”

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Director of Audience Development Aaron Nichols described the AFTLS as truly unique. The program is in its 35th year and acts as “an actor-driven tour de force,” according to the company’s Web site.

“The most exciting aspect is that these actors really get down to the meat of Shakespeare’s text,” Nichols said. “It is fascinating to see a show that has been done more elaborately cut down to its very soul.”

The five actors to appear on stage hail from impressive backgrounds and boast resumes that include some of the most prestigious stages in London. Nichols said. These individuals are challenged to divide 20 to 30 parts from the Shakespearean plays and are considered experts on the texts.

“I expect both a strong historical focus and an emphasis on good verse speaking,” Department of English research professor John Wilkinson said.

Student interaction is an integral part of the company’s tour.

“The classroom workshops are truly an original concept,” Nichols said. “The actors are in upwards to 20 to 35 classrooms per week.”

Wilkinson will host actress Jennifer Higman in a class–room workshop on Friday and was particularly excited about bringing this “particular tradi-

tion of English acting” to his students in a personal form.

“As for the performance, I am quite interested to see the nurse,” Wilkinson said. “She is a challenging character for a modern actor because she is simultaneously a warm and maternal figure, as well as strongly interested in Juliet’s marriage prospects, and also very filthy minded.”

The objective of Shakespeare at Notre Dame is to embrace “humanist study and the performing arts in the exploration of drama in a Christian context,” as stated on the program Web site. The AFTLS is one branch of this mission to bring the study of Shakespeare to the University setting here in South Bend.

A substantial audience is expected when this renowned play takes the stage of Washington Hall. Nichols said.

“We are expecting large crowds because ‘Romeo and Juliet’ is one of Shakespeare’s most popular, albeit most tragic, romances,” he said.

Though the plot of ‘Romeo and Juliet’ and their doomed romance is well known, this unique company should still bring added flair to the classic show.

“I know what happens in the story,” freshman Adam Zebrowski said. “But I am still expecting to be entertained, especially by the more comedic parts with Benvolio and Mercutio.”

‘Romeo and Juliet’ will be performed in Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

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academic credit.

Professor James O’Rourke, director of the Eugene D. Fanning Center at Mendoza College, said he believes the "Ten Years Hence" theme holds especially important in today’s financial times.

"I think it is important to not just study history and current events for our lessons, but to look forward in some structured speculation to see what life will be like in 10 years time," he said.

O’Rourke said this approach of tackling future problems today is a very logical one in the business community such as John Mackay, chairman and CEO of Whole Foods, who will speak March 26 on the subject of “Conscious Capitalism.”

"We look for people with a connection to Notre Dame who feel that this is part of their pro bono mission,” O’Rourke said.

While the theme “Ten Years Hence” has run for the past six years, O’Rourke feels that this years focus, “The Future of Capitalism,” is an especially topical subject.

"This is really a response to the chaos we’ve seen in markets and the anxiety we’ve all felt in the last 24 months as this recession has dragged on," he said.

In addition to the discussions on Jan. 22, March 26 and April 16, Mendoza will host the sec-
ond part of "The Ascent of Money" panel on Feb. 5. Fred Dust, partner and practice lead for IDEO, on Feb. 12; Harris Diamond, CEO of Weber Shandwick, on Feb. 26; and Hazel Henderson, founder of Ethical Markets Media, on March 19.

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comic, student government hosted “Where To Go From Here?”. Moving Beyond Fruits and Vegetables,” and discussed how the Notre Dame commu-

ity can create a more inclusive atmosphere, especially for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) students.

Five panelists spoke about their reaction to the comic and offered suggestions for how the Notre Dame community can make progress in the achieving a “Spirit of Inclusion,” referring to Notre Dame's 1997 formal statement.

Dan Myers, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said The Observer comic should be used as an opportunity for progress.

"When something happens like this, like this cartoon being published, it’s natural and it’s very easy to get focused on the specific individuals who are involved," Myers said. “That’s not where I want to focus.

"Myers said it is more impor-
tant to focus on changing the culture at Notre Dame, and he called upon students and facul-
ty to hold themselves account-
able.

"When you first came to Notre Dame, you might have wondered how people were going to behave with respect to these issues," he said. “The first time someone made one of these offensive jokes, but there was kind of a awkward pause while people figured out whether it as okay to laugh.

"These are the moments that define our culture," Myers said. “I’m asking you … to chal-

lenge yourself to step up and be someone who helps change this culture,” he said. “I know it’s intimidating as hell to do that stuff. I don’t blame people to be scared to do it. I’m scared to do it, but you can do it.

Senior Patrick Bears, a mem-
ber of Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, called upon both students and faculty to make a change.

"I don’t go a week without hearing something odious described as gay or without someone calling someone else a derogatory term when they do something they don’t like," he

said. But it’s about more than sim-
ply changing the type of lan-

guage used, Bears said. “It’s not just us to stop using ‘gay’ [...] What I want us to do is to become better students and better teachers," he said. “I would like to see more students interested in queer material and I want to see more teachers offer queer material in their syllabus.”

Javors said the Notre Dame community should move for-
ward by engaging mature dis-
cussions about sexuality as a way of life.

"God created my sexuality, regardless of what any religious teaching otherwise said. That is what I hold to be true," she said. “I feel like the more people get to know their peers, whether they be heterosexual or homosexual, they will see that exact same thing.

‘Sexuality isn’t what someone does in bed, but it’s what they live out to the world everyday,” Javors said. “I challenge both the Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame’s campuses to really engage in a mature and intel-

lectual way and not just hide behind the teachings of [the Bible].”

Myers use his 13-year-old son as an example of what it takes for individuals to help change the culture. He said he heard his son on the phone with a friend defending homosexuality.

“You can hardly imagine a more socially intimidating place in life than junior high. [But my son said,] ‘Dude, you are being so homophobic right now. You can’t just call people ‘gay’ as a put down,’” Myers said.

“And then he said, ‘Seriously I’m going to hang up on you if you don’t stop being so homo-


phobic,’ he said. “Saying, ‘Dude that is so not cool.’ That, I’m telling you, is a hell of a weapon.”

“Now if he can do it, you can do it. I can do it. We all can,” Myers said.

Other panelists included Sr. Sue Dunn, co-president of the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, and Maureen Lafferty, University Counseling Center counselor and psycholo-
gist and member of the Core Council.

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Members of the panel listen as an audience member poses a question. The panelists talked about the GLBT experience at Notre Dame and how to achieve a ‘Spirit of Inclusion’.
International News

Mayor to defend gay marriage

MEXICO CITY — Mexico City’s mayor says he will defend the capital’s gay-marriage law and that the ordinance will take effect in March despite an appeal by federal prosecutors.

Mayor Marcelo Ebrard says the federal appeal on constitutional grounds is unwarranted. He says nothing in the constitution prohibits same-sex marriage or adoption by gay couples.

The chief legal adviser, Leticia Bonifaz, said Thursday the first gay marriages will be performed in early May while the Supreme Court rules on the case.

The federal Attorney General’s Office said it would appeal to the Supreme Court arguing the law violates constitutional provisions on the family and the protection of children.

The law is a first for Latin America.

Sri Lankan president seeks harmony

COLOMBO — Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa pledged to seek reconciliation with minority Tamils after his sweeping re-election, but did not indicate how he plans to deal with the demands for greater rights.

Critics said this week’s balloting showed the country’s ethnic divisions that fueled decades of war were again near a breaking point, with many minorities apparently voting for the opposition or staying away from the polls.

National News

Official opposition to 9/11 trials

NEW YORK — Opposition to the government’s decision to hold the Sept. 11 terrorist trial in New York City intensified Thursday, as Bush administration critics revealed he had changed his mind and now hoped the trial would be held elsewhere.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said he has introduced a bill that would prohibit the use of Justice Department funds to try Guantanamo detainees in federal civilian courts. Hours later, New York Gov. David Paterson said he was consulting with federal officials on the issue of venue.

Author J.D. Salinger dies at 91

NEW YORK — J.D. Salinger, the legendary author, youth hero and fugitive from the American scene who lived for decades in self-imposed isolation near a breaking point, with many minorities apparently voting for the opposition or staying away from the polls.

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“Those children were in immediate danger if someone did not stop George Tiller,” Roeder said in the jury watched attentively.

“Tiller watched attentively without a hint of surprise. "They were going to continue to die," he said. "The babies were going to continue to die."

Roeder has pleaded not guilty to murder in the attack at the Wichita church where Tiller was an usher.

Witnesses have described how Roeder walked into the building’s foyer on May 31 shortly after the service started, approached Tiller and fired a single shot before fleeing.

After Roeder’s testimony, District Judge Warren Wilbert ruled that the jury would not be permitted to consider the manslaughter charge because abortion, including late-term abortion, is legal in Kansas and because Tiller did not pose an imminent threat.

There is no immediate danger in the back of a church,” the judge said. He also ruled out a second-degree murder conviction, which does not involve premeditation, because it was clear Roeder planned the killing.

"It would be hard for a reasonable fact-finder to find anything other than the defendant formulating his belief and then planning on multiple occasions... to carry out his intention to kill Dr. Tiller." In a November interview with The Associated Press, Roeder publicly confessed to shooting Tiller, who was one of the few doctors in the country who performed late-term abortions.

Roeder, 51, of Kansas City, Mo., said he considered other ways of killing Tiller, including driving his car into Tiller’s or shooting him with a shotgun. But he said he was concerned those approaches could hurt others.

He also did what I thought was needed to be done to protect the children,” Roeder said, "I shot him.

He testified that he wrapped the .22-caliber handgun in a piece of cloth and buried it in a rural area. The weapon has not been recovered.

Prosecutors were careful during the first few days of testimony to avoid the subject of abortion and to focus on the specifics of the shooting. The judge said he did not want the trial to become a debate on abortion, but he said he would give Roeder a great deal of latitude when discussing his beliefs because they were integral to his defense.

Throughout his questioning, Roeder appeared calm and collected, waiting quietly each time prosecutors objected to something he said about medical procedures or late-term abortions, which the judge forbade him from testifying about.

Local News

Court to rule on legal mother

INDIANAPOLIS — Infant R’s birth certificate lists his father’s name as blank, and will remain so until the Indiana County Circuit Court to rule on the genetic mother’s name on the child’s birth certificate.

The 11-month-old boy referred to as Infant R in court documents was conceived in April 2008, but it has only recently come to light that his requests for data were ignored.

"The e-mails which are now public reveal that Mr. Holland’s requests under the Freedom of Information Act were not dealt with as they should have been under the legislation,” said in a statement.

Andrews said the thousands of leaked e-mails — made public on the Internet just before the U.S. summit on global warming in Copenhagen in December — sparked an international debate over whether scientists had exaggerated the case for man-made climate change.

Climate skeptics — including Republican lawmakers in the U.S. — claimed that the e-mails showed scientists secretly manipulated climate data and suppressed contrary views about climate change.

One of the e-mails disparaged climate skeptics, and a scientist said “the last thing I need is news articles claiming to question temperature increases.”

Another commented about “getting hassled by a couple of people” to release temperature data that suggests uncertainties about climate change. “Don’t be any of you three tell anybody that the U.K. has a Freedom of Information Act,”

Phil Jones, the director of climate research unit, wrote in one e-mail.

Great Britain

University denied access to climate data

LONDON — The university at the center of a climate change dispute over stolen e-mails broke freedom of information laws by refusing to release public requests for climate data, Britain’s data-protection watchdog said Thursday.

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Prosecutors were careful during the first few days of testimony to avoid the subject of abortion and to focus on the specifics of the shooting. The judge said he did not want the trial to become a debate on abortion, but he said he would give Roeder a great deal of latitude when discussing his beliefs because they were integral to his defense.

Throughout his questioning, Roeder appeared calm and collected, waiting quietly each time prosecutors objected to something he said about medical procedures or late-term abortions, which the judge forbade him from testifying about.
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unique to a specific universi-
ty. Camp Kesem Notre Dame is
an entirely run, funded and
organized by Notre Dame student
volunteers.
"Once you do it as a coun-
selor you get addicted," Jun-
ior Rani Gallardo, the
camp's programming direc-
tor, said. "I've never heard
of a student just doing it
once; all of counselors come
back again and again."
Volunteering as a coun-
selor at Camp Kesem is more
directing kids in activi-
ties; counselors assume a
whole new range of responsi-
bilities — the greatest of
which is creating a relaxed
and stable environment for
students to thrive in from
different home lives.
"Being a counselor is a
hybrid of having fun and
being a role model," Stewart
said. "Having us as role
models, people who love to
play and have fun, shows
the campers that they are
not alone in their
dignity and they are
not the only ones
who deal with
their own personal
issues."
Camp Kesem
"We provide an
experience for kids who
are dealing with the
stress of cancer and it's
an awesome way for
Notre Dame students to
involve these kids in
a very real and
tangible way."
Emily Stewart
co-chair
Camp Kesem
"The purpose of the education program is
to energize elementary students about
science and the environment," senior
Alice Griesemer, who is in charge
of the education program, said. "We
want to them understand important
scientific concepts that are
part of the Indiana educational
standards and connect them to
environmental concepts that will
enable them to be better stewards
of the earth."
GreeND also sponsors an after-
school environmental education
program for young students.
In addition to the summit and
education programs, the club's
Green Fashion Show, taking place
on April 23, will be bigger and
better than last year's show, accord-
ing to Griesemer.
"The location has changed from
the LaFortune Ballroom to
Legends which more than doubles
our capacity," Griesemer said.
Griesemer also said, in addition
to being green, all the outfits will
follow a theme that moves through
all 24 hours of the day, "from the
terribly cool to being green, all the outfits will
follow a theme that moves through
time, from the pale colors of sunrise to the deep
tones of night."
According to Griesemer, most
pieces used in the show are found
at secondhand shops or designed
by students using recycled materi-
als in order to conserve the energy
used to assemble, package and
ship new items of clothing.
"The main purpose of the event
is to show students that it is possible
to be fashionable and trendy
while still choosing environmental-
ly friendly products," Griesemer
said.
GreeND will also run a simula-
tion of COP15, the climate talks
in Copenhagen, in March. The event
will be similar to a combination of
a Hunger Dinner and Model UN,
according to Griesemer.
"It is a great opportunity to learn
about the difficulties diplomats
face in brokering a deal and to
understand the outcome of the
actual meeting," Griesemer
said.
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Notre Dame's counselors at Camp Kesem pose in front of a sign welcoming campers last summer.

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GreeND president, said.
Kelly said this year's summit, which will be held on Feb. 22, has a different structure than in past
years because participants will rotate through tables on four dif-
ferent topics, including climate
change and sustainable seafood.
The leaders of the summit are also collaborating with Food Services, which stresses sustainability as part of its mission.
"Through collaboration with Food Services, this event will have both Notre Dame and global
focus," Kelly said. "I imagine that the success of past Green Summits will continue with this year's Summit, as this event is more interactive, creative and relevant."
The summit is made possible due to the collaboration of the Office of Sustainability, GreeND, boom.
GreeND for Animals, GlutenFreeND, Student Government and Students for Environmental Action. Kelly said this broad collection of groups allows an array of sustainability to spread to many different stu-
dents and has contributed greatly to the event.
In addition to educating Notre Dame about food sustainability, GreeND also runs two environ-
mental education programs for local K-12 school students to
further their mission of education, outreach and leadership
development. Kelly said.
Last semester, GreeND partici-
pated in the first Lugar Collegiate Energy Summit, which focused on educating others about energy and sustainability. In response to the
summit, GreeND created an edu-
cational program in a four-grade
chart called "Green School.
According to Kelly, GreeND
members teach an environmental
or energy-related lesson to the stu-
dents and share a book or activity
with the students after each les-
son.
Gas pedals warrant recall

Toyota, world's largest automaker, recalls and stops producing millions of top-selling vehicles

Associated Press

DETROIT — Toyota has begun shipping parts to fix the faulty gas pedals, a move toward a still-expanding recall and an unprecedented decision to stop selling and building some of its top-selling models, but it still could not say Thursday when millions of its drivers would get their cars fixed.

The world's largest automaker, bleeding millions of dollars a day in lost sales, also declined to say when the parts are going to plants so production can start again or to dealers so they can start fixing cars sitting in their showrooms or already on the road.

Amid the uncertainty, the recall grew wider. Toyota expanded the recall around an initial 2.3 million vehicles and said it would recall an untold number in Europe and about 75,000 in China because of bad gas pedals that can become stuck.

The recall even spread beyond Toyota. Ford Motor Co. stopped production of some full-sized commercial vehicles built by a Chinese joint venture because they have accelerators built by the same parts supplier as in the Toyota recall.

Separately, Toyota recalled 1.1 million more vehicles this week because of floor mats that don't hold and down the gas.

The gas pedal system recall included the 2009-2010 RAV4, the 2009-2010 Corolla, the 2009-2010 Matrix, the 2003-2010 Avalon, the 2007-2010 Camry, the 2010 Highlander, the 2007-2010 Tundra and the 2008-2010 Sequoia.

Toyota said the maker of the faulty gas pedal systems, CTS Corp. of Elkhart, Ind., was cranking out replacements at three factories, and that some of them already had been shipped to Toyota.

At the same time, Toyota engineers are working with CTS to develop ways to repair, rather than replace, the pedal systems in existing cars and trucks, said spokesman Brian Lyon.

But there was no estimate for how long it would be until customers can get their cars fixed. The parts are being made at CTS plants, but Toyota has not said where they're going within its system of plants and dealers.

"We're well past the root cause identification, and we're well past what needs to be done to change the pedal assembly itself," Lyon said.

House lawmakers, meanwhile, said they intend to hold a Feb. 25 hearing to review the complaints of sudden unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles.

"Like many consumers, I am concerned by the seriousness and scope of Toyota's recent recall announcements," said House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif. In a statement, Toyota pledged its "full cooperation" with the committee.

The episode has tarnished Toyota's once-storied image of reliability. Experts say the longer it goes on, the more Toyota's competitors will benefit.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said he had no details of how the problems would be fixed but said he had "no criticism of Toyota on this. They followed the law and they're doing what they're supposed to do."

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration officials met with Toyota representatives to discuss the fix on Thursday, but no details were announced.

The automaker does not need regulatory approval to make repairs or replacements, but company officials don't want to proceed with a fix if the government has concerns, said people familiar with the decisions who requested anonymity because the meeting was private.

 Asked whether Americans should continue to drive the recalled vehicles, LaHood said he would "encourage them to take their car to the Toyota dealer. That's what we're telling people to do. That's the safest thing to do."

Toyota models that are withdrawn for sale are seen at a storage lot for Keys Toyota in the Van Nues area of Los Angeles on Thursday.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It is just a shirt, just an orange shirt. But I have to admit it is hard for me to wear, and not just because orange is not my color. Suddenly when I wear that shirt on campus it is as though I am wearing a target, and people can say whatever they want to me or about me for wearing the shirt. But make it is igniting the fear to show support, support for a group that is usually discriminated against and sometimes ignored (I will not go into which is worse). I want to support people on campus who have had the unfortunate experience of coming out at a place like Notre Dame, a place that is not known for welcoming those in the GLBTQ community, even if it does have a “Spirit of Inclusion.” It is only once a semester, but it is still important to me that I join with those brave enough to face the comments that orange shirt can bring.

People have a variety of reactions. “Couldn’t they have found a better phrase?” “I would never wear that shirt.” “It’s NOT fine by me” and even “Go to hell.” Yes: “Go to hell.” Really? I was amused by the “O’bama? Fine by me.” shirts. I really enjoyed the “Dumbeldeer? Fine by me.” shirts. “Gay? Go to hell!”

Thank you. Thank you Notre Dame students for demonstrating how ridiculously hard it is for GLBTQ people everyday, all of the time. Thank you for reminding me that this campus does not have the “Spirit of Inclusion” that it claims.

This is the obvious time to go on a rant about how hateful and disrespectful it is to wear a shirt that tells someone to go to hell and how absurd it would be if I wore a shirt that said “Catholic? (or male?) Go to hell.” I am simply here to say that I wore that shirt and I am glad that I did. And I am sorry that I had to be in class Wednesday at noon instead of standing next to those who protested. But I am the most sorry that we scare you so much that you feel like you have to tell us to go to hell.

We are trying to express love and support — not hate, so I will not return hate with hate but I will say that I am sorry that we scare you and I hope that you can find some sort of comfort in that “Spirit of Inclusion” here at Notre Dame.

Megan Tauk
graduate student
off campus
Jan. 28
My best year at Notre Dame was a year abroad in Innsbruck, Austria. I learned more in those 10 months that impacted my life than my three years under the two-year-old NDA at Notre Dame. It wasn’t book learning. It was learning how to grow up, to be independent and how to rely on yourself. How to hitchhike from Innsbruck to Baumgarten with 72 cents in your pocket. How to deal with auto mechanics across Europe to repair your VW. How to survive Christmas abroad by organizing a ski hosted in the Austrian Alps and inviting members from all Notre Dame clubs to come and spend the holiday together. How to make local’s your friends and integrate within a culture. How to take off on a hike and ride to Le Haves, France, 300 miles away Innsbruck, surround- ed with majestic mountains and wonderful people was a Shangrilla for those who took a risk and com- mitted early to spend a year there. Too bad you cur- rent students will miss this opportunity of a lifetime. Auf Wiedersehen Innsbruck.
The Actors form the London Stage present their five-person show, William Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet,” for the last time tonight in Washington Hall after a week of classroom work and performances.

There is perhaps nothing more cliché in the literature than “Romeo and Juliet” by Shakespeare. The story is known in grade school, read in middle school, re-read in high school, and then forgotten as it is beaten to death by the time one gets to college. The quest, then, to make it so-so is to find a way to make the inescapably star-crossed lovers relevant or entertaining can be a quite a challenge.

The Authors from the London Stage (AFTLS) pull it off — and then some. Their no-holds physical rendition is by far the most unique performance of the classical alongside this side of the Atlantic. Going beyond even a just “updated version,” these five actors thrust the doomed love story into an MTV aesthetic. From gang fights to dirty Paris, among others, it seems like overkill because the story is bogged down in the inescapably star-crossed lovers and it almost physically involved that it almost becomes a piece of performance art, with some- thing visually entertaining going on all the times.

What would happen if you took a Shakespeare play and physically explanatory seems appropriate because the characters are completely com- mitted to engaging each other and the audience. Nothing seems like overkill because the flow has so much continuity. From gang fights to dirty jokes, there is no lack of urban flavor. There is just as much innocent as needed and it’s well played, keeping you wondering if they’re really going to go there (and yes, they do). As Crowther pointed out, “It’s lovely to have a young Romeo and Juliet, because they can do it so beauti- fully.”

Tonight is the last opportuni- ty to brush up on your Shakespeare and catch these Brits before they move on. “Shakespeare is the most mar- velous man,” Crowther said. “Four hundred years after he died, he’s still astonishing people.”

“Romeo and Juliet” begins at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Washington Hall. Tickets are $12 for students. Call (574) 631-2800 or visit the Web site performingarts.nd.edu for tickets.

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Assistant Scene Editor

“My name is Francesca Schiavi. I’m a student in the School of Architecture, but other than that, I don’t have any particular skills or hobbies of yours, but you still want to bring home a prize, there will be plenty of raffles to enter. Prizes range from gift cards to Target or Chipotle, to gift baskets from South Bend Chocolate Company, movies and even a Nintendo Wii. Tickets to this exciting and entertaining evening are still on sale. At both events tonight, McGlinn girls will sell tickets for $5 each. And for those indecisive folks, tickets will still be available at the door at the same price. We are all in one. The house takes you.” Danny Ocean’s wise words aren’t enough, you never change the stakes. The stakes are high, the rules are all in one.

What is also particularly remarkable is how anyone manages to adapt this three-minute read into a story plot of two hours. It could have easily been an extension of the book without ever losing any bit of its magic. He details Max’s adventures as King of the Wild Things and the viewer, who now has the wise eyes of childhood and maturity, learns that the wild things are nothing more than children who never grew up. Turns out that where the Wild Things are, is where our childhood is, and we’re the Wild Things.

Also worth noting is the beautiful cinematogra- phy and awesome soundtrack. Yeah Yeah Yeahs’ Karen O and the Kids composed a beautiful soundtrack, Jonze maintains a sense of inno- vence that truly characterizes the movie.

“Where the Wild Things Are” will make you laugh and it will make you sad, and when you leave, you will leave thoughtfully reminding the audience in which you were a Wild Thing yourself, still crying and screaming and telling everyone how much you hate them at one moment, only to gig- gle, cuddle up and tell that same person how much you love them the next.

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SCENE Writer

Everyone’s classic bedtime story book, “Where the Wild Things Are,” is still a favorite today even though it was first published in 1963. Fortunately for those of you who miss those good old days, you’ll get a chance to revisit the tale at a whole other level this weekend. Sub will be presenting Spike Jonze’s beautifully produced 2009 film adaptation tonight and Saturday.

The movie, with its graceful photography, simple lines and incredible acting by the little boy who plays Max (Max Records), caused quite a stir when it came out for around a reason.

It is based on a children’s book and has “mon- sters” as main characters, this is no movie for kids. The delicate sentimentality that Jonze brought to the adaptation makes it a movie for the generations who read “Where the Wild Things Are” as children, not for the children still reading it. Be sure you’ll feel an unsettling sense of anxiety as you watch Max deal with the Wild Things and all of their naturally childish fears, emotions and thoughts. The result is a some- times dark, sometimes childishly卡通 movie about the mind and emotions of children. It manages to be both charming and heartbreakingly all in one.

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Scene Writer

One might wonder what a modernized version of this small book would look like. To Jonze’s credit, he’s still astonishing people.

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It's everyone's favorite ABC sci-fi show. Whether you watch it for the mystery, the philosophical value, the sweet action scenes, the relationships, or just the attractive characters, you can't look away from the screen. If you thought the first few seasons of “LOST” were weird, what with smoke monsters, the appearance of polar bears on a tropical island and an underground hatch with a button meant to be pressed every 108 minutes, you're in for a whirlwind of a sixth and final season. So prepare you for the final 18 episodes of the show that has had millions watching for the past five and a half years, here is a synopsis to keep you up to date on the happenings of everyone's favorite fictional island.

Season 4 saw the arrival of billionaire Charles Widmore's research team to the island on the freighter “Kahana,” as well as the escape of the Oceanic Six from the island, shown in flash-forwards. The Oceanic Six consists of Jack, Kate, Sun, Hurley, Sayid and Claire's baby Aaron. Token evil genius Ben Linus, former leader of the Others, turns an underground dial at the end of Season 4 and as the Oceanic Six leave the island in a helicopter, it dislodges the island from time so that no one in the outside world can possibly find it.

The turn of the dial then causes the remaining survivors of Flight 815 to erratically jump forward and backward through time. Widmore team member, Daniel Faraday, a physics mastermind, explains this fictional scientific phenomenon to the flight survivors and to the viewers at home. At this point, viewers have lost all hope that “LOST” will work within the realm of physics or even some set standard of rules. The producers play to the minds of viewers so that it is entirely impossible to guess what will happen next in the show.

Season 5 followed two plotlines, the first showing the survivors remaining on the island (everyone left from Flight 815 plus Widmore's research team minus the (Oceanic Six) jumping around in time until they are eventually stranded with the Dharma Initiative in 1974. The Dharma Initiative is essentially a communal scientific research compound, which began on the island in 1970, that holds utopian ideals and whose origins are first explained in Season 2 with the “Orientation” video by Dr. Marvin Candle.

The second storyline follows the Oceanic Six's lives off the island and their return to the island on Ajira Airways Flight 316 in 2007, nearly three years after they left. Most of the passengers land on the island in 2007, but Kate, Jack, Hurley and Sayid land in 1977. To their immense surprise, they find when they return that the remaining survivors have become part of the Dharma Initiative.

Sawyer, the comic relief of the show, has become LaFleur, head of security for the Dharma Initiative and is living with Juliet. It is clear that he never got over his relationship with Kate, who was always torn between him and Jack. Jin, Miles and Faraday are also part of the Dharma Initiative, but if you thought it wasn't possible, things get even more complicated when Kate, Jack and Hurley return to the island and must pretend that they are part of an incoming crew for Dharma. Sayid also returns, but is mistaken for a Hostile (which pretty much refers to anyone on the island not part of Dharma) and is imprisoned, where he meets a 12-year-old Ben Linus, whom he attempts to kill. At this point, we learn that “whatever happened, happened.” Although these experiences are new for the survivors of Flight 815, it already happened in the overall timeline. Even if Sayid attempts to kill young Ben, he must survive because we already know that he is alive in the 2000s.

This brings us to “The Incident.” We meet the Hostiles when Ben is brought to them to heal the gunshot wound inflicted by Sayid. The Hostiles include Richard Alpert (one of the Others who never ages), Eloise Hawking and Charles Widmore, who are all on the island in 1954, when a hydrogen bomb called Jughead is buried underground to keep it from going off for at least 50 years. When Faraday warns the island's inhabitants in 1977 of an impending catastrophe involving electromagnetic energy at the Swan Station, they remember the bomb buried on the island in the 1950s and decide to detonate it in order to prevent the construction of the Swan and ensure that the plane never crashes on the island in 2004, ignoring the theory of “whatever happened, happened.” Of course, when the bomb is dropped into the Station during the Season 5 finale, it does not immediately go off and some of the energy is released. Juliet accidentally falls into the Station with the bomb and sacrificially detonates it during the last second of the show, leaving viewers with a cliffhanger.

Another significant side plot involves the body of Locke, who was killed by Ben off the island in 2007. His body is brought on Ajira Airways Flight 316, but when many of the passengers land on the island in 2007, Locke is found alive and is on a mission to go kill Jacob, the island's highest authority. However, we learn at the end of the season finale that the man who appears to be Locke is in fact Jacob's rival and long-time acquaintance, the Man in Black, who dislikes Jacob bringing people to the island, feeling that it leads to violence and destruction, and desires to kill him, with a loophole. In 2007, he manages to kill him by taking on the form of Locke and coercing Ben to kill Jacob in his residence inside the four-toed statue.

Still confused? If you are in need of more of a recap, a special synopsis episode will air on ABC on Tuesday at 8 p.m. The final season of “LOST” will premiere with a two-hour episode directly following at 9 p.m.
MELBOURNE, Australia — The best was saved for last in Andy Murray’s first Grand Slam final — in the fifth set, and over eight hours he had spent on court across five matches had taken its toll.

“Even if I’d been able to finish the fifth set, I would have been putting an inordinate amount of stress on my body and my mind,” he said.

After having won the first three sets, Murray had taken his first break point in the fifth set to extend the rally and sprinted to deuce. Murray was only a point away from a win when he went down the line. The match turned there — in the fifth set, the fourth round of the tournament, and the mostlopsided in 27 years.

“Of course, you never like losing a match, but you try to come back and in the toughest possible way,” said Justine Henin, who went down a set and a break down before coming back to win the title.

The challenge from Cilic, who once ranked No. 1, saved three break points in the next game. It proved too much for Murray. It was the shortest match that dates to Fred Perry in 1936.

Now, with only top-ranked Roger Federer or Jo-Wilfried Tsonga ahead, he is one win from breaking a drought for British men at the majors that dates to Lloyd in 1977. He will be putting an inordinate amount of stress on his body and mind.

Federer, who beat Murray in the U.S. Open final in 2008, and in his 23rd Grand Slam semifinal — more than double the previous record stretch — has won a record 15 major titles.

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MIAMI — Peyton Manning, the Big Easy

Hardly a stretch for a nickname, you know. The NFL’s dominant player can claim New Orleans as his own after all. At 6-foot-5, 230 pounds, he’s no shrimp. And as the only four-time league MVP, he makes this quarterbacks trimester hum.

Yet when Manning leads his Indianapolis Colts down the field next Sunday against the Saints in as juicy a Super Bowl matchup as anyone could imagine, all of New Orleans — heck, pretty much any part of the Crescent City — will be wishing the worst on their nemesis.

Sorry, Peyton. The Saints take precedence in their quest for a first NFL championship.

Manning, whose father Archie was the first Saints quarterback to win a Super Bowl (1980), understands. It is certainly an exciting opportunity for our team to be going back to the Super Bowl down in Miami. It’s very happy for the New Orleans Saints and, of course, the entire city of New Orleans,” Peyton Manning said.

“Juniors a little bit younger than my older brother Cooper lives here. Eli and I have both participated in philanthropic organizations down in New Orleans, whether it’s Katrina recovery, or local charities. So New Orleans is a huge part of my life and it’s a part of his life. My dad’s been a part of the Saints organization for 39 years, so I know they definitely have strong ties.

“The Saints have had a great year. They deserve it, and I know the city is excited. And the New Orleans Saints players do just wonderful things for the community during the year. You get a great relationship between the players and fans, and what a great way it is to reward them with a trip to the Super Bowl. And I’m excited.

But it’s Manning’s job to spoil the party, to put some major chill to the Miami heat. Drew Brees believes can

It’s a moment I’ve been waiting for. We’ve been going to enjoy this. Now we’ve got to finish it in Miami.”

Can they? If history is an indicator, why not? After all, the Buccaneers had an even harder time getting to the Super Bowl. Still, all seven years ago, beating out one of their premier franchises, the Raiders. We know the Saints will attack on offense, and getting in a shootout with the Colts is not such a bad idea; New Orleans led the league with 510 points. The Saints, who for all their success, may be proactive on defense to match the aggressiveness with which the Colts have performed recently — just as Indy did in its Super Bowl run after the 2006 season.

If Manning gets free rein, he’ll likely be the game’s free答题 for all those “Who Dat?”’s they’re proudly screaming in the media.

It might even be a Big Easy for him.
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NBA

Atlanta Hawks guard Jamal Crawford is fouled by Glen Davis of the Boston Celtics during the fourth quarter of their last game Jan. 8. The two teams will face off once again tonight at Atlanta at 7:30 p.m.

Hawks look for fourth win over Celtics

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks are trying to show they belong with the elite teams in the Eastern Conference.

A four-game sweep of the Boston Celtics would be an impressive way to make the statement.

The Hawks will try to complete the regular-season sweep of the Celtics on Friday night. They will play another important conference game Saturday at Orlando.

The Hawks, fourth in the Eastern Conference last season, are contending with the Celtics and Magic for second place behind Cleveland.

Joe Johnson and Al Horford were selected as Eastern Conference All-Star reserves on Thursday.

Horford, averaging 13.6 points and 9.8 rebounds, will make his first All-Star appearance. He finished third in voting for Eastern Conference centers.

“When you start the season you set goals for yourself,” Horford said. “That’s definitely one of them.”

Johnson, who leads the team with 21.3 points per game, will make his fourth straight appearance.

The Hawks have two All-Star selections for the first time since 1998. They hoped Crawford, second on the team with 17.4 points per game, and Smith also would receive consideration from the Eastern Conference head coaches.

Atlanta had won six of seven before a humbling 105-90 loss at San Antonio on Wednesday night. The Hawks reviewed game film of the loss Thursday but were eager to look ahead to the Celtics.

“I don’t think they look at us as a rivalry yet, but I think that they totally see that they can see us down the line,” Atlanta’s Jamal Crawford said Thursday.

“They want to send a message and we want to continue to play well against them.”

The Hawks’ last season sweep of the Celtics came with three wins in 1998-99. Their last 4-0 sweep was in the 1995-96 season.

Crawford said a sweep of the Celtics would help prove the Hawks belong with the top teams in the conference.

“That would be a big statement because everybody had us the fourth-best team but now we’re right there in the mix with the top three,” Crawford said. “It will be interesting to see what happens.”

Josh Smith said the Hawks can’t assume regular-season success will provide any postseason guarantees should they face the Celtics again.

Josh Cribbs likely to return to Browns next season

LAUDERHILL, Fla. — Cleveland’s Josh Cribbs is feeling more confident that he’ll be playing for the Browns next season.

Cribbs, the multitalented wide receiver and kick returner who’ll play for the AFC in Sunday’s Pro Bowl, said earlier this month that he thought it was “unlikely” he’ll play another game for Cleveland after a $1.4 million contract offer for next season.

But on Thursday, he indicated that new Browns president Mike Holmgren has reached out to him and “wants to get something done soon.”

Cribbs says he would “love to play for the Browns” and hopes that his contract situation is worked out.

Cribbs holds the NFL record for career kickoff return touchdowns with eight.

Dwight Freeney recovers from injury just in time

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney has missed a second straight practice Thursday with a sprained right ankle.

Coach Jim Caldwell said Freeney was “coming along” in his recovery but did not provide details. Team president Bill Polian has maintained Freeney will play in next week’s Super Bowl.

Starting cornerback Jerraud Powers sat out with a left foot injury after missing Sunday’s AFC championship game with the injury.

Starting safety Melvin Bullitt also was added to the practice report with a knee injury Thursday. He did not practice and the Colts have not said which knee Bullitt hurt.

Two other Indy players — safety Antoine Bethea (back) and backup tight end Jacob Tamme (ankle) — were limited at workouts.

Kansans athletes shop around one more season

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Sherron Collins consulted family, friends and coaches before deciding between the NBA and one more season at Kansas. Cole Aldrich took a similar approach.

Mostly, though, they talked to each other. I’m not going without you, or something along those lines, is what they said.

This was always going to be a package deal.

After a spring-long discussion, the decision was made more clear. The NBA and its riches could wait. They wanted another national championship. Together.

“Cole was the one calling, meeting with me and telling me he needed me to come back,” Collins said. “He had a chance to make some money, too, but he wanted to come back. Altogether, it was a good deal.”

Winter X Games

7 p.m., ESPN
MIAMI — For 86 of the NFL’s best players, the season is ending where they wanted: in Miami. Their timing’s off, though.

With a new venue and new slot on the league calendar, the Pro Bowl will be played Sunday as a preliminary to next week’s Super Bowl on the same field. It definitely feels like a warmup act.

“There’s a bittersweet taste,” said quarterback Tony Romo, a late addition to the NFC roster after his Dallas Cowboys came up two wins shy of a Super Bowl berth. “You’re always hoping to play in the big game.”

The NFL is trying to transform the Pro Bowl into a bigger game by playing it before the Super Bowl for the first time. In a one-year experiment, the league also moved the game from Honolulu, its home since 1980.

The result: increased media coverage and the best attendance in 31 years, with a sellout crowd of more than 70,000 expected. The changes haven’t helped participation, though. Seven Colts and seven Saints are missing because they’re preparing for the Super Bowl, a drawback to playing the Pro Bowl first.

Defections by players citing injuries were high, as usual. More than a dozen pulled out, leaving the all-star teams with only some stars.

“That has been historic,” said Frank Supovitz, the NFL’s senior vice president for events. “That’s something to be said for the Pro Bowl, a drawback to playing the Pro Bowl first.”

Ticket sales show the excitement level is up. Supovitz said And he’s optimistic about the television audience for the game.

“It’s being shown on a weekend when there usually is no football and interest in the NFL is at its highest,” he said.

Those tuning in will see established stars such as Ray Lewis, Antonio Gates and DeMarcus Ware, as well as first-time Pro Bowlers such as DeAngelo Williams, Clay Matthews and Matt Schaub.

The TV audience they attract will help the NFL decide where and when to play future Pro Bowls.

The game will return to Honolulu in 2011 and 2012, but the league hasn’t decided whether to hold those games before or after the Super Bowl. The Pro Bowl site for 2013 and beyond hasn’t been determined.

Players had mixed reactions to this year’s changes. Many said they preferred the old schedule so those in the Super Bowl could also be available for the Pro Bowl.

“I’d rather have it after the Super Bowl,” 49ers linebacker Patrick Willis said. “I truly believe next year we’re going to be in the Super Bowl, and I want to play in the Pro Bowl too.”

But Romo said he could see the appeal of putting the Pro Bowl first.

“There’s something to be said for playing the game during the season,” he said. “I think more people are interested.”

By moving the game to the Super Bowl site, the NFL created a bigger spotlight for the Pro Bowl. There are 1,076 credentialed media members this week, compared with 334 in Honolulu a year ago.

That’s good for the league, and maybe not so good for the all-stars.

“There’s a lot more media here, that’s for sure,” said eight-time Pro Bowl center Kevin Mawae, addressing a throng of reporters after an AFC practice. “It’s not as relaxed here. There’s a little more hustle and bustle here than there would be at the resort where we stay in Hawaii. Still, practices this week were pretty laid back. AFC offensive linemen ran pass patterns.

Browns kick returner Joshua Cribbs took a wildcat snap. Eagles receiver DeSean Jackson threw a pass on an end-around. Bengals returner Chad Ochocincó practiced punting and kicking and said he may boot one in the game.

The primary goal seemed to be having a few laughs, which at the end of a long season was understandable. For players who came up short of the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl can be a consolation prize worth accepting.

Running back Adrian Peterson decided not to play, then changed his mind two days after his Vikings lost in the NFC championship game.

“I was beating myself up, and then I realized that really wasn’t the right route to go,” Peterson said. “I’m here, and I’m going to enjoy myself.”

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Seniors prepare for final regular season meet

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s took first in eight out of 13 events last weekend, and have a chance to build on that success in the final meet of the regular season tonight against Calvin and Alma.

In the past few weeks, each individual swimmer and the team as a whole has progressed, producing season-best times and finishing in the lead.

The freshman and senior classes in particular are looking to end the regular season on a high note.

“Calvin is a good team, but I’m sure I’ll see season-best times from many of my teammates at the meet,” senior Meredith Lierz said.

Freshman Ellie Watson took first in both the 200-yard individual medley and 500-yard freestyle last week, but now she wants more.

“My goal this weekend is to get a season-best in the 500 freestyle,” Watson said. “It would also be great if I could win both distance events.”

Another powerful freshman, Katie Griffin, has taken first in the 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard backstroke many times in the past and is looking to continue her streak.

“As this is the final regular season meet for the senior class, seniors Sara Niemann and Lierz hope to finish strong.

After finishing first in the 1,000-yard freestyle and second in the 500-yard freestyle, Niemann said she hopes to end her season with continued success.

Lierz, who just returned from a knee injury last weekend, is looking for big things from herself and her teammates. Last week her return came in the form of a first place finish in the 50-yard freestyle. While her knee has not completely healed, she is ready to tough it out once again.

“The one event I’m looking most forward to is the 400-yard freestyle relay,” Lierz said. “I’m hoping we can drop more time there before we get ready for conference.”

The Belles will travel to Calvin in Grand Rapids, Mich. to take on Calvin and Alma at 6 p.m. tonight.

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Men’s Tennis

Notre Dame heads to ITA Regionals in Ohio

By MEGAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The Irish return to the courts this weekend as they travel to Columbus, Ohio, to face Tulsa in the first round of the Ohio State regional of the ITA National Team Indoor Championships. Tulsa beat us last year 4-2 in a pretty hard-fought match played in Tulsa,” Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. “They have hosted the NCAs twice in the last five years and have put a great deal of resources and support into tennis.”

The other first round match-up will be No. 3 Ohio St. against No. 51 New Mexico. The winners of both matches will then play at 12:30 p.m. Sunday to see who will advance onto the regionals of the ITA’s National Championships, hosted by Virginia on Feb. 12-15 at the Boar’s Head Sports Club.

“Goals for the weekend are to advance to the finals and play well there, most likely against Ohio State,” Bayliss said. “The Buckeyes are certainly a formidable team, as evidenced by that lofty No. 3 national ranking, but we hope to show that we are better than last year’s team.”

“We have prepared for the quicker courts at Ohio State by practicing at the South Bend Racket Club,” Bayliss said. “We have spent a significant amount of time emphasizing holding the baseline to take away time from the opposition and finishing points at the net.”

No. 30 Notre Dame opened the 2010 season last weekend with wins over William & Mary and IUPUI while falling to No. 2 Virginia.

“I think we performed well at times (last weekend),” Bayliss said. “Against William & Mary we played tight at times, something that is understandable in the first competition of the year.”

Last season, the Irish met Tulsa at the National Team Indoor Qualifiers, in Tulsa. Then-No. 12 Tulsa defeated the Irish in the opening round of the tournament 4-2, but Notre Dame rebounded on the second day to sweep No. 20 Texas Tech, 4-0.

Notre Dame has qualified for the ITA National Team Indoor Championships eight times since 1991. Their best showing came in 1992 when they took third, their best showing came in 1991. Their best showing came in 1992 when they took third.

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They dropped each of their two matches a couple weekends ago, against Michigan State and Louisville, respectively.

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ND Men’s Swimming

Irish host tough competition

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

This weekend, the Irish will square off in their last meet before the Big East Championships next month.

The Irish, who are receiving votes in the latest CSCAA Top 25 Poll, will match up against Iowa, Denver and Missouri in the Shamrock Invitational Friday and Saturday at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Missouri and Denver also received votes in the latest poll, but are unranked.

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SMC Basketball

Belles hope to break streak at Alma

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s travels to Alma Saturday in hopes of ending a three-game conference losing streak that has dropped the Belles into a three-way tie for third place in conference standings.

Saint Mary’s and company will need to not allow any second chance points. You have to take away time from the opposition and finishing points at the net.

The disappointing loss was followed by a very close defeat the next day in the 100 and 200 free events. Juniors Wesley Villalobos and Nathaniel Gaynor and sophomore Petar Petrovic also picked up victories for the Irish.

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The disappointing loss was followed by a very close defeat the next day for Irish coach Tim Welsh’s squad. They dropped a competitive 166-134 match to conference rival Louisville. The loss gave the Irish a 1-1 conference record on the season.

Lyle once again was victorious this time in the 100 and 200 free events. Juniors Wesley Villalobos and Nathaniel Gaynor and sophomore Petar Petrovic also picked up victories for the Irish.

The Irish need every win they can get right now as they attempt to win their fifth Big East title in six seasons.

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**ND TRACK & FIELD**

**Irish head to two-day meet**

By KAITLYN MURPHY  
Sport Writer

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**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

**ND opens in Disney World**

Observer Staff Report

Big East reigning champion Notre Dame looks to follow up a spectacular 2009 season by traveling to Florida to take on the U.S. National Team in two invitational exhibition matches.

The Irish will be a part of the 20-Champion Challenge at Disney’s Wide World of Sports. The Champion Challenge is designed to be a competitive start to the National Team’s preparations for the World Championships in July.

Though the ninth-ranked Irish will be losing some crucial talent including the legendary all-time scoring leader Jill Byers at attack along with defender Shannon Burke at the other end of the field, both of whom graduated last spring, their young roster has its share of veteran leadership.

Senior Gina Sciscio at attack will lead a squad featuring seventeen underclassmen that likely will catch the conference off-guard when they begin regular season play in February.

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**Kickoff**

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concern for the Irish. The team was hampered by injuries all through the fall, and no one was quite sure what to expect.

“The doubles teams really hadn’t played together,” Louderback said.

But if the girls were having any problems adjusting, they certainly didn’t show it last weekend. In particular, Louderback praised the number two doubles team of senior Cosmina Ciobanu and freshman Christin McGaffigan, saying he was impressed with their performance.

“I was really happy with number two doubles,” he said.

Ciobanu and McGaffigan won both their matches, winning neatly against Wisconsin and pulling out a close one against Iowa. Overall, the doubles team went an impressive 5-1 over the weekend in doubles, with the only loss coming at three doubles against Wisconsin, losing a close match, 6-5.

Equally impressive was Irish number one singles player, sophomore Kristy Frilling, who handled the Hawkeye’s highly touted No. 65 Sonja Molnar. Frilling won in straight sets, 6-0, 6-3.

The girls know this weekend presents a whole set of new challenges.

“This weekend, we’ve got tougher matches against some top-40 teams,” Louderback said. “DePaul has a doubles team in the top 10 and North Carolina also has teams ranked ahead of us.”

The Irish aren’t relying on their high ranking to go to their heads either, as senior leadership has helped the girls stay humble and hungry.

“They haven’t been paying attention to the high-ranking,” Louderback said. “We have three seniors. They’ve been through it. The reality is that it’s nice to be ranked early, but it really doesn’t mean anything unless you play some of these top teams.”

This weekend presents the first of two matches the girls have set on the schedule against DePaul Nov. 15 and the meet coming to occur between the top teams in the Big East tournament. The girls will start their two-day meet at 3 p.m. on Saturday, and will play at either 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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"we," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I'm not worried so much about the playing on the road because we have a veteran, experi-
enced point guard that can real-
ly stand the pressure. I'm not as
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just that they're a really good
team, and everyone in the Big
East is tough at home."

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national start to the season, finish-
ing its out-of-conference schedule
unbeaten in 11 games and
breaking into the AP Top 25 rank-
ings. Since then the stars have
unaligned, and the Orange have
fallen to eighth in the conference
rankings. Still, McGraw says they
are a much more dangerous team
that their record suggests.

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Friday, with junior wing Callie Ridderwall notching
his second hat trick of the season in the win.

The Irish picked up another
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Freshman goalie Mike
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OT James headlines final official recruiting visits over weekend

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Irish coach Brian Kelly and his staff will host 13 official visitors, including five Notre Dame verbal commits, this weekend in what will be the final major recruiting push before National Signing Day on Wednesday.

U.S. Army All-American Matt James, an offensive tackle from St. Xavier H.S. in Cincinnati, Ohio, remains one of the top uncommitted players on Notre Dame's board Irish recruiting analyst Mike Frank said.

“Matt James is obviously a huge recruit for Notre Dame because they really need another lineman in this class,” said Frank, who runs the ESPN-affiliated Web site irishsportsworlddaily.com. “[Scouts at the Army All-American Bowl] said Matt James was the best pass protector they saw the entire week down there, and he's a guy who's really huge on Notre Dame's radar, and a guy they really need to land.”

James will choose between Notre Dame and Ohio State on Wednesday, and how he clicks with Irish offensive line coach Ed Warinner could determine his ultimate decision, Frank said.

“I was real impressed with [Warinner] and think he's a really smart, likable guy, so I think he'll do a good job with Matt this weekend,” Frank said. “When you look across at Notre Dame’s offensive line depth chart, there just isn’t a true left tackle that you can point to. I think with Matt James you can say that. He's a big kid who moves well and pass protects well.”

Aside from James and the five Irish commits — athlete Austin blocks, running back Brandon Bourbon, defensive ends Bruce Heggie and Kona Schwenke, safety James Ioane, quarterbacks Luke Massa and Derek Roback, and athlete Danny Spond — there’s a pretty big leap of faith to go visit Notre Dame this weekend,” Frank said. “I think that speaks volumes about how much they're interested in Notre Dame, and I think that speaks volumes about Notre Dame's staff and how quickly they were able to get in on some of these kids and get them interested.”

Many of this weekend’s visitors have the athletic ability to fill in at various positions of need should they choose Notre Dame, Frank said.

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Carrying momentum

Notre Dame continues into Big East schedule

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The advantages of playing in the Big East are obvious immediately: national exposure and special consideration during playoff seeding in March. The not-so-obvious disadvantage: playing the toughest road schedule in the country, a reality the Irish will face this weekend as they travel to Syracuse.

Regardless of team allegiance, the Carrier Dome is widely held as one of the more thrilling environments college basketball has to offer: But for No. 3 Notre Dame (18-1, 5-1 Big East), the home of the Orange should be downright hostile Saturday afternoon.

“It's a tough weekend, a tough stretch. This is probably the toughest weekend of the year for [my team], let's just focus on Providence,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

The Scarlet Knights (9-11, 0-8) are floundering at the bottom of the Big East standings, but Irish coach Mike Brey said it will be a tough test for his squad to bounce back from another loss in a hostile environment.

“It doesn’t matter who we play,” Jackson said.

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Rutgers provides another test

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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The Irish will try to stop their recent Big East slide Saturday on the road against Rutgers.

Notre Dame, which has dropped three of its past four, will travel to Piscataway, N.J., in search of a crucial conference win after a loss to No. 3 Villanova Wednesday dropped the team back to 4-4 in Big East play.

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“We need to get points everywhere,” Brey said. “We're playing against a pretty good ball club. They look at the [CCHA] standings, there's no teams in the mix anywhere from first place to tenth. We're going to have to play our best, considering the circumstances.”

The Irish (11-10-7, 7-7-6-2) are 7-2-2 in the series after picking up four points against the Lakers last weekend. The sometimes-anemic Notre Dame offense exploded in a 6-3 road victory against the Lakers on...