Leaders present to Board of Trustees

Schmidt, Weber prioritize initiatives including acceptance of GLBT community members

By JOHN TIERNEY

Student government is prioritizing seven initiatives for the rest of the year, Student Body President Grant Schmidt told the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees at a meeting Thursday. The Notre Dame Forum, the University events calendar, the Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life, pep rallies, the dissolution of the Department of Economics and Policy Studies, the acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community and the selection of the Commencement speaker are "the issues of most pressing concern" for students, Schmidt said. Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said the three most important issues are the acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community, the dissolution of Economics and Policy Studies and the pro-life task force.

Acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community Weber said the University must work to "better accept people of different sexual orientations. "Notre Dame has made enormous progress, but there’s still a lot more progress to be made," Weber said.

Saint Mary’s choir to perform in Carnegie

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY

Music professor Nancy Menk and members of the Saint Mary’s Women’s Choir will join other choirs in a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Valentine’s Day.

The concert is entitled “Love, Lust and Light” and will begin at 2 p.m. in the Isaac Stern Auditorium.

This will be Menk’s fifth time conducting at Carnegie Hall. The Saint Mary’s women’s choir will be joined by two local high school choirs, Lapore and Northwood, and two more high school choirs from California. The South Bend Chamber Singers and a group of singers from the Northwest Symphony Chorus will be also be attending.

“I was asked to do another [performance] and I agreed and the New York company that produces the concerts, there are several of these production companies in New York, they asked me to suggest other choirs I would recommend who would be well prepared and would learn the music and might enjoy the experience,” Menk said.

Saint Mary’s Editor

ACE to undertake academy program

By NORA KENNEY

Although the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) is best known for placing Notre Dame graduates in Catholic schools around the nation to help with academics, the program is now expanding with the induction of new ACE Academies.

In schools that are designated as ACE Academies, the ACE program will provide support in every area, including curriculum, instruction, assessment, financial management, school leadership, development, marketing and Catholic identity.

Currently, there are three ACE Academies — all of which are located in Tucson, Ariz. "[There is an] enormous, vibrant Catholic community [in Tucson] that is so underserved and so eager for the kind of support that the ACE Program hopes to provide," Dr. Christian Dallavis, a faculty member who works with ACE, said.

Sarah Greene, Assistant Director for the ACE Program, said the community...
INSIDE COLUMN

Thrift of the Chase

I like to think of myself as a writer. It is my pastime, my passion and my profession—after graduation—There is nothing like opening a brand new notebook and filling the pages with words. It is how I express myself. When I am angry, I write. When I am happy, I write. When I am upset, I write.

Writing challenges me. I like to try to push myself to improve my work. I strive to create something better than I ever have before with each of my compositions.

Words usually flow easily from the tip of my Paper Mate pen onto my crisp, lined notebook paper. Sometimes, however, I face a challenge. It’s a classic dilemma, writers’ block. I have no topic, no idea and nothing to compose.

These are the moments every writer dreads. The emptiness of being without a topic makes me cringe. A sense of failure and incompetence washes over me. I am an idea and I need one now. And so, I pursue the thrill of the chase.

When trying to chase down a topic, initially I brainstorm. I thin of everything from puppies to food to school to weather, etc. I write down any thought that pops into my head. Nothing is dismissed no matter how crazy it may be. When I run out of random ideas, I look over my list. If anything strikes me, I start writing. If not, I move on.

My next tactic is to just go off on my own and sit in silence. No music or television, just quiet. I go to the library or take a drive and let my thoughts wander. With each new thought, I imagine how I could develop it into a topic. Sometimes this leads me into a worthy subject. However, if nothing seems to work, then I try another tactic.

My next attempt is simple. I look around. I observe my surroundings. I observe everything around me, people, nature, buildings and animals. If it is in my line of vision, I look into it for inspiration. Then I describe what I see. In my mind, I describe the scene and the things around me with words. Sometimes these descriptions are the start of something magical. Other times they are woefully inadequate.

If using my vision does not work then I try another sense. I try to listen. During classes, I listen to my professors, not just for the course material but also for brilliant ideas that I can run with. I listen to the wind push against my window.

And then it hits me. I know what I want to say. I grab my notebook and my purple ink pen, shut myself in my room and put it down on paper. In this moment, I find what I have been searching for. I have caught up with that idea that has continually evaded me. I can now begin to write.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your favorite caffeinated beverage?

Mike Wiederecht
sophomore
Kennan

“Orange mocha frappuccino.”

Stephanie Walz
sophomore
Pangborn

“Starbucks venti double shot upside-down white chocolate mocha with extra soy milk.”

Andrew Ofsonka
sophomore
Kennan

“Dr. Pepper.”

Theresa Lai
freshman
Pangborn

“Orangeina.”

Mitch Gainer
sophomore
Kennan

“Waddick’s.”

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

IN BRIEF

A Blood Drive will take place today from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. The drive will benefit the South Bend Medical Foundation.

Part II of the Ten Years Hence Speaker Series: "The Ascent of Money" Panel Discussion will take place today from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business. The event is free and open to the public.

A Student Ski Trip will take place today from 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Swiss Valley Ski Resort in Jones, MI. The cost is $30 per student with transportation and lift tickets included. Ski rental is extra. Register on RecRegister at recsports.nd.edu.

Ice Skating Night will take place tonight from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Joyce Center hockey rink. The cost is $3 to skate and $2 for rental.

The film "Hunger" will be shown Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free but tickets are required. Call the ticket office at 574-631-2800 to reserve tickets.

DanceFest 2010: "Bad Romance" will take place Saturday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Washington Hall. Tickets are $5 and are available at the LaFortune Student Center. The event is open to the public.

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

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Battery recycling program collects 71 lbs

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Battery recycling is a small way students can help the environment, Dan Woods, compliance officer and creator of the battery recycling program at Saint Mary’s College, said.

On Feb. 1, students received a campus-wide e-mail detailing the number of batteries that the program had collected throughout the 2009-2010 academic year.

After years of individual students, faculty and staff members collecting and recycling batteries independently, Woods decided it was time to make a change. On Sept. 23, 2008, he started the first campus-wide recycling program for batteries.

“The College never had a program for recycling batteries formal,” Woods said. “We found a need that enough people were asking about battery recycling that the College should have a program for battery recycling. It seemed like there was enough interest in batteries then a battery program would sort of take off.

Wood’s idea started at just collecting and recycling rechargeable batteries though. He wanted to offer a program to students for recycling as well. According to Woods, the program is not commonly not recycled due to the lack of profit for battery recycling agencies.

“We found with alkaline batteries it was perfectly legal to put them into the regular waste stream and then they would be taken to the landfill,” he said. “At Saint Mary’s, we wanted to go a little bit further and keep all the batteries out of the landfill because there’s different hazardous metals, heavy metals that might get into the environment that may not be illegal to do so now but it just wasn’t a good practice.”

Woods distributed five-gallon buckets in a variety of buildings around campus to act as drop-off sites for the used batteries. The program collects alkaline, rechargeable, button and nine-volt batteries and sends them to Batteries Plus, a local store, which sells new batteries and also collects used ones for recycling.

Woods said he started working on the logistics of the program in 2008 but was unable to find a company willing to accept alkaline batteries for a low enough cost. In September 2008, Woods contacted the corporate office of Batteries Plus and inquired about alkaline recycling.

“There were a few options as far as alkaline batteries for recycling,” Woods said. “I found several different companies who could take my batteries. But then I thought, well, wouldn’t it be neat if Batteries Plus would take a recycling program for alkaline batteries.

After the initial customer interest was found, Batteries Plus accepted alkaline batteries, small program in motion by placing drop-off sites in nine buildings on campus. Woods said each month he collects and counts the amount of batteries that were dropped off.

According to Woods, the first shipment of batteries that were sent to Batteries Plus contained 71 pounds, or 902 single use, rechargeable or button batteries. Woods said he hopes that the program will eventually be taken over by students.

“Any thing you can do is better than doing nothing,” he said.

Drop-off sites can be found in LeMoyne Hall lobby, Regina Hall lobby, McCandless Hall lobby, the Student Center Information Desk, and the IT Helpdesk, the Science Building, the Maintenance Building and in the Building Services Building.

Woods said the program is currently working on a Web site to track the progress of the program. With the Web site, students would be able to see first hand how their batteries would make a difference, he said.

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Marxting club hosts "ND alumni"

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Notre Dame alumni Kaylea Hoon and Dan Woods will return to campus on Feb. 8 to share their experiences in the career field. The forum event hosted by the Marketing Club.

The Marketing Club hopes the event, titled the Advertising Career Panel, provides attendees an idea of what it takes to get into advertising by hearing the experiences of the speakers," junior Lauren Elliott, vice president and head of promotions for the club, said.

"The experiences of the alumni, with Woods and Hoon, work to help students get a feel for Kellogg’s adult cereals.

Wood occurs is the Associate Vice President in the Office of Public Affairs and Communications at Notre Dame, has more than 20 years of experience in the industry which includes marketing for Harley-Davidson and contributing to the very successful “Got Milk?” campaign.

The Forum will include presentations by the speakers concentrating on getting into and excelling in the marketing industry providing an opportunity for students to ask questions and get advice, Elliott said.

The Marketing Club has been at Notre Dame for many years. In the past it was one of the larger student clubs, but membership has declined in recent years.

The club caters not only to declared marketing majors, but all students with an interest in the industry or contemplating pursuing the major.

“Many have hope to make it one of those bigger clubs on campus again,” Elliott said. “We want to reach first-year student especially, since they are often unsure about marketing is the career path best suited for them, said.

The club’s mission is to give members a better understanding of what marketing is as well as a chance to meet experts in the field ... from there to build a better resume and progress in the field if you choose to pursue it,” Elliott said

Events on the horizon for the Marketing Club include the “Spread the Love for Haiti” charity event running Feb. 8-11, a club bowling trip on Feb. 11 and a seminar on new forms of media on Feb. 24.

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Welsh Fam hosts DanceFest

By COURTNEY DEVLIN
News Writer

This Friday and Saturday night, Washington Hall will be brimming with different styles of dance—from hip-hop to Irish stepping — as Woods and Grothaus presents its annual signature event, DanceFest 2010.

This year’s event is titled "Bad Romance," which is a nod to the hit Lady Gaga song.

The show, co-directed by Kaitlyn Mahoney and Sarah Grothaus, is bound to be unique and diverse with eight different dance groups performing — The Notre Dame Dance Company, Pom Squad, Ballet Folklorico, Troop ND, Irish Dance Team, Ballroom Dance Club, The Swing Club and The First Class Steppers.

Along with these performances, there will also be seven DanceFest Dances created specifically for the show. “I always look forward to seeing our perspective dancers—with different focus from ballet and tap, but who grew up dancing, and still want to express things they love,” senior Claire Stephens, who has just returned from a semester abroad in London where she personally performed in the Globe Theatre, and who spent last summer working with local kids in the program said she is happy to be able to support the Shakespeare Company.

"It’s incredible to watch these kids grow and express themselves through theatre," Sarah said. “I learned so much from the kids that I really wanted to support the program.”

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She coaches basketball, volleyball and track and field in addition to teaching language arts.
I have fallen in love with the community at Santa Cruz, she said. "The school maintains a strong Catholic identity. The community here has truly embraced me. I am constantly invited to birthday parties, family parties, etc." O’Leary said Tucson provided the perfect setting for ACE.

"The sense of family at this school is unlike anything I have ever experienced. Everyone is excited about the ACE Academies initiative," Kaitlyn O’Leary, ACE teacher said.

The magazine is classy, informative and excellent. All in all, the magazine of 2009 by the Catholic Press Association (CPA). The CPA judges cited Notre Dame Magazine in the top five.

The University of Notre Dame’s quarterly magazine is proud to announce that it has been honored with a Silver Medal "for overall excellence" from the Catholic Press Association. The CPA judges cited Notre Dame Magazine in the top five.

Notre Dame Magazine also won a Silver Medal "for overall excellence" from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the largest international association of education institutions, in the 2009 CASE competition.

The Signs of These Times," an essay by Temple in a recent issue of Notre Dame Magazine was cited among the "Notable Essays of 2008" in Houghton Mifflin’s 2009 edition of The Best American Essays.

A survey of 100 online college magazines recently conducted by GCE, a leading online marketing communications firm. College juniors, seniors and alumni, asked to review online college and university magazines, ranked Notre Dame Magazine in the top five.

Temple seemed particularly pleased to note that more than half the magazine’s production costs are met by voluntary subscriptions. "The financial support and affirmation we get from our readers means we’re succeeding with them as well," he said.

Notre Dame Magazine reports on University events and activities, national trends and campus developments. It also reports on Notre Dame people, history and scholarship. Each edition includes feature articles and essays on current affairs and societal trends, the arts and sciences, business, technology, family concerns and the Catholic Church.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British toast shatterproof pint glass

LONDON — Soon Britons will be able to get smashed at the pub while their pint glasses won’t.

The shatterproof pint glass was proudly unveiled by the government on Thursday. Officials swore the country would save billions in health care costs by coming up with a glass that doesn’t shatter like a lethal weapon.

But noticeably, no officials were talking about reforming the British binge drinking culture that’s the root of the problem.

There are about 87,000 alcohol-related deaths and 33,000 each year, with many resulting in hospital visits, Home Secretary Alan Johnson said as he introduced the two prototype shatterproof glasses.

Mia Farrow criticizes Haiti adoptions

GENEVA — UNICEF goodwill ambassador Mia Farrow has criticized as “deplorable” attempts to take children out of Haiti illegally after last month’s devastating earthquake.

The actress says groups or individuals who want to help Haiti’s children should rather support orphanages or their families inside the country.

Farrow, who herself has adopted 11 children, says offering parents a better life for their children elsewhere is “completely unacceptable and immoral.”

Adoption practices in Haiti are in the spotlight after a group of American missionaries was caught trying to smuggle Haitian children out of the country in the wake of the Jan. 12 quake.

Pete Townshend defends himself

LONDON — Legendary guitarist said at an NFL news conference Thursday that a judge found sufficient evidence and could render a verdict in the copyright infringement case her lawyer said includes medical reasons.

The huge debt increase, approved 217-187, is not enough to keep the government afloat for about another year as it will increase more for every dollar it spends on programs like defense, health care, feeding the poor and protecting the environment.

The budget tops $3.7 trillion this year and the deficit’s approaching $1.6 trillion under the huge debt increases.

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Speaker of the House Hannah Pingree, right, speaks with Rep. John Piotti, center, and Rep. Seth Berry, left, on Jan. 6 at the State House in Augusta, Maine, about the state budget.

Hearing for Obama’s aunt ends

HAMMOND, Ind. — East Chicago Mayor Hammond. The House on Thursday voted to allow the government to default on U.S. obligations.

The hearing went well. She was very honest. She was very to the point,” her lawyer, Matthew Pabey of Hammond, said.

Wong said Onyango is hopeful the judge will rule in her favor because “she really wants to stay in America.”

Two doctors also testified in support of the case and said that medical reasons to stay in the U.S. Wong declined afterward to discuss specifics before a judge’s decision.

Pete Townshend defends himself

PORT AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Ten U.S. citizens, most of them U.S. service members, were arrested Friday at Haiti’s border with the Dominican Republic.

Each kidnapping count carries a potential sentence of $40,000 per person.

To help win passage, Democrats also adopted — in a 233-187 vote — budget rules designed to curb a spiraling upward annual deficit, projected by Obama to hit a record $1.56 trillion for the budget year ending Sept. 30.

The new rules — known as “paygo” — would require future spending increases or tax cuts to be paid for with

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IN BRIEF

Judges rule on MySpace suspensions

RICHMOND, Va. — The Food and Drug Administration on Monday voiced concern over marketing of dissolvable tobacco products to kids and young adults.

“Such products, called nicotine ‘pods’ or ‘strips,’ could reach into a family’s home and police the Internet. That case also involves a MySpace page with her principal’s photograph on a fake MySpace page.

Ford fixes brake problem in hybrids

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. plans to fix 17 million Mycan and Fusion gas-electric hybrids because of a software problem that can give drivers the impression that the brakes have failed.

The automaker says the problem occurs in transition between two braking systems and at no time are drivers without brakes.

The decision to fix the 2010 model cars came after a test driver for Consumer Reports magazine experienced the problem as he was driving a Fusion Hybrid.

What’s in floor cleaner?

WASHINGTON — The Consumer Product Safety Commission is finalizing a rule that would require companies to report their contents only to the state. The advocates hope it will fuel nationwide research on chemicals in cleaners and other products.

The case comes amid growing concerns about potential toxins lurking in consumer goods, from the heavy metal cadmium in jewelry to the chemical bisphenol A in baby bottles.

While lawyers argued the cleaning-products case in New York, a Senate subcommittee in Washington held a hearing to examine a potential national regulation for the Internet’s exposure to toxic chemicals.

Some studies have linked cleaning product components to asthma, antibiotic resistance, hormone changes and other health problems. The industry’s major trade group, the Soap and Detergent Association, assails the research as flawed, says the products are safe if used correctly and notes that cleaning can itself help stop the spread of disease.

The environmental group Earth Justice, who is suing top cleaning brands to come clean about their products, arranges cleaning products Woolite, Tide, and Ajax on Feb. 4 in New York.

Dissolvable tobacco may appeal to kids

RICHMOND, Va. — The Food and Drug Administration is saying in letters to two tobacco companies that they are participating in a marketing campaign that could be appealing to kids.

Deyton said regulators are worried that the products’ nicotine content and rapid dissolution could cause nicotine dependence and addiction and be especially dangerous to children and young adults.

He said the two companies — Reynolds American Inc. and Doral — are participating in a marketing campaign that could be appealing to kids.

The FDA’s Center for Tobacco Products told the companies.

The activists say only regulation can insure full disclosure, and they hope the New York law can serve as a model.

The law and subsequent regulations authorized the state Environmental Conservation Department to make manufacturers detail household cleaning products’ ingredients, as well as any company-led research on the products’ health and environmental effects.

Cleaning products come clean

Environmental group Earth Justice pushes to discover ingredients of household products

NEW YORK — It’s the mystery under the kitchen sink.

Exactly what’s in floor cleaner? What’s stain remover made of? And what effects, if any, might they have on human health or the environment?

Environmental advocates want to know. Last month, they asked a court Thursday to use a 1971 New York state law to force such manufacturers as Procter & Gamble and Colgate-Palmolive to reveal just what makes up such household staples as Ajax, ivory soap and Tide.

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Federal environmental laws don’t require household cleaning products to list their ingredients, though there are congressional proposals to change that. The Consumer Product Safety Commission requires hazard warning labels on some cleaners, and the National Institutes of Health offer some health and safety information for hundreds of cleaning products, drawn from data gathered for industrial use.

Cleaning industry groups unveiled their own ingredient-listing initiative last month, offering information on participating manufacturers’ Web sites. New York-based Colgate-Palmolive Co., Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble Co. and several other industry heavyweights are participating.

“We think we’ve done it in a meaningful way that provides more information than ever before,” Soaps and Detergent Association spokesman Brian Sansoni said.

Environmental advocates welcome the disclosures but say they are too selective and vague — some components can be listed simply as “fragrance” or “dye,” for instance.

“We must be careful about exposures for all household chemicals,” said Joseph A. Gardella Jr., a Sierra Club member from Buffalo.

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As the countdown marches towards Ash Wednesday, a lonely Friday remains free for practicing Catholics to eat meat before the start of Lent. The longstanding religious ritual prepares the faithful to better focus on the sacrificial meaning of Easter by, in fact, personally sacrificing Countless times during my youth, I watched my father build a huge ham or roast beef sandwich blanketed with cheese, pepperoni slices on Friday evenings around 11:30 p.m. ultimately biting into his meaty delight well before the midnight deadline. He could rationalize that he hadn’t eaten meat after 11 p.m. for the glistening of fasting for a full 24 hours. After all, God surely accepts his heart’s intentions over any technical stroke of midnight.

Each year Lent seems to stealthily sneak up on the calendar while we still languish in the deep frozen throws of winter. And each year Lent catches many of us unprepared to designate our personal and individual sacrifices beyond the universal abstention from meat on Fridays. This year, I suggest that we especially students on campus, the twenty-somethings who mostly recently graduated and are now working in real jobs with their real-life commutes alongside their real-life coworkers attempt to pull the plug on our digital dependences for 40 days.

Recognizing the positives of communicating with BFFs on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and other social networking venues, consider the 40-day break a retreat into the desert sand dunes or at a mountaintop monastery. Returning back to the days of personal face-to-face interactions may just be a pleasant surprise, not to mention how it will hone one’s skill to actually make new friends or learn how to better speak with people of various backgrounds and experiences. For me, the perfect example existed during my commute to work while waiting at the Washington, D.C. Metro bus stop No. 1393 on 14th Street. Many mornings since I first adopted this bus route, nearby everyone young and old skilled worker or professional, male and female at my bus shelter and along the night before, so he fulfilled the obligation of fasting for a full 24 hours.

While there is no sensible reason for Notre Dame not to include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination clause, certainly everyone can understand from where the underlying prejudice stems. Until religion gives up its monogamy on sexuality, LGBT students are at a deeply religious school like Notre Dame and (LGBT people everywhere) will not receive the respect they deserve. However, together as a university, as thoughtful, intelligent people, we can overcome this antiquated intolerance.

We should not have to consider LGBT students as living an alternative lifestyle any more than those students who eat at North Dining Hall. Whether one thinks it’s a choice or not, it’s something that has no more potential to be right or wrong than where one eats dinner.

Furthermore, someone being LGBT has no more effect on others than someone being heterosexual. While all of us know the societal consequences of sexual indulgence and can expect all people to exercise some sort of self-discipline, the uninvolved should not concern themselves with judging a person’s responsible private sexual activity.

Sexuality is but another biological and psychological dimension of the human species. To declare homosexual behaviors as deviant is to deny the reality that homosexuality is no less natural than heterosexuality, just as dark skin is no less natural than light skin, blue eyes than brown, red hair than blonde. None of these characteristics has any moral value, and neither does sexuality. As such, for the University to recognize the non-discrimination clause of its sexual orientation policy would be to excuse and fail to adjust one’s behavior merely for a limited period. Regardless of one’s individual universe the scholastic world or real world everywhere every moment offers an opportunity to change a life, including your own. For one new knows when a neighbor may approach a bus stop and open a conversation by saying in an imitation Scottish brogue “But you, Harry, are a seeker!”

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Dr. Ralph McInerny, Notre Dame
Professor of Philosophy, scholar, poet, writer, publisher, critic, family man and friend passed away this past Friday at the age of 80.

Over a 55-year career at the University, he wrote nearly 150 books, including a New York Times best-seller, as well as a mys-tery series later adapted for NBC, taught thousands of students, directed more dissertations than any academic in Notre Dame’s history, developed friendships in legion and managed to inspire, offend or impress just about everyone he encountered.

He has been and will continue to be eulogized well by his closest friends and fellow academics. One should explore these pieces — the Internet is a good place to start — to learn more of this man imbued with “an angel’s wit and singular learning.”

However, as he last officially taught a course at Notre Dame in the fall of 2006, his influence has thinned among the student population to whom he devoted much of his efforts.

Please permit me, then, to share a bit of my own experience with this gracious man. While my interaction with him was limited, three aspects of his person stand out in memory: Ralph was inspiring, he was funny and he knew fully the joys and sorrows of life.

He told me a story once about the legendary Notre Dame English Professor Frank O’Malley.

“He would take some of his students over to the University Club.” Ralph explained, “and would very nearly get them (and himself) drunk. Then, standing up, he would orate forcefully on the outstanding talents of these young men, on the way in which each would go on to make a difference in the world. These boys were not particularly special, of course, but they stumbled home thinking they were. And, by golly, some of them did something about it.”

This same spirit animated Ralph. By official count, he ranks among the top 10 Professors in the United States for number of Philosophy dissertations directed. He frequently taught Directed Readings courses at the request of students in addition to his regular teaching demands. Always, the emphasis lay on the ability of the student to come to knowledge through the use of his or her own intellect properly oriented towards the Truth.

As former student and now Loyola Professor Frank O’Malley wrote recently, “he called forth the best from us by seeing it in us before we did.”

Ralph was also, to give the simile its literal force, funny as hell.

He was concerned primarily for the Catholic Church, especially that great body of inspired truth given it by St. Thomas Aquinas. The issues to which he devoted his work were the serious matters indeed, but always, always with an air to the humorous, “the only way I know how to write,” as Aristotle observes.

I asked him once — in those quaint pre-O-hama days — about Fr. Jenkins’ decision regarding the Monologues.

He jumped back without missing a beat. “He turned a pornography play into World War III and spent six months trying to solve a problem his wife could have figured out in five minutes.”

His life was devoted in love to his wife Connie and their seven children. The loss of his three-year-old first-born, Michael, in 1957 and of his wife, Connie, in 2002 marked the two great tragedies of his own life.

As a history student present at a group dinner at the Morris Inn, he asked the waitress for a box to take the rest of his meal home. “For tomorrow night,” he explained. One could tell he missed his bride.

We though it all he maintained that indefatigable joie de vivre. “Wherever the Catholic Sun doth shine / There’s always laughter and good red wine,” from a poem by Hilaire Belloc, were favorite lines of his. I asked him once last year about the Gospel teaching that husband and wife are not married.

He faced me with a smile and responded, “We romantics know better.”

I had the opportunity to sit down with Professor McInerny a few times over the past couple of years. Now he reclines in memory: rounded brown tortoise-shell glasses over a face punctuated by a Newport cigarette, tweed jacket with a button-down shirt, khaki pants crossed at the knee.

He is no longer with us, but, as Marvin O’Connell eulogized in a mas-terful homily earlier this week, “We can r hog our heds that Ralph rests now in the bosom of Abraham.”

In paradisum, deducant te Angeli …

Tom is a Senior at Notre Dame. He recommends that you read ‘I Alone Have Escaped to Tell You.’” The delightfully photographic biography of Ralph McInerny. He also recommends seeking out his book of poetry, “The Song of Wit,” and turning to his poem entitled “Necking.” Amidst the shock and laughter, you’ll have to smile. Tom can be reached at tomo@nd.edu.

In memoriam: Ralph McInerny

As former student and now Loyola Professor Frank O’Malley wrote recently, “he called forth the best from us by seeing it in us before we did.”
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Who They Are

Presidential candidate Soler, a sophomore from Fairborn, Ohio, is the current student government president. She has significant experience in extracurricular activities and holds a top position in student government.

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Zahn’s perennial farcical ticket is headed this year by freshmen Peter Ledet and Gabe Alvare. While most of the student body has already written the dynamic duo off, Ledet said he wants people to know that he’s “serial” about student government.

“We want to bring good things to campus,” he said. “Power to the people.”

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Junior Eras Noel lives in Siegfried Hall and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Design. Noel’s vice presidential candidate, Julian Corona, is a junior Electrical and Mechanical Engineering major. He lives in St. Edwards Hall.

In Their Words:

◆ Top Priority: A series called “Perspectives,” where a professor will lead a discussion with students in his area of expertise about a topic of the week, or topic of the month.
We’ll talk about gay marriage, abortion, the death penalty.” Noel said. “It helps us to grow as a student community and as individuals.”

◆ First Priority: The ticket wants to get the Flex Points system instated at Eddy Street Commons. They have already spoken with the owner of Five Guys and have meetings scheduled with Food Services.

In Our Words:

◆ Best Idea: Hot Grab-and-Go options. Noel wants students to be able to go into the dining hall and fill a box with food. “Two sides, and then main platter,” Noel said. “And that would cost maybe five of your seven Grab and Go points and then you’d have two left over for water or a snack or food.”

◆ Worst Idea: While allowing flex points to be used in Eddy Street would appeal to students, it is not feasible. But the ticket has cited this platform as a main focus of the campaign.

◆ Most Feasible: The idea for the “Perspectives” series would be most feasible because increasing intellectual debate on campus is already a concern of some administrators and faculty. “Perspectives” would need minimal help from the University to get accomplished, and they shouldn’t have a problem getting the support they need.

◆ Least Feasible: Installing the Flex Points system at Eddy Street Commons is a great idea in theory but coordinating the monetary transfer between the University and the businesses in Eddy Street Commons would be difficult. Past student government administrations have tried this without success.

◆ Fun Facts: Noel was a member of the football team when they won the Hawaii Bowl in 2008.

◆ Notable Quote: “If you see something that needs to be changed and you have the opportunity to change it, then you should take advantage of the opportunity,” Noel said, on why he wants to run for student body president.

Bottom Line
Noel and Corona have a grasp of what the student body wants, and what it needs. Flex points at Eddy Street Commons and Hot Grab n’ Go options would be immensely popular if accomplished. Noel and Corona seem to have clear goals and the drive to accomplish these goals, but the lack of experience in student government may hinder them. Also, the duo only has three platforms listed on their site, something they should work to expand.
The Observer endorses Soler-Bell ticket

After interviewing the three tickets running for student body president and vice president, The Observer Editorial Board endorses sophomores Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell.

The Soler-Bell platform offers the student body several exciting opportunities for improving student life and safety, as well as community relations. Their most feasible initiative, implementing a textbook rental system in the Bookstore, is not original: Follett has piloted such a program at more than 20 other colleges and universities. However, because the rental system functions at other schools, The Observer has high hopes that Soler-Bell can make the program a reality at Notre Dame.

One of the reasons for this rental system, besides saving money, is to “save the environment.” Soler told The Observer, “This isn’t the only altruistic thing on their platform — Soler-Bell said they would continue the efforts of current student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber to get the student body involved in ‘something bigger.’” Soler and Bell’s idea is an initiative to fight global hunger. While this pitch is lofty and vague, it is an admirable effort.

Junior candidates Eras Noel and Julian Corona also have an initiative to unite the student body in a common purpose with their “Perspectives” series, which, if successful, would prompt debate and discussion among students and faculty about intellectual issues. These candidates also focus on improving Grab ‘n Go and extending Flex Point use off campus, both of which are important but less feasible goals.

The Soler-Bell platform likewise addresses food conveniences as several of their ideas involve student meal plans and food options. They’ve done their research on the possibilities of off-campus discounts, and their idea to solicit and publicize discounts available with a Notre Dame student ID card would provide more student business for local merchants while encouraging students to interact with the community and contribute to the local economy. The interaction wouldn’t stop at a restaurant with Soler-Bell; the ticket also wants to hold a block party at Eddy Street Commons to bring the community together. This would be a beneficial opportunity to utilize the new “college town” as a place of interaction and get to know our South Bend neighbors. Their proposed “Good Neighbor” series could help students living off campus be better neighbors and make a positive impact on their neighborhoods.

Their initiative to revamp the DeBartolo lounge also shows promise and is something that would be appreciated by the majority of the student body. Safety on and off campus is a concern with Soler-Bell, and they’ve demonstrated their dedication to student safety in their meetings with Notre Dame Security Police. Their primary concern regarding safety seems to be center on alcohol consumption. While this is one side of student health and safety, preventing violence toward students and keeping students physically safe on and off campus is an important and crucial issue for Notre Dame students, especially in light of recent assaults. The Observer would hope Soler-Bell would make this a top priority, and think of new ways to help keep students safe.

Soler-Bell’s experience in student government — Soler is currently sophomore class president and Bell serves on Student Senate — will allow them an easy transition to the offices of student body president and vice president. Their initiatives are thoroughly researched and can make a positive impact on the Notre Dame community.

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The Observer’s take on the issues of the 2010 Election

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Starring: Willem Dafoe, Charlotte Gainsbourg
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The question to DeMaurice Smith was simple, coming from Cincinnati receiver Chad Ochocinco, asking how seriously he viewed the possibility of football not being played in 2011.

Smith did not hesitate.

"On a scale of 1 to 10," Smith said Thursday, "it’s a 14." Smith is the executive director of the NFL Players Association painted perhaps the bleakest picture of his membership’s labor strife in the league, which could be looking at a 2010 season with no salary cap and, if the collective bargaining agreement expires as scheduled in March 2011, a lockout that year.

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"I can press when there needs to be," Smith said. "Last time I looked in the dictionary, 'misrepresentations of what our salaries and benefits for players.'" The league’s response, in part, "has been sexually assaulted, we can help. For more information, visit our website at

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EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant has skipped practice with the Los Angeles Lakers to rest his sore left ankle.

The Lakers will wait until game time Friday night to decide whether Bryant will play against the Denver Nuggets.

Bryant received treatment on his ankle Thursday after aggravating his injury during Wednesday night’s victory over Charlotte when teammate Lamar Odom stepped on his foot. Bryant originally sprained his ankle in Philadelphia last week.

Bryant scored a season-low five points on 2-for-12 shooting against the Bobcats.

He has been bothered by injuries throughout the season, most notably breaking a finger on his shooting hand. Yet Bryant, the NBA’s fourth-leading scorer, still hasn’t missed a game.

Source: ESPN

Tomlinson believes he’s finished as Charger

SAN DIEGO — LaDainian Tomlinson says he has played his last game in a San Diego Charger uniform.

The running back told The San Diego Union-Tribune on Thursday that he has thought for a while he would be let go by the Chargers.

His comments come after more than a month of saying he did not know what would happen.

The NFL’s most valuable player in 2006 has two years remaining on his contract. He is due a $2 million roster bonus March 5 and would be paid $5 million in total salary in 2010.

Tomlinson tells the newspaper he doesn’t know when the Chargers will release him and that his agent, Tom Condon, might call the club to expedite the process.

“Tomlinson believes he’s finished as Charger”, Source: Associated Press

NCAA discusses expanding from 65-team field

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The NCAA has met with conference commissioners, university presidents and athletic directors about the possibility of expanding the men’s basketball tournament.

So far it’s slow going. The NCAA started talking about expansion in the fall, along with numerous topics in all 88 championships, and hasn’t gotten past the discussion stage.

“It’s still a work in progress, so there’s no further developments or status from (the fall),” NCAA senior vice president Greg Shaheen said. “It’s just a series of ongoing dialogues with interested parties, but nothing definitive to even analyze at this point.”

It certainly hasn’t stopped the conversation.

Many coaches and administrators like the idea of expansion and believe it’s a necessary step to accommodate a growing game.

There are more teams than ever — 347 in Division I — more depth in the bigger conferences and more talent at the mid-major level.

Whether it’s increasing the tournament field to 68 (four-play-in games instead of one) or enveloping the NIT to make it a 96-team field, more teams are bound to add up to more excitement, the thinking goes.

“If you’re talking about adding more teams, I don’t think the games would change a bit,” Texas Tech coach Pat Knight said. “They’d be just as competitive and I think you’d see more Cinderella stories, more teams people didn’t think had a chance and there’d be a lot more upset if the NCAA expanded the tournament.”

Another argument is that a larger field would give teams from smaller conferences a better chance of getting in. Giving automatic bids to the regular-season and conference tournament champions would reward consistency while still allowing for surprise.

“Would that add more relevance to the regular season, instead of just having big games being bracket-busters and things like that,” Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “I could see it going to 96, but if they do, I would like to see the regular season champions rewarded. That would give the conferences who don’t get more than one bid, a chance to have two bids.”

In the current format, 18 percent of the teams get into the NCAA tournament and another 9 percent receive invites to the NIT. By comparison, 23 percent of NHL and NBA teams get into the playoffs, 37 percent in the NFL and 26 percent in baseball.

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NBA

Nuggets at Lakers

10:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Coyotes at Blackhawks

8 p.m., CSN
NCAA FOOTBALL

Edwards leaves UF for Bills’ DC position

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — George Edwards’ tenure as the Florida Gators’ defensive coordinator sure didn’t last long.

Less than a month after joining Chan Gailey’s staff, Edwards left one of the nation’s top college programs Thursday to become Buffalo Bills’ defensive coordinator, according to newly hired head coach Chan Gailey.

“I feel like this is a great opportunity for me to come in and have a chance to work with coach Gailey again,” said Edwards, who was defensive coordinator when Edwards was hired last month.

Although Edwards had 19 years of coaching experience, including 12 in the NFL, he took the job with Buffalo and was quick as possible.”

Edwards was the only 4-3 alignment, “We’re not going to define ourselves by whatever we define us by,” he said. “We’re not going to define ourselves by a couple of poor games, and unless we played really well,”

“I can’t play nose (tackle), but I could adapt to that,” Stroud said last month as Bills players cleaned out their lockers a day after finishing the season with a 6-10 record. Stroud added that he’s open to playing any scheme so long as he’s on the field. Stroud is at least familiar with Edwards, who was the defensive coordinator at Georgia in 1997 during Stroud’s freshman season.

The move to a 3-4 likely would lead to defensive end Aaron Maybin making the switch to linebacker, a position better suited for his 6-foot-4, 250-pound frame. Used mostly as a backup defensive end last season, the rookie first-round draft pick struggled against heftier offensive linemen.

Another question is the status of the Bills’ leading pass rusher, Aaron Schobel, who continues to contemplate retirement. Schobel told The Associated Press on Thursday that he’s still weighing his options and hopes to make a decision within the next month.

Schobel said he’s put his Buffalo-area home up for sale, but only because he intends to relocate his family permanently to his native Texas. If he returns to play for Buffalo next season, Schobel said he intends to retire.

At 32, Schobel completed his ninth season with the Bills and has four years left on a $50.5 million contract extension he signed before the 2007 season.

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Duke defeats Georgia Tech

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Kyle Singler went to the bench and then got his band-aid peeled right wrist. Then he came back onto the court, ratted in a 3-pointer to beat the halftime buzzer and kept making those long-range shots during the second half. That pesky wrist injury certainly didn’t stop him from being a tiny bit of a Duke star. Georgia Tech’s defense didn’t stand a chance, either.

Singler had career highs of 30 points and eight 3-pointers to lead the 10th-ranked Blue Devils past the 21st-ranked Yellow Jackets 86-67 on Thursday.

“I just got into a rhythm,” Singler said. “I took open shots ... and started knocking them down.”

Jon Scheyer added 21 points for Duke (18-4, 6-2), which was strong inside and outside for the first time this season.

“Zachary Peacock scored the game-winning basket with 11.1 points, but was shut out after that,” Singler said.

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Marcus Stroud

Bills defensive tackle

“We got rattled a little bit.”

Duke’s three S—Singler, Scheyer and Smith—entered as the nation’s most productive scoring trio, averaging 53 points, and they were simply too much for a talented but young Georgia Tech team.

Lawal picked up two fouls in the first 33 seconds and played just 16 minutes; he and Favors logged six minutes apiece in the first half. Duke was in the double-digit bonus 10 minutes into the game—prime position for the nation’s top free-throw shooting team—and made 24 of 36 attempts from the line.

“They’re our two big men and our two people who draw a lot of attention in the middle,” Peacock said of Lawal and Favors. “With them not in, that definitely hurt us.”

Lance Thomas (left) of Duke fights for possession with Georgia Tech’s D’Andre Bell during Duke’s victory Thursday night.
**Meyo Invitational opens**

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

The Irish will kick off the prestigious Meyo Invitational at the Loftus Sports Center today. Schools from around the country are coming to town to test their mettle against each other.

After impressive showings at the first few meets of the season including the Notre Dame Invitational and the Indiana Invitational, the Irish will look to add themselves to the growing list of Big East and NCAA qualifiers. After getting into the full swing of training and seeing how they have fared against the competition, the Irish look to continue to improve their marks and times.

Assistant coaches from the sprints, jumps and throws squads all had positive remarks about their group's preparation for the Big East championships, so Irish jumps coach Jim Garnham will be able to rest two of his standouts, seniors Eric Quick and Matt Schipper.

"With the strongest group of competitors the Irish will face before the conference meet, this weekend promises to be one of intense action in all events. The Irish will certainly be challenged by the field, which features some of the top programs in the country, and even some from Canada."

This will be one of the deepest fields the Meyo meet has seen in a while," Beltran said. "The competition this weekend will be a big test for us and will be the most competitive meet of the indoor season."

More specifically, the events to watch closely will be All-America senior Jaclyn Espinoza, junior Denes Veres, and junior Rudy Atang in the throws, and the "Meyo mile," which is consistently one of the most exciting events of the indoor season.

According to Garnham, there were five athletes that ran the mile in less than four minutes this year. To run the mile in less than four minutes is a stunning feat in itself. To watch five runners do it while racing each other is a spectacle.

"It was electrifying to see five of the best milers in the country face each other," said Garnham referring to last year's thrilling finish. With Big East and NCAA qualification on the line, a host of strong competitors were coming to campus, and one of the most thrilling events of the season, the Meyo Invitational promises to be one of the best events of the year.

Competition kicks off today at 7 p.m. at the Loftus Sports Center.

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**Cavaliers down Heat behind LeBron’s 36**

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 36 points — 17 on free throws—and Daniel Gibson added 12 after returning from the hospital as the Cleveland Cavaliers outscored the Heat 21-7 in the fourth, taking a 91-76 lead on a 3 by Gibson. Wade tried to get as many calls despite being knocked down on a few occasions. Twice, Wade ran into Shaquille O’Neal, his former Heat teammate, and found himself looking at the ceiling without hearing a whistle.

O’Neal added 13 points and eight rebounds in 23 minutes, yet another strong, efficient performance from the big man who has stepped his game up of late.

He posted up and scored on a pair of short jumpers as the Cavs pushed their lead to 12 late in the third.

James started at point guard for Gibson, who has done a nice job filling in while Mo Williams and Delonte West recover from injuries.
FENCING

Playing for Teddy

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

The Irish will be fighting for more than their undefeated season this weekend. Notre Dame will have opportunity to vengefully compete in the Midwest, and better yet do it at home in the Purcell Pavilion.

This time the Notre Dame fencing team will have one person in mind as they take to the strips Saturday: senior Teddy Hodges.

It was just months ago that an illness struck down the promising young fencer after his sophomore year with the Irish, and he soon found himself in the fight of his life. “Ted” had a stroke and was frankly speaking, dying. He was in a coma and there was a necessity to replace his heart. “Ted” is now much better, Bednarski said. “We prayed the whole semester for his health and today he visited us in the hospital.”

Teddy Hodges. “All results this weekend will be called upon to deliver one of their typically strong all-around performances. As a team, the Belles will look to snap this win streak in the team’s 24th meeting.

Saint Mary’s, while junior guard Liz Wade and sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney will battle the Hornets frontcourt. Sophomore forward Kelly Murphy will also be called upon to deliver one of her typically strong all-around games. As a team, the Belles will hope to put forth a tougher more consistent defensive effort during this game, Herley said.

The big challenge we have from this point forward is to continue improving our team defense for an entire game,” she said.

Saint Mary’s is currently tied for third in the MIAA with Trine (11-10, 6-6 MIAA), who faces Adrian Saturday. A Belles win would ensure that Saint Mary’s retains at least a share of third place, while a loss could mean that the Belles drop into a tie for fourth place, a crucial difference in the last few games before the conference tournament.

The game will be preceded by the Saint Mary’s Alumni game, which takes place every two years. The Belles and Hornets meet in a vital late-season matchup at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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As for playing time, I believe that we will have as many as two or three matches from the Irish and Notre Dame that we will look to snap this win streak in the team’s 24th meeting.

The Irish have had to rebound from the tough loss to Tulsa last weekend and showed their resilience in the victory over New Mexico, but will face a tougher opponent in Duke this weekend.

The Irish have a very deep team with a lot of young talent that will all be fighting for playing time in the lineup this season.

“We feel we are good enough to take this on this schedule, but we need to be sufficiently resilient to handle some losses and rebound well to take advantage of the large number of opportunities that we will have,” Bayliss said.

“As for playing time, I believe that this might be the deepest team we have had in my 23-year Notre Dame tenure.”

The Irish are looking to get contributions from both their veteran players and the freshman.

“We have 10 players who have done well as starters, or are impact freshmen,” Bayliss said.

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The next duel match for the Irish will be when they travel to Michigan on Feb. 13, with first set for 6 p.m.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles in another key MIAA match

By ALLAN JOSEPH
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“We are going to have to be willing to win a game 2-1, and do a good job managing the puck and not put our defense or our goalkeeper in harm’s way,” Jackson said. The Irish need to get a win or two, whether it be 2-1 or 6-5, in order to keep pace in the CCHA. Six teams are separated by two points in pursuit of the fourth-place spot for the conference tournament. Currently Notre Dame and Lake Superior State are tied for fourth. The Irish will attempt to hold onto that position when they take on Western Michigan at Kalamazoo, Mich., Friday and Saturday, at 7:35 p.m. both nights.

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misstep to spoil a promising season.

“They’ve got some really good players,” McGraw said. “[Junior guard Janai] Sims is playing really well, she hits a lot of shots, and they have a really big team. They rely on Sims and [junior guard Shyjal] Scott quite a bit on the perimeter. They have veteran, returning players from last year, and they’re always a tough game for us to play.”

Sims and Scott direct a Panthers offense that can run up the score in a hurry. Averaging 15.4 points per game, Sims is an explosive player that thrives on defensive mismatches, while Scott provides an excellent complement as a knock-down shooter.

But where Pittsburgh has struggled mightily on defense, the Irish are thriving, averaging 12 steals and forcing more than 23 turnovers per game. Led by the quick feet and aggressive style of senior guard Ashley Barlow and freshman guard Skylar Diggins, solid team defense has propelled the Irish to third overall in the conference. “Ashley Barlow and Skylar are our two best defenders,” McGraw said. “They just

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Dame was able to run the floor and split the Bearcats’ (14-8, 5-5) defense for three early momentum-building dunks. I tried to come out aggres-

sive, I was able to drive a couple of times and get to the foul line,” Abromaitis said. “Ben [Hansbrough] was able to pene-

trate and find me for a couple of easy buckets.”

The effort was also there early on the defensive end, as the Irish caused Cincinnati to make only three of its first 13 shots. Harangody said Irish coach Mike Brey challenged the team to be tougher this week in prac-

tice.

“I think this week in practice we kind of got after each other, we’ve been a little soft, especial-

ly on the road,” Harangody said. “Now we’ve got another home game coming up, but we’ve got to be tough and get to work.”

The pace slowed down consid-

erably for Notre Dame, as the team failed to find a rhythm from the perimeter, making just one of its first seven attempts. After the Bearcats capitalized on the cold shooting to pull within three, Abromaitis and Harangody keyed an 11-3 run to within three, Abromaitis and

Hansbrough on the defensive end, as the

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Mass of Thanksgiving

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Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 5:15 p.m. Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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Hockey
Injuries an issue as Notre Dame prepares for Western Michigan

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Associate Sports Editor

The injury-ravaged Irish received both good and bad news as they travel to Western Michigan for a pivotal CCHA series this weekend.

The good news: junior defenseman Teddy Ruth returns to the lineup, increasing the depth on the back line significantly.

“The getting another defensemen certainly will help us,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “Teddy will give us a little bit of reasonable ice time from the guys who have been playing a lot of minutes.”

The bad news: junior forward Tim Abromaitis added in a defeat at Rutgers, who Irish (16-7, 5-5) lose four of their past five games, culminating in a defeat at Rutgers, who had been winless in Big East play.

Notre Dame started hot offensively, quickly opening up a 15-0 lead in the first six minutes. Abromaitis scored nine of the team’s first 11 points, as Notre

Men’s Basketball
Slamming home a point
Irish get payback after trouncing of Bearcats

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish avenged a last-second road loss to Cincinnati earlier in the season at Purcell Pavilion Thursday, trouncing the Bearcats 83-65.

Senior forward Luke Harangody was dominant under the basket, scoring a season-high 37 points and gathering 14 rebounds while junior forward Tim Abromaitis added 22 points.

The game stopped a miserable stretch that had seen the Irish (16-7, 5-5) lose four of their past five games, culminating in a defeat at Rutgers, who had been winless in Big East play.

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Women’s Basketball
Streaking Irish to battle Pitt

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Wrapping up one of the toughest stretches of the year with a rout of Rutgers Monday, the No. 3 Irish welcome a Pittsburgh team desperate for a conference win in the last month of the season.

After playing at such a high level of basketball the last two weeks, Notre Dame’s biggest concern heading into Saturday’s matchup is maintaining a controlled style of play to match the Panthers’ skill. Irish coach Muffet McGraw said the loss of any competitive edge will not be a factor, as it only takes one

Women’s Tennis
Team ready for ranked bout with Blue Devils

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 34 Irish will travel to Durham, N.C. to take on No. 21 Duke this weekend with first serve set for noon Sunday.

“Duke is a top-20 team this year and will be difficult to beat in Durham, but we are going there with the thought that we can get it done,” Irish coach Bobby Baylis said. “They have a very strong top of the lineup with freshman Enrique Cunyba and junior Reid Carleton, who also form their No. 1 doubles team. Throw in Dylan Arnold, Jason Pinsky, and some of their other talented players and you have a group that can go deep into the NCAA Tournament.”

The Irish are coming off a 4-1 victory over New Mexico last weekend at the National Team Qualifier Indoors in Columbus, Ohio. There the Irish finished 1-1 with a 4-3 loss to Tulsa to start off the weekend.

“We will need to play one of our best matches to win, so I am counting on continued improved play deep in our lineup,” Baylis said. “[Junior] David Anderson played very well against New Mexico and has practiced well this week. [Freshman] Blas Moras is very reliable and has terrific ground strokes. [Junior] Stephen Havens seems to be set

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