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Happy Birthday

Today is my birthday, and it couldn’t have fallen on a better Friday (or weekend, for that matter) of the year. I get to turn Pigtostal, the Blue-Gold Game and Muddy Sunday into additional reasons to celebrate my 19th year of being.

However, as years have gone by, the celebrations surrounding birthdays have become less creative and all-inclusive and more impersonal and generic. Gone are the days of pondering for hours what kind of birthday party I wanted to have: no more pottery painting parties, no more camping in someone’s back yard or pool party to look forward to.

Now, on my first birthday as a college student, my celebrations center around going to dinner with a few friends and proceeding to engage in various alcohol-related activities around campus for the rest of the weekend. Don’t get me wrong, I enjoy going out with friends, meeting new people and accumulating stories of ridiculous drunken shenanigans, but you know things have changed when, in reality, chances are they have no idea whose birthday it is. If I had my wish, I would gather all my closest friends from both high school and college not only to celebrate my birthday but also to spend quality time with the people who mean the most to me.

With each successive birthday celebration, we eventually begin to cringe at the thought of adding another year to our lives, another number to our ages. Birthdays are essentially the only day we even exist, let alone be able to come to our lives: the day we were all introduced to the world for the first time. Without birthdays, none of us would even exist, let alone be able to come to our lives for the first time. Birthdays are essentially the only day a person has an excuse to be completely self-centered without getting called out on it by anyone. In addition, there is a sense of green light for being slightly obnoxious in making sure everyone knows it’s your birthday — and at the same time fact makes it the most important day in recent history.

So after a long countdown to today’s festivities, I plan on fully embracing the meaning of my birthday and milking its significance for all it’s worth by having a great time and making it the most important day in recent history.

Happy Birthday to the person of honor like "The cotton candy." "The cherry snow cones."

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your favorite part of AnTostal?

- All Vos
- Sarah Srdar
- Greg Cunningham
- Kevin Doyle
- John Karol
- Adam Doster
- "The cotton candy."
- "The cherry snow cones."
- "Pig Tostal!"
- "The fun activities."
- "I get the whole library to myself!"
- "The Krispie Kreme donuts."

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame Bike Fest 2010 will take place today from noon until 7 p.m. on South Quad in front of the Ruckne Memorial.

The College of Arts & Letters is presenting a lecture today entitled "The Legacy of Futurism in the Contemporary Small Press" at 1 p.m. in 107 Pasquerilla Center.

The Inaugural Chair Event and Book Launch for John Nagle will take place today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Patrick McCartan Courtroom at the Eck Hall of Law. A reception in the Eck Hall atrium will follow the event.

"The Shirt" Unveiling Ceremony will take place tonight at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. and the ceremony will start at 5:45 p.m. after a speech by head football coach Brian Kelly. Shirts will be for sale immediately following the ceremony.

The Blue-Gold Game will take place Saturday at 1:35 p.m. in Notre Dame Stadium. For tickets call the ND Ticket Office at 574-631-7256.

William Shakespeare’s "As You Like It" will be performed Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Philbin Studio Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $10 for students, $15 for faculty and $18 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by calling 574-631-2800.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.questions@gmail.com.
Student crashes College golf cart

Observer Staff Report

At approximately 3 p.m. Wednesday, a student employee at Saint Mary’s College lost control of a College-owned golf cart and crashed into Angela Athletic Facility, David Gariepy, director of security at the College said. No one was injured in the accident. According to Gariepy, the student was attempting to park the golf cart when her foot slipped off the brake and onto the accelerator, causing her to smash into the glass door on the north side of the building.

Gariepy said the College is working to attain an estimate of the damages. No estimate is available at this time. Gariepy said the College is planning to make repairs, though no timeline has been set.

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Christ.

“Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers,” Rhoades said, quoting St. Thomas Aquinas.

Rhoades, who was ordained to the priesthood in 1983, was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend last November.

For Bishop Rhodes life in the priesthood has been one of reflection.

“With understanding and appreciate the nature and the meaning of the Catholic priesthood, one needs to reflect deeply on the priestly consecration and mission of Jesus Christ,” Rhoades said.

This reflecting, he continued, finds roots in the New Testament’s Letter to the Hebrews. Though describing it as one of the most challenging books of the New Testament, Bishop Rhoades pointed out that it is significant for its “priestly Christology, a presentation for the identity and mission of Christ in priestly terms.”

In return, the Bishop said, Jesus gives comfort to the priest in his Priestly Prayer found in the 17th chapter in the Gospel of John.

“He is praying for us,” he said of this passage. “He is praying for the Church. He likewise stressed the importance for the faithful to pray for protection in the Church’s mission as well, especially in light of the resurgence of new sex abuse scandals.”

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gram by naming this event after him,” Upward Bound administrative assistant Deb Wisler said.

The program enrolls students during their freshman year of high school and continues to support them throughout their high school years by “keeping them on track, providing tutoring from Notre Dame students, academic advising and having enrichment programming,” Wisler said.

The program is completely free of cost for students and then helps to provide them scholarships once they are enrolled in college.

The students, however, struggle to afford books and other items that are not covered by tuition one they’re enrolled in college. The Fun Run was developed three years ago to specifically address this issue. Fifteen students will benefit from its proceeds this year.

“This fundraiser is geared solely to our graduating high school seniors,” Wisler said.

“Students are very involved in the event. They go to friends and family to get sponsorships and they will walk or run at the event.”

The students that are members of the program value the opportunity that has been presented to them courtesy of Upward Bound.

“I work with these kids and they are incredibly bright and so motivated — a lot more than a lot of the kids that I went to high school with,” senior Erin Robey, a Fun Run organizer, said. “I think that it’s really good that they’re really trying to get involved in their futures and it’s a pleasure to help them out.”

The Fun Run has grown and developed since it began two years ago and organizers are hoping for a larger turnout this year as more and more community members have become aware of the event.

“Last year we had 200 participants and raised almost $9000 for our students,” Wisler said. “We’re hoping to increase by 100 participants this year.

“The event aims to facilitate the relationship between Notre Dame and the South Bend community especially since there is such a disparity between the Notre Dame community and the community that is two minutes away,” Robey said.

Wisher said Upward Bound and the Fun Run help to “serve as a bridge” between Notre Dame and South Bend and Coates believes both communities are trying to achieve the same goal.

“We all looking to find out what resources are available so we can work together and be a collaborative community,” Coates said. “We need to unite and make sure the citizens in our community are developing into the citizens that we all want them to be.”

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said. “It was a series of steps in life that led me here and is still leading to this.”

Graduating from Notre Dame with a degree in philosophy in 1976, Jenkins was drawn to the priesthood and ordained in 1983.

“I think with that there’s always an element of mystery. I always have a desire for something of depth, something meaningful as well,” he said.

That search for something more led Jenkins to “think deeply about faith and about God” and about what he was going to do with his life.

“At that even-tually led me to think about serving the people as a priest, someone who strives to bring Christ to the world,” he said.

After attending graduate school at Oxford and serving on the faculty at Notre Dame, Jenkins moved to the Provost’s Office in 2004. He was elected University President Emeritus in 2008.

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Jenkins said there are three important aspects to Notre Dame’s goal to provide unparalleled undergraduate education, to be a preeminent research university and to uphold a Catholic mission “inform everything we do.”

“If we do all three, Notre Dame can make contributions to society and the nation and the Church that is really unique,” he said.

And my passion in this job is to make that contribution and to help Notre Dame make that contribution.”

Those goals will carry into Jenkins’ second term as University president, he said. “You always have to keep striving — if you’re not striving, you’re falling backwards.”

He said he hopes progress toward achieving those goals is part of the legacy he leaves behind. “The University, as well as making Notre Dame an important venue for debate on important issues, even if they’re controversial.”

“I hope Notre Dame can be a place where we can have those kinds of conversations and can engage people who are the leaders of our nation, the influential people of the world,” Jenkins said. “The University particularly should be a place that’s open to a diversity of views, even views that challenge us.”

Jenkins’ decisions in the past, including inviting President Barack Obama to receive an honorary degree from the University, have drawn criticism from Church representatives, including John D’Arcy, former bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese.

“While he believes ‘the bishop has a role in the diocese of teaching the faith’ and that it’s important that he, as University president, speaks closely to the bishop, Jenkins said some decisions belong to the University.”

“It’s appropriate the University should make those decisions, as best we can on the principles that inform the institution,” he said. “I’m committed to working with the bishop to help Notre Dame serve the Church and serve the diocese.”

“Jenkins’ biggest challenge, however, is one positive: to live up to a mission that is distinctive in higher education and to realize the tremendous potential of Notre Dame in the 21st century. ‘A Catholic University for the 21st century’” Jenkins said establishing these relationships — with the Church and with national and international leaders — and working toward achieving the University’s central goals, puts Notre Dame in a unique position.

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“Given the tremendous interest in Coach Kelly, I think it’s safe to say there will be unprecedented activities and events this weekend,” Seamon said. “It’s going to be bigger than anything we’ve done in the past.”

Notre Dame students are especially eager to gauge from the scrimmage how the team has already shifted under their new direction.

“Last year’s game was really exciting. Just to be in the stadium in the spring really pumped me up for the fall season,” sophomore Alexandra Unger said. “I think this Blue and Gold Game will be even better because the football team is feeling really enthusiastic and Brian Kelly is causing a lot of excitement.”

The University will kick off the weekend Friday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. with a fan festival, open to the public, on the Irish Green, featuring games, food and activities.

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The event will feature over 700 musicians, Seamon said.

Blue-Gold weekend ends Sunday with the South Bend Symphony playing at the Purcell Pavilion.

That afternoon the University will reveal the new The Shirt.

“It’s going to start off with The Shirt unveiling at four at the bookstore. The new cheerleaders and the leprechaun and a number of other student groups will be there,” Seamon said. “Coach Kelly himself will unveil The Shirt itself at 5:45.”

Besides football, other Irish sports teams are also hosting home games this weekend which the University has incorporated into the events of the weekend.

We are also dedicating the new Alumni Soccer Stadium,” Seamon said. “The men’s and women’s soccer teams are playing there Friday night.”

The baseball, softball teams will play on campus, and the women’s Big East tennis championships will be on campus as well, Seamon said.

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International News
Alleged top drug dealer caught
MINNEAPOLIS — Troops have swept a suspected
drug gang in a wealthy neighborhood on the
outskirts of Mexico City and captured an alleged
major trafficker with a $2 million U.S. bounty on
his head, officials announced on Thursday.
Joe Zaragoza Alvarez — known as “El Jefe” — was suspected
of being responsible for a spike in violence in states near
the border as part of a struggle for control of the Beltran Leyva drug cartel, the military
and the federal Attorney General's Office said.
Authorities said Alvarez, 45, was arrested along with 14 other suspected drug
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LONDON — Nick Clegg has proven he wasn’t a one-hit wonder in Britain’s second election
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National News
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ODessa, Texas — A former Texas youth prison administrator was found guilty Thursday
of sexually abusing a teenage inmate more than five years ago in a case that ignited
a statewide scandal over the treatment of
young offenders.
Ray Edward Brokinis was convicted of two
counts each of having an improper sexual activity with a person in custody and having an
improper relationship between an educator and a
prisoner.
Brokinis, a former assistant superintendent of the Texas Youth Commission's West Texas
State School in Pote, was immediately
taken into custody. Brokinis could face up to 20 years in state prison.

Local News
Two boys charged with man's death
WARSAW, Ind. — A 15-year-old northern Indiana boy and a 12-year-old friend have been
charged as juveniles with the murder of a Texas restaurant employee.

The two boys were charged as juveniles with
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Take-your-kid-to-work day loses steam
CHICAGO — More than a decade after it began, take-your-kid-to-work day
is losing its steam. Now it's keep-your-kid-in-school.

Thursday marked the 17th year for Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day. But some school districts sent
strongly worded letters or e-mails to parents explaining that taking
a child to work would put the
youngster's education in jeopardy.

Many teachers found their Thursday classes largely unaffected.

"We had only six out today — that's
actually less than usual," said Darrell Prewitt, principal of Taylor Road
Elementary School in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, who asked parents not to pull
their kids out of school. "Our atten-
dance was very, very good today." Though many kids still accompany a parent to work, some employers say
appears to be the event increasingly conflicts with
high-stakes standardized testing in schools. And this year, it was
over-shadowed by Earth Day, which cele-
brated its 40th anniversary on
Thursday. Officials had previously
said the environmental damage appeared
minimal, but new chal-
enges have arisen now that
the platform has sunk.

The well could be spilling
up to 336,000 gallons a day, Coast
Guard Petty Officer Katherine McNamara said.

Her head, officials announced on Thursday.

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Republicans have signed on to a federal bill, but it hasn’t received a hearing in the Democrat-controlled House. Arizona’s measure would require U.S. presidential candidates to submit documents to the secretary of state proving they meet the constitutional requirements to be president. The secretary of state could then decide to keep a candidate off the Arizona ballot if he or she had reasonable cause to believe the candidate was ineligible.

Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett opposes the bill, arguing it gives his office too much power, according to his spokesman Matthew Benson. Benson said Bennett, a Republican, has no doubts about Obama’s citizenship.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where supporters are trying to pull together enough votes to pass the measure. If they do, it’s unclear if Republican Gov. Jan Brewer will give it her support. Her spokesman, Paulensen, said the governor won’t comment on pending legislation, but he added she doesn’t have doubts about Obama’s citizenship.

The measure comes amid a string of controversial pro-posals in Arizona that have garnered national attention, including a sweeping illegal immigration crackdown awaiting action by the governor and a measure allowing people to carry concealed weapons without permits. The governor vetoed the gun bill last week.

Rep. Tom Chabin pleaded with his colleagues to oppose the birth certificate measure Wednesday. “When you undermine the sitting president of the United States, you undermine our nation, and it makes us look very ugly,” Chabin said Thursday.

But some supporters insist the bill isn’t aimed at Obama, it’s just common sense.

“It’s our ballot,” said state Sen. Jack Harper, who believes Obama has proven his citizenship. “The parties need to prove that their nominee is eligible to hold the office of president to be on our ballot.”
**IN BRIEF**

Friday, April 23, 2010

Jumped nearly 20 percent over last year as buyers then.

Restrictions and mandated car emission standards

The time looked perfect to push the legislation out.

Both the Senate and Assembly in the 2008 election,

Change task force. After Democrats took control of

The bill, which would have enacted recommenda-

"We just don't have the votes," Decker said. "The

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US Airways breaks off talk with United Airlines; United pursues other partners

Associated Press

US Airways, the nation's sixth-largest carrier, didn't specifically say why it ended talks with United, although Continental's involvement appears to have played a role.

Renewed discussions about airline consolidation come as fuel prices are on the rise. While demand for air travel has improved from recession lows, major carriers are still struggling to turn profits. Several major carriers, including Continental, reported first-quarter losses this week.

Analysts have long maintained that, despite deep capacity cuts that occurred when demand was weak, the airline industry needs to further shrink to become consistently profitable.

United and Continental combined in 2008 — the same year Delta Air Lines completed its acquisition of Northwest Airlines — until Continental broke off talks.

The industry landscape has changed dramatically since then.

Continental has a new management lineup since its earlier talks with United, but although Continental CEO Jeff Smisek was president and chief operating officer under the previous CEO.

United has also tried to burnish its financial image in the two years since then.

"They've been able to improve revenue and cut costs," said Helane Becker, an analyst with Jesup & Lamont.

"US Airways, meanwhile, is the product of one combination and long been the seeker of another.

"US Airways was ready to sign a deal with United when they found out United was more interested in signing a deal with Continental," said a person who was briefed on the discussions.

The person was not authorized to speak publicly, and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"There are some very hurt feelings in Phoenix," the person said. US Airways Group Inc. is based in Tempe, Ariz., a suburb of Phoenix.

A US Airways official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person wasn't authorized to publicly discuss private conversations said the airline's decision to break off talks was a business one, not an emotional one. "No one is licking any wounds here," the person said.

US Airways said that while its board decided to end talks with United, it believes it remains viable as a standalone airline.

"As I have said many times, it is not necessary for us to be direct participants in a merger because the entire industry benefits when consolidation occurs," US Airways CEO Doug Parker said in a memo to employees.

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**MARKET RECAP**

**Airlines end talk of alliance**

US Airways breaks off talk with United Airlines; United pursues other partners

Associated Press

ATLANTA — US Airways has broken off talks with United Airlines to pursue a deal with Continental Airlines that would re-establish the linchpin in the airline industry.

US Airways, the nation's sixth-largest carrier, didn't specifically say why it ended talks with United, although Continental's involvement appears to have played a role.

Renewed discussions about airline consolidation come as fuel prices are on the rise. While demand for air travel has improved from recession lows, major carriers are still struggling to turn profits. Several major carriers, including Continental, reported first-quarter losses this week.

Analysts have long maintained that, despite deep capacity cuts that occurred when demand was weak, the airline industry needs to further shrink to become consistently profitable.

United and Continental combined in 2008 — the same year Delta Air Lines completed its acquisition of Northwest Airlines — until Continental broke off talks.

The industry landscape has changed dramatically since then.

Continental has a new management lineup since its earlier talks with United, but although Continental CEO Jeff Smisek was president and chief operating officer under the previous CEO.

United has also tried to burnish its financial image in the two years since then.

"They've been able to improve revenue and cut costs," said Helane Becker, an analyst with Jesup & Lamont.

"US Airways, meanwhile, is the product of one combination and long been the seeker of another.

"US Airways was ready to sign a deal with United when they found out United was more interested in signing a deal with Continental," said a person who was briefed on the discussions.

The person was not authorized to speak publicly, and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"There are some very hurt feelings in Phoenix," the person said. US Airways Group Inc. is based in Tempe, Ariz., a suburb of Phoenix.

A US Airways official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person wasn't authorized to publicly discuss private conversations said the airline's decision to break off talks was a business one, not an emotional one. "No one is licking any wounds here," the person said.

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**Wyoming decides to spray grasshoppers**

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — If Wyoming experiences a grasshopper outbreak this summer, pest control officials will treat U.S. Bureau of Land Management property in the state by spraying swaths of land with insecticide.

The BLM conducted an environmental study of spraying as an alternative that would have required more restrictive buffers around certain bird and big game habitats.

The agency is taking feedback on its preferred treatment; it would have involved spraying alternating strips of land with the insecticide diflubenzuron, which stops grasshoppers from growing.

"If public comments come in, if there's something really significant we missed or some issue we just overlooked, that also would be addressed in the final (environmental assessment)," Henke said.

A federal survey of adult grasshoppers last fall indicated that northeast and north-central Wyoming could become infested with grasshoppers this summer. The insects are native to Wyoming, but outbreaks of certain pest species can be problematic because of their voracious appetites for grass.

Pest control officials consider outbreak levels to be about 15 grasshoppers per square yard — enough to cause economic problems.
Vatican received letter from abuse victim

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — A neatly typed letter dated March 5, 1995, is addressed to the No. 2 man at the Vatican and recounts the story of a priest who preyed on deaf boys trapped in dormitories with no chance of escape.

The letter to Cardinal Angelo Sodano from one of the Rev. Lawrence Murphy's alleged victims is more evidence for those trying to learn what Vatican officials knew about abuse claims at St. John's School for the Deaf outside Milwaukee and when.

The document was revealed Thursday in yet another lawsuit aimed at the highest reaches of the Roman Catholic Church. It's also significant because it involves Sodano, a strong defender of Pope Benedict XVI's handling of the global clergy sexual abuse crisis and is now the Vatican's secretary of state.

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The letter to Cardinal Angelo Sodano, a Vatican spokesman, has said it doesn't believe the claims are based on information and belief but says the claims are based on "information and belief" but doesn't offer proof.

Sodano has long been accused in news reports in U.S. Catholic publications and other outlets of stalling a Vatican probe of the Rev. Marcial Maciel, the discredited founder of the Legionaries of Christ. The pope has admitted that the late Maciel fathered at least one child and molested young seminarians.

Anderson, the plaintiff's lawyer, provided a copy of a receipt showing the registered letter to Sodano had reached the Vatican. The man wrote Sodano — then the Vatican's Secretary of State — again and got no response, according to Anderson.

Lena said that at the time, it was a local matter regarding a local priest and the victim had already communicated with the local bishop. Under those circumstances, Lena said it is "entirely appropriate" under canon law for the local diocese — not the Holy See — to respond.

Thursday's lawsuit is not the first to aim directly at the Vatican, even from Anderson. Another lawsuit of his remains open in Oregon and was recently allowed to move forward by a federal appeals court. In a separate Kentucky lawsuit, Vatican attorneys are mounting a defense they hope will shield the pope from having to answer attorneys' questions under oath.

Some legal experts questioned the Vatican lawsuit's prospects.

Nicholas Cafardi, a canon lawyer and former dean at the Duquesne University School of Law, said he doesn't believe Anderson can overcome sovereign immunity hurdles. He said the lawsuit describes the Roman Catholic Church as if it were an international commercial business, and it's not.

"He's alleging an employment relationship between individual priests and the Holy See," Cafardi said. "I'm sorry, but diocesan priests in the United States are not employees of the Holy See . . . if a court were to accept that, they would be creating a new Catholic Church, not the one that exists now."

But Washington, D.C., attorney Jonathan Levy, a specialist in international law who has tried suing the Vatican Bank over Holocaust claims, said Anderson could succeed in taking advantage of exceptions to sovereign immunity.

"I'd say he's got some new and exiting theories in there where the Vatican should be held responsible for its bad acts," Levy said.

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Serena and Eric's Missing-In-Action Dad, Dr. William van der Woodsen, [aka Billy Baldwin] is working out in preparation of his return home.

Don't miss Daddy's "return home" premier on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 9:00 p.m. on local CW25/Cable 5.

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Friday, April 23, 2010
Man executed for killing teen

**Associated Press**

Huntsville — A Texas inmate convicted of murder and rape was executed by lethal injection Thursday. It was the state’s first execution in about six months.

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In this March 31 photo, William Josef Berkley is seen from the visiting cage outside death row in Livingston, Tex.

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Pep rally focus should be students

Notre Dame football weekends are rich in rituals, from midnight drummers’ circle to tailgating to cheering in the stands. But the festivities start with the Friday night pep rally.

In recent years, however, growing numbers of students have chosen other events — a movie, a party, dinner in the dining hall — over a pep rally. Student government, led by former student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber, made some progress in revamping the rallies to attract more students, although bureaucracy hindered any drastic change.

Building on the efforts of their predecessors, current student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell have already helped set up a partial schedule for next fall’s pep rallies before the end of spring football practice. While alumni and other fans are still welcome, Soler said, students and the football team should be the heart of the rallies.

Soler and Bell’s proactive planning shows a commendable first step for their administration. And with the help of Irish coach Brian Kelly, perhaps the University could succeed in making students the priority again. So far, it looks promising.

Old yearbooks show sweaty, shouting students packing into the Joyce Center, Stepan Center and even the now-demolished Fieldhouse for football rallies. They are waving signs, sitting on shoulders and throwing toilet paper. The students look excited, even ecstatic, to be supporting their football team. This is the atmosphere next year’s pep rallies should strive to recreate.

With the Purcell Pavilion under construction, last fall’s pep rallies moved to the newly-landscaped Irish Green. This large outdoor space was perfect for merchandise stands, food stalls and children’s entertainments, but few students attended.

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**Identity Crisis**  
Specializing in a mix of original songs, remixes, and covers, Identity Crisis is composed of senior Nick Morrissey, juniors Steve Atkinson and Matt Stolze, and sophomores Danny McGilfin and Drew Davis. The band formed after the Stanford Benefit Bash last year, but has played at Legends several times and hopes to eventually play at Finny’s and Fever. Identity Crisis is influenced by an amalgamation of artists, just a taste of which are Led Zeppelin, Scorpions, Green Day, Jimmy Buffett and Red Hot Chili Peppers. Intrigued? They have even done a Lady Gaga remake in the past and Atkinson, the lead guitarist, also specializes in performing backflips and other tricks during Identity Crisis’ performances.  

**Citizen Kane II**  
This fairly new band, which includes senior Brian Prendergast on guitar, sophomore Mike Rodio on vocals and keyboard, freshman Luke Westby on bass and senior Shea Bettwy on drums, plays a mix of rock, funk, reggae and jazz. The group draws from a wide range of influences, including the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Police, Matisyahu, Phoenix, the Beatles, Dispatch and Incubus. The group formed last week just in time to make the demo for the Battle of the Bands. Shea and I have been making music together for the past four years and our styles fit really nicely together with Luke’s and Mike’s,” said Prendergast.  

**Cookies N Cream**  
This five-piece rock band started in 2008 and made its debut at last year’s Battle of the Bands. It consists of two South Bend residents — Jim Miller on drums and Shaun Cross’s Adam Onderdonk on bass, sophomore Eugene Staples on keyboard and vocals and James Jones on drums and USB’s Larry Redding on vocals.  

**The Carolyn Sullivan Quintet**  
This jazz blues quintet plays “music that’s a throwback to another era, the uniquely American art form of jazz,” said sophomore Matt Nagy, the band’s saxophone player. With senior Carolyn Sullivan on vocals, James Jones on drums, Mike Rodio on piano and junior Larry Redding on vocals. Their influences are music legends such as John Coltrane, Ella Fitzgerald, Vince Guaraldi and Stevie Wonder.  

**Samurai Jim**  
This five-piece rock band started in 2008 and made its debut at last year’s Battle of the Bands. It consists of two South Bend residents — Jim Miller on drums and Shaun Cross’s Adam Onderdonk on bass, sophomores Terrence Egan on lead guitar and Pete Bruckbauer on drums, as well as its newest member, MBA student Tom Flores on rhythm guitar. Bruckbauer told The Observer that “Samurai Jim” comes from founding member Miller’s nickname, bestowed upon him after “an incident with a samurai sword.” Their original music has an alternative or progressive rock sound, although their playlists include Lynyrd Skynyrd, Jimi Hendrix and the Flaming Lips. Besides last year’s Battle of the Bands, Samurai Jim has played at bars like Club 23 and O’Sullivans Crossing, the 81 Block Party and other Legends concerts. “There’s also been some memorable house parties,” Bruckbauer said. “Especially when we played in costume on Halloween.”  

**A Face for Radio**  
Comprised of sophomores Will Thwaites, Adam Cowden, Kyle Collins and Mike George, A Face for Radio will make its debut Friday. Thwaites, lyricist and singer, characterizes their music as a “hybrid between hip-hop and alternative rock” and about 75 percent of their material is original. That’s impressive, due to the fact that they’ve only been together for a week now. A Face for Radio played at the Stanford Benefit Bash and also headlined the kickoff of the Bail and the Beautiful. Check out this band with radio-only aspirations on Friday, and look for next year’s back-up leprechaun, Mike George, on drums.  

**Toes on the Nose**  
Playing the first show in their young career, Toes on the Nose promise something different: the smooth sound of reggae. Freshmen Billy Kearns and Cory Leonard and juniors McKenna Nakamura and Sam Novario have got skill, enthusiasm and energy. “We have to work to gain their attention, and they’re looking to spread them around. Everyone should be ready to have their faces melted by TOTN’s cool island groove. Their unique sound has been described by some to be the bastard love child of Fergie and Bob Marley chillaxing with the spirit of the islands. The band-some quartet is looking forward to sending out some good vibrations for Friday night’s wonderful crowd.
By NICK ANDERSON
Assistant Scene Editor

It’s been more than 30 years since Kurtis Blow signed a record deal with a major label. Since then, hip-hop has rapidly evolved from a niche scene in New York City to one of the dominant forces in modern culture. A generation is currently coming of age that has never dealt with the “Does rap count as music?” debate. These kids grew up with OutKast, Eminem and Nas being not only present on the Billboard Charts, but topping them. It is inevitable, then, that hip-hop will start coming from nontraditional places in nontraditional ways. A generation of rappers who found music on the radio, not the street, are coming up now and they’re coming up fast.

D. Montayne is Notre Dame’s own member of that generation. Outside of music, D. Montayne is a typical Notre Dame student. He’s a freshman working his way toward a business degree and dealing with the so much uniquely Notre Dame social life as the rest of us. Stuck with a dreary winter on campus, he spent his time in February and March recording his mixtape. His point of view is strong and consistent without over powering a playful swagger. His words come naturally and, powered by his rhythmic flow, arrive with their intended impact. Several tracks stand out not only against the other tracks on the mixtape, but also from the current state of popular hip hop. “Go Official,” a freestyle, pounds with the confidence of a veteran. However, the most intriguing track is “Hear No Evil.” It’s the heaviest piece of social commentary but manages to do so without preaching down to its audience and deserves a place as proof that music can be a positive force.

D. Montayne’s not looking too far ahead. He wants to keep writing and performing, but is waiting to hear the reception to “Extracurricular” before rushing into more recording. If the public’s reaction corresponds to the mixtape’s quality, we should be expecting to hear from him again soon.

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By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL
Assistant Scene Editor

The idea is there. A student section united in one color, an intimidating symbol of the Fighting Irish. Not only does it bond together the students, but it also brings together Domers around the world who love to don The Shirt to support Our Lady’s University and the cause it supports.

However, the idea falls apart when the student section is united to form a flesh-colored blob in the back left corner of the stadium. A flesh-colored blob is not intimidating. It is especially not intimidating when it accompanies an obvious sexual innuendo.

Last football season’s “Rise and Strike” shirt (yes, how many people didn’t just giggle while reading that?) was the 20th anniversary Shirt. It was the perfect opportunity to hearken back to older shirts, to bring back the color green, like the Kelly green that united the student section in 1990, the first year of The Shirt.

That was the real problem with last season’s Shirt. The color. The Notre Dame student body is already united in the fact that many of us are Irish Americans. We didn’t need a shirt to match our pasty skin.

I took a stroll through LaForte to take a gander at what The Shirt looked like in past years, as I have really only seen the past three or four, and found a few that I liked. I’m hoping that the people in charge of The Shirt project did too, because they received some wonderful inspiration.

The Shirt from 1992 especially struck me because I hope it is one that can be brought back soon. Plain across the front, with a simple “Notre Dame Football” below a small golden dome, it is the back that, as is typical of The Shirt, draws the most attention. Mount Rushmore has been redone to display the faces of legendary Notre Dame coaches Frank Leahy, Dan Devine, Ara Parseghian and Knute Rockne. In color, set against the mountain, is Lou Holtz, fresh off his National Championship winning season, with “the tradition continues...” scrawled below him.

I sincerely hope that, one day soon, this shirt can be brought back with new coach Brian Kelly adorning the bottom of Notre Dame’s Mount Rushmore, after he leads us to another National Championship season with his new coaching style. Another one I liked was from 2003. The front was once again simple. “Here come the Irish” written over a shamrock. Across the back, surrounding a full color picture of football players exiting the tunnel, read the iconic words from the song by Jim Tuttil and John Scully, “There’s a magic in the sound of their name. Here come the Irish of Notre Dame.”

I really liked this shirt because of its incorporation of the song’s, “Here come the Irish.” On Gameday, that song can be heard all over campus, from tailgates to concession stands, so I found the lyrics very appropriate. It was exciting to trace the famous shirt worn by almost the entire campus.

No matter my opinion on last season’s Shirt, though, I am excited for the unveiling of this year’s. I am hoping that the committee has learned its lesson — that gold does not translate well into the color of a T-shirt — and has developed a fresh new design to welcome in a new era at our fine University.

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Brewers hand Pirates most-lopsided loss ever

Jimenez continues success on mound in Rockies’ win over Nationals; Twins deal with injuries, lose to Indians

The Associated Press

PI ttsburgh — Ryan Braun, Jim Edmonds and the Milwaukee Brewers went totally b aty. The Brew Crew piled up 25 hits Thursday and trounced Pittsburgh 20-0, handing the Pirates the most-lopsided loss in their 124-year history.

"It was fun and it was special," said Braun, who homered, doubled, singled and drove in five runs. "This is really much about failure, particularly as a hitter, that you rarely get a day where everyone is enjoying so much success at the same day.

"I’ve never been involved in a game like this and I likely never will be again. So, I enjoyed it and I’ll savour it. It’s one to remember," he said.

Milwaukee matched a club mark for margin of victory and set a record for its biggest shutout win.

Prince Fielder hit his first home run of the season while Edmonds and George Kottaras also connected — they were among 10 Brewers with an RBI. The Brewers finished with 12 extra-base hits.

Milwaukee led 10-0 after five innings then scored six runs in the seventh and four more in the eighth.

Braun also connected — they were home run of the season while shutout win. Braun’s drive in the third made it 4-0.

"Games like these are awk-ward," said Braun. "You don’t want to keep piling on the runs but you also have to respect the game and keep playing. It was just a day where everything went right for us and everything went wrong for them."

Edmonds’ homer highlighted a six-run seventh off Joel Hanrahan and closer Octavio Dotel gave up four runs in the ninth.

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Rockies 2, Nationals 0

Colorado’s Ubaldo Jimenez followed up his no-hitter by tossing 7 1-3 shutout innings. Miguel Olivo and Ian Stewart hit solo homers for the first runs allowed this season by Washington’s Livan Hernandez, and the Rockies beat the Nationals on Thursday.

Overpowering at times, Jimenez allowed five hits, struck out five, and got 3 of his 22 outs via grounders on route to improving to 4-0 with a 0.95 ERA — meaning he is responsible for half of Colorado’s eight victories in 2010. The right-hander threw the first no-hitter in Rockies history.

Saturday against Atlanta Hernandez (2-1) gave up only four hits across eight innings, but he made two mistakes to allow in the second inning and to Stewart in the seventh.

Indians 8, Twins 1

Mitch Talbot turned in another strong start for Cleveland, and the Indians finally got some hits in an vic- tory over the Minnesota Twins on Thursday.

Talbot (2-1) followed his first career win, a com-plete game last weekend against the Chicago White Sox, with six impressive innings. He held the Twins to two hits and an earned runs to keep them from sweeping the three-game series.

The Indians, who were last in the league in batting aver-age and slugging percentage entering this game, matched their season high with eight runs.

The right-handed Talbot walked three, struck out three and watched Andy Marte give him a healthy lead with a two-run homer in the fourth inning. Marte also hit a sinking RBI single to center in the sixth.

This was the worst of four starts this season for Scott Baker (2-2), who surrendered back-to-back ground-rule doubles — one down each line — to Asdrubal Cabrera and Grady Sizemore to start the game. Baker was tagged with six runs on nine hits in six innings, his third straight loss.

Cleveland led 3-1 in the sixth, when Baker gave up five straight one-out hits and was taken out of the game. He threw 92 pitches, 69 of them strikes — some of them big, fat strikes the Indians used to jump-start their lag-ing offense.

Russell Branyan doubled and drove in two runs, and Luis Valbuena also hit an RBI double. The last time Baker gave up up hits was exactly a year ago, in a game at Boston against the Red Sox.

Twins manager Ron Gardenhire wanted catcher Joe Mauer for only the second time in 16 games this season, his body a sore as typical for a day game following a night game. Rookie Drew Butera started instead and got his first major league hit, a groundball single to left field in the third inning.

Butra, the son of former Twins manager Tom Butera, is here strictly for his defense — and he helped save Baker from another run in the sixth by throwing out Marte trying to steal second and from Valbuena’s double.

Shortstop J.J. Hardy also sat out for the Twins for the first time, his knee a little sore. Alexi Casilla filled in admirably in the field, shift- ing to the right side for pure-pull hitter Travis Hafner. Casilla charged a slow grounder in the fourth and shovelled it forward in one motion as he sprawled toward first base to get the out.

Cabrera made an even bet- ter play for the Indians, try- ing to stop a sharp grounder by Michael Cuddyer and starting a double play to end the seventh inning.

Marte cost Talbot his only run, dropping a foul popup near third base hit by Cuddyer who was ahead of the pitch. Cabrera then walked, moved up on a balk on Talbot’s pickoff throw, took third on a fly out and scored in the fourth on Justin Morneau’s double.

The Milwaukee Brewers’ Casey McGehee and Prince Fielder celebrate after Fielder’s home run in Thursday’s game against the Pirates.
Men’s Division I Lacrosse 
Nike/Inside Lacrosse Poll

1. Syracuse
2. Virginia
3. North Carolina
4. Maryland
5. Duke
6. Princeton
7. Loyola (Md.)
8. Cornell
9. Villanova
10. Denver
11. Yale
12. Stony Brook
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NFL Draft

Former Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford smiles as he poses for photographs with family and friends after he was selected as the No. 1 overall pick by the St. Louis Rams in the first round of the NFL Draft Thursday.

New York — Starting with quarterback Sam Bradford going to the St. Louis Rams, the first NFL draft in prime time was a showcase for the Big 12. The Oklahoma junior became the eighth quarterback since 2001 taken atop the draft. He was immediately followed Thursday night by defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh of Nebraska, the AP Player of the Year, and DT Gerald McCoy, Bradford’s teammate with the Sooners.

Bradford, the 2008 winner of the Heisman Trophy, joins a Rams team that was 1-15 last season and scored a league-low 175 points. The Rams cut incumbent Marc Bulger in the offseason.

Bradford appeared in only three games in 2009, his junior year, before undergoing right shoulder surgery. His recovery has been so complete that the Rams didn’t hesitate to make him the future face of the franchise.

An hour before the draft, Bradford, looking dapper in a gray suit, admitted he was nervous.

“The butterflies are flying around right now,” he said.

A little while later, he could relax — at least until he gets on the field behind the Rams’ weak offensive line.

“The phone call was that moment, but I had a feeling I would get that phone call tonight,” Bradford said of hearing from the Rams just before his name was announced.

His selection opened the first NFL draft to begin in prime time, and was greeted with a mixture of cheers and jeers by the audience at Radio City Music Hall.

Detroit then chose Suh, considered the best defensive tackle prospect in more than a decade. He won the Lombardi, Bednarik and Nagurski trophies in 2009 and comes off a dominant Big Ten title game in which he had 12 tackles with 4½ sacks.

He was greeted by “SUIH-SUIH,” as he walked onto the stage holding a Lions jersey.

McCoy should boost a Tampa defense that once was feared but flopped last season when it yielded 400 points. He displayed his Buccaneer’s jersey to the crowd and pumped his fist high in the air as “Pirates of the Caribbean” played on the loudspeakers.

The Big 12 draft party kept rolling when Washington took Oklahoma All-America Trent Williams to fill a huge hole at tackle left by the retirement of Chris Samuels. Williams engulfed commissioner Roger Goodell in a hefty bear hug on stage.

In Brief

Marquis Teague verbally commits to Kentucky

Indianapolis — Kentucky coach John Calipari has landed another high-profile point guard to his collection.

Indiana high school star Marquis Teague verbally committed to the Wildcats on Thursday, opting to join the Wildcats over Louisville and Indiana among schools.

Teague is ranked the No. 2 player in the Class of 2011 by Rivals.com. He can’t sign a letter of intent until the fall at the earliest, but if he signs with the Wildcats he will join a steadily growing list of elite point guards who have agreed to play for Calipari, a list that includes Derrick Rose and John Wall.

The 6-foot-2 Teague averaged 15.7 points and 4.6 assists for Pike High in Indianapolis, and his combination of size and athleticism have made him a coveted recruit.

Rockets’ Brooks named NBA’s most improved player

Houston — Aaron Brooks likes proving doubters wrong, and he did it this season, even though the Houston Rockets could not.

The speedy, 6-foot point guard was named the NBA’s Most Improved Player on Thursday, after setting career highs in points (19.6 per game), assists (5.3) and rebounds (2.6). His scoring average went up 8.4 points from 2008-09, the highest increase of any qualifying player.

The Rockets finished 42-40 and missed the playoffs, an expected outcome after Yao Ming missed the season with a foot injury. Brooks ably picked up the offensive slack in Yao’s absence, starting all 82 games while the roster seemed to be in flux all season.

“I didn’t go into the season to win a big award like this,” Brooks said. “I would love to be in the playoffs with this award, but due to the circumstances, we didn’t get there. But this is a great award.

NCAA to expand March Madness from 65 to 68 teams

Indianapolis — The NCAA has decided not to mess around too much with March Madness.

College sports’ largest governing body announced a 14-year, $10.8 billion deal with CBS and Turner Broadcasting on Thursday that will begin with an expanded men’s basketball tournament next March. But instead of jumping to a 96-team field, a possibility that drew criticism from bracket-obsessed fans to coaches, the NCAA plans to expand by only three teams, from 65 to 68.

Every game will be broadcast live nationally for the first time in the tournament’s 73-year history.

“It was a goal from the very, very beginning and I believe it’s what our membership wanted and it’s what our fans wanted across the country,” NCAA interim president Jimollach said. “I think without question, it was one of the driving factors in our position and why CBS and Turner make such great partners.”
Yankee triple play stirs controversy over rules

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Alex Rodriguez took off a belt at a press conference earlier in the week, then was seen an hour or so later at the batting cage, wearing a belt, and at the top of the on-deck circle, he leaned in to the pitcher's mound.

The Yankees had gone 6,632 consecutive regular-season games without turning a triple play. They broke that streak Thursday in the Athletics' 4-2 win.

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The problems began in the top of the sixth inning after a single by Rodriguez. Robinson Cano fouled off a pitch and Rodriguez, who in between second base and third, cut across the pitcher's mound to return to first.

The ball was hit to my right, I took a couple of steps, stopped on the bag and then threw a little Hail Mary at Robby," Rodriguez said. "And Robby did a great job of turning it.

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Brad en yelled over his right shoulder as he stepped across the mound-base line and Rodriguez hollered back. The two kept screaming at each other until A's manager Bob Geren came out and walked Braden off the field.

Braden threw his glove against a wall in the Oakland dugout and kicked a stack of cups.

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Asked if Rodriguez said he was sorry, Braden said no.

"The guy was tasting himself too long to apologize," he said. "No, he didn't apologize. And it's a shame. I have a lot of respect for that guy, everything he's done in the game. It's just disappointing when you see the other side of things.

This was not the first time someone said Rodriguez had broken an unwritten rule on the diamond.

He'd been shouted at Toronto third baseman Howie Clark while rounding the bag on a pop-up Clark backed away, and the ball dropped. The play started a baseball debate about A-Rod's actions.

"The long and short of it is it's pretty much baseball etiquette. He should probably take a note from his captain over there," Braden said, referring to Yankees leader Derek Jeter.

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The A's quick six-runners on first and second in the bottom of the sixth and Kurt Suzuki — who earlier hit a three-run homer — sent a sharp grounder to Rodriguez at third base.

Rodriguez stepped on the bag and threw to Cano at second. Cano's relay to first baseman Nick Johnson barely beat Suzuki.

The Yankees have gone 6532 consecutive regular-season games without a triple play. Their last one came on June 3, 1968, with first baseman Mickey Mantle catching the final out on a ball hit by Minnesota's John Roseboro.

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Scientists investigate HGH

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig says his sci- ence adviser is examining the human growth hormone blood test available through World Anti-Doping Agency but isn't sure when the study will be completed.

At his annual session Thursday with the Associated Press Sports Editors, Selig said UCLA professor Dr. Gary Green hasn't made a determination.

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NEW YORK — Baseball commission-
EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings are willing to wait all offseason to hear if Brett Favre will return next season. So waiting an extra day to make their first pick in the 2010 NFL draft should be a snap.

Four hours into the draft on Thursday night, the Vikings traded the 30th overall pick in the first round to division rival Detroit, meaning their first pick of this draft will not come until Friday night.

The Vikings moved back four spots to the 34th overall selection, the second pick in the second round, swapped fourth-rounders with the Lions to move from 128th overall to No. 100 and also picked up the Lions’ seventh rounder, No. 214.

“To make a trade and improve your draft status in each round was a huge success for us,” Vikings vice president of player personnel Rick Spielman said. If the Vikings wanted to pick an heir apparent to Favre, they could have done it with the 30th pick because Notre Dame’s Jimmy Clausen was available and so was Colt McCoy from Texas. Minnesota chose to drop down instead, stockpiling picks and allowing the Lions to take California running back Jahvid Best.

Clausen was not chosen in the first round and could be available Friday, but it appears unlikely that the Vikings will take him. Spielman said the team has four players targeted for that pick and could even trade down again if the right deal presents itself.

“If there was a player at 30 that we were definitely sold on, that we said, ‘There’s no way we’re going to trade out of this pick to have that player,’ then we wouldn’t have done it,” Spielman said. “But I think with us having the options to look at tomorrow, we were able to potentially get a player we may have taken at 30 and help ourselves with our slots.”

Southern Calif safety Taylor Mays and Texas linebacker Sergio Kindle are among the players the Vikings could consider Friday. But with no starting jobs open on a team that went to the NFC title game last season, the Vikings could afford to move down and pick up more selections and add the depth that they need at several positions.

Among the priorities the team had going into the draft was to add depth in the secondary, where cornerback Cedric Griffin is recovering from a torn ACL suffered in January and Antoine Winfield will turn 33 before the season starts. They signed Lito Sheppard on Wednesday to help there, but also could use upgrades at safety, depth at linebacker and on the defensive line.

The Vikings also lost backup running back Chester Taylor to Chicago and versatile backup offensive lineman Artis Hicks to Washington in free agency.

Then there is the quarterback issue.

Favre will turn 41 in October and took quite a beating from the Saints in the NFC championship. But the team has said all along it will not rush Favre’s decision and would be comfortable letting him sit out the first few weeks of training camp like he did last year.

Favre threw 33 touchdowns and seven interceptions in a memorable season, but the Vikings aren’t exactly set with a quarterback for the future. Tarvaris Jackson and Sage Rosenfels also are on the roster, and coach Brad Childress has always preferred that Jackson one day take the reins of the offense.

Jackson struggled early in his career to assert himself as a leader capable of handling this complex offense with consistency and Rosenfels quickly fell to No. 3 on the depth chart in the preseason.

With all that uncertainty, there was plenty of speculation that the Vikings would take Florida’s Tim Tebow or Clausen with their first-round pick to develop, hopefully, behind Favre for a year or two until the old man is ready to walk away.

But Tebow went 25th to Denver and the Vikings didn’t deem Clausen important enough to grab right away, so they traded down. They now have nine picks in the final six rounds, which gives them plenty of freedom to make moves over the next two days.

“It just gives you a lot more flexibility as you finish out this draft of being able to move up or back, which is something that we really haven’t had since I’ve been here,” Spielman said.
Irish welcome Bearcats for three-game series

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Back in the Big East conversa-
tion after a three-game sweep
of Seton Hall last weekend, the
Irish are looking to continue
their climb up the conference
standings, busting Cincinnati
this weekend.

Notre Dame (15-21, 5-7 Big
East) finally put the pieces
in place in New Jersey, winning
their first conference series in
sweeping the Pirates and mov-
ing up to seventh in the Big
East.

“Overall, it was a good weekend,”
Irish coach Dave Schrage said
following a 13-1 win over the
Pirates. “We knew this was the
opportunity to climb back into
the Big East race after a 2-7
start. Cincinnati comes to South
Bend on a three-game losing
streak, and is giving up over six
runs per game on the season.

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the conference race to be honest
with you,” Irish coach Dave
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The Bearcat rotation has
fared much better, with senior
Mike Spina leading the way.
Spina is batting .342 this year
with 23 home runs and 69 RBIs.
The Bearcats as a team have hit
72 homers, compared to just 22
for Notre Dame. One focus for the
Irish staff will be finishing
innings, as all 13 runs in Wednesday’s
loss to Michigan came with two
outs. The offense failed to plate a run
until the ninth inning, and
grounded into inning-ending
double plays in the fourth, fifth
and sixth innings.

A significant streak was also
broken in the loss, as senior
outfielder Ryan Connolly went
0-for-3 on the night and
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0-for-3 on the night and
snapped a 47-game streak of
reaching base. The run was the
second-longest streak in the
NCAA before Wednesday.

Despite the losses to Michigan
this week, the Irish are regroup-
ning quickly and preparing for
the Big East tournament.

“We play these courses all
time, and that helps,” Belles coach Mark Hamilton
said. “We know the greens
really well, and last time
we beat the next closest
team by 15 strokes, so
we’re hoping to
replicate that.”

S a i n t
Mary’s scor-
ing five will
consist of
senior cap-
tain Perri
Hamma, jun-
ior Mary Kate Boyce and
sopho-
mores Christine Brown
and Natalie Matuszak. Matuszak
was the low Belle during the first
qualifying round, firing a 77 that was
good enough for the second-
best individual score. Boyce
and Brown also placed in the
top ten individual
players and will be
looking to repeat that
performance this
weekend.

The Belles will
be using the
momentum from
their fourth-
place finish at
the Illinois Wesleyan
Spring Fling, but hope to improve
on some aspects of their
game before then.

“We struck the ball well
[last week], but we
struggled around the
greens,” Hamilton said.
“We’ve been working
hard on our short
game and so
hopefully that pays
off.”

S a t u r d a y’s
round will be
held at
Blackthorn Golf
Club in South
Bend, a challenging yet fair
course that will test the
MIAA competitors. It is a
billy layout, featuring big
greens that are easy to
access but provide tough
putts if the approach is not
an accurate one. The
fairways are wide, but an
errant drive could spell
trouble, so accuracy will be
paramount on Saturday.

The final round will be
contested at N o t r e
D a m e’s
Warren Golf Course just
north of campus. Again,
accuracy off the tee will be
paramount, as the fairways
are lined with trees. Putting
will also be challenging, as
the greens can be extremely
challenging.

The weather may play a
large role in the results of
the weekend, as thunder-
storms are expected both
days, as well as cool temper-
atures on Sunday. The rain
could lengthen the course
and slow the greens, adding
another challenge to the
Belles’ task. The end goal,
however, is simple.

“We need to go out and
protect our home turf,”
Hamilton said.

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Defending champs move up in tournament

Alexander’s Grill edges by Hannah’s Storm; He Went to Jared defeats Bob Loblaw’s Law Blog Long Bombs

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The four seniors and one freshman who make up Hallelujah Hollabcak moved one step closer to a repeat of last year’s Bookstore champi- onship — albeit without three players from last year’s team — after grinding out a hard-earned victory over Delivery Boys.

Hollabcak, made up of sopho- mores Andrew Gleason, Griffin Naylor, Tim Van Harmelen and Fat Kelly and freshman Nate Carr, started to make a run after falling behind 5-4. The teams had a hard time coming by baskets early in the game, as the defensive effort from both teams made every basket a contested effort.

“We had to really fight for baskets early,” Van Harmelen said. “Their point guard, Alex Klupe, won it all two years ago. He’s a great player and definitely wanted,” Crisman said. “Basically we need to get off to a good start.”

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**Women's Rowing**

Irish go for seven in a row in Big East tourney

By ALLAN JOSEPH

The Notre Dame women's rowing team has quietly been building a tradition of its own in the Big East championship. The 2010 season is the past few years. In each of the past six years, the Irish have hosted the Big East trophy and this weekend, they go for their seventh in a row at the Big East championship in Worcester, Mass. To coach Martin Stone, however, success in each individual year is more important than the year-to-year streak.

"Is it our seventh? I don't know. We don't keep track of that," Stone said. "We try to approach each year as a new year. We're not trying to defend anything, we're just trying to go as fast as we can in each event.

This year's team has had its share of challenges, not least of which was a change in the team's training philosophy. The squad's regimen has traditionally been based on a philosophy of constant, full effort, but this year the coaches decided to switch to a heart-rate-based training program. Though it has not been easy, assistant coach Joe Schlosberg said he has been impressed by the team's response.

"It's something we had to trust that the team would buy into, and we've had to show a lot of patience this year," Stone said. "This has been a little different year, the coaches included. We kind of had to change our mindset."

The coaching staff credits much of this team's success to the culture created by the seniors on the squad, who have fostered a positive atmosphere and set a great tone for the team.

"I think they're going to start to see some speed come out of our hard work. Hopefully it pays off," Schlosberg said. "I think we've gained some speed across the team since we last raced, and we'll keep our fingers crossed that we can carry that speed through this weekend and beyond."

Various schools are expected to challenge Notre Dame in the various boat classes, most notably Connecticut and Louisville. The Cardinals will be hungry for a championship, having finished second to the Irish multiple times over the past six years, and the Huskies are part of a program on the rise. Stone says that his team cannot be worried about the other schools, however, and must instead focus on putting forth its best effort. The key to success on Sunday, he said, is simple.

"We're planning on having our best races of the year," he said. "We have to row really hard and make our boats go really fast. I mean, it's not rocket science."

Notre Dame looks to claim its seventh consecutive Big East title Sunday in Worcester, Mass.

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We're trying to get as many outdoor matches in while we can before NCAA's.

If Notre Dame pulls off the win over West Virginia, their next opponent would be either 4th seeded Syracuse (19-2) or 5th seeded Marquette (13-13) in the semifinals on Saturday, with the winner playing in the finals on Sunday.

The Irish are looking to build upon unprecedented success in the conference tournament since they joined the Big East in 1995. In 15 seasons, the Irish have made the final match 14 times, and won nine. These titles include wins in the first two seasons the Irish played in the Big East. Historically, the Irish are 53-2 against the other 11 teams in the Big East tournament field, including a perfect 4-0 this season.

Regardless of the historically dominant résumé, Louderback knows the Irish will need to be at their best against tough competition.

"I think, for where we are right now, we really feel like this is one of the best Big East tournaments we're going to have because the teams are the strongest overall. I can remember," Louderback said.

The Irish title defense begins Friday at 9 a.m. against West Virginia, with the semifinal match to be played at noon Saturday and the finals to be played at 9 a.m. Sunday, all at the Courtyard Tennis Center.

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year. Freshman Brittany O'Donnell was credited with the second loss after giving up seven hits in two innings, moving her record to 7-3.

On the offensive side of things, the story of the day for the Irish was all the missed opportunities. The Irish put up a 2-0 lead in the first, but ended the inning with three runners left on base. They ended the second inning with the bases loaded as well, and with the game on the line in the eighth, the Irish batters were surrendered in order. Notre Dame only registered four hits in the second game on their way to two runs.

The Irish (35-9, 12-3) are looking to rebound with strong efforts on both sides of the ball as they prepare for a three game series against Big East for Villanova this Saturday.
Meanwhile, Hurley lost in the round of 32 to Sweden’s Emma Vaggo by a score of 15-12, but her performances in the team competition allowed her to earn a silver medal with Team USA in the women’s epee competition.

Almeida and Osier both competed in women’s sabre. Osier went 3-3 in pool play competition, while Osier went 5-1 and lost in the elimination round of 64. Team USA finished third overall in the World Championships, losing to Russia and Hungary.

The youth represented in the tournament give the Irish a lot of hope that they’ll be able to improve upon last year’s disappointing third place finish in the NCAA Tournament. All four players provide a lot of promise and their experience at high-level tournaments such as these will only help the Notre Dame fencing team moving forward.

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ND Women’s Tennis

ND hosts Big East, will face W. Virginia

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The Big East championships will serve as another home match for the No. 3 Irish as they move to the Courtney Tennis Center to seek their third straight Big East title and their 10th overall.

As the top seed in the tournament, the Irish (19-3) will begin their title defense Friday morning as they take on the eighth-seeded West Virginia squad. West Virginia (16-6) defeated Cincinnati (11-12) 4-2 in a play-in game Thursday, sweeping the doubles matches in the process. The Irish did not face the Mountaineers this season, but head coach Jay Louderback said he expects a tough match in the opening round.

"West Virginia had a long close match today with Cincinnati,” Louderback said. "It was good because we hadn’t had a chance to watch them play before. I was very impressed with their doubles. They won the doubles match very quickly against Cincinnati. That was pretty impressive!"

First singles player and sophomore Kristy Frilling will face off against West Virginia’s Stephanie LaForce, who will look to bounce back after suffering a 6-0, 6-0 loss in the opening round match. The group of seniors, headlined by Cosmina Ciobanu, who has not lost a match in singles this season, will look to reach their fourth conference title game in as many years and win their third title. In order to do so, they would have to play three matches in three days. something that the Irish have been preparing for but something that will still pose challenges, especially to the Irish doubles teams.

"I think it’s especially good for us, early in the tournament, to play a team with good doubles,” Louderback said. “It’s early in the tournament, for us, to gain his revenge as he helped them defeat us at the semifinals, and was also an integral part to the United States claiming first in the team tournament. Meinhardt was tested in both the first round and the quarterfinal round. To claim his has in the quarterfinals, Meinhardt edged Romania’s Andina 15-12 to reachable the semi-final round.

Despite taking a 9-6 lead in the semifinal round, Meinhardt was ultimately defeated by a score of 15-12. Team USA allowed Meinhardt to gain his revenge as he helped them defeat Italy in the team competition by a score of 45-35.

The Irish did not face DePaul during Thursday’s trip to the Windy City in which Notre Dame dropped both ends of a doubleheader against the Blue Demons. The team came in with high hopes after a quality win against Valparaiso, 7-6, but left the series empty handed after dropping the two games 7-6 and 15-2. The losses were the Irish’s second and third in Big East play, coming only two days after their first conference loss of the season against Louisville on April 17.

Notre Dame’s pitching staff, which is normally one of the stronger parts of the squad, just could not find a break on Thursday, as the Blue Demons put up an impressive 15 runs. Nine of the runs were registered in the second inning and the remaining six were tacked on in the third. Junior Jody Valdivia, who has pitched well for the Irish this season, lost her first Big East game in the first matchup of the day, moving her record to 27-4 on the