Faculty and students reflect on clerical sexual abuse scandals

By MADELINE BUCKLEY and SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Since sexual abuse scandals within the Catholic Church were brought to the public eye, it has been more difficult for Fr. Kevin Russeau, director of Old College, to go out in public.

"Most places I go I'm dressed in a robe and collar. People know I'm a priest," Russeau said. "You kind of have a sense that people are watching you differently."

"You get this sense that maybe you're doing something wrong even if you are just buying a gallon of milk for dinner?" The scandal exploded in the United States between 2001-2003, largely propelled by The Boston Globe, whose reporting on the subject earned the paper a Pulitzer Prize.

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In this April 4 file photo, Pope Benedict XVI, right, hugs Cardinal Angelo Sodano during Easter Mass at the Vatican. Sodano has taken the lead role in praising the pope's handling of the abuse scandal.

By JOHN TIERNY
News Writer

Notre Dame's past shows University not immune to problems

Notre Dame was once at the center of the national priest abuse scandals.

Fr. James Burtchaell, formerly a professor of theology and provost, on resigned his professorship on Dec. 2, 1991, in the wake of sexual misconduct charges, The Observer reported.


One of Burtchaell's alleged victims, John Michael Vore, said the priest was his spiritual advisor, The Observer reported in its Dec. 9, 1991, issue.

"I experienced a violation when I was with him — a violation of trust, of the confidence I had in him," Vore said at the time.

21st annual Shirt revealed

By TONY RIVERA
News Writer

As the veil from the top of Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore fell Friday afternoon to reveal the new design for the 2010 Shirt Project, head football coach Brian Kelly stood in front of the large crowd of students with one message to give.

"We are the Fighting Irish!"

As the crowd cheered back, this classic football phrase was the theme to the 21st-Anniversary edition of The Shirt Project.

With a Kelly green backdrop, the phrase is featured on The Shirt's front in blue letters while an image of Notre Dame Stadium's student section is shown on the back. "Rally sons of Notre Dame," the opening line of the Notre Dame fight song, is written above the image. Underneath the image is the song's final phrase, "Onward to victory."

Irish coach Brian Kelly speaks to the crowd at the Shirt unveiling at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Friday.

ND water initiative ends with showing

By SAM STRYKER
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With this Saturday's showing of the documentary film "One Water," student government's Global Water Initiative culminated a year-long series of events and fundraisers aimed towards addressing the world's clean water crisis.

According to the Global Water Initiative's final report, 2.5 billion people all over the world live without adequate sanitation. In addition, one in six persons on earth lives without access to potable water.

Former student body vice president Cynthia Weber believes the project achieved a great deal. "This and other projects have put on a number of events to both raise awareness of the issue and collect funds to be donated to the non-profit Water Project, the partner organization to Notre Dame's Global Water Initiative. In total, at least $4,464 will be donated to the Water Project, which provides sustainable, safe water by fixing broken wells in the African nation of Sierra Leone.

Rachel Rouherry, co-director of the Global Water Initiative along with Justin Pham, said that the program, the first of its kind for Notre Dame, was a great achievement for the campus. "I think that it is important to do so," she said. "Not only was it our goal to help fix wells, but also to educate the campus."

Throughout the course of the year, various service organizations have put on a number of events to both raise awareness of the issue and collect funds to be donated to the non-profit Water Project, the partner organization to Notre Dame's Global Water Initiative. In total, at least $4,464 will be donated to the Water Project, which provides sustainable, safe water by fixing broken wells in the African nation of Sierra Leone.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Status updates 101

As a second-semester senior, I spend a lot of time surfing Facebook as I attempt to put off what little work my sophomore-friend schedule gives me. My all-time favorite Facebook activity is looking at people’s photo albums — even people I haven’t spoken to since freshman year, high school or even never.

My other favorite thing to do is read status updates. It’s like listening to your friends talk about their lives without actually wasting time talking to them. What could be better?

Unfortunately, while photo stalking is pretty much always amusing, the news feed or “recently updated statuses” link is full of pitfalls.

Some people overshare, others post obnoxious song lyrics, and still others talk about subjects so boring that if they tried to tell me about it in person I’d probably just walk away.

To help out the status-challenged, I’ve compiled a handy list of dos and don’ts.

Do: Update your status if something really great happens. If you get a job or get into law school, by all means, tell all of Facebook. Especially if you’re like me and no one thought you’d be able to find a future. What better way to prove all the haters wrong than through your Facebook status?

Don’t: Update your status with endless details of the papers and projects you’re saddled with. I’m pretty sure that everyone else here has a similar workload. Also, I’m pretty sure that if you were really as busy as your status claimed, you’d drop dead of exhaustion.

Do: Keep your status short. If I wanted to read a novel, I wouldn’t be on Facebook.

Don’t: Write about how you’re having the worst day ever. There’s a 99 percent chance you’re not, and if you’re in that one percent that actually is having a truly horrible day, you should probably get off Facebook and start trying to fix your life.

Do: Post witty quotes from TV shows and/or movies. It’s a nice break from the endless lists of papers and projects everyone else in status-updating about, and your friends will have fun commenting with other quotes from the same movie or show. We’ll still have the same bonuses of looking like you’re really popular.

Don’t: Post overly dramatic statuses that sound like a 13-year-old girl wrote them. I don’t care about how you’re never going to realize the potential you have, but it’s the best boyfriend in the world. Doing this will just make me want to define friend and/or punch you. You’ll have the same bonuses of looking like you’re really popular.

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SMC donors spend time on campus

By ALICIA SMITH Associate Saint Mary's Editor

In honor of the funds contributed by Saint Mary's College through charitable donations, donors were invited to campus Friday and Saturday during Donor Recognition Weekend.

Throughout the weekend, donors were able to experience life at Saint Mary's firsthand as they impacted students, sophomore Julia Humphrey said.

"Spending time with [donors] Sally and Andrea really showed me the importance of Donor Recognition Weekend," Humphrey said. "As one of the keynote speakers expressed, 'When God gives, we give back.' This is true for both the donors and the recipients."

According to the schedule of events for the weekend, donors were able to be a "student for the day" Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donors had the opportunity to sit in on a variety of classes throughout the College, as well as to take meals in the Noble Family Dining Hall or Cyber Cafe with students.

Visiting donors also were able to participate in several activities throughout Friday afternoon. A spiritual retreat called "Journey of Life" was offered to donors in the Augusta Hall Conference Room at Saint Mary's Convent. At the conclusion of the retreat, Sr. Mary Louise Gude, vice president for Mission, led guests on a tour of the Sisters of the Holy Cross Heritage Room.

Donors were also given a chance to pray at the labyrinth, led by Judy Fehr, director of Campus Ministry.

In addition, donors were able to meet the 2010 "New Voices" scholars in Welsh Parlor in Haggar Hall or watch the Belles tennis match against Adrian College.

Friday evening events concluded with a roundtable discussion about the life and character of Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, former president of the College. After the discussion, current President Carol Ann Mooney gave a presidential address to the donors. Both events were held in Carroll Auditorium in Madeleva Hall.

In addition to spending time on campus, donors were able to meet the recipient of their scholarship. They are able to see that their donations are not being used to purchase mahogany desks or a tapestry rug, which occurs at other colleges and universities, she said.

Rather, they are affirmed that their money is used to fund the most important part of Saint Mary's: the education of women.

After the luncheon, donors were able to tour Spes Unica Hall and Madeleva Hall throughout the afternoon.

Mass was offered in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in LeMans Hall. After Mass, a reception was held in the Student Center Lounge.

The weekend concluded with dinner in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

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Conference to redefine beauty

By CAROLYNN SMITH News Writer

The second annual Bold Beauty Conference at Saint Mary's will aim to open the definition of beauty. The Bold Beauty Conference will take place today from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Saint Mary's Student Center.

"The goal of the Bold Beauty Conference is not to impose a rigid standard on what beauty is or is not. Instead, through the conference we strive to help students expand their understanding of what and who is beautiful — to embrace and understand the beauty of difference," senior Cassie McDonagh said.

Photoshop projects, Barbies on Parade and the Price of Beauty display will be on going on during this time in Vander Vannet Theatre.

Opening remarks will be at 5 p.m., followed directly by the documentary "Very Young Girls" at 6:30 p.m. "A new and exciting addition to this year's conference will be the screening of and panel discussion about "Very Young Girls," McDonagh said.

Some of the project themes include an examination of how porn has lost its negative connotation and it is now pervasive, how women are hyper-sexualized and an examination of college-aged women and their thoughts on body image, sororities and femininity in light of the St. Mary's lifestyle.

McDonagh also expressed the need for this conference and why it is important to examine what beauty is.

"After four years at an all-women's college, we have seen firsthand the damage the unattainable beauty ideal has done to the females we interact with on a daily basis," McDonagh said. "The Bold Beauty Conference helps to reverse these ideals that have been ingrained in our minds and help empower the women of our campus to overcome the narrow ideals of beauty."

Saint Mary's Communication Studies, Dance and Theater, Women's Studies, History and Film Studies departments are sponsoring the event.

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Al-Qaida in Iraq confirms deaths
BAGHDAD — An al-Qaida front group in Iraq on Sunday confirmed the killing of two of its top leaders but vowed to keep up the fight despite claims by U.S. and Iraqi officials that the deaths could be a devastating blow to the terror network.

The group came in a statement released a week after the group’s leaders — Abu Omar al-Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al-Masri — were killed in a raid by Iraqi and U.S. security forces on their safe house near Tikrit, north of Baghdad. The four-page statement by the Islamic State of Iraq was posted on a militant web-site early Sunday.

Cardinal pledges investigation
SANTIAGO — A top Roman Catholic official in Chile acknowledged in a letter Sunday that he suspended an investigation into alleged abuses by a priest because he was looking for more evidence.

But Cardinal Francisco Javier Errazuriz assured parishioners the church investigation is still under way after the retired Rev. Fernando Karadima, who also is the subject of a Chilean prosecutor’s criminal probe, was found not guilty of abuse.

The accusations against Karadima were first reported last week by La Tercera newspaper, which said a former altar boy accused the ex-priest of sexually abusing him in his residence at the Sacred Heart of Jesus church in the capital’s elegant Providencia neighborhood. The man, now a child, said he started when he was a child and continued for nearly 20 years.

VENEZUELA

Chavez seeks unity through primaries

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Opponents of President Hugo Chavez held primaries Sunday to pick candidates for congressional elections, a crucial step for Venezuela’s opposition as it seeks to unify a platform for the September vote.

Venezuelans voted in a third of the country’s 165 National Assembly seats up for grabs, its only chance for mounting a strong challenge to Chavez’s allies.

Party leaders have already reached agreements on the other 143 candidates that will represent the opposition as it bids to win control of the assembly, which has been dominated by Chavez supporters since the last congressional vote in 2000.

“Total unity in the majority of voting districts is a necessary requirement, although it’s not enough to win,” said pollster Luis Vicente Leon of the Caracas-based firm Datanalisis, noting that Chavez foes must motivate their constituents to vote Sept. 26.

More than 10,000 volunteers with ties to opposition groups staffed polling stations equipped with electronic voting machines for Sunday’s primaries, which were monitored by the National Electoral Council. The primaries, which cost $700,000 to organize, were financed by political parties and individual Chavez opponents.

“We are going to be more united than ever before,” said Richard Blanco, an opposition politician.

Pro-Chavez candidates won all of the seats in the single-house assembly during the last election after major opposition parties boycotted the vote, arguing that the country’s electronic voting system was susceptible to fraud.

U.S. Coast Guard members listen as officials give a news conference in New Orleans Thursday about the ongoing operations surrounding the offshore drilling incident.

NEW ORLEANS — Crews were using a robot subma- rine Sunday to try to stop an oil leak nearly a mile (two kilometers) below the sur- face of the Gulf of Mexico, but officials said it would take at least another day before they knew if the job was completed.

The Coast Guard said the oil spill was expected to stay 30 miles (50 kilometers) off the coast for the next three days, but officials are still watching a watchful eye because the slick has the potential to threaten shores from Louisiana to Florida.

Officials said they were trying to stop the flow by using robot submarines to activate valves at the well head, but that would take 24 to 36 hours to complete. If that doesn’t work, crews are also planning to drill a relief well to cut off the flow — which could take several months.

What appeared to be a man- ageable spill a couple of days ago after an oil rig explosion, and sank off the Louisiana coast Tuesday, has now turned into a more serious environmental problem. The new leak was discovered Saturday, and as much as 1,000 barrels — or 42,000 gallons (160,000 liters) — of oil is leaking each day, Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry said.

The new leak is troubling for the fragile ecosystem of shrimp, fish, birds and coral. Officials said it’s too soon to say whether the sensitive habitat will be affected.

What crude oil tends to do is float to surface and then under wave action it turns into what looks like chocolate mousse and sinks. It’s way too early to tell the impact, said James Cowan, an oceanography and coastal sciences professor at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

The initial spill occurred during the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon off about 50 miles (80 kilometers) off the Louisiana coast. More than 100 workers safely escaped the platform, which is about the size of two football fields, but 11 workers have not been found and are presumed dead.

The explosion created a rainbow sheet of oil on the surface of the water for a couple of days. On Thursday, the rig sank, adding another twist to the accident.

Still, officials maintained that no more oil appeared to be leaking.

Severe weather rolled into the region Saturday, and crews had to suspend cleanup efforts. Then, officials offered up the grim news: the new leak had been found.

The sheen on the surface has grown, extending 20 miles by 20 miles (30 kilometers by 30 kilometers) under that. If it didn’t work, the company could drill what’s called an inter- vention well to control the oil flow. But intervention drilling could take months.

“The over the next several days, we should determine which method is the best one to follow,” said Doug Suttles, chief operating officer for BP Exploration and Production.

BP said it has activated an extensive oil spill response, including the robot sub- marines, 700 workers, four planes and 32 vessels to mop up the spill and spray chemi- cals that will disperse the oil.

The Marine Spill Response Corp., an energy industry cleanup consortium, also brought in equipment. So far, crews have retrieved about 1,052 barrels of oily water.
Local bar works with Not For Sale

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Notre Dame students will reach their 27th annual Not For Sale campaign while celebrating the end of spring classes at Finny’s Wednesday.

Not For Sale is a movement to re-abolish slavery that persists as human trafficking with the mission of the “new generation of abolitionists.”

“Throughout our four years at Notre Dame, we have developed strong passions to find ways to see justice for victims of slavery. The Not For Sale campaign aims to find innovative solutions for every individual to re-abolish slavery in their own backyards and across the globe,” according to the campaign website.

The Not For Sale website outlines the campaign’s work to “recruit, educate and mobilize international grassroots social movement that effectively combats human trafficking and slavery.”

Poverty is key for those oppressed by human trafficking, Slaggert said.

“The position of vulnerability faced by those living in poverty make them perfect targets for the abuse of power,” she said.

The crime is also a hidden one, according to the campaign website, but Slaggert said it is one that must be addressed.

“Slavery is an absolute form of human objectification,” Slaggert said. “People are forced to become objects of labor and sex at the whim of those who hold power over them.”

The campaign website highlights communication and creativity as crucial to the mission of the “new generation of abolitionists.”

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In an atmosphere bearing similarities to a football Saturday, with food, games, guest speakers, the glee club and the marching band, festivities began at 4 p.m. and continued until the much-anticipated shirt unveiling just after 6 p.m. Following the unveiling, fans and students had the chance to buy The Shirt.

“We need to sell these shirts more than ever out there,” Kelly said. “We’ve already had 26,000 pre-sold, and the fans don’t even know what it looks like!”

Beginning in 1990 under the leadership of AnTostal chair- man Brennen Harvath, The Shirt Project has become in its 21 years one of Notre Dame’s most widely recognized traditions. In its first year, more than $17,000 was raised to support the AnTostal budget and other student clubs on campus.

Today, part of the revenue from sales is given to rector charities from sales is given to rector charities and to The Shirt Project Fund, which supports students with serious accidents or illnesses.

As former Notre Dame football player and ESPN radio show host Mike Golic said, the shirt has raised more than $7 million in its 21 years.

“I love when The Shirt comes up,” Golic said. “It’s a new shirt to unveil, a new team to unveil.”

Other students also noted an improvement from the previous design.

“Compared to last year, it’s a lot better,” he said. “I like the color, I like the front.”

Growing anticipation came directly from Kelly as well. Speaking of the new Shirt’s design, he said it reflected the need to get back to the roots of tradition of Notre Dame football.

“The Shirt exemplifies exactly how we are going to play,” he said.

Sophomore Ben Fuja said he also sensed Kelly’s excitement.

“You get the fans fired up,” Fuja said of Kelly. “It was very cool. It’s nice to get a taste of what we’re getting next year.”

As far as the design went, he said it worked for him, too.

“Compared to last year, it’s a lot hotter,” he said. “I like the color, I like the front.”

Other students also noted an improvement from the previous design.

“I think last year’s shirt was too busy,” Kadykowski said. “This one is a lot more clean. It’s more stylish because of that.”

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IN BRIEF

Energy-efficient rebates go fast

NEW ORLEANS — A Louisiana program to get people to replace older appliances with energy-efficient ones is proving very popular.

The Department of Natural Resources’s Empower Louisiana program, which started Saturday. The website set up to reserve rebates of $75 to $500 showed that nearly $2.8 million had been reserved by 9 p.m. and about $1.7 million was left.

DNR got $6.8 million in federal stimulus money from the U.S. Department of Energy for the program. It will last until February 2012 or until the money runs out.

Clothes washers, dishwashers, water heaters and heating and air conditioning systems are covered.

After less than two days, Louisiana residents have reserved more than half the money in a program to replace appliances with energy-efficient ones.

The Department of Natural Resources’s Empower Louisiana website showed that by Sunday evening, $3.4 million in rebates were reserved, and just over $1 million was left.

IN FOCUS

CKE restaurants sell equity firm

CARPINTERIA, Calif. — The operator of Carl’s Jr. and Hardee’s restaurants has accepted a higher buyout offer from a second suitor, an affiliate of Apollo Management VII LP, worth $694 million.

The bid for CKE Restaurants Inc. from an affiliate of private equity firm Apollo Management VII LP topped a previous bid worth $619 million from affiliates of another private equity firm, Thomas H. Lee Partners.

CKE and the fast-food industry have been hurting as customers continue to struggle with high unemployment.

The company operates and franchises 3,141 restaurants in 42 states.

BOLLYWOOD

Goldman Sachs releases documents

E-mails show how crash turned into cash; company fuels Congressional debate

NEW YORK — As the U.S. housing turned downward in January 2007, a Goldman Sachs trader wrote in e-mails to a woman he apparently was courting that investments he had sold were "like Frankenstein turning against his own inventor."

"I'm trading a product which a month ago was worth $100 and today is only worth $93," wrote Fabrice Tourre, who was charged along with the bank in a civil complaint filed this month by the Securities and Exchange Commission. "That doesn't seem like a lot but when you take into account (the investments) are worth billions, well it adds up to a lot of money."

Tourre was talking about investment products like the one at the heart of a federal complaint against his firm. For Tourre, the investments were like an invention gone awry. He had started arranging them when the market was on the upswing. But he continued selling them after the market turned — now with Goldman betting against them. In one case, misleading investors about a deal’s origin.

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. released that e-mail and 25 other internal documents Saturday in response to a Senate panel’s release of messages in which Goldman executives boast about money they were making as the market imploded late last year.

When credit rating agencies downgraded many billions of dollars of mortgage-backed investments in August and September of 2007, Goldman executive Donald Mullen was unabashedly pleased.

"Sounds like we will make serious money," Mullen wrote to Michael Swenson, another executive, in one of the e-mails from a September 2007 Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Goldman has argued vehemently that it did not profit from the mortgage meltdown, along with Goldman CEO Lloyd Blankfein, who will face a public grilling on Capitol Hill Thursday from the subcommittee.

Also this week, the full Senate will take up a proposed overhaul of financial regulation intended to toughen oversight of Wall Street and make the financial system more transparent. Republican leaders oppose the measures.

Goldman has been in the glare of a particularly unforgiving spotlight since the SEC filed civil fraud charges this month over the investments Tourre was selling and discussing in his e-mail.

The SEC alleges Goldman misled two investors — IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, a German bank, and ACA Management LLC, a U.S. bond insurance company — that bought complex mortgage-related products crafted in part by Paulson & Co., a New York hedge fund led by billionaire John Paulson. Paulson was betting the market would collapse. The SEC says Goldman didn’t tell the investors that Paulson was involved in choosing the investments or that he was betting they would fall.

Goldman has denied wrongdoing and says it will fight the charges. It has lost money on the particular deal of Tourre’s that the SEC charges address.

The SEC complaint contains excerpts from the same Tourre e-mail chains that Goldman released in full last Saturday. The firm’s move puts on full display the personal life of the trader, who had boasted that the market would implode, leaving only him standing. And it does so days before he makes his public debut.

"Obviously, the content of the e-mails is highly embarrassing, but we’ve found no evidence of wrongdoing," Goldman spokesman Samuel Robinson said. Goldman also has become a useful symbol for Democrats in the escalating debate over the financial overhaul.

"I just don’t think this is the right time to take up this issue with the border security problems, the drug wars going on across the border. 10 percent unemployment," said Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "It just strikes me that our time would be better spent at the federal level on other issues."
Senior Lee Marsh has contemplated going into the priesthood, and said the possible stigma of clerical sex abuse has disturbed him.

"That is one thing my mom always brought up when I would talk to her about the priesthood ministry," he said.

Although he is unsure about pursuing priesthood, Marsh said he wants to devote his life to Catholic ministry in some way, and he is undeterred by the Church’s scandal.

"It’s like a doctor and malpractice. It’s always there but shouldn’t stop you from exercising your ability to help people," he said.

But Marsh said he still has a lot of trust and faith in the Church.

"I think when we look at the bishops who have made poor decisions, we are looking at a small part of the human portion of the Church," he said. "It’s much bigger than that."

Fr. Paulinus Odozor, a theology professor, also recognized the positive contributions the Church has made in the world.

"Do you know how many hospitals enrolled in Catholic schools today being taught by Catholic men and women?"

"I don’t want to sound triumphohistic. I am simply saying we must put these things in balance."

While sexual abuse by priests is a "serious problem," the Church is "not the monster the press makes us out to be." Odozor said there are steps the Church can take to prevent such abuse from happening again and that the focus should be on keeping children safe.

"We redesigned the reconciliation room [at my former parish] so there is a mostly see-through glass door," he said.

"We tried to take away some of the privacy... just to be more transparent in that way," Odozor also said the process for admitting priests into the seminary is very specific.

"We have a psychological battery of tests that every candidate takes. They have a lot of interviews with psychologists, priests, with the laity... and the pope," he said.

"We try to be very careful about who we let into the seminary," Odozor said. Despite the negative media attention, Odozor said Catholic parishioners have still been receptive to him as a priest.

"Catholics generally reach out to you," he said. "They are not expecting you to keep away from people."

"In fact, some time after Mass, a kid came to me to hug me and the mom was standing there."

Odozor initially hesitated, but the mother encouraged him to embrace her daughter.

"She said, ‘Father, please give her a hug.’"

"They realize that the bulk of priests have the intention of serving the Church," he said.

Odozor, who has been a priest for 26 years, said despite its current difficulties, priesthood is "a happy profession." "In spite of everything, I wouldn’t be anything else."

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that Student Government showed this year that it can focus on a single service initiative for the entire year," she said. "It's a pretty unique model that hadn't been done before.

In addition to fundraisers put on by student organizations, members and organizations of Notre Dame's academic community such as the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity at the Kellogg Institute helped educate students on the issue of the global water crisis.

Weber said having widespread campus participation strengthened student bonds over the course of the school year.

"Groups on campus that normally didn't connect were brought together so it helped build our community as well as helping the world," she said.

Roseberry mentioned two events in particular that stand out in terms of raising awareness and funding for the global water crisis, in addition to demonstrating Notre Dame's sense of community giving.

"Howard Hall's 'Totter for Water' was a fantastic event that raised over $2,000," she said. "The Benefit CD in February with 18 student artists was another way the Notre Dame community came together to raise money for the world's clean water crisis."

Weber said while the Global Water Initiative was coming to a close with the end of last year's Student Government term, the Notre Dame campus should expect a similar program after the success of this year's series of events and fundraisers.

"This particular initiative won't be continued but some thing similar to it will be next year," she said.

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Prof. receives Clem Labine Award

Special to The Observer

Steven Semes, associate professor at the School of Architecture and academic director of its Rome Studies Program, has been named the 2010 recipient of the Clem Labine Award. Sponsored by Restore Media, publisher of Traditional Building and Period Homes magazines, the Labine Award goes to the person who has done the most to foster humane values in the built environment.

Semes will be honored Oct. 21 in Chicago at the Restore Media Awards Dinner. The ceremony, which will also honor the 2010 Palladio Award winners, is part of the Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference, which will be held Oct. 20 to 23.

Semes received the award for his work in preservation and sensitive design, as well as his articles, blogs, lectures and his 2009 book, "The Future of the Past: A Conservation Ethic for Architecture, Urbanism, and Historic Preservation," which argues context matters and that new buildings and additions to old buildings should be harmonious with their neighbors.

"The goal of the award is to honor an individual who, over an extended period of time, has demonstrated a personal commitment to infusing humane values into the creation of public and urban spaces," says Clem Labine, founder of Traditional Building, Period Homes and Old-House Journal. "The award's underlying conviction is that the humanist principles of the Classical tradition are essential to creating a civil society."

On May 2, the following candidates will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:45 a.m. Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers and join us in congratulating them.

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Burtchaell's resignation followed an investigation conducted by the Office of the Provost, under the leadership of then-provost Timothy O'Meara. The investigation was conducted throughout the 1990-91 academic year, after different students alleged Burtchaell abused them, according to the Dec. 3, 1991 issue of The Observer.

Burtchaell was on leave from the University for the 1991-92 academic year when he was a visiting professor at Princeton University. His resignation was effective as the conclusion of that academic year.

"It is unclear when the University first received reports of Burtchaell's abuse of students. William Storey, a theology professor at Notre Dame who retired in 1991, said he reported possible sexual misconduct by Burtchaell to the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1976, according to the Dec. 13, 1991 issue of the National Catholic Reporter.

Burtchaell served as the University's first provost for seven years, beginning in 1970. He was also chair of the Theology Department from 1966 to 1970.

He was known for stringent discipline and opposition to homosexuality in the Church, but also supported the ordination of women in a 1975 homily, The Observer reported. After his resignation, Burtchaell was barred from public ministry, according to The Tribune.

The student learned in 2001 that Burtchaell was working as a guidance counselor at a high school in Alabama. He informed the school about Burtchaell's past, and the former priest was fired, according to The Tribune.

The University established a three-member committee in 2003 for students and alumni to contact to report sexual misconduct by clergy, according to The Tribune. The committee consisted of the Theology Department chair John Cavadini, then-associate provost and current president of Saint Mary's College Carol Mooney and then-general counsel Carol Kaesehauer.

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I initially wanted to use this, my final Observer article, as a summation — or multiplication, I might say if in the boastful mood — of my college career. But every time I’d stop and think, I became distracted. This summarizes college well, actually, but I still needed the article. What distractions kept me from tracting (maybe?) my attention on the article? Well, in this case, it was that fantastical Christian sitcom, “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.” Any fun-loving Notre Dame student could admit to similar distractions, drawn in by the Christian allegories of Mr. Lewis and his two preceding initials (Does “postceding” come after “ceding”? Or maybe it’s succeeding; I’ll ask someone else from the South). The longer I watched Lewiss’s story, the more disturbed I grew — why is “Lion” an aslan for Turkish for “lion,” in case you only listened to the movie.)

Again, why? Male lions do not deserve this praise; their main purpose in life is to spread their seeds amongst females … even if that allegory sounds similar to Jesus’s regarding sowing seeds, that is), a creature who exists solely (not like soles on shoes, more like only) to copulate might not exist solely (not like soles on shoes, more like only), a creature who sows seeds, that is), a creature who exists solely (not like soles on shoes, more like only) to copulate might not be the best representation of God on Earth. And perhaps worse, in our hard-work-geta-you-ahead American mentality. Male lions are lazy. When I say lazy, I don’t mean it before the Serengeti hoof the IEEE and watch the latest wildebeest stampede on ESPN (Events on the Savanna: Programming Network). No, I mean that these leathery cats (pardon my redundancy) spread an average of 20 hours a day 2-7 days (they sound like rap artists) around.

Twenty hours! Makes you feel silly for working so hard here when the symbolic “King” of the natural world doesn’t stand on four feet during the day any longer than it takes you to stand in the stadium and watch a football game — on two legs. Female lions lounge just the same amount (not on “a mount,” though usually on rock) as the males, but they earn that relaxation time, as well as the first “laxation” time, before the “re,” that is. This is because the lionesses both hunt and raise the young to adulthood. Working women who also keep up the home, lionesses would need something pretty exciting to keep them providing food for the pride.

Well, excitement they have. Male lions might be good-for-nothings when it comes to meeting basic needs in lyn’, but they have one thing that trumps all, whether lion or human: good looks. These mane men have evolved through the scientific process that human models undergo rapidly in the movies, with their Latin as “gottitus flauntius,” also described in the musical “The Producers” as “If you’ve got it, flaunt it.” These kittens are so good-looking that they don’t have to do anything except fight with other men to shorten each others’ & claim territoriality over the ladies, despite the fact that lionesses aren’t so pinky once breeding season rolls around.

What turns these ladies on? Well, if you’ve seen the Lion King, it’s not him. Mulasa and Simba are impressive, yes, but Disney’s racist tendencies skewed the real attractiveness of the lion. Dark manes are what the ladies really want. Re-watch the Lion King through the eyes of a lioness (please interpret that figuratively, as lion eyes are hard to come by), and you will see the new appeal of the villains. Lions’ evolution to these maned sex-symbols has been rapid, as Wikipedia informed me last evening. Apparently, scientists at UW (as I assume the University of Wikipedia calls itself) have found cave paintings of European lions as “exclusively show animals with no mane, or just the hint of a mane, suggesting that they were maneless.” I don’t think I need to point out to you the similarity between “Maneless” and “Manless.” Their effeminacy, however, likely resulted in a more egalitarian society where the men and women shared a good deal of the responsibility.

I’m not even making up this egalitarian nonsense, as you will see as I quote my next hard-earned find. “Lionesses do the majority of the hunting for their pride, being smaller, swifter and more agile than the males, and unencumbered by the heavy and conspicuous mane, which causes overheating during exertion.” Pretty boys can’t even run without getting too hot because of their hair.

Perhaps I have been too hard on the male lion. His territorial defense and wooing of the female with his sexy dark mane permits the continuation of Panthera leo, after all. Yet, my upbringing by a feminist (I don’t know where she “brought me up” to, but I’m here) makes me want to go in and educate that lion so that he can help with the cooking and the child-rearing, as he likely once did before his hairy neck collar. Mail lie ons are lazy, but they look good.

I guess in leaving you, I can only hope this article did not end up as a summary of my college experience. Ladies, steal clear of attractive men with neck hair, and gentlemen, only grow out your mane if you plan on having a strong show biz. Good luck, everyone.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Waiting on a family not un-Catholic

I wish to thank Joseph Nawrocki ("representation") and Peter Campbell ("Clarifications," April 23) for providing me the opportunity to clarify my position as presented in my April 21 Letter to the Editor ("Not so friendly.") Nawrocki accuses me of misrepresenting the University's position on the topic of being "Family-Friendly" petitioners. He says that I "infer" that Campbell believes that the University should encourage students to "live compassionate and moral lives that are consistent with the Catholic Church's teachings." I, in fact, do not. If the University is to follow a consistent moral and compassionate living in the context of marriage should take a serious stance against abortion, as is indicated by a document released by the University in 1983, it is clear that the University's encouragement of moral and compassionate living in the context of marriage should take financial form (increased health benefits) and that it has not considered fully the ramifications of this request. If that is the case, then the University should fund health care for graduate students (as the conclusion to the previous letter should make clear).

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Let Nawrocki and others note that I am not necessarily objecting to increased health care subsidies for graduate families. (As the conclusion to my previous letter should make clear). I am objecting to justifying this request by appealing to "Catholic teaching." Peter Campbell's attempt to clarify his position in his letter does little to allay my fears. Here, Campbell says, "I did not intend my comments to imply that only married students were to receive health care subsidies for their families." I infer no such thing. I infer, rather, that Campbell believes that the University's encouragement for moral and compassionate living in the context of marriage should take financial form (increased health benefits) and that it has not considered fully the ramifications of this request.

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I am not suggesting that graduate students who do have children while in school are irresponsible. I am simply saying that choosing to marry and have a family is a big commitment, and the decision to do so while in graduate school must take into account the financial and emotional costs. Some students will not choose to postpone having children until they finish their degrees, and I respect that choice. However, can we demand that the University subsidize the cost to support a family on a graduate student income alone, while other students choose to postpone childbearing or marriage and still others choose to raise children in a family where both parents work and have health benefits? These decisions are highly personal and must be made according to individual circumstances. I ask the petitioners to respect the complexity of these decisions, and to respect the sacrifices that all graduate students—married or single, with or without children—make. If you do feel you are within your right to ask the University to help with the cost of deciding to have children on a graduate stipend alone, please do not rely on misrepresen
ted Catholic teaching to do so.

Emily Steeler
grad student
off-campus
April 23

Green should be more than a trend

After our Earth Day celebration on April 22, it has become apparent that this University needs to change its technique in being “green.” On our campus, becoming green has become a fashion, a trend — not a chance for us to save our planet.

Those of us outside the biology department are never exposed to the exciting topics conveyed by the biology department. At Los Alamos High School, Mr. Thurston taught biology for juniors. Aware of his reputation for being both eccentric and academically demanding, I went into Mr. Thurston’s class with trepidation. I did not realize his enthusiasm would reshape my academic path.

Mr. Thurston wore a tie to school every day, because education was something to be taken seriously. He had a fiery personality — no student was safe from a lecture. Those in the physics department are never sufficiently educated in the actual science behind global warming, forestry or pollution. Consequently, it is difficult for a majority of us to take a serious stance against these issues. Being green has become a handbag trend. We must all recognize that we have a responsibility to buy a T-shirt or hike over to Stonehenge on Earth Day. If we are to truly make a difference in the way people act towards the environment, we need to change the way in which they think about the environment. It must be a core conviction that people are able to hold, and not only during inter-dorm energy competitions or when friends stand next to each other while brushing their teeth with the water running.

I suggest that we, the students of Notre Dame, educate ourselves in the direct consequences of our wastefulness. In this way we will all become more genuinely concerned and aware of what an impact our day-to-day lives have on the health of humanity and the world.

Abigail Nichols
junior
Welsh Family Hall
April 23

Inspirational teacher to be missed

Upon reflection of our early school days, the most potent memories are often associated with one particular figure. More often than not, we can pick out one person who made our education light up. We identify one person who had the power to inspire, to spark our curiosity. Someone who demanded our best effort, yet never had to ask because we wanted to exceed his expectations. We all have these figures in our memory, and for me, his name is David Thurston.

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Congratulations to Women’s water polo

Congratulations to the Notre Dame Women’s water polo team now competing at the National Tournament in Arizona. The team just set the NCAA record for most consecutive National qualifiers in the sport — 12. These women are the best of the best in their sport and they are a credit to their team. They compete at a high level in a sport that requires intense physical conditioning. Congratulations to the coaches and especially the seniors.

Catherine Kelly
junior
Welsh Family Hall
April 21
From spiky blonde hair to slicked-back midnight waves, Legends brought a wide variety of hairstyles this year to its stage. Ryan Cabrera didn’t leave his trademarked locks behind; nor did Joshua Radin’s coil disappoint. The diversity in hairstyles was nothing though compared to the varied performers who brought a taste of the outer world to the Notre Dame bubble on Friday and Saturday nights.

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By MAIJA GUSTIN
Assistant Scene Editor

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By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

The “American Idol” star from last year’s season eight has continued his pursuit of the American dream by doing what he loves — making music. A few months ago he released his single “My Name,” which blends R&B beats with Eastern and Indian influences. The track of his independently released album “All Is Fair” is as catchy as Miley Cyrus’ “Party in the USA” while having the clever lyrics of Jay Sean’s “Down.”

I had the pleasure of speaking with him about everything from his time on “Idol” to his favorite meal when he’s back home.

Your album is set to release in a few weeks, can you tell us about it?

Everyone I have shown it to so far has really enjoyed it, and I hope you and all the readers at Notre Dame agree. I pride myself in making every track unique and a potential hit on its own. This isn’t a CD with one or two good songs and the rest space-fillers.

Do you plan on going on tour for this album?

Yeah! We don’t have all of the specifics yet, but I plan to go on tour across the country as well as internationally, making stops in the Philippines and India. If you could open for anyone who would it be?

I had the pleasure of opening for Sean Kingston a few weeks ago, and that was really cool especially with the contrast in our music: me with a full band and him with a track in the background. If I could choose I’d love to open for someone like Jason Derulo or Ne-Yo.

What has life been like after “Idol”? Do you stay in contact with a lot of the people from the show?

It’s been great! The tour was amazing, and spending that much time with everyone they basically became family. While it’s tough to meet them, we’re all across the country now, we try to stay in touch.

Have you been keeping up with this season? Who do you like so far?

Yeah, I have. This season has a ton of talent, and I really like Crystal or Mike to win it all.

Of the nine seasons who has been your favorite idol contestant?

Fantasia was something else. Her journey and success was so inspiring and she was so talented. If you hadn’t made it on “Idol,” what would you be doing right now?

I’d probably be studying for finals like you. I was a grad student at UNC before auditioning for “Idol.” What do you do outside of the music world? Hobbies?

You know, before “Idol,” music was my escape, what I did outside of classes. It’s so great now to be doing what I truly love doing as my full time endeavor. But other than that, I do the normal stuff. Love hanging out with my friends and such. Also, if you were to ask them, “What is Anoop good at or known for?” they’d say eating and drinking wine. I love food.

What’s your favorite meal?

Other than the home-cooked Indian food, my favorite would be Mediterranean and Greek food. Though, my all time favorite meal was when I went to this restaurant named Eve in this old town Alexandria in Virginia. They had new age-y French fusion food, and it was a nine-course meal. I took pictures of every dish because it looked so awesome. Do you think you’d do a performance at ND next fall?

I’d love to perform at Notre Dame! I’m really hoping to target colleges for the tour, and I love Notre Dame. If you guys ask me to come I’d be more than happy to.

Is there anything else you’d like to tell the student body at Notre Dame?

I want to thank everyone at Notre Dame, hopeful I’ll get to see you this fall! Also, I’m a huge Carolina Panthers fan and am excited your star quarterback will be playing for us next year!

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Passion Pit
wows Chicago crowd for the second time

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Venue: Congress Theater, Chicago, IL
Home runs carry Angels past Vazquez, Yankees

Patterson, Chavez hit big to help Athletics shut out Indians; Orioles’ losing streak ends with extra-inning win over Red Sox

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Bobby Abreu and Kendry Morales homered. Brandon Wood drove in the go-ahead runs with a bases-loaded double and the Los Angeles Angels handed the New York Yankees their first series loss of the season with a 3-0 victory Sunday.

Scott Kazmir (2-1) gave up two runs, three hits and four walks in 2 1/3 innings. Kazmir hit at least six innings in 32 of his 33 starts with Atlanta.

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Cleveland, which hasn’t won a series in Oakland since July 29-31, 2002, was blanked for the fourth time.

Oakland had lost four of six, but gained some momentum with a nice win before taking off for a six-game trip beginning with two in Tampa Bay starting Tuesday and ending with a four-game series in Toronto.

The A’s played without catcher Kurt Suzuki for the second straight game as he deals with tightness in his left side. Suzuki hopes to return Tuesday night against the Rays.

Oakland’s 7 Red Sox

Ryanh Hughes singled in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning Sunday and Matt Wieters followed with a two-run single, helping the Baltimore Orioles snap a 10-game losing streak against the Boston Red Sox with a victory that was their third in four meetings.

Miguel Tejada added a two-run homer for Baltimore, which overcame a 4-1 deficit to avoid its fourth straight series sweep at the hands of the Red Sox. Jim Johnson (1-1) allowed two runs in the bottom of the 10th, his longest relief appearance of the season and first second. Cal Meredith got the final two outs for his first save.

The Orioles loaded the bases with no outs against Scott Atchison (0-1) before Hughes, who struck out with two runners on in a 7-6 loss Saturday in his first major league game, singled to right. Wieters then grounded one up the middle and through a drawn-in infield, just past shortstop Marco Scutaro’s diving bid.

J.D. Drew doubled in a run and scored on Hall’s single, but Boston’s rally ran out of gas.

Red Sox catcher Victor Martinez and Scutaro hit a liner to second baseman Ty Wigginton to end the game.

Boston starter Tim Wakefield left with a runner on first and a 4-3 lead in the seventh, but Hideki Okajima gave up Nick Markakis’ RBI double and Ty Wigginton’s groundout that caromed off the left-field foul pole.

Wieters, who also homered in the fifth-inning hit chased Justin Verlander (1-3) threw 78 pitches in just 3 2/3 innings, giving up five runs, five hits and three walks. The 33-year-old right-hander hadn’t made it through the sixth in any of his four starts, surrendering 20 runs in 20 innings.

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The Angels spotted the Yankees a 3-0 lead before Abreu launched a solo shot to right with two out in the third. It was his 250th career homer and his 10th off Vazquez, the most he’s hit against any pitcher.

The three-time defending AL West champions pulled ahead 5-3 in the fourth with Howie Kendrick’s RBI single, Wood’s clutch double off the glove of a diving Marcus Thames in left field, and a run-scoring groundout by Maicer Izturis. Wood’s first two RBIs of the season came in his 51st at-bat.

In the seventh, the switch-hitting Morales got the green light on a 3-0 pitch from Damaso Marte with two outs and hit a three-run shot to left-center. In Friday’s series-opening 6-4 win, Morales hit a tiebreaking two-run homer off John Chamberlain in the eighth inning.

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Chavez, limited to eight games in his injury-shortened 2009 campaign, drove in the go-ahead runs with a bases-loaded double and scored on a sacrifice by Curtis Granderson and scored as Derek Jeter beat the relay to first base on a first-inning infield single and double-play grounder to third.

Cano led off the sixth with his fifth homer, trimming the Angels’ lead to 5-4. It was his seventh hit in 11 at-bats against Kazmir.

Athletics 11 Indians 0

Eric Chavez hit a two-run double and also singled in run to help Gio Gonzalez win for the first time in three starts, and the Oakland Athletics pounded the Cleveland Indians on Sunday to take the series.

The A’s Spotter honed and hit a two-run triple, matching his careert high with three RBIs.

Josh Kozmanoff returned to the A’s lineup and added a three-run double. He sat out Saturday to give him time to heal after fouling a pitch off his foot. Kozmanoff’s foul-biing hit chased Justin Masterson (0-3).

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Hawks Hossa avoids suspension for hit

TORONTO — Chicago Blackhawks forward Marian Hossa avoided a suspension from the NHL for his hit on Nashville defense Dan Hamhuis.

Associated Press

Because Ovechkin was also suspended for two games earlier this season for a knee-to-knee hit on Carolina defenseman Tim Gleason, he was punished more harshly for his hit on Campbell because of his status as a repeat offender. The Predators are back in the playoffs, but the Blackhawks have eyes on the NHL's biggest prize.

After the game went to overtime, the Blackhawks killed the remaining 3:57 of Hossa's penalty. The Predators are the only team in this year's playoffs without a power-play goal. Their latest failure with the game on the line pushed the drought to 0 for 21 with the advantage.

Bucks GM Howard takes NBA executive of the year award

INDIANAPOLIS — The NBA has approved 35 bowl games for the next four years, including two new ones: the First Pinstripe Bowl in New York.

The new bowls that were approved are a one-time bowl in the Big East and the No. 6 school in the Big 12, excluding Bowl Championship Series participants.

The first Pinstripe Bowl will be played at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx on Dec. 30. It will include the No. 3 team in the Big East and the No. 6 school in the Big 12, excluding Bowl Championship Series participants.

The First Pinstripe Bowl will be the New Year's Day 2011, involving the seventh-ranked team from the Big 12 against the sixth-ranked team from the Big Ten. Future games will include Conference USA.

Falcons QB Redman donates to father's team

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. — Atlanta Falcons quarterback Chris Redman has contributed a big winner for his father's new football team at southern Indiana's Jeffersonville High School.

Redman, a former University of Louisville star, gave the Greater Clark Education Foundation a $3,000 check on Friday that could grow to $15,000 through matching grants from foundations established by Falcons owner Arthur Blank and the National Football League.

"He's trying to utilize his resources to make a difference," said Chris Millman, a spokesman for the Falcons.

The check and the matching funds it's expected to attract will be used to buy football equipment at the school, said Marty Bell, the school district's chief operating officer.

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**NHL**

Top-seeded Sharks move forward in playoffs

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Coach Todd McLellan preached the importance of being able to overcome obstacles before the San Jose Sharks opened the postseason.

The top-seeded Sharks proved they could do just that in a tougher-than-expected first-round series against the Colorado Avalanche. They overcame deficits in games and the series, fluky bounces and bad breaks before finally knocking out the eighth-seeded Avalanche with a 5-2 victory in Game 6 in Denver on Saturday night.

"We faced adversity, faced overtimes, close games and now we are moving on," defensemen Dan Boyle said after scoring the game-winning goal in the third period Saturday. "You know you are going to have your ups and downs in a playoff series. You are going to fall behind in a playoff game and you can't quit."

Boyle was the central figure in the lowest moment of the series. San Jose outshot Colorado 56-16 in regulation of Game 3 only to be forced to go to overtime because Craig Anderson turned aside every shot.

Then in the opening minute of the extra session, Boyle innocently tried to send the puck around the boards to teammate Douglas Murray in his own end of the ice. But Ryan O’Reilly stuck his stick in the way at the last instant, catching enough of the puck to redirect it between goalie Evgeni Nabokov and the right post to give Colorado the victory and a 2-1 series lead.

But instead of folding as they have in past playoff disappointments, the bad bounce seemed to galvanize the Sharks around their star defensemen as they won the final three games of the series.

"Dany Boyle has been there all year for us," said captain Rob Blake, who had his own tough night when the game-winning goal in Game 1 was redirected off his skate and into the net. "He stepped up when we needed it. He got us into it and then we took over."

Boyle scored the first goal early in Game 4 to help San Jose even the series with a 2-1 overtime win and the Sharks dominated in a 5-0 victory in Game 5 at home. Then after falling behind 2-1 early in the third period of Game 6, Boyle scored the tying goal to start a run of four straight San Jose goals that sent it into the second overtime.

Now the "nightmare" that was the Sharks' game-tying goal in the third period Saturday. "You know you are going to have your ups and downs in a playoff game and you can't quit." Boyle added.

The earliest San Jose is expected to start the second round is Thursday but Game 1 could be as late as Sunday depending on how quickly the other first-round series end because of an Eagles concert scheduled for the Sharks Tank on Friday and Saturday nights.

McLellan gave his team the day off Sunday and practice will resume Monday.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us," Nabokov said. "We’ll enjoy it for a couple of days and get back to work. This one wasn’t easy and we don’t expect it to get any easi- er with our next opponent."
James leads Cleveland over Chicago, 121-98

CHICAGO — LeBron James insisted there was nothing unusual about the shot, that he’s perfectly comfortable taking it. Never mind that he unleashed it from nearly halfcourt.

James’ jumper — from a spot that requires a heave for many players — was just part of the show on a day when he delivered his fifth career postseason triple-double with 37 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists. That led the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 121-98 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Sunday and a 3-1 lead in their first-round series.

“I’ve done some great things in the past, I’ll do some great things in the future,” he said. “But we’re in the present now, and I’m feeling pretty good.”

The Cavaliers led by 10 at halftime after scoring 38 in the second quarter and broke it open with a 37-point third, putting them in position to close it out at home on Tuesday.

James was at it again after scoring 40 and 39 the previous two games, connecting whenever he wanted and from wherever he wanted. He was 6 of 9 on 3-pointers, including a jumper from just inside midcourt at the end of the third that made it 99-76.

“I can comfortably shoot that shot,” James said. “It was a regular jump shot for me. Comfortably, I can walk and dribble into a half-court 3.”

James certainly made it look easy against the Bulls.

“He was extremely active all over the place,” coach Mike Brown said. “He really set the tone defensively. He was terrific for us on the weakside. He was great for us on the ball, and he talked defense the whole game.”

He had plenty of help from Antawn Jamison, who scored 12 of his 24 in the third quarter, not to mention Mo Williams (19 points).

Chicago got 21 apiece from Derrick Rose and Joakim Noah, who also pulled down 20 rebounds, but the Bulls settled for jump shots once they fell behind.

“I just think we weren’t very tough mentally today,” Noah said. “We were playing good ball and then just collapsed. We’re a young team and have to learn from this.”

The Cavaliers were simply locked in after a two-point loss in Game 3. They shot 53 percent and outscored Chicago 40-34 in the paint after being dominated there 94-70 the previous two games.

The Bulls were leading 43-40 after Luol Deng hit a 17-footer with just over five minutes left in the half. Then, Cleveland took over.

Celebrating achievers

Congratulations to Kyle Lofdt, Lauren Eidgar, Ben Winter, Laura Smith, and Tom Fiel on coming in second place at the Deloitte National Case Study Competition in Scottsdale, Arizona! School teams from across the country competed in order to be selected to participate in the national competition, which consisted of six total teams. A special thanks to the faculty of the team, Professor Chao-Shin Liu.

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**Women's Rowing**

Irish claim Big East crown

By ALLAN JOSEPH

In what Irish coach Martin Stone described as “perfect conditions” on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass., Notre Dame claimed the Big East title for the seventh consecutive year Sunday.

“There was a little bit of a headwind, but nothing that was unmanageable,” Stone said. “We just powered right through it.

Not only did the Irish win the crown, but they blew past all the field, scoring 121 team points, 28 points ahead of runner-up Georgetown. The day culminated in a very comfortable six-second victory in the marquee varsity eight event.

“We won every event except for the novice four, in which we were second. We had a great team performance all the way around,” Stone said. “We swept it one year in ’07, but this might be the next best number of wins at the event for us.”

Stone said he was proud of his team’s ability to overcome any early challenges to their leads and to create and hold comfortable margins.

“In each of the races, you get challenged at some point. We dealt with the challenges pretty well,” he said. “In multiple cases we had the lead and established very good margins — we cleared the field.

The team’s success earned the Irish multiple conference accolades. Stone and assistant coach Joe Schelsberg were named Coaching Staff of the Year. Senior slalomers Casey Robinson and Brittany Kelly and junior Stephanie Gretsch earned first-team all-Big East honors while senior Sarah Keithley, junior Katherinian, and freshmen Stephanie O’Neill were named to the second-team squad. Despite the honors, Stone put the focus on his team as a whole.

“I think our kids did a really, really great job,” he said. “They had some tough spots in place, and we accomplished all of them, so it was great. We did really well today.”

The next step for the Irish is the South/Central regional event in three weeks in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Stone said he anticipates a tough, hot and pettive, wide-open field that will push Notre Dame to its best, he sees up to 12 boats in the varsity eight competition alone that could earn a victory.

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**NBA**

Boozer, Williams score big for Utah

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Carlos Boozer had 31 points and 13 rebounds, Deron Williams added 24 points and 13 assists, and the Utah Jazz held off a late charge to beat the Denver Nuggets 117-106 on Sunday night for a 3-1 lead in their Western Conference playoff series.

Carmelo Anthony finished with 39 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists as the Nuggets took their closest game of the series. Denver had a 2-1 series lead.

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**NHL**

Canucks upset Kings with three late goals

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Daniel Sedin scored the tying goal with 2:03 to play as the Vancouver Canucks rallied from another third-period deficit to finish off their first-round series against the Los Angeles Kings with a 4-2 victory in Game 6 Sunday night.

Roberto Luongo made 30 saves while keeping Vancouver close in its third straight victory over Los Angeles, and Kevin Bieksa tied it early in the third period for the third-seeded Canucks.

Sedin then skated in to collect a loose puck and snapped a shot over goalie Jonathan Quick, sending Vancouver to the second round of the Western Conference playoffs for the third time in four seasons.

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**ND Track & Field**

Irish rake in eight top-five finishes

Observer Staff Report

In their final chance to compete before the Big East Championships, the Irish put together some impressive performances at the Drake Relays and the Hillside’s Gina Relays over the weekend.

Notre Dame tallied eight top-five finishes in the two meets, led by senior Joanna Schulte’s second-place finish in the women’s 400-meter hurdles at the Drake Relays.

Junior Jasmine Williams won the women’s triple jump as seven Irish athletes placed in the top five at the Gina Relays.

In the men’s triple jump, fresh-senior John Hare and sophomores Connor Paladino finished fourth and fifth, respectively. Freshman Trent Sayers finished third in the men’s 800-meter run.

Junior Jarron Ridler won the men’s pole vault as fresh-
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Liezel Huber put the United States into the Fed Cup final with a 6-3, 6-1 doubles victory over Russia’s Elena Dementieva and Alla Kudryavtseva on Sunday.

The Americans will meet defending champion Italy for the second straight year in the final Nov. 6-7 at an undetermined site in the United States. The U.S. has won a record 17 times, the most in the United States. The U.S. is 3-0 in decisive Cup doubles matches with a 6-0, 6-3 win, over the Czech Republic last year — after dropping the first two.

The Americans will meet Italy for the second straight year in the final since the best-of-five tiebreak format was adopted in 1995. Dementieva and Kudryavtseva are 3-0 in decisive Cup doubles matches. In the first round, Huber carried the load with one of the best games of his career.

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His teammates stepped up to take the heat off Ginobili. Duncan had four points and four rebounds. Jefferson had five points and six rebounds. Tim Duncan had a miserable first half, having 23 points in Game 3. He made just 1-of-9 shots — a mask. He wore a bandage across his broken nose that went from cheek-to-check, an uncomfortable but not as painful a face mask.

Jefferson scored 15 points and nine rebounds. Duncan had four points and four rebounds. Jefferson had five points and six rebounds.

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Belles sweep Bulldogs in conference contest

By ANDREW OWENS
sports writer

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NBA

Spurs top Mavs by three, lead series 3-1

SAN ANTONIO — If Spurs coach Gregg Popovich hasn’t already done so, he may want to apologize for calling his role players “dugs.”

Because they put the Dallas Mavericks on the brink of elimination.

Tim Duncan had a miserable 34th birthday and Manu Ginobili looked as bad as times at his bandaged-up nose. But George Hill scored 29 points and San Antonio beat the Mavs 92-89 for a 3-1 lead in their first-round series.

Popovich called out his supporting cast after losing Game 1. It was his Big Three who had little bark in Game 4, but Hill carried the load with one of the best games of his career.

“It was really pumped,” Mattek-Sands said. “I always was wondering whether it’s playing singles, doubles or charades. I was ready to go.”

Makarova had subbed for a struggling Kudryavtseva in the first reverse singles match with Russia trying to nail down the win before getting to Huber, the world’s No. 1 doubles player.

Huber and Makarova also secured a spot in the final with a doubles win over the Czech Republic last year — after dropping a set and coming down to a tiebreaker on the second. Huber is 3-0 in decisive Cup doubles matches.

“Before going on the court, I was like, ‘Is this real?’ Is this really coming down to doubles?” Huber said. “Then I look at myself in the mirror and said, ‘This is why you play and why you work hard.’”

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Men's Lacrosse

Blaney's five goals carry ND

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

No. 12 Notre Dame split a pair of close contests against tough opponents in the final portion of its regular season schedule. The Irish (10-5, 2-2 Big East) defeated regional rival Ohio State 12-11 Thursday, but lost a heart-breaker to conference opponent Rutgers 12-11 in overtime Saturday.

Sophomore attack Maggie Tamasitis was the hero for the Irish at Ohio State, tallying the winning score with just 24 seconds left on the clock. Junior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney scored five goals, including four in the second half to keep the Irish close.

The win at Ohio State was huge for an Irish team with NCAA Tournament aspirations, Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “Ohio State is a tough place to play,” she said. “They’re trying to play their way into the tournament and playing a game that helps you know where you stand nationally.”

Notre Dame started the second half strong and jumped out to a 9-5 lead 10 minutes into the second half before Ohio State responded, scoring three unanswered goals to cut the lead to 9-8, before eventually tying the game at 11.

“The game wasn’t pretty, but in the end with Ohio State we just found a way to win,” Coyne said. “It was a big win for us.”

Notre Dame was unable to keep the momentum going from the big win against the Buckeyes, as they saw their five-game winning streak snapped in a hostile, contested 12-11 overtime loss to Rutgers.

A poor first half killed the Irish as Rutgers scored the first six goals and went ahead by a score of 7-1. The first half was less than optimal. We just did not perform,” Coyne said. “We didn’t come out ready to play and compete.”

Coyne said Notre Dame’s lackadaisical performance surprised her on many fronts.

“I wish I had the answer but I can’t explain it, quite frankly it was shocking to see them not get it together,” Coyne said. “There was a lot riding on this game so (their lack of performance) makes it difficult to answer.”

The Irish roared back in the second half, outscoring Rutgers nine to four and sending the game into overtime. Blaney and senior attack Gina Scioscia had seven total tally’s throughout the season that we played in the second half is the way we’re capable of playing. Despite a couple of good

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“Tying these school records in a really proud moment for me,” Valdivia said. “Being part of the Notre Dame softball history is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I wouldn’t be able to achieve any of this without my teammates. We win all of our games together and it is their hard work and dedication that has given me this great opportunity.”

Sophomore Allexa Maldonado had her own special day Saturday, going 5-5 at the plate, driving in four runs, scoring four more and setting new career single-game highs in hits and RBIs with three each.

“Obviously our bats were working this weekend,” Valdivia said. “Our team came off of the week with a bad taste in our mouths so we really wanted to prove something against Villanova.

Not sweeping Villanova was not an option,” Valdivia said. “Our entire goal this season has been putting ourselves in the best position for Big East, and a Villanova sweep was a necessity.”

“We hope to continue on the same path we have been going and keep up the wins in order to finish out the Big East.”

Jody Valdivia
junior pitcher

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Schrage said. "It was slicing off the field fence to give Notre Dame a victory over Rutgers on April 11.

By CHRIS MASOUD

"This has been three years in the making for us," Crisman said. "We've been wanting this for a long time. It was a great game."

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Senior goalkeeper Scott Rodgers started between the pipes and played most of the game, making 13 saves. Senior Brendan Moore finished the effort in goal by playing the final eight minutes and had three saves.

With wins over Providence and now St. John's, the Irish have built momentum heading into their biggest game of the season against Big East frontrunner and two-time defending national champion No. 1 Syracuse Saturday in Atlantic Stadium.

"It's not just that we won these two games, but that we played well in both games," Crisman said. "You don't build confidence by anything other than successful repetitions."

After dropping their first three games, but having contributions from both the midfield and attack. Senior midfielder Grant Krebs posted his fourth hat trick of the season, senior attack Neil Hicks and junior midfielder Zach Brenneman each had two goals and an assist and sophomore attack Sean Rogers had two goals.

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pretty evident.”

Sophomore tailback Cierre Wood, playing for the Blue team, began the game's scoring with a three-yard run in the first quarter. In the third quarter, Woods broke free for a 44-yard touchdown run. On the day, he finished with 10 carries for 111 yards and two touchdowns.

Not to be outdone, sopho-
more running back Jonas Gray of the Gold team ended the third quarter with a 38-yard touchdown run of his own. Gray led his team with eight carries for 73 yards.

Kelly said the play of the running backs was a high point in the game.

“I thought that we had some very good depth at the running back position,” Kelly said. “When Jonas Gray ran hard with low pads, played physical, showed good speed. Gerre Wood (and senior) Armando Allen were electric good in the backfield. Kelly said ‘I would say that the running back position is one that I feel real good after this game about the depth and the ability at that position.’

Montana and senior tight end Mike Ragone put the Gold team on the board at the end of the first half with a four-yard shovel pass for a touchdown. Ragone caught six passes for 75 yards. Junior tight end Jeff Jones was limited due to his recovery from shoulder surgery, caught four passes for 29 yards while playing for the Blue team.

“If you’d seen some of the practices leading up to this, you’d be writing that this thing is a disaster.”

Brian Kelly Irish coach

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tackles that should have been made were not made, but last season’s "some" would have been replaced with “numerous.”

Defensive linemen get their hands up to deflect countless passes, at least one resulting in an interception, and linebackers swarmed to the ball in a manner Irish fans have been waiting to see for years.

Saturday’s stats may not mean anything tangible. No one in their right mind expects Gerre Wood to rip off 44-yard touchdown runs with frequency this season, and if Steve Filer considerably leads Notre Dame in tackling, questions will surround Te’o and Brian Smith.

But Saturday’s look at next year’s Irish was encouraging nonetheless. Talent took priority, the defense was aggressive and the Irish were on track.

Notre Dame football is headed in the right direction under Brian Kelly. In four months, hopefully we have been up to this point.”

Sophomore running back Cierre Wood ran for 111 yards and two touchdowns during the Blue-Gold Game Saturday.

“We are moving through a process that really has a number of stages, and this is just another stage,” Kelly said. “We have a huge number of stages in front of us.”

Notes:

Saturday was Kelly’s first time coaching in front of a crowd at Notre Dame Stadium.

“I will not underestimate the wow factor of coming into this incredible stadium,” he said. “Having said that, I’ve waited my entire life for this opportunity so I’m going to be pretty excited every game we play. For me, getting in this stadium and being in this environment, I can tell why it’s exciting. Now, we’ve got to win some games. That makes it really exciting. And that’s what we’ll be looking forward to doing.”

About a dozen recruits were on campus for the Blue-Gold Game, and after the game, many of them said they were impressed by the overall performance of the Irish. However, before the game three recruits committed to Notre Dame. Linebacker Jarrett Grace and offensive linemen Conor Hanratty and Tony Springmann verbally accepted scholarship offers from Brian Kelly. Earlier in the week, cornerback Matthias Farley did the same.

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“My goal is to try to be the starter from day one,” he said. “Whatever the coaches want me to do, I’m going to do it to the best of my ability. At the end of the day, if I’m good enough to play, then I’ll play.”

Clausen said he first learned his wait was over when Fox called him shortly before the pick was announced.

“I was playing pool with my family and friends and the phone rings. My brother Rick screamed at me and handed me the phone and it was coach Fox,” Clausen said. “I was really excited.”

Clausen said the Panthers tried to move up in the draft to select him.

“If told me they were trying to get up to the 32nd pick, but it didn’t work out,” he said. “Fox is really excited to have me on the team.”

Former Irish receiver Golden Tate had to wait for 12 more selections than Clausen did before hearing his name called by the Seattle Seahawks with the 60th pick of the draft.

“I just wanted to go into a good situation,” Tate said in an interview with NFL.com after the draft. “I think Seattle will be a great situation for me.”

Tate will be playing for former USC coach Pete Carroll, but beyond that, he said he does not know much about the Seahawks.

“They have cool colors, that’s about the only thing I know about them,” Tate said. “I’m excited to go there and show them I can play and help the team in any way they need me.”

Former Irish linemen Sam Young (Dallas Cowboys, 179th overall pick) Eric Olsen (Denver Broncos, 198th overall pick) also heard their names in the draft.

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FOOTBALL

Spring stars

Montana, Wood star in spring practice finale

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Alumni and fans at Notre Dame Stadium Saturday may have experienced some déjà vu as junior quarterback Nate Montana led the Gold team to a 27-19 victory in the annual Blue-Gold Game.

Montana, a junior walk-on who spent the fall at Pasadena City College in order to gain more experience, finished 18-for-30 for 223 yards with three touchdowns and one interception.

“I’m real far from [junior college],” Montana said. “And I think I’ve gotten a lot better since I came in here, especially with the help from the coaches. Being coached and them helping me understand the offenses, is really helping me progress.”

Junior quarterback Dayne Crist, who is recovering from off-season knee surgery, led the Blue team and finished the day 20-of-31 for 172 yards and one touchdown. He also threw two interceptions.

While Crist is the obvious leader in the quarterback race, Montana may have secured a spot as the first backup.

“Nate does some things really well, and then I’ll lose him for a couple of plays. It’s more about him playing,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said. “He hasn’t played a lot of college football, and consistency is something he has to show.”

The Blue-Gold Game capped off Notre Dame’s spring practice season, in which Kelly got his first chance to work with the team.

“Today was a good evaluator for us relative to all of our players and finding out more about them,” Kelly said. “It’s a process that we’ve built on and I think those are things he has to show.”

This is a process that we’ve entered into and we know that this is not a destination for us but we got a chance to see some things today that we can build on and I think those are things he has to show.”

Changes apparent, but work not finished yet

What can we learn from a game in which the player with the best stats spent last season at a community college in Southern California?

No offense to quarterback Nate Montana, but his 223 yards and two touchdowns don’t mean much to me.

One aspect of Montana’s performance did impress me, though: the offense as a whole has a decent grasp of Brian Kelly’s complex offense. However, nobody on the field Saturday was in good enough shape to run that offense adequately.

Fortunately, the Irish have four full months until Purdue arrives to open the 2010 season. Considering Kelly and his staff have only been at Notre Dame for four months, four more should do wonders.

And that is reason to be excited. Kelly has already sparked more change throughout the program than was seen in the previous five years. With four more months, his mark-on and off the field, should only become more apparent.

FOOTBALL

Clausen waits until second round for pick

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

Former Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen was the first of four former Irish players drafted over the weekend in the 2010 NFL Draft. Clausen — widely expected to be drafted in the first round — had to wait until the 16th pick of the second round, the 48th pick overall, to hear the Carolina Panthers call his name.

“I always said I wanted to get picked as high as I could but everything happens for a reason,” Clausen said during a conference call with the Panthers’ local media after the pick. “Obviously I wanted to go as early as I could but I’m in a great situation at Carolina. I keep saying it over and over again, but I can’t wait to get there and get to work.”

Clausen enters a situation with the Panthers in which he could see playing time sooner rather than later. Jake Delhomme started Carolina’s first 11 games in 2009, but in the midst of a disappointing season, Panthers coach John Fox plugged Matt Moore, in his third NFL season, into the starting lineup for the final five games. The Panthers won four of those games, but Clausen said he expects to be given a chance to start.

Walk-on Andree wins tourney

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

In a matchup of the top two teams in the tournament, top-seeded Alexander’s Grill overcame the poor conditions and a late second-half charge from He Went to Jared to take the Bookstore Basketball title 21-15 Sunday.

The first drops of rain came just as the captains met at half court before the game, and continued throughout the championship, making passing and shooting difficult.

“The conditions were sub-par,” said Grill’s Dan Crisman, a junior.

Joining Crisman on Alexander’s Grill were junior Sean Reed and seniors Joe Alexander’s Grill were junior

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