More students violating zoning off campus

Upwards of 30 single family homes in campus neighborhoods occupied illegally by more than two unrelated residents

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

While the number of students living off campus has remained stable over recent years, an increasing amount of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students living off campus are in violation of local zoning codes, according to city and county officials.

More students are violating city and county regulations about the number of unrelated occupants a home may have.

"What I am seeing this year are a lot more single family homes — properties that are zoned for single family use only — being occupied by more than two students," Catherine Toppel, director of Code Enforcement for the City of South Bend said.

Most homes in residential districts in South Bend and St. Joseph's County are zoned single family. No more than two unrelated people are allowed to occupy a single family home, according to county Assistant Zoning Administrator Mark Lyons.

"Three students constitutes a violation, both in the city and the county," Lyons said.

Students are increasingly living in single family homes as new houses become available for rent or purchase, Toppel said.

According to files obtained by The Observer through a public records request, the city filed reports of over a half dozen violations in neighborhoods south of Notre Dame's campus since August of this year. Reported violations include homes on Pokagon St., Angela Blvd., Marquette Ave., and N. Foster St. Some of the records showed cases with fines of up to $1,000 per day.

Toppel said her office has investigated at least 15 properties in the city this school year, more than twice the number of cases as in past years. Toppel said there are numerous other properties in violation that are not being investigated.

Chuck Bulot, the county building commissioner, said neighborhoods with reported single family zoning violations

By JOSEPH McMahan
Assistant News Editor

Despite concerns over the recent economic slowdown, Notre Dame will be able to complete its current construction projects and the University will continue to function normally, although future building plans may be delayed, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said.

"All of the construction projects we have on campus at the moment are fully funded, and we are not going to stop construction on them because we have the funding," Affleck-Graves said. "We have a number of projects that we are still seeking funding on, and those projects will be delayed until we can get the funding."

Affleck-Graves credited the University's conservative economic approach for preparing Notre Dame for a recession. "But in general we always run the University in a very fiscally conservative way," he said. "We always balance our budget, so we're in a much better position to face an economic downturn than almost any other school in the country."

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The Case Study Bowl is a competition between three undergraduate teams each representing different companies and debating each other about specific companies of their own choosing, said slid Marketing Officer Kevin Kray.

The Case Study Bowl first began in 2007 and quickly became the Entrepreneurship Society's signature event. It is based on Harvard Business School's own case study program.

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Construction on Ryan Hall, the new women's dorm, will continue despite economic troubles.

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College to host Choir Festival

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Twenty-four years ago, Nancy Menk, the acting Department Chair of Saint Mary's music department started the High School Women's Choir Festival. The Festival, which will be held again this year on Thursday and Friday, is comprised of 20 women's choirs from five different states who travel to the College to perform. "It's a festival for high school girls or women's
INSIDE COLUMN

Opposing viewpoints

I joked with some fellow Observer staff members last week that I could only write inside columns about Notre Dame football and the Chicago Bears, and that most of these are the only subjects on which I feel both passionately and well-informed, I said.

Thanks to the Keeler brothers, who have gained viewpoint-remains for their tragi-comically depraved defenses of the movie "Tropic Thunder" and its characterizations of those with intellectual disabilities, I have found a new topic.

I viewed the film last night for the second time with this issue in mind, and the lack of sensitivity toward the subject is both blatant and disturbing.

"I watched a lot of retarded people, spent time with them, observed them, watched all the retarded stuff they did," says Tugg Speedman, on the character. "There were times when I was doing jack that I actually felt retarded like really retarded. In a weird way, I had to sort of just free myself up to believe that it was OK to be stupid, or dumb...to be a moron."

And then this gem from Robert Downey Jr.'s character: "You was furting in both tubs and laughing your ass off."

Surely, this doesn't "disparage or harm the image of individuals with disabilities," which DreamWorks spokesman Elip Sullivan said the film managed to avoid doing!

At its best, this exchange drew cheap laughs from those who didn't think much of it. At its worst, it broke the hearts of those who love someone with an intellectual disability and work tirelessly to repair this public insensitivity.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How do you feel about snow?

Dan Sheper, Sophomore, Keenan Matt Gambler, Associate Sports Editor "I like it. I'm from a sunny state so it's different."

Lauren Elliot, Sophomore, Pangborn "It's pretty."

Matt Lodwich, Senior, Dillon "I love snow!"

Matt Ong, Senior, Alumni "Get back to me in March."

Michael Szemore, Sophomore, Dillon "I feel like it's Christmas before Thanksgiving."

OFFBEAT

Inmates sneak through to ceiling to have sex

BLOOMFIELD, Ind. — Three male and three female inmates at a southern Indiana jail face charges that they devised a way to sneak between cell blocks to help pass their time behind bars by having sex.

The inmates figured out how to remove metal ceiling panels in the Greene County Jail and used the passageway more than a dozen times in September and October, according to court documents.

The men — ages 44, 38 and 17 — and the women — ages 27, 26 and 21 — crawled through the ceiling after midnight, having sexual encounters and drinking homemade alcohol that was found hidden in the male cell block, a police affidavit said.

Undercover officers saw Taser on pillboxer

WILMINGTON, N.C. A North Carolina sheriff's official has apologized for planting a funeral into chaos when undercover agents tried to arrest the dead man's son — and used a Taser on him in the process.

It happened as the coffin was being loaded into a hearse. The officers planned to quietly arrest pillboxer Gladwyn Tall Russ III, the Star-News of Wilmington reported Wednesday.

Relatives said two deputies dressed in coats and ties grabbed Russ and kneed him in the back before Taser him. One deputy's gun fell out of his holster.

IN BRIEF

The Kellogg Institute will host a lecture today at 4:15 p.m. entitled "The Future of Democracy in Central America" in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. This roundtable discussion will examine democracy's future in Central American nations.

The College of Science is hosting a Planetarium Show Featuring Exoplanets in the Digital Visualization Theater in the Jordan Hall of Science at 8 and 9 p.m. today. The event is free and will be followed by a question and answer session.

The Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the film "Boy A" at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. today. In the film, a man who committed a terrible crime as a child is released from jail as an adult into a world he has never been part of.

There will be a ground-breaking ceremony for Harper Hall, the new home of expanded medical and cancer research initiatives at the Indiana University School of Medicine - South Bend and Notre Dame. Friday at 10 a.m. adjacent to Revlin-Carmichael Hall on the corner of Angela Boulevard and Notre Dame Avenue.

Notre Dame Women's Soccer will compete in the NCAA Fourth Round Tournament Sunday at Alumni Field. Time and team to be announced.

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

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A snowman sits next to a pumpkin on North Quad as the first signs of winter arrive and the last traces of fall disappear.

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The choirs are chosen on a first come first serve basis. Each choir must fill out an application in order to be accepted into the event. This year I have a waiting list of six or seven more choirs that would like to come, Menk said. Menk created the Festival because, "there are a lot of festivals out there for mixed choirs. But at the time I started this, they didn't have any that were just for high school girls' choirs. This seems the most logical place to have it at this women's college. We are really centrally located.

During the Festival, five choirs will perform each morning, and five in the afternoon. At noon, Saint Mary's own women's choir will perform. "That's supposed to be sort of a highlight of the Festival. The idea is that we are a good model of what a good women's choir can do, the kind of repertoire that we can sing and the kind of tone quality that we can produce and the kind of musicianship that we can display," Menk said. The Festival begins at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and will close for the day at 4:30 p.m. It will take place at the same time on Friday. The event is free of charge.

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BOARD of GOVERNANCE

Group makes allotments to clubs

Executive Board plans to meet with treasurers of organizations

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Mo Weaver, Board of Governance (BOG) treasurer, announced that allotments were decided and handed out to a number of organizations at Saint Mary's during Wednesday's meeting. The Executive Board worked late into the night in order to choose how the allotments would be given out. BOG advisor Patrick Daniel, Director of Student Involvement said, "They took a lot of time to make sure that those that should have received money received money." Daniel said. The Executive Board will be meeting with the treasurers of each group receiving money in order to explain how the allotments work. BOG also discussed an open forum being held today in order to address concerns about food service. The forum will be held in the Student Center Lounge at 5 p.m., Catherine Meadows, Student Services commissioner said. Barry Bowles, General Manager of Sodexo at the College, will be attending the forum in order to take questions and suggestions from the students about the food in the dining halls.

"I know a lot of people have concerns so if you have concerns, please just come. He is more than willing to answer questions," Meadows said.

In other BOG news:

♦ The Senior Class Board is hosting "Sugar Makes the World Go Round" on Dec. 2 in the Student Center Lounge at 6:30 p.m. Adriana Rodrigues, president of SDB said, "It will be different snack foods from countries all over the world." Rodrigues said. Different clubs and organizations from the Modern Language and Intercultural Studies departments will be making the desserts and SDB will be providing beverages.

♦ In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Multicultural Services, Anthropology department, and the Anthropology club have been holding events to raise awareness about the culture said Rodriguez. The final event will be a panel discussion on Current Issues facing Native Americans from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theatre on Nov. 24.

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that he has seen more concentration of single-family homes east of campus, including properties in a six-block area near Sunset Park. Lyons said between 15 and 20 homes have been identified as single-family homes.

"The unfortunate side of these issues is that students are going to continue to move," Toppel said, or face fines and possible legal action.

Establishing the current code and the problem

Lyons said the current zoning codes contained in the city code that was approved in 2004, since the current code only restricted the number of unrelated people who may live in a property zoned single family. People can be legally related by blood, marriage or adoption, Lyons said.

"If you have two students in a single family home, that’s the maximum you can have, because they're all unrelated people,” Lyons said.

There are exceptions to this code, according to Lyons.

When the current zoning codes were established, some single-family homes that were occupied by more than two unrelated people were allowed to be grandfathered in.

"If you prove you’ve consistently used it for that use (with more than two unrelated people) and you can continue to use it” with more than two students, Lyons said.

Lyons said the students currently living in不符合 zoning requirements of a "single family" of homes that are in violation and homes that are legally grandfathered.

Many of the homes rented by well-known rental companies in Blaine and are not in violation, Lyons explained.

"A lot of them in the city were existing (student homes),” Lyons said, prior to the new code.

Local landlord Mark Kramer said he is aware of the code and all of the homes he rents to more than two students are legally grandfathered in.

"I will not rent a house if it’s not zoned correctly,” Kramer said. While Kramer does rent properties that are zoned single family, he said until the process is over, we never put more than two students in the house he said.

Home purchases, new rentals.

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In addition, many of the new violations come from homes that are purchased by the students themselves or their families, Toppel said.

"Housing is rather reasonable in South Bend and it’s sometimes hard to encourage people to purchase a home and have the student bring (roommates) to make the mortgage,” he said.

Toppel said violations arise from both ignorance about regulations as well as blatant violations in more unique situations. The property owner — whether it is the resident or a landlord — needs to be extremely careful for knowing and abiding by the code.

"In my opinion, most of the time, students aren’t aware,” Toppel said.

When parents purchase homes, some do not know about regulations, while others choose to blatantly violate them.

"I’ve had more parents be blatant about it than students,” Toppel said."

When parents — or landlords — purchase homes, Toppel said she instructs real estate agents to put the prospective buyers of the code, however, Lyons said.

does not say it is a legal bit won’t say it is a legal landlord, that says it is a legal property to be used that way (as a student house) and that's the problem. People can be legally related through marriage or adoption, Lyons said.

"I would suggest they look somewhere else before they put themselves in that position,” DeCola said.

She said that while agents make the code known, there are often cases where "there are homes being at least two if not more students living there.

Lyons said students should avoid homes that have more than two unrelated students in violation.

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views to the faculty's attention because they "thought it would be a little presumptuous to demand that the faculty do something different," he said.

Creating a policy on the issue is a bonus for residents and landlords.

"If we can fix it just through dialogue without a policy, then we don’t want a policy,” he said.

Bulot said of cases the county has had in recent months.

"Modestly, the professors, especially in the business school, say it’s fine to come class as long as you notify them,” he said. "They know interviews are going to happen. It’s OK as long as you let them know in advance.""But he said that the need for some sort of regulation is not entirely dependent on students having problems missing classes for interviews.

Even if every professor was granting absences, we just want to get the students going,” he said. "It's a good thing for students and professors to get together on this issue."

Sayles objected to one specific interpretation of the resolution that he interpreted as saying the resolution was necessary because the market is currently competitive.

"It shouldn’t matter whether the market is competitive or not competitive," Sayles said. "I don’t think there’s a greater need now than five years ago for somebody to go to an interview. It’s always been a part of the process."

Sennett defended the wording of the resolution because it "signals a change from the status quo." "As time passes and the market place for jobs gets more competitive, there’s a reason to change the status quo,” Sennett said.

Sayles made a motion to remove the clause that dealt with market competitiveness, but his motion only received two votes and was defeated.

In other Senate news:

— Student body vice president Grant Schmidt announced at the meeting that the Food Services has agreed to allow students to use the east room of South Dining Hall and two rooms at North Dining Hall for study sessions during the week.

The study spaces will be open from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. from Monday to Thursday.

This is in addition to the Career Center’s donation of the interview rooms in Flanner Hall as an exam week study space.

The booklets will contain discounts to a variety of different restaurants, including Pappas John’s Pizza and the Star of India restaurant.

Discounts in the book will not be able to be applied to alcohol purchases, Schmidt said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Media leaders criticize journalist ban

JERUSALEM — Leaders of the world's biggest media organizations filed a protest with Israel's prime minister Wednesday, warning the government's decision to ban journalists from entering the Gaza Strip for the last two weeks.

The protest was the latest in a chorus of international criticism of Israel's Gaza closure, Democratic officials said Wednesday, announced, but these officials said the job is being done secretly.

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Economy

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Unlike many other universities that are now facing difficulties completing their construction proj­ects, Affleck-Graves said Notre Dame only begins construction when it has received all of the money necessary for the project.

"Our policy is that we cannot begin construction of buildings until we have 100 percent of the money pledged from donors. We have to have 75 percent cash in hand, and the remaining 25 per­cent needs to be in within five years," he said.

While current construction proj­ects, such as Ryan Hall and the addition to the Law School, will be completed, Affleck-Graves said plans for a new student center, two new dorms and a social science building will probably have to be put on hold.

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that we want to do on campus but we don't do them until we got the funding for them," he said. "So, in a sense, we are slowing down just to the extent that we don't get people to provide the funding."

All four of the buildings are part of the administration's plans for the development of the campus, and Affleck-Graves said they had already planned out where the new structures would be placed.

"We have place markers on campus for where new buildings can go. We haven't decided what those buildings will be," he said.

"For instance, the social science building is slated to go just south of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. We know that the two new dorms are slated to go on old Juniper, just east of Pasquerilla East and Knott. We know the student activity center is slated to go just east of the Stepan Center."

Affleck-Graves said it would probably be a few years before the school can raise enough funds

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individual presentation, three University professors serving as judges give their insights on the information presented and the team's performance.

"While the Bowl event will be edu­cational and give the audience insight on these companies, it is intended to be a very fun and lively event with a sports theme, an emcee and more," Kray said. "We wish to hold the winner of the Case Study Bowl."

"I think everybody knows that funding is going to be much tighter in the next few years. The econo­my is not in good shape; the finan­cial markets are still in some disar­ray," he said. "We're reliant on the donors to provide the funding."

However, Affleck-Graves said the absence of these buildings would not have a significant impact on life at the University.

"At the moment we are operat­ing the University without those buildings and we will continue to do so," he said.

Affleck-Graves said the University would have to be more conservative in purchasing, which would include cuts in travel expenses and computer and equip­ment upgrades.

"I think parts of our operations will have to look at cost savings across the University, maybe in some of our purchasing," he said.

"At the moment we're pretty well posi­tioned to handle most other things."

Moreover, Affleck-Graves said the endowment would remain strong throughout the recession. He said the endowment would probably shrink over the next couple of years because it is heavily invested in market-related securi­ties, but it is important to remem­ber the endowment had grown rapidly over the past four years.

"The endowment will always fluctuate because it is invested in a lot of market-related securities, and so certainly the endowment will go down," he said. "But it has also gone up dramatically in the last four years, so it fluctuates with the market."

However, Affleck-Graves said the University would continue to extract the same amount of money from the endowment each year as they had previously.

"We don't like to pay out a fixed percentage of the endowment each year," he said. "We like to pay out a specific dollar amount so we'll always have the same amount of cash coming out of the endow­ment."

Affleck-Graves credited his pre­decessors for establishing the University's conservative policies that will help steer the school through the recession.

"I think the people who led the University's financial system before me — Fr. Ned Joyce and Fr. Tim Scully — did such a wonderful job of creating a financial discipline in the University that has always allowed us to be cautious of over­spending in good times and that is providing us now with a great reserve so we don't have to impact our operations too much," he said.

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Bush plans to attend APEC forum

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush does not see his final Asia-Pacific summit this week as a farewell but rather a chance to establish a new forum in the battle against a financial crisis that threatens to pull the world economy into a severe economic recession.

In a pre-trip briefing, administration officials said Wednesday that Bush was focused on getting more nations to sign on to a broad action plan that was adopted this past weekend. The Group of 20 nations met in Washington. He also will have one-on-one talks with the leaders of China, South Korea and Japan.

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In brief

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Fear of deflation affects stock market

WASHINGTON — A growing fear of economic deflation is spooking the air out of the stock market Wednesday, and another white-knuckle final hour on Wall Street pushed the Dow Jones industrials under 8,000 to their lowest close since the financial meltdown began.

Consumer prices in October took their biggest plunge in the six decades that records have been kept, a reprieve for shoppers but a danger sign for investors. Economists lower falling prices can make a mild recession spiral into something worse.

The drop illustrated once again how quickly the economic danger can shift in tumultuous times like these. The inflation fears that gripped the nation just a few months ago now seem like a distant memory.

"Consumer price inflation has suddenly screeched into reverse," said Brian Bethune, economist at BNP Global Insight. "The inflation threat has disappeared from the radar screen."

Worried about the economic data, a gloomy outlook from the Federal Reserve and the fate of the Big Three automakers, investors yanked money out of the stock market. The Dow drifted lower for most of the day, then plummeted in a tumultuous final hour of trading.

It crossed under 8,000 in the last minutes before the closing bell and closed down 427 points, or about 5 percent, at 7,997 — its lowest close since March 2003. The average has dipped below 8,000 on other days since the meltdown began in mid-September but had not closed there.

The Standard & Poor's 500, a broader snapshot of the stock market, slipped more than 6 percent. The financial crisis has already wiped out $6.7 trillion of value from the S&P 500 since its October 2007 high. In the same period, the Dow has lost more than $1 trillion.

"I don't know what the catalyst is going to be where we turn the corner and people start buying stocks wholesale again," said Jon Ferber, head of capital markets at Cowen & Co. "People got out of the way. The financial situation has not changed."

The Federal Reserve sharply lowered its economic projections and signaled that further interest-rate cuts might be necessary to ease the economy's worst crisis since the Great Depression.

Documents from the Fed's most recent closed-door deliberations on interest rate policy showed a worry about "significant weakness" in the economy and a worsening job market.
When I was in Boston the other week-end, my car driver kept correcting my pronunciation of my alma mater: “We’re going to the Boston College—Norder Dame football game,” I explained.

“Norder Dame...” He joined his thumb and index finger on his right hand and shook it. “Knowtre Daahm.”

I laughed as polite: “Yeah, but we’re from Indiana, so we’re allowed to say Norder Dame.”

“You go there,” he asked, knowing full well that the answer had to be yes.

“You go there and you still say ‘Norder Dame’? What are you? Stupid?”

My always-supportive first cousin chimed in from the seat next to me. “Oh, monsieur.”

“Eh out... It’s Knowtre Dahm — don’t they speak French there? ‘He asked.”

“Oui, monsieur.”

“Yuck of the Irish,” said my cab driver. “Smiling’ and “Yuck of the Irish.”

I laughed to be polite. “You go there and you’d see that the university of Notre Dame is a hugely popular one.”

“Tzs Tzs,” he said — Abraham Lincoln’s “Tzs Tzs” — for the last three weeks. He hopes that, in the long run, his university will be able to fix the problem soon, not just in the short term.

In the meantime, the Observer has shut down popcorn production at the Notre Dame campus, after a fire in the popcorn machine in the student center. The next fire, we’re told, will be at the popcorn machine in the student center.

But let’s not go too far. If we’re playing like this next year, we’ll be in trouble. But for now, let’s focus on what’s trending outside our own backyard.

This season, we’re excited about impending BCS championships. When I was in Boston the other week-end, my cab driver asked me what I thought about the BCS this year. I told him that I believed we would follow Rudy Ruettiger’s suggestion and chant “Charlie.”

“Now,” he asked, “is that really true? Is that really what you believe?”

“Sure,” I replied. “I believe that Charlie has lost more popularly than Dubya over the past two years. It’s how quickly they’re losing up. People outside Notre Dame will use Charlie’s contract extension as evidence, and appropriately so. But it’s more fundamental than that.

Four years ago, the third quarter ended and the hero worship began in the student section as the 1912 Overture played. Everybody formed their Ws and chanted Weis (except for the confused alumni at the USC game, of course, who actually believed we would follow Rudy Ruettiger’s suggestion and chant “Charlie”.

“Now,” he asked, “is that really true? Is that really what you believe?”

“To be honest, my cab driver,” I replied, “I believe that we’re still Norder Dame, and not Knowtre Dahm. Andrew Nesi is a senior American Studies major from Fairfield, Connecticut. He can’t believe that a broken switch on the popcorn machine in CoMo has shut down popcorn production for the last three weeks. He hopes that, in the addition to fixing the problem soon, Campus Ministry subects this painful time from the normal 40 days without popcorn in the Spring. He can be reached at anesip@nd.edu

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Dear Jane(s),

Two to tango.

Dear Melissa (who's hooked-up with six guys this semes­

ter),

It takes two to tango. If you truly "love to kiss boys," then perhaps it was only fair that the blame lies with you rather than your letter recipient. If you love to eat ice cream cones and dance to the radio by yourself, opening the freezer, don't blame Ben and Jerry's. Your greatest problem lies with the lack of attention that you have been paying to the male sex. The "I'd like to dance alone" response from these ex­
ings, I confess, though, that I'm not quite sure how much of a relationship you are aiming to establish with a kiss. Do you even remember their full names? Probably not. But that's a problem which arises as a result of hook-ups and not from establishing a relationship — there's no relationship.

What distorts me is, though you admit equal blame, you seem to place responsibility with your hook-ups rather than yourself. Yes, they haven't talked to you since the event, although you reluctantly admit in your letter that a few have. In defense of the silent, though, you've likewise failed to initiate the desired discourse. Did you call their cell phones? Your defense was a broken phony, so you lost most of the numbers which you had obtained — but what about the ones you haven't lost, did you call them? And of the ones you did lose, did you bother to spend three sec­onds to check a Facebook account?

No, you just chalk-off the male gender as hopeless, write us up as another lost cause when you write, "I doubt you would answer even if I could call you" (p.s. — you can). And that's the essence of our argument, right? In the end you've been portrayed as a criminal every time I do something that apparently falls in with a facet of the "hook-up culture.

On that note, I was a kissing booth for Halloween with a warning that read "Too hot to handle. Contains nits." I'd had an alright afternoon of making great effort to contact you after we kissed. This is just meant to be fun for both of us," but I assumed that these were obvious and not an equivalent to your want for entertainment and little else.

I think you may come to the right conclusion — if you're look­ing for friends, it's probably not a great idea to make-out with the other person within the first few hours you've met him/her. Randomly. Because you need to reflect on your reasoning for the decision; don't mistake these three mean old boys for not initiating the conversa­tion.

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By ANALISE LI PARI
Scene Editor

Tonight and tomorrow, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will host one of Buenos Aires' hottest exports: the spirited, passionate dancers of Tango Fire. The act, which features five dancing couples performing alongside the Quatrartango Orchestra, is a pulse-pounding, music-thumping night of Latin entertainment that should not be missed.

"Everything may be beautiful at the ballet, but at Tango Fire, everything is smoldering," says a recent review in EDGE Philadelphia posted on the official Tango Fire Web site. Departing from other touring dance spectacles, such as "Riverdance" or similar phenomena, Tango Fire features a variety of reinterpretations of the title dance itself, the tango. Traditional moves are accented by a theatrical flair, resulting in a show that's bound to captivate and surprise.

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The troupe also takes audiences through a history of the dance's evolution; earlier portions of the performance will often focus on "Milonga," a 19th century country-dance that began in Buenos Aires. The stage setting of this portion is a "Café del Tango," complete with café tables and lamps. More modern variations of the tango are featured in the latter portions of the group's shows, incorporating impressive lifts and quickly paced moves into the rhythms of the dance. The performers dress to the nines, with glamorous gowns for the women and fedoras and suits for the men.

Choreographers Yanina Fajar and Nelson Cels have organized an impressive troupe of dancers for Tango Fire, divided into traditional male-female partners, two-couple, husband and wife pair Mauricio Cels and Ines Cuesta, have performed in Tango houses across South America and Europe, including those in Brazil, Italy and Peru. Another pair, German Cornejo and Carolina Giannini, have been studying the dance since they were teenagers, and have performed all over the Argentinean capital.

Of course, Tango Fire would simply be a troupe of dancers without the smooth performances of their main vocalist, Javier 'Dardenal' Dominguez. Dominguez, a native of Buenos Aires, began a singing career at age 26 and has also made the rounds among the most famous tango houses in Argentina. The accompanying band also includes violinist Marcelo Rebuffi, pianist Gabriel Cianzar, bass player Gerardo Seaglione and Hugo Satorre, who plays a traditional instrument called the bandoneon. The soundtrack of Argentinian music keeps the mood energetic and lively.

"I don't think I will ever get sick of the Tango," Christian Mihlo, one of the featured dancers in Tango Fire, told the Australian newspaper The Daily Telegraph in a recent interview. "I will still be dancing it when I'm old." From the sound of Tango Fire, this passion for dancing comes across the stage and invigorates the audience. Each couple serves as a link in a chain of passionate performances, ranging from the more formal stylistics of Fajar and Cels, who perform in addition to choreographing the act, to more romantic interpretations by other couples in the show.

Tango Fire is appearing at the Performing Arts Center courtesy of their Visiting Artist Series. Performances begin tonight and tomorrow night at 7 p.m. Tickets cost $48 for general admission, $38 for faculty and staff, $36 for seniors and $15 for students. For more information about the performance, visit performingarts.nd.edu. Fans can also visit the company's official Web site, www.tango-fire.com, for video, biographies of company members and more.

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By MICHELLE FORDICE  Assistant Scene Editor

Winter seemed especially devilish this year. It stuck in, teasing all of us on campus with the occasional warm day, even as the temperatures slowly dropped and those dark clouds rolled in. Tuesday’s snow seems to announce that it is finally here in full force. But don’t let those cold winds and gray days get you down. Here are a couple of ways to fend off that winter depression over the next few months here in South Bend.

1. Pretend you’re a kid again. Surviving a Notre Dame winter is all about attitude, and the easiest way to keep your chin up is to remember when every walk through that winter wonderland invoked images of sledding and snow days. We don’t get many snow days anymore, but it is worth it to try to approach it with joy. Reopen your eyes to how beautiful — and how much fun — all that snow and ice can be. Here’s a hint: the hill between Bronson and Lewis is great for sledding.

2. Stay healthy. Eat well, exercise, and drink a lot of water. As the temperatures drop, we try to stay inside, eat lots of heavy foods and don’t have the advantage of high temperatures to remind us when to head to the tap. Keep yourself in shape and you’ll feel better through the season. Remember, if you bundle up properly, are careful with ice, and don’t go out when it is too cold, you’ll be perfectly fine going outside to exercise.

3. Really enjoy your coffee and tea. You’ve probably been drinking it all semester just for the caffeine kick, but now that it’s cold outside, that warm mug is especially comforting. And don’t forget that it is apple cider season! The view expressed in Scene and Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer. Contact Michelle Fordice at mfordice@nd.edu.

4. Invest in some fun hats, scarves, and gloves. We are all going to be heading to class at the same time, so help each other out by adding some pizzazz to the trip. Pick out colorful winter accessories and don’t be afraid to be a little silly. We’ll appreciate you helping us put a smile on our face.

5. Pull yourself out of bed. I know it’s hard when it’s dark and cold outside, but keeping your regular sleeping hours (well, as regular as they can be for a college student) ensures that you don’t cut into an already shortened day.

6. Stay social. Don’t give into the temptation to avoid the cold at all costs, bundle up and get out. Winter is too cold to take on alone.

7. Of course, winter really does mean staying in some days. It is the time for curling up with a good movie. Take a few hours break and invite some friends over for a movie and hot chocolates with plenty of marshmallows. Try winter season classics or even your Christmas favorites as we move closer to December. Some good options are “Little Women,” “Ice Age,” and “Meet Me in St. Louis.”

8. Do some winter cleaning and revamp your room. Move some things around and introduce some new colors and decorations. Even if it is not that cold outside, that warm mug is especially comforting. Don’t forget that it is apple cider season! The view expressed in Scene and Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer. Contact Michelle Fordice at mfordice@nd.edu.

Winter is all about attitude, and the Notre Dame winter is no exception. Take advantage of the cozy atmosphere, the slow drops, and the beautiful outside. With these tips, you’ll feel better through the season. Remember, life is better when you are having fun. Don’t let winter win! Put a smile on your face, have one for dinner. Skip over the offerings of the Mexican bar most days? Make yourself a good taco salad. Varying your routine will prevent you from getting bored of the dining hall too quickly.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.

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**Dining Hall Dish**

By MICHELLE FORDICE  Assistant Scene Editor

It’s getting cold outside. If we didn’t need to eat, I’m sure a lot of us might pick staying inside over braving the snow-drifts to get to North and South. Alas, we must persevere. Here are two-entrees that might make the journey to your favorite dining hall feel a little more worth it.

**Meatball Sub**

The dining hall puts out meatballs for pasta quite often, so why not put them to use in this classic, warm and gooey sandwich? It is great served with a salad. Thanks to Megan Caffo for inspiring this recipe.

1. Pick up a long roll and two slices of provolone cheese.
2. If you are in South, sprinkle parmesan cheese and Italian seasoning from the spice rack onto the inside of both sides of bread. Place a slice of provolone cheese on top of that on each side. Lay the bread flat and run it though the toaster by the graminini pressers. If you are in North, toast the bread, then sprinkle parmesan cheese onto the inside of both sides of bread and cover with provolone. Zap it in the microwave for the cheese to melt.
3. Add to the pasta bar and add a layer of meatballs. Top with marinara sauce.

**Ranch Dressing and Chicken Pasta**

This dish is apparently a tradition of the Notre Dame Hockey team before each game. Now, before you run away from the odd idea of using ranch dressing on top of pasta, give the idea a try. Of course, you may feel like you need to play a hockey game by the time you finish eating it! Serve it with a garden style salad with a light vinegar based dressing. Thanks to Chris Hall for inspiring this recipe.

1. Fill a bowl with short pasta. Cut up a chicken breast and mix it into the pasta.
2. Drizzle ranch dressing over the pasta and chicken and mix. Heat in the microwave for less than a minute to warm up the dressing.
3. Sprinkle on some black pepper.
4. Want some variations? Before you heat the dish, try mixing in broccoli and sliced mushrooms. If you want to give it a bit of a kick, add in a little hot sauce along with the ranch dressing.

**Quick Tip**

Figure out which section of the dining hall you visit the least and head in that direction. Haven’t made a waffle since the novelty wore off? Have one for dinner. Skip over the offerings of the Mexican bar most days? Make yourself a good taco salad. Varying your routine will prevent you from getting bored of the dining hall too quickly.

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Associated Press

VILLANOVA, Pa.—Scottie Reynolds scored 19 points, Corey Fisher had 15 and Reggie Redding 14 to lead No. 23 Villanova past pesky Niagara, 77-62 on Wednesday night.

Playing host to third game in six days, the banged-up Wildcats (3-0) were just glad to have a win to nullify a severe- sity test at home by Niagara. The Purple Eagles (1-1) opened up an 11-point lead on half in on but streak and a pair of 3s helped close the deficit to single digits.

The Wildcats played their third straight game without swingman Dwayne Anderson (foot) and 6-foot-10 center Casiem Drummond (foot) was limited to only 2 minutes. Core Stukes scored seven points and played with a taped sprained left thumb. But how the Wildcats still got it done.

Redding took two from the free-throw line around the 8-minute mark and a jumper by Redding helped the Villanova take a double-digit lead at 68-48. From there, they slowly did enough to win their 18th straight home game.

Tyron Lewis scored 16 points and Bob Garrison had 15 for Niagara.

This was a homecoming of sorts for coach Joe Mihalic's father, and forward Bilal Redding. The game was the first to be played in the second half in the second half.

Lewis hit 8-of-13 shots, including a 3-point play 4-of-7 from the 3-point range. Redding cut the gap to 40-38, and the Villanova Mike Slevinski 716-361-0911 or email s.slevinski@ilx.com. Playing for the first time in a year and a half, Redding quickly added a career-high 31 points against Fordham on Monday, fouled out. Cunningham finished with 11 points.

This was a preliminary round game for the Philly Hoop Group Classic. The championship round games will be played Nov. 28-29 at the Palestra.

Villanova guard Corey Fisher, right, drives to the basket against Niagara guard Kamau Gordon during Villanova's 77-62 victory on Wednesday night.

Michigan State 70, IPFW 59

Raymon Morgan scored eight of his 22 points during a decisive 13-0 run Wednesday night and No. 5 Michigan State survived a scare from IPFW, beating the Mastodons to remain unbeaten in the Big Ten.

Michigan State (2-0) led 32-24 at halftime, but opened the second half making just 1-of-10 shots. They fell behind twice by three points to IPFW (2-0), but which lost its opener to Xavier by 28.

Trailing 44-42, the Spartans took control midway through the second half. It started with a free throw by Delvon Roe. Then Kalin Lucas quickly added a 17-foot jumper. Then Morgan scored on an inbounds pass and a jumper later added a free throw.

The Spartans then forced four turnovers in the last three minutes and pushed their lead to 22 points with 2:40 to play.

Lucas added 17 points and Goran Suton had 10 rebounds for the Mastodons. Ben Botts led IPFW with 22 points on 9-of-13 shooting. From 3-point range and David Carson scored 17 points. IPFW which shot 25 percent in its opening game loss at Xavier, its worst shooting night since becoming a Division I program in 2001, went 6-of-21 from 3-point range.

But the Spartans had a 38-26 advantage and made 19 free throws on 28 attempts compared to IPFW's 6-of-7.

The Mastodons, playing slowly deliberately, twice managed to grab the lead, 18-15 on a 3-pointer by Garrison with 5:48 left in the half and 21-20 when Botts hit a 3-pointer with 2:46 left. The Spartans appeared ready to take control, scoring four straight baskets before Corey Lucious capped the run with a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left to give Michigan State a 32-24 halftime lead.

But then the Spartans shooting went cold to start the second half. Michigan State was finally able to find its touch, though, making 10-21 shots the rest of the way as the Spartans finally put the Mastodons away.

It was the first time a Big Ten team traveled to Fort Wayne to play the Mastodons, whose biggest win since moving to Division I came three seasons ago when it beat I-state rival Indiana State 54-46. The Mastodons have dropped eight straight games against ranked opponents, including four to Michigan State.

Wake Forest 120, UNC-Wilmington 88

Jeoff Teague scored career-high 31 points, James Johnson added 25 and No. 20 Wake Forest beat North Carolina-Wilmington 120-64 Wednesday night.

Dwight Frazelle scored 19 points for the Demon Deacons, who led almost the entire way in a game that featured plenty of transition buckets and quick shots for both teams. Wake Forest shot 57 percent and scored 41 points off 24 turnovers to improve to 11-0 all-time in the series.

Johnny Wolf scored 24 points to lead the Seahawks (2-1), who had scored 100 points in each of their first two games. UNC-Wilmington shot 48 percent for the game and hit 12 3-pointers, though the Seahawks struggled to match up with Teague, Johnson and McFarland all night.

UNC-Wilmington had rallied from a 17-point deficit in the final 6 minutes of regulation to beat Appalachian State 100-91 in overtime to open the season, then followed with a 107-95 win over Troy. But the Demon Deacons looked plenty comfortable playing at a fast pace, weathering several spurts from the Seahawks before reaching the century mark on Teague's driving score with 6:12 minutes left. Wake Forest jumped out to a 22-point lead midway through the first half and led 61-44 at halftime. The Seahawks hung around early after the break, getting as close as 69-60 on a 3-point shot from Will with 15:40 to play.

Teague quickly restored order, assisting on a dunk from L.J. Williams before draining a 3 from the corner to push the margin back to 15. Wake Forest put the game away with a 10-point burst, with Johnson finding Teague for a layup to tie the game up with Tegauj with Teague leading the way through the second half.

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Seagulls surpassed his previous high of 27 points set against Miami last year, going 10-of-17 from the field and 9-of-12 from the foul line while spending time defending UNC-Wilmington's top scorer, Chad Tomko.

Michigan State survives IPFW behind late 13-0 run; Wake finds offensive stride in blowout win over UNC-Wilmington
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**NCAA Football**

No. 23 Miami at Georgia Tech
7:30 p.m., ESPN

**Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, left, head coach Wade Phillips and vice president Stephen Jones, right, look on during practice Wednesday at Dallas' training facility.**

Goodell conditionally reinstates Pacman

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The NFL is giving Adam "Pacman" Jones another chance.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Wednesday the suspended cornerback has been reinstated by league commissioner Roger Goodell, but he must miss two more games — this Sunday and the following game on Thanksgiving. He'll be back Dec. 7 at Pittsburgh.

"He much appreciates the Cowboys and Jerry Jones for standing behind him and encouraging him, and he's grateful to the commissioner," said Warrick Robinson, Adam Jones' Nashville-based attorney.

Jerry Jones would not reveal any conditions the commissioner may have imposed and the league office said it would not have any immediate comment. However, Robinson, said, "He knows he has to do. It's very clear."

"He's a long way, a long way from having clear sailing," Jerry Jones said.

Adam Jones was suspended from the entire 2007 season because of multiple incidents while with the Tennessee Titans. Over the offseason, he was traded to Dallas and then given another chance by Goodell. The Cowboys gave him a security team to help keep him in line, but on Oct. 7, Jones got into an alcohol-related scuffle with one of the bodyguards during a private party at a Dallas hotel.

Jones spent part of his time away undergoing alcohol rehabilitation.

"He has demonstrated something very important to all of us," Jerry Jones said. "It also will be up to Pacman to police himself. The Cowboys will not longer be providing bodyguards."

"It all starts with him and his decision-making," Robinson said. "He's capable making decisions for himself.

Robinson said the alcohol therapy was "something he needed to do."

"The real issue was more than allegations of an incident at Dallas hotel," Robinson said. "There were personal issues that, until addressed, there was a likelihood of another incident occurring."

Jerry Jones said Adam Jones can have "limited participation" this week, but would not be part of full-squad practices or conditioning.

He can return to practice Monday.

Goodell suspended Adam Jones indefinitely on Oct. 14, saying he'd put a timeframe on it after the cornerback missed at least four games. This decision means it will be a six-game suspension. Jones also missed the entire 2007 season.

**In Brief**

Graham placed on IR, finished for the season

TAMPA, Fla. — With leading rusher Earnest Graham out for the season, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will lean more on Warrick Dunn.

Graham limped off the field with a right ankle sprain after his only carry during last week's victory over Minnesota and was placed on injured reserve Wednesday. That means a greater role in the offense for the 33-year-old Dunn.

"I expect to play a lot more. But at the same time, we have other guys who can come in and make plays," Dunn said. "I'm just going to do my part to help us move the chains, score touchdowns and win games."

Graham entered last season as the third-string tailback, but wound up playing a major role in Tampa Bay winning the NFC South because of injuries to Carroll "Cadillac" Williams and Michael Pittman.

**Vikings' Allen fined heavily, won't be suspended**

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings defensive end Jared Allen has been fined $25,000 for a recent spate of late hits, but he won't be suspended.

He's not planning to reduce his aggressiveness, either.

After his summons to NFL head-quarter in New York on Tuesday, Allen returned to Winter Park to continue resting and rehabilitating his sprained right shoulder. He vowed his approach to pass rushing would not change, even though he's been fined a total of $80,000 this season — over three separate levies — for what the league has deemed unacceptable contact during games.

"Not at all. I will play football the way I play football, and that's the way it is," Allen said after Wednesday's practice, in which he did not participate due to his injury. "I'm not a dirty player. I never have been. I play hard football, and that's the bottom line."

UNC's Zeller out for season with broken left wrist

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Top-ranked North Carolina's unmatched depth just got a little thinner.

The school said freshman 7-foot Tyler Zeller will likely miss the rest of the season with a broken left wrist.

Zeller, who started the first two games in place of injured star Tyler Hansbrough, was injured after taking a hard foul by Ramon Harris in transition after a turnover. He fell to the ground under the basket and got up holding his wrist before heading to the locker room with 1:26 left and
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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

Bruszewski shot 7-for-9 from the field and hit two 3-pointers in the first minutes of the game. These two attempts equaled her tries from behind the arc last season, when she went 1-for-2.

"I was hitting them in warm-ups, so I thought today would be a good day to try," Bruszewski said.

Bruszewski's 3's came right after a 19-5 run that gave Notre Dame a 27-10 lead with 12:34 left in the first half. Turnovers and fast breaks accounted for many of the points scored in the run. Barlow assisted on six of those turnovers before a 19-5 run that gave Notre Dame a 42-20 lead with 5:57 left in the first half.

McGraw said the team's defense had not peaked, but that the turnovers were a good sign. "I'm pretty happy with our assist-to-turnover ratio," McGraw said. "Evansville out-worked us. They played hard, they got on the boards, they did everything they needed to do."

Rebounding was a big disappointment. Coming off the LSU game and out-rebounding a very athletic team and then coming in here tonight and allowing ourselves to get out-rebounded. Evansville out-worked us. They played hard, they got on the boards, they did everything they needed to do.

Misty Murphy said. "That led to a quick layups without having to set up an offense, that's what we like to do," Barlow said.

In part to a couple buckets from Lechlitner, Notre Dame went on a 15-4 scoring run late in the first half to make the score 42-20 with 5:57 to go.

Evansville struggled to shoot in the first half, making only 35 percent of its field goals. The Aces finished the game 6-for-18 from 3-point range, something McGraw said she wasn't thrilled about.

"Playing all man-to-man, I thought to give up 18 attempts was a little more than we wanted," she said.

Bruszewski continued to score in the second half. She made two free throws just into the half, then made a jumper and a layup to put the Irish ahead by 19.

Aces forward Anaris Sickles scored eight of her 10 points in the second half, six of them from a 3-pointer and three foul shots.

Barlow started hitting 3-pointers in the second half. She went 6-for-1 in the first half, but made three after the break, including one right after she entered the game to put Notre Dame ahead 71-47 with 9:22 remaining.

"You just gotta get repetitions at it, and that's exactly what I did," she said. I came into the gym and shot multiple times. As long as I step into my shot, it's alright."

Mallory had a career-high six assists in the game and did not commit a turnover. This was Mallory's first game of the season as she was suspended from the LSU game because of an incident at an off-campus party.

guards Ashley Austin and Ashlee Barrett both scored 10 points for the Aces, and Sickles led the team with seven rebounds. McGraw sees the potential in the defense, she said, but the team needs to work to get there.

"I think we came off the LSU game thinking we can be a great defensive team, and we still can be, but we've got a lot of work to do before we can be a great defensive team."

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took over the announcing duties for the home meet against Purdue on Oct. 8 when the normal announcer, former Irish swimmer Louis Cavadini, was unable to do it.

"Coach told the team that I was going to be the 'Voice of the Irish' for the meet," Koppel joked.

"Coach told the team that I was going to be the 'Voice of the Irish' for the meet," Koppel joked.

Koppel's injury will keep him out of the pool for six to seven months, but that surely isn't going to stop him from staying active with the team, even if it is from the sidelines.

"I really enjoyed announcing at the meet," he said. "I also still go to practice almost every day and try to help out with coaching and other small things that I can do. Even though it's less than I wish I could be doing, I'm glad I'm still able to contribute in some way."

With that said, Koppel remains focused on getting healthy and making a return to the team next season.

"Hopefully before my knee is fully healed I will be able to start doing some light workouts in the water," he said. "Once it is fully healed I plan on training a full workload all summer so that I can be back in good shape by next season."

Welsh acknowledged that the team is going to really miss Koppel's presence in the pool.

"He had been swimming faster than we had ever seen him swim," Welsh said. "But he'll be back and he won't let the injury keep him down."

Koppel has remained positive through this entire experience even picking up a few of life's important lessons along the way.

"First, I learned that I am not a football player," he said. "Also, right now I'm learning a lot about having patience with the recovery process and staying optimistic."

Koppel will be at the meet cheering on his teammates when they face Ohio State at home on Friday night. However, it has not been determined whether or not he will be called upon again to resume his role as "Voice of the Irish."

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Running through the rain

Freshman runningback Jonas Gray carries the ball in the rain during Notre Dame's 27-21 win over Navy Saturday.

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Smyth said he hopes to get to the front of the pack early in the race, and to stay there.

"I'm going to put myself in a good spot and just hope for the best, run the smartest race that I can," he said. "Once you've put yourself in that position, anything can happen.

"As for the team, I mean, we were the last team to get a berth, so the only way to go from here is up."

This race is also important for Smyth's post-graduate running opportunities.

"You're only as good as your last race when you're looking to run college," he said. "I'm just trying to make that last race as fast as possible."

Smyth was not always a runner. The cross country coach at his Salt Lake City high school convinced him to join the team as a way to get in shape for basketball, his primary sport at the time.

"The cross country coach was always trying to steal athletes from other sports," Smyth said. "I thought it was a good idea, to get in some good workouts and get ready for basketball season. When I got down there, I realized I was pretty good."

Smyth was a standout runner in high school, winning the Utah state cross-country championships twice. Though he considered schools like Georgetown and Stanford, he said he wound up Notre Dame to be the best fit both academically and athletically.

He made an impact immediately in 2005, his freshman year, placing well in several races. Note was bigger than his 99th place finish at nationals that year. In the last 1,000 meters, Smyth put on a burst of speed to run past 15 competitors and was the fifth Irish runner to cross the finish line, assuring the team would place third overall.

"I kind of came through in the clutch there, and that was kind of the springboard to the rest of my career," Smyth said. "A lot of people see the individual side of cross country because everyone talks about the frontrunners and what not, but it's really a team sport. "I'd have to say that was my greatest accomplishment."

The four-time all-Big East and two-time All-American certainly has several accomplishments to pick from, and looks to add one more on Monday.

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and four rebounds in the effort. Shannon was held to 1-for-6 shooting and had five turnovers.

Just because this was the sisters' first official game against each other didn't mean the first time they had squared off. "There was a strong sibling rivalry between the two on their backyard hoops," Natalie said that her sister usually had the edge in those games because of her height advantage.

"She used to always beat me, she was taller, but it only made me better," the Irish guard said.

Natalie credited those games in the backyard with helping her develop as a player. The most important trait she learned going one-on-one against her taller, older sister was persistence, she said.

"She beat me, day in and day out, and it only made me more competitive. And I think that's why I'm so competitive now. Just maneuvering around bigger people and shooting under them and being more crafty with the ball," she said.

Both sisters said there was never any serious trash-talking on the court — and that there wouldn't be after their first team game against each other — but that does not mean they were not intense.

"I would always get so mad, so angry. Throw balls at her, curse her. Yeah, it happened," Natalie said.

Shannon agreed, and has proof of the game's intensity.

"I've got a couple scars from that," she said.

Shannon said that she has seen marked improvement in Natalie's game during her short college career, and that she will develop into a solid player for the Irish.

"I think she's gotten huge leaps with every game that she's played. She had a couple of nice offensive moves in there. Even got a hand on one of her shots and it still went in. I'm just really looking forward to watching her over the next three years," she said.

As Natalie's career is just beginning, Shannon's is starting to come to a close — but will likely end as one of the best ever at Evansville.

After the Notre Dame game, Shannon is 307 points from cracking 1,000 — a reachable feat since she had over 350 points last season. She is also within striking distance of the school's top 10 list in free throws made, rebounds and steals, and is also third all time in blocks with 82 after Wednesday's game.

Since it is Shannon's senior season, the large Novosel contingent sat in the Evansville cheering section in the Joyce Center. The sisters estimated that about 20 family and friends drove to South Bend to watch the game.

"I think they were wearing a little bit of both. They were sitting in my section because I am a senior and they've got more opportunities to come see [Natalie]," Shannon said.

Even though the fans were all in Shannon's corner, their mother remained neutral.

"It's their own team so it was a combination of all of our colors on her shirt. She said she was going to try to do that," Shannon said.

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would mean increased touches for
players like David Grimes, sopho­
mores Duval Kamara and junior
Robby Parris. Parris had one catch
for nine yards after Floyd was side­
lined against the Midshipmen.
"I thought Robby Parris stepped
up really nicely on Saturday," Ianello
said. "We’ve played a lot of guys at a
lot of different spots in practice to
build ourselves in case someone
broke a shoelace during the game
and we had to put someone else in."
Ianello also said that at 6-foot-4,
210 pounds, Parris’ size helps give
Clausen a big target to look for in
Floyd’s absence.

Weis said that the receiving corps
had suffered injuries earlier in the
season and he was not concerned
with how they would react.
"Remember when Michael really
started playing was at the expense
of David Grimes early in the year. So
now that we have a healthy David
Grimes back, David and Michael are
not the same body type and not the
same player but certainly lessons
for both," he said.
Grimes was hampered for most of
the first half of the season with a
back injury. The senior captain
appeared to be back at full strength
last week when he had three catch­
es for 22 yards.
Both Ianello and Weis said that no
new players will be thrown into the
mix, eliminating the possibility of
other promising true freshmen like
Deion Walker or John Goodman
seeing some action.
"We would do everything we
could not to have that happen at this
time," Weis said.
Goodman and Walker have yet to
play this season and would be eligi­
bable for a fifth year in the future.
Floyd, in the meantime, is dealing
well with his first real serious injury.
"He’s been fine. He’s been doing
-everything the trainer has asked
him to do. He’s in meetings, he’s
attentive," Ianello said.
He is expected to be back in prac­
tice by mid-December which the
coaching staff is confident will be
enough to rebuild his stamina for a
potential bowl game.

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Squad picks up win behind scoring efforts from Bruszewski, Barlow

By BILL BRINK
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When you're hot, you're hot, no matter whether the heat has to carry over from the previous season.

Becca Bruszewski scored a career-high 18 points, Ashley Barlow added 19 and Notre Dame beat Evansville 96-61 Wednesday at the Joyce Center. This game was the third in the last five, dating back to Notre Dame's 75-62 win over Southern Methodist in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season, that Bruszowski has scored at least 16 points.

"I thought Becca came out and shot the ball well to start the game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Every player scored for Notre Dame, and five Fighting Irish players scored double figures — guards Melissa Lechlitner and Britanny Mallory had 11 and guard Lindsay Schrader had 12. But the Purple Aces' turnovers told the story; Evansville gave Notre Dame's ball 31 times.

"We were on our heels the entire game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Top: Junior guard Ashley Barlow, center, scrambles for a loose ball in a 96-30 exhibition win over Gannon Nov. 5.
Right: Freshman forward Kelly Watson dribbles down the court against Gannon.

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Novosel sisters squared off, Irish guard secures bragging rights with win

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

While Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw was gameplanning for Evansville this week, freshman guard Natalie Novosel had a much more specific target in mind. For the first time in her career, she would get to square off against her big sister, Shannon.

"There was a lot more talk between us than usual. We saw each other last night. We're just excited to play each other, it's a once in a lifetime chance," Natalie said.

While this was the first time the two have played against each other, they have been teammates before, at Lexington Catholic High School in Lexington, Ky. They helped the team win the state championship during Natalie's senior year of high school.

After Wednesday's game, Notre Dame secured bragging rights for Natalie, even though she said her sister's seniority might counteract that. The Irish won 96-61, with the freshman adding six points.

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Smyth returns to NCAA's for third time in his career

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

When Patrick Smyth lines up for the start of the NCAA Championships Monday, the view will be familiar one.

This is the senior's fourth trip to Terre Haute, Ind., for the national finals, and his eighth overall run on the course. That includes his fourth place finish at the 2008 Pre-national meet on Oct. 18.

"I'm going to be thinking back to that race, where I could have run smarter, where I could have run stronger, just try to visualize the course and visualize the race," Smyth said.

After winning his second straight regional meet on Saturday, expectations for Smyth are higher than ever. Smyth finished 15th at nationals in 2007 and has been improving ever since. Following Saturday's regional, coach Joe Plane called Smyth "one of the best runners in the country."

Smyth said his elite status is surreal.

"It's always what I aspired to," he said.

"People say those things about me, and it's unbelievable that that's where I am at."

Smyth said he looks forward to being the veteran presence as the No. 29 Irish men, who are mostly freshmen and sophomores, head to the national meet.

"I've been there before and in a lot of different circumstances," Smyth said.

"I'm pretty happy with what I've been telling the guys that at the national meet." Smyth said he looks forward to being the veteran presence as the No. 29 Irish men, who are mostly freshmen and sophomores, head to the national meet.

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Koppel to take a new role

By ALEX BARKER and MIKE GOTTIMER
Sports Writers

After tearing his LCL and a muscle in his call while playing in a pickup football game, sophomore swimmer PJ Koppel had little hope of making further contributions to the team until next season. That was until Notre Dame coach Tim Welsh came to him with an interesting proposition.

"Coach asked me if I wanted to be the announcer for the next meet," Koppel said. "Doing something like that really makes me feel like a part of the team."

At the request of Welsh, Koppel

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Floyd, B. Smith to miss rest of regular season

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

This Saturday when Notre Dame takes on Syracuse in the final home game of the season, it will be without the services of freshman wide receiver Michael Floyd.

"You try to build your depth as much as you can," Floyd said.

"It's always what I aspired to," he said.

"People say those things about me, and it's unbelievable that that's where I am at.

Floyd left the field on the third play from scrimmage last Saturday against Navy and did not return. In a press conference Sunday afternoon, Irish coach Charlie Weis said that he, along with sophomore line-

backer Brian Smith, had sprained his knee and would be out for approximately four weeks.

"It would really, really be unreasonable to see either one of them playing the next couple of weeks," Weis said.

"So, you know, the bad and the good. The bad they miss the next two games, but the good is there will be another game left after that."

The win in Baltimore made Notre Dame officially bowl eligible. In the meantime, Weis and Weis said that they feel comfortable dealing with Floyd's normal work load to the other regular receivers. This see FLOYD/page 18