Notre Dame to host college symposium

Student government will discuss issues with representatives from midwestern universities

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Student government will host Notre Dame's first-ever Intercollegiate Symposium—a conference between student government representatives from other Midwest universities—this weekend in LaFortune Student Center. Modeled after the Ivy Council, an annual meeting between student government representatives from the eight Ivy League schools, the Intercollegiate Symposium was strongly emphasized by student body president Bob Reish during his campaign for the position in 2008 and will be one of the last initiatives he will lead before stepping down on April 1.

"(The symposium) is a way of reaching out to other campuses to see what their student governments have and even some don't have," Reish said. He said he hopes the symposium will spark ideas for improving Notre Dame's student government.

"We would be wasting our time and effort if we didn't look at other universities," Reish said.

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Panelists: Obama has global effects

Erskine Peters Fellows discuss perception of president worldwide

By ROBERT SINGER
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The election of President Barack Obama has reverberated around the world, shifting social attitudes and even some policies in Jamaica, Tanzania and Brazil, according to this year's Erskine Peters Fellows who met for a symposium Thursday titled "Change, Hope and Expectation: The Obama Presidency, in Global Perspectives.

Hosted by the Department of African Studies, the event signaled the culmination of the Intercollegiate Symposium—on theme of Latino culture that features 17 different acts and 116 dancers, including Project Fresh, the M.O.B.B. brass band and the Troop ND.

Latin Expressions, which takes place tonight at 7 p.m. at the Century Center in South Bend, is a showcase of Latino culture that features 37 different acts and 116 total performers. It is sponsored by La Alianza, the only Latino student organization on campus.

The show combines traditional Latino acts—Coro Primavera, Ballet Folklórico, a mariachi band and an opening act put on by the Latin Expressions team—spread across the performance groups who incorporate Latino culture into their own acts, including Project Fresh, the First Class Steppers, the M.O.B.B. brass band and the Troop ND.

Co-director of Latin Expressions Cindy Dear said the show is special because it allows Latino students, a minority on campus, to give the audience a glimpse into their heritage.

"For those two hours, you are basically getting a snapshot of what drives us and our culture," Dear said.

The theme of Latin Expressions 2009 is "Ritmo Latino," which Mahoe described as "the rhythm we all have that keeps us united in being Latino."

Two other integral parts of Latin Expressions are the emcees and the ushers, who are crucial in helping the audience to become a part of the show, this year's emcees are Danny Alvarez and Maria Moreno, Mahoe said. She said the emcees guide the show's structure and make sure the theme is evident in all aspects of the show. The ushers dress according to the theme and interact with the audience during intermission.

Karla Abilio, co-director of Latin Expressions, said the audience always enjoys the ushers and emcees.

"People always look forward to this as an aspect because they're always really great," Abilio said. This year, the ushers will be given musical Troop NT and will dance and play them during intermissions.

This is the 19th year Latin Expressions will take place. The show has expanded in its scope, "We both have different goals, but...we do realize that those goals can merge together and that's what we're looking for out of the show," Garth said.

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First of all, books and movies are two different things. This is similar to comparing music and paintings. Paintings have inspired music and vice versa, however, in most respects they are really incomparable. One stimulates the eyes, the other, the ears. Books stimulate the mind and imagination. They allow you to create a world inside your head. Movies create a world for you, and an alternative interpretation to the characters and settings you envisioned in your mind’s eye. Not reading the book takes away the element of comparison, but does not take away from the whole experience.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What possession could you not live without?

- Kathleen McKeeman, freshman Howard
  - My cell phone; gotta stay touch with people.

- Melissa Cameron, senior Howard
  - My cell phone — gotta stay connected to my homies!

- Heidi Grossman, sophomore Howard
  - My copy of Twilight — I can’t live without Edward.

- Cristina Anaya, junior Howard
  - My Edward poster. He watches me sleep.

- Carleigh Moore, freshman Howard
  - "My ducks!"

- Caitlin Monesmith, freshman Howard
  - "My Copy of Dracula; down with sparkles!"

Recent Notre Dame graduate Katie Vaas talks to students about careers with the Indiana Pacers during the Pacers Sports and Entertainment Information Session at the Dooley Room in LaFortune Thursday.

**OFFBEAT**

**22 CA college students cram into phone booth**

MORAGA, Calif. — Twenty-two students at St. Mary’s College of California have done something their predecessors famously did 50 years ago: cram into a phone booth. Teams competed to fit as many bodies as possible into a phone booth on the campus green Wednesday, a half-century after Life magazine published a now-famous photograph of 22 St. Mary’s students stuffed into a phone booth, a popular college stunt in the 1950s.

**Man impersonates justice, performs several weddings**

SEDONA, Ariz. — Sheriff’s officials in Arizona say a man impersonated an elected justice of the peace and performed several weddings whose legality are now in doubt. Yavapai County Sheriff’s spokesman Dwight D’Evelyn says 41-year-old Allen Elman was arrested Tuesday on charges of fraud, forgery, criminal impersonation, impersonating a public servant and tampering with a public record.

**Man arrested for using slingshot to hit worker**

TACOMA, Wash. — The Washington State Patrol says a 50-year-old Gig Harbor man accused of using a slingshot to hit a worker who accidentally triggered a shot at Tacoma Narrows Bridge toll booth windows has been arrested. Trooper Brandt Kessler said Wednesday that the man was arrested and booked into the Pierce County Jail for investigation of second-degree assault, second-degree malicious mischief and reckless endangerment.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Tired of Twilight**

Ashley Charnley

Saint Mary’s Editor

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Panel discusses economic effects

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
SMMY MARO Editor

A panel of professors and community members discussed the social effects of the struggling economy in a lecture titled "Bringing About Change: Our Economy's Effects on Education, Family, Violence and Unemployment" at Saint Mary's College in Vander Veer Thursday.

"What's unique about our recession is that for the first time in about two decades, the world economy is going to shrink," he said.

McElroy said as a result, the government is left as "the only game in town." He said there are three ways to know whether the programs and policies the government put into place are helping to improve the economy.

If we see building permits rise, average weekly wages rise and the new weekly jobless claims fall, then the economy should be "on the move," he said.

Judith Fox, a professor of law at Notre Dame, addressed the issue of subprime loans and how they have negatively affected the economy.

"The original intent of subprime loans was wonderful. It allowed people who couldn't otherwise afford a home, get a loan," Fox said.

What happened, though, is loan brokers began giving loans to people who couldn't afford them. Sometimes they were up to 70 or 80 percent of their income. This leads to high foreclosure rates, she said.

According to Fox, Indiana is 11th on the list of states' foreclosure ratings with a rating of 3.59 percent.

Thomas Kavanau, vice president for JobWorks, Inc., discussed his work at JobWorks in trying to train people and help them find new jobs in the community once they are unemployed.

"Elkhart County is pushing depression-like unemployment rates. Right now, at the end of January, they are at 18.5 percent," Kavanau said.

"That is how people are finding jobs these days. It's through networking," he said. "It's not necessarily what you know, it's who you know."}

"If I tell the individual, you may need to start saving your money pack up and move because they are not going to work with you," Whitaker said.

"The government is working on providing incentives for servicers, who homeowners pay their loans to, to modify the loans to help them pay their loan," she said.

"According to Whitaker, in the state of Indiana since January 2008, there have been 8,962 foreclosures.

Envall said even though they blame their poor behavior on the economy, the abusers have larger issues.

"The true driving force behind domestic violence is the need for power, the need for control," Geissier said.

"I think what we are going to be seeing soon is kids slipping into poverty who were already living on the margin before," Geissier said.

"I think we are going to see more children living at or below poverty level.

"It's a great time for these kids to get mental health treatment, but the problem is, mental health is no priority when there is an uncertainty about where food, shelter, and utilities is coming from," Geissier said.

In order to address these issues, the panelists said they believe government regulation is necessary, but more importantly, there is a need for education.

"It's not the Internet or classifieds, but connection with people that are helping the currently unemployed find work," he said.

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Right to Life to hold annual conference

By NORA KENNEY

Amidst the fury of one of the most heated debates on Notre Dame's campus this year, the Notre Dame Right to Life Club will be holding its annual conference Friday and Saturday.

Sophomore Holly Klejski, the conference's coordinator, said she has been preparing for the 2009 Right to Life Conference since this time last year.

Klejski said it is the club's hope is "that the Conference can be an opportunity for rational consideration and discussion of a variety of life issues."

Klejski said the club is excited because several speakers have agreed to lecture parts. Part of the club's mission is "to engage in a variety of activities including prayer, service, education," and the conference will offer inspiration in these areas.

The events will kick off with a lecture by Susan Baxter, professor of Medicine, Law, Ministry, and Teaching, given by Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, senior fellow for Bioethics and Human Dignity at Notre Dame.

Saturday's events include a Mass, breakfast and a lecture by Lisa Everett called "The Family as the Sanctuary of Life" in 101 Jordan Hall at 10 a.m. Everett works for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's Office of Family Life.

Chris Godfrey, a fellow, I impressed philosopher and this year's Senior Visiting Faculty, believes the conference will give a lecture titled, "What the Abortion Debate is Really About." He is the author of the recent book "Defending Life: A Legal and Moral Case Against Abortion."

The conference also will feature a talk given by Chaunie Brusie of Feminists for Life. Her talk is called "Say NO to the Status Quo: Support for Women and Children." 

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Albita said that in recent years, the students in charge of the show have had to make Latin Expressions more oriented towards non-Latino audience members.

"Recently, we have taken it upon ourselves to not just make it a show for Latinos, but for everybody," Albita said.

Both Albita and Mahoe have worked with the Latin Expressions since their arrival at Notre Dame. They first learned about the show when they were on campus for the Spring Visitation, and both immediately decided to participate as a part of the production.

"The moment I saw it, I knew I wanted to be a part of it," Albita said.

She said she is so dedicated to Latin Expressions that she had to turn down the show's annual year's show while studying abroad in Rome, Italy.

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to use Brenna's story, Varty said.

The members of the Dance Marathon committee who posted the fliers were the only committee members known to be involved in the stunt, Varty said. They used fliers, posters, banners and sidewalk chalk spread throughout Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross campuses to spread curiosity over who Brenna was.

"We wanted to create buzz around the campuses and the only way to do this was to not let anyone find out what 'Ask Brenna' was," she said.

During the day on Wednesday, the 16 girls who had posted the information about Brenna walked around the campus wearing neon green shirts that said "I'm Brenna. Ask me."

"The point was to have people walk up to us and ask who is Brenna or ask what they were supposed to ask Brenna, so then we could explain Brenna's story and hand them a packet to sign up for Dance Marathon," Varty said.

Varty said that she believes the event was successful in raising awareness about Dance Marathon and the new administration.

"On Tuesday people all over were talking, and probably Wednesday tons of people finally found out who Brenna was," she said.

"By asking the girls in the green or watch what you have in common, you find out what your common goals are and some of the misconceptions that you had kind of melt away."

In past meetings, Rucker said, "students have been very open and reaching out to people in the community, and the community has reached out to us. We've been able to get some things going to help for each group to understand the other."

Mikki Dobski, director of communications and special projects for the Mayor's Office, said she is "enthused" about attending the Summit and appreciates the commitment that student government and administration made to improving relations with the city government.

She said she hopes the meeting will bring "good dialogue so that we can identify common goals and work together."

"Coming out of this meeting, it's important for city officials to know the student perspective on the issues that will be discussed," she said. It's important for students to know the perspective of South Bend city officials and to really come up with tangible solutions that we both agree with," said Gart.

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Gart said students who are not affiliated with student government have also been invited to bring a fresh perspective.

Students involved in student government "deal with those issues all the time," Gart said. Invited to the meeting will be any student who does not belong to student government "deal with those issues all the time," Gart said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Somalia pirates seize tankers

BRUSSELS — Pirates armed with machine guns hijacked a Norwegian chemical tanker Thursday off the coast of Somalia, the ship's owner said, an attack that came less than 24 hours after a small Greek-owned vessel was seized in the same area.

The U.S. 5th Fleet, which patrols the pirate-infested Gulf of Aden, confirmed both hijackings and said they took place in the same area but separate from the Gulf, one of the busiest — and now most treacherous — sea lanes.

The 23,000-ton Norwegian-owned Bow Avis was hijacked near the Somali coast on Thursday morning, and the 9,000-ton Greek-owned Narypa, with 19 crew members, was seized 450 miles (720 kilometers) off Somalia on Wednesday afternoon, the European Union Monitoring Center said.

Both vessels are chemical tankers but their cargoes were not immediately made public.

Foreigners attack Sudanese convoy

CAIRO — Sudanese officials said foreign warplanes launched two separate airstrikes last month on Sudan near its border with Egypt, targeting convoys packed with light weapons and African migrants trying to sneak north, the latest in a series of attacks.

Just who was behind the strikes remains a mystery, but the U.S. and Israel immediately came under suspicion.

Muharar Mahbrouk Saleem, Sudan's State Minister for Transportation, told The Associated Press he believed American planes were behind the bombings about a week apart in early February, but officials had decided not to release such information.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed his account but said there were discrepancies on casualties. The U.S. denied any airstrike on Sudan.

President Barack Obama takes part in an Internet town hall meeting Thursday in the East Room of the White House.

Obama to dispatch thousands of additional military to the Middle East

WASHINGTON — Concerned about the faltering war in Afghanistan, President Obama on Tuesday outlined plans to dispatch thousands more military and civilian trainers to the region. The strategy for the fresh combat troops he's already ordered, people familiar with the forthcoming plan said Thursday.

Obama also will call for increasing aid to neighboring Pakistan as long as its leaders defend militant networks in the border region. The president plans to lay out his revamped strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan on Friday.

Several sources told The Associated Press the strategy includes 20 recommendations for countering a persistent insurgent insurgency that spans the two countries' border, including sending 4,000 military trainers to try to increase the size of the Afghan army.

"It is an integrated military-civilian strategy," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told reporters in Monterrey, Mexico. "We are convinced that the single most critical step in the plan...is the ability of our Afghan partners to deter and, over time, defeat the Talibans..." she added.

On Sunday, Obama announced the additional 4,000 troops devoted to training and advising the Afghan armed forces would head to Afghanistan this spring and summer. They come on top of about 17,000 combat and support troops Obama wants in place by the end of the summer.

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National News

Penn. juvenile convicts appealed

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Pennsylvania's highest court on Thursday overturned hundreds of juvenile convictions issued by a corrupt judge who took millions of dollars in kickbacks from youth detention centers.

The state Supreme Court ruled that former Luzerne County President Judge Mark Ciavarella, who ordered 267 juveniles imprisoned, had a conflict of interest, said he had been paid about $600,000 to work for the detention centers.

The group went the wrong way and failed to protect civilians. Gaza's casino began erupting Sunday night.

Senior military officials have acknowledged that thousands of civilians were killed. "We apologize for the civilian casualties," said a military official. "We apologize for the civilian casualties."

Ciavarella violated the constitutional rights of juveniles and their families.

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Local News

Crews still working on sinkhole

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne officials say a sinkhole that opened up near the city's downtown since the week-end.

The 2-foot deep sinkhole that's closed a street near the city's downtown since the week-end.

The largest eruption caused a mud flow into the Drift River near the base of the volcano.

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GAZA STRIP

Israeli army accused of misconduct

Associated Press

Gaza CITY — When Israeli soldiers expelled Ablig Hijeh, her five children and they were an aberration, not the norm. They were a trip along, and that the Bush administration wrongly diverted U.S. attention and resources to the war in Iraq.

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The accounts, published in two Israeli newspapers last week, further fueled international outrage over the Gaza offensive. Israel, which invaded Gaza to end years of rocket attacks by Hamas militants on Israeli towns, is already under international scrutiny about whether it used disproportionate force and failed to protect civilians. Gazan Hamas rulers have been criticized for targeting civilian areas and using Palestinian children as human shields.

Senior military officials have acknowledged as using army posts, as well as relaxed rules of engagement, including hostile shooting at civilians. The soldiers, who spoke to a military newspaper in a closed-door session, described an incident with similarities to the shooting of the Hijeh family.

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As a candidate, Obama said the Afghan war should have been under the U.S. priority all along, and that the Bush administration wrongly diverted U.S. attention and resources to the war in Iraq.

As president, Obama has been under pressure to say how he plans to address the sharp increase in violence in Afghanistan while predicting anti-terrorism efforts in Pakistan to deal with the militant threat on its soil.

The accounts, published in two Israeli newspapers last week, further fueled international outrage over the Gaza offensive. Israel, which invaded Gaza to end years of rocket attacks by Hamas militants on Israeli towns, is already under international scrutiny about whether it used disproportionate force and failed to protect civilians. Gazan Hamas rulers have been criticized for targeting civilian areas and using Palestinian children as human shields.

Senior military officials have acknowledged as using army posts, as well as relaxed rules of engagement, including hostile shooting at civilians. The soldiers, who spoke to a military newspaper in a closed-door session, described an incident with similarities to the shooting of the Hijeh family.

The largest eruption caused a mud flow into the Drift River near the base of the volcano.
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University and Washington University in St. Louis are confirmed to attend the symposium.

"These schools are all close in distance and academic standing," he said.

Reish said the representatives will arrive Friday, tour the campus and attend reception dinner at the Morris Inn.

On Saturday, the student government representatives will participate in three "breakout sessions" to discuss issues such as community relations, student government's role in academic life, relationship with the administration and campus technology, Reish said.

Notre Dame's representatives will be Reish, student body vice president Grant Schmidt, chief executive assistant Karen Koski, student body vice president-elect Cynthia Weber and Ryan Brellenthin, who will replace Koski as chief executive assistant on April 1.

"We are participating but not leading the discussion," Reish said. "We want to see open dialogue."

Reish said he considered the idea of a symposium during the controversy involving the party ordinance proposed by the South Bend Common Council in 2007 to control student parties. He said when looking into the issue, he found that Northwestern University had a similar problem.

"Had we had a line of communication with them, it could have helped us," he said.

When elected to office in the spring of 2008, Reish said hosting the symposium was one of his first priorities.

"Last year, I wanted to have this in April to really set the tone of our term, collect ideas and get off the ground running," he said.

However, issues with funds impeded the progress of the symposium, so the project was put on hold while Reish and Schmidt worked on other initiatives, he said.

Instead, Reish connected with other student body presidents through the creation of collegerevs.com, a Web site that allowed access only to student government leaders at colleges and universities.

But Reish said he was eventually able to secure the funds to put together the project and grab the interest of the universities who will attend.

"I have talked to everyone at the schools and they all said it is a great idea," he said. "We are really laying a foundation and creating kind of a personal connection."

Reish said he particularly would like to discuss the relationship between off-campus students and the community at the symposium, an issue Northwestern University stressed as important to them as well.

"This is something I really feel passionately about," he said.

Reish said he hopes the symposium will not only help improve Notre Dame's student government, but he also would like the event to foster a lasting relationship between the schools.

"We can ultimately develop a larger network," he said. "I think this can be a benchmark of where we fit on a larger scale."

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Harsh financial regulations proposed

Obama administration submits new rules; says crisis calls for assertiveness

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's aggressive plan for strict scrutiny of hedge funds and other vehicles of Wall Street money is generating the greatest expansion of financial restrictions since the Great Depression, is drawing instant opposition from Republicans who claim the new rules would go too far.

The administration has already proved adept at designing complex financial products to sidestep existing restrictions. And Vincent Reinhart, former director of monetary affairs at the Federal Reserve, says, "You could be so clever that you find a way to try to figure out how to be under-regulated." For example, private equity investors might try to buy bank hedge funds and chop them into funds that would be small enough to operate irregularly, Reinhart said.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, unveiling the plan Thursday, said, "This is a new financial system, and it demands bold action.

"We need much stronger standards for openness, transparency and plain language throughout the financial system," he told the House Financial Services Committee. His proposal, which requires congressional approval, includes:

- Imposing tougher standards on financial institutions that are judged to be so big that their failure would threaten the financial system.
- Building federal regulation for the first time to all trading in financial derivatives — exotic instruments such as credit default swaps that are blamed for much of the economic carnage.
- Requiring larger hedge funds and other private pools of capital, including private equity and venture capital funds, to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Creating a regulator to monitor the biggest institutions. Geithner did not say which agency should wield such authority, but the administration is expected to favor the Federal Reserve.
- Empowering the government to take over major nonbank financial firms such as insurers and hedge funds if deemed necessary.

Committee Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., and many Democrats on the panel backed the proposals, while Republicans accused them as too far-reaching.

Private analysts also questioned whether Geithner's plan would succeed in safeguarding the financial system. "We're not in this mess because we need new rules," said Bill Fleckenstein, a Seattle-based hedge fund manager who accurately predicted the housing bubble. "We need to enforce the rules we already have," he said.

"What we had was a complete breakdown in all of our regulators. They simply didn't do their jobs," And Fleckenstein said he didn't think requiring big hedge funds to register with the government would prevent devastating frauds like Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme.

"You could register all 10,000 hedge funds, and it probably would just overwhelm the regulator," he said.

Timothy Brot, portfolio manager of New York-based hedge fund Locksmith Capital Management, said stricter rules won't work if regulators become bogged down in policing individual funds rather than monitoring the investment products they trade.
"It is very rare to see a man of his stature with a black woman," she said. "He presents a pride that you don’t often see in the Brazilian context. Young women are saying, ‘there are going to be little black girls in the White House with hair texture like mine.'"

Challenger noted another example of how individuals have been motivated by Obama’s election. Jamaican author Taniesha Burke wrote a book titled "Raising The Next Barack Obama." 

"She wrote a book on how to raise the next Barack Obama," Challenger said. "She’s taken the idea of him and written an instruction book on how to raise the next Obama.”

However, as Challenger said foreigners’ admiration of Obama does not always extend to his policies.

"He represents values that go against Jamaican values," she said. "Homosexuality is a contentious issue. They decided that it is still a crime. The idea that homosexuality is immoral has now entered into the discourse nationwide. Within the Jamaican community, they recognize this complication.”

"The subject of foreign policy, Markle said, is changing the discussion around imperialism," he said.

According to Markle, because Obama is the same color as people exploited by American imperialist ventures in the past, the U.S. may begin to shed its reputation as an empire. 

Challenger also contested the arguments of social theorists who believe race and gender to be minor factors in Jamaica society compared to class structure.

"Race and gender were the organizing principles of the former slave colony," she said. "There is still an issue of color. Colorism is really a damaging practice among black people," Graham said.

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**Miss. tornado injures 28**

**Associated Press**

MAGGIE, Miss. — Residents in a tornado-ravaged community took advantage of clearing skies Thursday to collect family keepsakes and begin cleaning up from a storm that left 28 injured and dozens of homes and businesses flattened across southeastern Mississippi.

But Magee, a town of about 5,000 in Mississippi’s pine forests, may not have much time to begin serious cleanup as another storm system with the potential for more destruction was expected late Thursday or early Friday.

While families were busy moving debris from around homes and covering exposed ceilings, the steady grinding of chain saws echoed through the community as utility crews cleared fallen trees from power lines.

Magee Mayor Jimmy Clyde said the community was in the early stages of assessing the destruction from a pre-dawn twister that smashed through dozens of homes and apartment duplexes and damaged two churches.

“This is like reliving Hurricane Katrina all over again and that’s no fun,” Clyde said as office phones rang constantly with reports of storm-damaged neighborhoods and lost power and water service. “We got hit back then and we’ve really been hit now.”

Officials believe 36 homes, a church and a business were destroyed in Simpson County, where Magee is located, and another 86 homes and structures were damaged. Across the state, 43 structures were destroyed and another 146 were damaged by at least five confirmed tornadoes.

Phillip Runnels spent the afternoon sitting through what was the barely recognizable remains of his mother’s mobile home on Mississippi 28.

His mother, Pamela McCallum, 48, was in good condition after being airlifted to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. Her boyfriend, Larry Pearson, 58, was also injured and was in fair condition.

“She’s in pretty bad shape and Mr. Larry’s in worse shape,” Runnels said as he continued his inspection.

The twister smashed through Magee around 1:30 a.m. as severe thunderstorms rumbled across the Southeast. Power blackouts affected tens of thousands of Mississippi residents and authorities reported damage to some Alabama homes.

There were no immediate reports of deaths.

Mississippi’s governor declared a state of emergency in Simpson County. At least nine counties reported damage Thursday. An elementary school was closed in Amite County in southern Mississippi after high winds tore off part of its roof.

The Salvation Army and other aid organizations hurried warm meals and supplies to stricken areas.

“We’re getting a lot of help in here,” Clyde said. “That’s the thing about Mississippi. Everybody just helps each other in times like this.”

Runnels said homes in some areas were “basically leveled” and damage was extensive just outside the city limits.

Jeff Garchelli, 48, said he and his wife, Cappy, were asleep when the storm hit. He called to his wife when the windows of their red-brick home shattered.

The roof also had been sheared off.

“We got in the closet and it just collapsed,” he said.

In a nearby neighborhood, several brick duplex apartments were smashed and cars were flipped upside down.

Stephanie Malley, 35, cried as she looked at the shell of her home, its roof gone. She awoke when flying debris hit her in the back. She grabbed her 11- and 13-year-old sons and pulled them into a bathroom.

“We stayed in the bathroom for a long time until everything started coming down,” Malley said.

Her 11-year-old needed nine stitches for a cut on his leg. Nearby houses were marked with red spray paint to show that emergency workers who dug through the rubble didn’t find any injured or dead residents.

The nearby Corinth Baptist Church was so shattered that “only the doors to its sanctuary were left standing,” she said.

Members of the 100-year-old church stepped around the red brick rubble and walked through a cemetery where tombstones were knocked to the ground. A white church van was overturned.

There were still plans to hold Sunday services in the parking lot, however.

“Our church is still here, because our church is the people, but the building is gone,” said minister Chace Loyd.

Another tornado touched down Wednesday in Mississippi’s Lauderdale County, heavily damaging nine homes and a business, but causing no injuries, officials said.
Constructive debate welcome

The Observer's inbox has been inundated with letters in response to the University's invitation to the President of the United States to be the principal speaker at this year's Commencement exercises.

These letters range from expressions of utter outrage and disbelief to mild acceptance, from sheer joy to indifference. Their authors — angered alumni, American Catholics not associated with the University and students — are contributing their viewpoints to a conversation that has — in many respects — reduced itself to a circus.

Of the 612 Letters to the Editor, The Observer has received as of 2 p.m. Thursday, 313 have been authored by alumni. Of those letters, 70 percent are supportive of the University's decision to invite the president and 30 percent are against.

And while more alumni have written to The Observer than students, their voice must not be lost. In fact, of the 282 letters authored by students, the breakdown is a bit different: 73 percent of students who have written Letters to the Editor are supportive of the Obama selection, while 27 percent are against it.

Looking at the senior class's response, the sentiment is even more extreme: 97 percent of seniors are supportive, 3 percent are not.

There is a clear disconnect between alumni and the student body as a whole on this issue.

This is the seniors' graduation, their last memories of Notre Dame as a student. Protestors would do well to remember this. Make your views known; healthy debate is engaging with those who might disagree with us in debate.

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There is no such thing as a perfect speaker; all are controversial on some level, regardless of their affiliation to political party or to religion. Take, for example, President George W. Bush, the last sitting president to speak at a University Commencement. A member of the Republican Party, his stances on the death penalty sparked protests in May 2001 when he was on campus.

As it was in 2001, it remains in 2009: there is a difference between tolerance and acceptance.

The University has said it does not accept the president's views on the protection of life, but it will listen to him, it will respect him, and it will challenge him in the future.

In doing so, the Notre Dame community is in a unique position to have the ear of the president for one afternoon.

University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, without a doubt one of the most influential American Catholics, a man who has fought tirelessly for civil rights in this country and to transform the University into a respected institution of higher learning, said this Friday speaking to a group of alumni, parents and friends of Notre Dame:

"No speaker who has ever come to Notre Dame has changed the University. We are who we are. But, quite often, the very fact of being here has changed the speaker."

We must continue that tradition, and show the president, and the world, what Notre Dame is; we will welcome challenges, but retain our character and retain our class in engaging with those who might disagree with us in debate.

And we will give the class of 2009 the best possible send off to bring Notre Dame with them when they leave campus in May.
Irish Outrage

I am shocked and outraged by the actions of certain members of the Notre Dame community as of late. I am, of course, referring to William McTighe’s participation in the White of certain members of the Notre Dame celebration (St. Patrick’s Day) with our Friday, March 27, 2009. It is simply a wake-up call to those who say words can’t hurt.

Unfortunately this past Saturday, for the first time in my five and one half semesters here is what impacted me the most during my time here. What was advertised as a fun evening of dancing fun after college games and parties was instead filled with some of the worst forms of cultural appropriation I have ever seen. The students who were present at the event this past Saturday were not respectful of those who say this isn’t just an issue.

It seems that some of my classmates dien it appropriate to wear “costumes” to Legends for Hip-Hop Night. Dressing in stereotypical “hip-hop” clothing for this is a growing phenomenon and is becoming increasingly offensive. These students may give the excuse of trying to dress “hip- hop,” but it really just looks like a mockery of black culture. While hip-hop is not the sole form of representing black culture, it does give many of our young people a voice. It is an ever-changing form of music and to perpetuate a single stereotype with it is both harmful and demeaning.

Sadly, while these students are garnering attention and making a spectacle of themselves, I find it pointless to address the issue right away. Most of them are way too intoxicated to listen to let alone care about my concerns and those of my friends. I was utterly embarrassed for my cousin, a senior in high school, to think that this is what he had to look forward to in college. I was even more ashamed that my friend, a junior at Central State University, had to witness to witness to help her form an opinion of Notre Dame.

It seems that some of my classmates have probably won’t transform insensitivity or erase ignorance, but I just had to show my discontent. I am saddened by the fact that some Notre Dame students, my classmates, could be so insensitive.

Shawnika Giger
junior
Pangborn Hall
March 25

Easter Mass

Recently I heard the Basilica is filming an Easter Mass this Saturday which will be broadcast Easter morning on NBC. I’m sure it will be a beautiful mass full of color, but can you really celebrate Easter without the actual resurrection on Easter Sunday? I find it odd that NBC would even consider giving a chance to see the light of day is the greatest tragedy in the modern world — a tragedy that we facilitate. So naturally they are upset given a chance to see the light of day is the greatest tragedy in the modern world — a tragedy that we facilitate.

But on the other hand, the response from those similar to what is going on at Notre Dame is just as bad. They are upset because the President has been invited to speak at commencement. This is not an issue we can simply uninvite him from. He was invited at all. Now that he’s here, there is nothing to be done. If we don’t all understand that, we need to begin to understand that. President Obama will speak at the Commencement, and he will get an honorary degree. There’s nothing to be done about that now. And talking as radical and ridiculous as lining Notre Dame Avenue with pictures of aborted fetuses is not only counterproductive, but simply inflammatory and demeaning.

The true problem in the eyes of those against having him speak is that he was invited at all. Now that he’s here, there is nothing to be done. If we don’t all understand that, we need to begin to understand that. President Obama will speak at the Commencement, and he will get an honorary degree. There’s nothing to be done about that now. And talking as radical and ridiculous as lining Notre Dame Avenue with pictures of aborted fetuses is not only counterproductive, but simply inflammatory and demeaning.

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This Week's Mix – Bust Out the Shorts

by Andrew Seroff

1. "All Right Now" - Free
2. "No Sunlight" – Death Cab for Cutie
3. "Sugar Magnolia" – Grateful Dead
4. "Let Me Go" – Cake
5. "Superman" – Goldfinger
7. "I'm From Barcelona" – We're From Barcelona
8. "Wishbone" – Architecture in Helsinki
10. "The Blues Are Still Blue" – Belle and Sebastian
11. "Saturday Morning" – Eels
12. "Beer" – Reel Big Fish

Last week we had great spring weather, but all this week clouds sat above our heads. I was working on a "Psyche! It's Still Winter!" playlist, but then, as if to thwart my plans, sunshine and blue skies rolled in. I'm not complaining. Here's my "Just Kidding, Bust Out the Shorts" playlist:

- 12 songs
- 1 weekend
- 43 mins, 8 secs of music

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By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Scene Writer

There is one thing to remember when listening to the Kronos Quartet: they are not a string quartet. They are, in fact, a "new music ensemble." What does this mean to the average listener? It means they are somewhere between Stravinsky and Arcade Fire – and nowhere near Mozart.

Kronos was started in 1973 by David Harrington, who decided to form the group after hearing a Vietnam-inspired piece by known avant-garde composer George Crumb. He decided to delve into the new musical tradition of music that is off the beaten path. Born from the avant-garde movement, the Kronos Quartet has played and recorded music that varies from Shostakovich and Webern to Thelonious Monk and Jimmy Hendrix.

Their unique interest in minimalist music and anything with an unusual rhythm has led them to run the musical gamut a few times over. They have collaborated with Bollywood artist R.D. Burman (giving them a distinct Indian sound), appeared on the album "Late in the 20th Century" (next to a Romanian woman’s choir), can be found on the new release for AIDS awareness "Dark was the Night" (along with SuZan Stevens and Iron and Wine), and are currently working on a piece inspired to use the name Transylvania.

"Anne Thompson [executive director of the Kronos Quartet] is the head of a phonograph sticking in a long neck with strings and what looks like the head of a violin sticking out of the bottom. These instruments are actually recreations of instruments from Thomas Edison’s time. Because string instruments had a hard time being picked up by an Edison cylinder player, musicians would put the round, flaring part of a horn near the strings to amplify the sound. Kronos has had these instruments recreated for this piece by an artist and instrument maker in San Francisco. Since they were originally made for Edison’s cylinder players by an Eastern European man, Riley was inspired to use the name Transylvania. The Kronos Quartet is a musical feat to be marveled. For over thirty years, they have been redefining contemporary music in all its forms, from metal to movie scores to minimalism. They are an American institution, a community of music."

As Harrington said, challenges came with "learning to play completely new instruments." There has never been a piece we’ve played in 35 years that has required as many different playing techniques.

By why premier a piece at Notre Dame? "Anne Thompson [executive director of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center] invited us to make a project that would be joyous," says Harrington. "It’s been a wonderful experience with Terry Riley. This piece is the most joyous we could put together this piece, this piece for this occasion."

The collaborative team that calls itself the Kronos Quartet is a musical feast to be savored.

The performance begins at 7 p.m. tonight, and the second performance takes place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are $48, $35 for faculty and staff, $36 for seniors and $15 for students.

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The Kronos Quartet will perform Friday and Saturday at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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Friday, March 27, 2009
Death of a Salesman

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Scene Writer

This weekend the Notre Dame Student Players will be performing Arthur Miller's classic American tragedy "Death of a Salesman," directed by freshman Tom Blanford and produced by sophomores Robert Jenista and Rachel Witty. Starring are senior JJ Rees as Willy Loman, sophomore Kelly Hunt as Linda, freshman Derek Deffensor as Biff and freshman Chris Stare as Happy.

Willy Loman, the protagonist, is a traveling salesman based in New York City. His wife Linda loves him for who he is despite his shortcomings, but Willy always feels the need to be someone better. He puts incredible pressure on his sons, Biff and Happy, to be successful in business, yet they are both well into their adult lives and have not done much of anything. It is repeatedly noted throughout the play that Willy and his sons are good with their hands, yet it is clear that Willy thinks business is the only path to success in America. He clings to the American dream with everything he has, pretending to be a successful businessman before his family when really that is far from the truth. It is because of this extraordinary persistence to be someone he cannot that Willy is a tragic hero.

"It is important for the audience to see a stark contrast between the true characters in reality, and their actions and emotions as Willy remembers them, yet see a smooth transition in and out of reality," Blanford said.

Blanford has faced the challenge of distorted time and flashbacks through extra emphasis on blocking and transitions of emotions. As always, a show's set can dramatically affect the audience's interpretation.

"Our production this weekend is a traditional, but minimalist approach to the show. The set is minimized and open to allow the emotions of this show to stand on top, while close attention was put into adapting the time period of the 1940s," Blanford said.

As a popular play performed countless times since its debut in 1949, what makes this production at Notre Dame unique is that it is entirely student produced, direct-ed, and performed. Young, aspiring college students are dealing with issues attributed to the working class of an older generation, fantasy and reality.

"Willy Loman is 63 years old I am obviously not 63 years old. It's a challenge to make Willy, Linda, (and the other characters) relatable to college-age students," Rees said of his character.

However, what connects Willy's generation to our current generation are the themes of defining success, the American Dream, and leaving a legacy," he said. Even though at times the characters are attempting to prove pitty or disgust, these pervasive themes are what allow young adults to understand and relate to the position that Willy Loman and his family face.

"Death of a Salesman" will be performed this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are $5 for general admission and $3 for students and seniors and can be purchased in advance at the LaFortune Box Office.

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Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" has been a staple of American theatre since its opening in 1949. This weekend it is being presented by the Notre Dame Student Players Club at Washington Hall. It centers on the Loman family, a simple family struggling to achieve the American dream. The play is well done and enjoyable to watch if not entirely relevant to a college age audience.

As head of the family, Willy Loman, played by JJ Rees, works as a traveling salesman. From week to week he struggles to make ends meet. Because of this difficulty, he chooses to live in a world of memory and imagination rather than a world of reality. Through a series of flashbacks and daydreams, the story of Willy's life emerges.

The audience can see that Willy's life is defined by his constant struggle to justify his version of the American dream with the disappointment of reality. He has elaborate ideas of success and happiness, but he struggles to find them in his frustrating and unsuccessful career.

Willy's two sons Biff and Happy provide further illumination into the fragile dynamics of the Loman family. Biff, the oldest son, has failed to live up to his potential in everyone's eyes, including his own. He wanders from one job to the next, never quite finding happiness or contentment. In Biff's own words, "I don't know what I'm supposed to want!"

The younger of the two sons, Happy, has seized upon his father's dream for success in business. He does relatively well and enjoys many of the trappings of success and happiness. Yet for all of his success, Happy hardly lives up to his name. Rather, he is just as lost as his brother Biff, who can at least acknowledge his frustrations. The disappointment of his own life and the lives of his sons come together, crippling Willy under the pressure of keeping it all together. Rees delivers a convincing performance as Willy, although it is at times difficult to remember that he is playing a 60-year-old man.

Defor on and Chris Stare do well as Biff and Happy, but the stand-out performance is delivered by Kelly Hunt as Linda Loman. Hunt delivers an earnest performance as a wife trying to hold her crumbling family together. More than any of the other performers, Hunt seems to have reached the heart of her role. It is her performance that succeeds in engaging the audience at an emotional level. You cannot help but feel for Linda and sympathize despite her role in encouraging Willy's delusions.

Overall, the play is well done. It does seem to drag on toward the end, though that is due more to the script than the actors themselves. Unfortunately, despite the best effort of the cast, the message of "Salesman" is difficult to relate to and audiences may find the story unwarranting. Willy's struggles are often hard to sympathize with from the perspective of a college age audience.

Though Biff and Happy provide an example of where we all hope not to be in 15 years' time, the overall spirit of the performance falls flat. At certain points, the play almost annoys that not a single character succeeds in overcoming his self-pity.

This is not to say that those who are interested in the greater tradition of American theatre will not find the performance enjoyable. Rather, the average student may feel uninspired.

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Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS — Arizona coach Russ Pennell will play this weekend according to the book.

"He's savoring every moment in Indianapolis, from the hotel to the university to the usually dreaded new press conference," understanding Friday night's game against top-seeded Michigan State, his first and only chance to lead a team into the regional
find. So the man with the interim title spent Thursday blunting questions about his uncertain future in the present. Or what Pennell once described as the previous.

"Just the opportunity to walk through this journey this year is incredible. It's stretched me, it's forced me to think outside the box. It's very unconventional what we've done through Pennell said. "If this is the only opportunity, so be it."

At Arizona, basketball success, even these expectations this March.

The tumultuous season began in October with the retirement of Hall of Fame coach Lute Olson, who suddenly put a career charge of a program with expectations this March.

Rick Pitino's heavily favored Louisville team knocked off the 1997 national title. Now Pennell faces Pitino's Cardinals, a team that looks a lot like Arizona.

"It's the closest I've ever seen two teams in the same box, in the same year," Pitino said. "They just did what they do, they bring their center out to the corner sometimes. It's almost like what we're trying to accomplish."

No. 12-seeded Arizona (21-13) is the lowest left in the field and wasn't supposed to make it past round, much less round two, and now looks like a longshot to get past Louisville.

The Cardinals are still expected to be in Detroit for next weekend's Final Four after winning the Big East regular-season and tournament titles and No. 1 ranking in last week's poll and claiming a major upset in the tourney. That means anything less than a national title won't suffice.

Yet in a Midwest Regional packed with tradition and familiar coaches, Pennell is the only one who can claim he was still doing color commentary on Arizona State radio broadcasts.

The four teams playing in Indianapolis are vying for eight national titles and three of the coaches here Friday. Tom Izzo and Kansas' Bill Self have national championship rings, and Pennell does not.

Pennell also owns a stellar 5-0 record in regional semifinals, but Pennell sees losses different in the month undefeated (in the tournament) No. 1 Arizona.

"So I want to be the rare guy that smiles the last Saturday in March," Pitino said.

Pitino concurs. Dwindling the possibility that Friday night could be his last game with the Cardinals as head coach, Pennell isn't worrying about what tomorrow holds.

He'd rather take care of business on the court, just like Pitino.

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## NCAA Women's Lacrosse
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**Astro's Tepeda issued probation for lawsuit**

**Washington** — The prosecutor's words were delivered in the matter known as "The United States of America vs. Miguel Tepeda," spoken during Thursday's 53-minute hearing in which the Houston Astros shortstop was sentenced to one year of probation for misleading Congress.

The message — famous or not, you must tell the truth — also could be interpreted as a warning to another baseball star, Roger Clemens. His case, involving sworn testimony to the House of Representatives, is currently before a grand jury in the very same federal courthouse where Tepeda appeared.

"People have to know that when Congress asks questions, it's serious business," Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Durham told the court. "And if you don't tell the truth — and we can prove you haven't told the truth — then there will be accountability."

**Blackhawks beat Sharks in final shootout, 6-5**

**CHICAGO** — No quibbling from the Chicago Blackhawks. They'll take a victory over one of the best teams in the NHL this season, even if they had to go to a shootout to get it.

After squandering a 4-1 lead, Chicago got shootout goals from Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews to beat the San Jose Sharks 6-5 on Wednesday night and move back into sole possession of fourth place in the Western Conference.

"We did it the hard way," Chicago's Martin Havlat said. "But we got two points. It doesn't matter who we played."

San Jose's Joe Thornton powered past Brent Seabrook and beat Nikolai Khabibulin to tie it at 5 with 2:08 left in overtime.

Andreas Ladue had two goals for Chicago, and Dave Bolland added three assists. Devin Setoguchi scored two goals for the Sharks, including one with 0:07 left that cut Chicago's lead to 5-4.
Irish hope to recover at FAU

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish look to bounce back from a disappointing finish in the E-Z-Go Invitational as they head to Delray Beach, Fla., to compete this weekend. The Irish will compete against three teams ranked in the top 50 — No. 7 Illinois, No. 40 Michigan and No. 46 Iowa. Also, six golfers competing in the Spring Break Championship are ranked in the individual top 50, including No. 11 Mike Van Sickle from Marquette.

“[Scodro] hit so many greens last week, and had just amazing ball-striking, but he putted as poorly as he has in his career,” Kubinski said. “He’s worked hard in the last few days, and watching him today, he’s rolling the ball very nicely, so he’s very capable.”

Rounding out the lineup for the Irish this weekend are junior Carl Santos-Ocampo and freshman Tom Usher. Santos-Ocampo is back in his home state. He played very well throughout the summer in tournaments across the state,” Kubinski said. “And it’s going to be breezy and windy here, and [Usher], from England, has a lot of experience playing in those conditions.”

The Irish will compete in the three-day tournament will begin Friday at the Gleneagles Golf Club in Delray Beach.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Outdoor track season begins

By ALEX WEST and NATHANIEL LEE

Sports Writers

Once the successful indoor track season came to a close three weeks ago, the Irish set their sights to the start of the outdoor season against some top collegiate talent.

The Irish kick off the 2009 outdoor track season out west with the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif. for the distance runners and Arizona State Invitational in Tempe, Arizona for the sprints and the field events.

Irish coach Joe Plane said he isn’t concerned about this being the first outdoor meet of the year.

“There isn’t much difference between indoor and outdoor meets,” Plane said. “Some runners are just running different distances.”

Junior Joanna Schultz and senior Mary Saxer headline the Irish’s team. Both were indoor All-Americans. Schultz in the 400-meter dash and Saxer in the pole vault.

Plane said he thinks that the two women’s success has not come as a surprise to them or the team.

“Everyone knew that [Schultz and Saxer] were studs to being with,” Plane said. “This doesn’t change anything about their perception by the men’s team.”

On the men’s side, senior Patrick Smyth and junior Matt Schipper represented the Irish at the NCAA Indoor Championships last weekend.

The fields at both invitations contain some of the best teams from around the country, including No. 1 Texas A&M and top 25 team Arizona State.

“The competition is outstanding,” Plane said. “Our team will be extremely challenged. This is one of the biggest distance events in the country.”

The Stanford Invitational begins on Friday afternoon with preliminary races and concludes on Saturday with the finals. The Arizona State Invitational begins on Friday as well with the primary event being the hammer toss. Saturday morning contains the preliminary races and field events with the finals being in the afternoon.

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Spring Visitation Weekend Prospectus Arrive on Campus

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions would like to recognize and welcome the 136 prospective African American, Asian American, Latino and Native American students visiting campus to attend this year’s Spring Visitation Weekend.

The University of Notre Dame Welcomes the Following Students:

Saint Mary’s opens its MIAA schedule Saturday

By NATHANIEL LEE

Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s opens its MIAA Conference schedule Saturday against Alma at the MSU Indoor Tennis Facility in East Lansing Michigan.

The Belles (4-5) are looking to rebound after a tough defeat to No. 16 Trine University.

“We were a bit disappointed in a few of our pre-season results,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said.

“However, I think it’s a good thing, because we have high expectations and we did perform against tough nationally ranked teams,” Campbell said.

The Belles have been paced at singles by sophomore Ariella Hurley, who holds a 4-5 record at first singles, junior Camille Gebert’s 6-3 record at second singles, and sophomore Jessica Kosinskis’ 4-5 performance at third singles. At first doubles, Hurley and Gebert have a 4-5 record.

“We are really looking forward to playing in the conference,” Campbell said. “We are expecting to match up against Alma well. We beat them last year, but they have improved between seasons.”

Campbell said the Belles are looking to make a splash in the tough conference, and expose the young squad members to a high level of play.

The match against the Scots (5-2) will begin Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

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ROWING
Irish set for rematch at Mich. State

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Hoping to build off an outstanding performance in Oak Ridge, Tenn., on March 14, the Irish will travel to East Lansing Saturday to challenge No. 7 Michigan State.

The Irish will conclude the weekend by taking on Indiana and Purdue in Indianapolis, Ind. Sunday. Both teams are perennial contenders for the national title.

“We have a very good team that is going to get a lot better,” Irish head coach Martin Stone told UND.com.

The Irish faced the Spartans in two varsity eight races in Tennessee but lost both with open water.

The team also matched up with Boston University and No. 6 Virginia. Led by coxswain Kelsey Otero and senior captains Christine Frezza and Lauren Buck, the first varsity eight boat won the opening race for the Irish by defeating BU by a margin of one seat.

The Irish didn’t look back, as the second varsity eight crew cruised to a victory over the Terriers, winning the five-minute piece by an open water victory.

“I thought the varsity fours did a fantastic job and the novices also did very well,” Stone said.

Despite their early success, the Irish left the waters with a bitter taste in their mouths due to the losses to the Spartans as well as two losses to Virginia.

But the Irish will have a chance to redeem themselves this weekend in their rematch against the Spartans.

Stone said he believes his team is showing poise and resilience as the season progresses.

“Overall, I think we had a good training week,” Stone said. “We are still working on evolving our lineups. All three schools (we faced) were ranked in the preseason top 20 poll that was released last week. I told the team that although we are not ranked going into the season that we will have ample opportunity to race against the ranked crews.”

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SMC SOFTBALL
Belles shut out Franklin

Freshman pitcher Gillis remains unbeaten, adds three hits

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s took care of Franklin College Thursday, sweeping a doubleheader without allowing the Grizzlies (3-13) to score a run.

The Belles (14-2) dominated the first game with a 13-0 win and continued on to a 3-0 victory in the second game.

Freshman pitcher Monica Palicki (6-2) threw the first game, and was aided greatly by the barrage of Belles hits that came early and allowed her to pitch with the lead.

“We play well together as a team but sometimes we make mental errors on the base paths.”

Kate Mitchell
Belles third basemen

The Belles scored five runs in both the fourth and fifth innings, bringing the run total to 13, enough to give Saint Mary’s a run-rule victory. Palicki allowed only two hits in the shutout.

In the second game, which required the defense to be at its best, freshman Angela Gillis (8-0) pitched the Belles to a victory. Gillis also notched three hits with a home run.

In the win, junior shortstop Maureen Realy had a pair of hits, scored one run, stole a base and recorded a run batted in.

Despite the impressive performances, the team still has work to do as they enter the conference schedule.

In particular, the focus of late has been on base running.

“We play well together as a team but sometimes we make mental errors on the base paths,” freshman third baseman Kate Mitchell said.

Saint Mary’s will begin its MIAA conference games on Monday as the Belles travel to Calvin College to face off against the Knights in a doubleheader. Calvin has been struggling this season, winning its first game of the season on Wednesday against St. Catherine (Minn.).

The first pitch of the Calvin matchup is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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Irish look to protect win streak

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

No. 9 Notre Dame looks to continue its seven-game win streak and improve on its 8-1 record as the Irish host two Big East opponents, No. 6 Georgetown and No. 13 Loyola, this weekend.

The Irish come into the weekend with a 1-0 conference record after an 18-5 win over Rutgers on March 17. The team currently leads the Big East along with Syracuse.

“Our ultimate goal is to win the Big East, so we’re taking both the games really seriously,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “We’re very excited and motivated to have the opportunity to play two of the best teams in the conference this weekend.”

The Hoyas are battle-tested, though, having played the top three teams in the country so far this season, including a victory over No. 3 Duke last week.

Loyola will also be playing its first two Big East games this weekend, with its first game against Rutgers Friday before taking on the Irish Sunday. The Greyhounds are going into the weekend with a 7-1 overall record.

Notre Dame and Loyola have played three times since Loyola joined the Big East in 2006, with the Irish winning all three meetings.

Despite the difficulty in preparing for two opponents in one weekend, Coyne does not see it as a problem.

“Earlier in the season we played Northwestern and Ohio State on the same week so it was a good opportunity for us to have the quick turnaround and have to refocus on your second opponent,” she said. “I think we’re in a good place with preparation.”

Leading the Irish offensively is junior attack Gina Scioscia, who was named Big East offensive player of the week Monday for her performance in the Rutgers game. She recorded four goals and 10 assists in the victory. Scioscia leads the team in assists with 20 and in points with 44.

“I’m psyched for Gina that she got [Big East player of the week],” Coyne said. “It’s great recognition, and I think Gina’s having a fabulous season.”

Defensively, the Irish are led by senior captain Shannon Burke. Burke was named to the preseason All-Big East team, and was put on last week’s Big East honor roll.

“I think [Burke] should have gotten Big East defender of the week,” Coyne said.

Friday’s matchup with Georgetown will begin at 8 p.m. in the Loftus Sports Center, and the Loyola game has a 1 p.m. start time on Sunday, also at Loftus.

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SPORTS

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Sports Writer

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/DOUBLES IN LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA

The doubles team of Thomas Espi and Marek Czerwinski will compete in doubles matches at the Pacific Coast Classic in Montgomery, Ala.

The doubles game for the Irish, which Bayliss said has been a focus in practice this week, will have to deal with the Bulls’ talented No. 28 doubles team of Thomas Estrada and Lucas Jovita.

Senior Brett Helgeson and sophomore Tyler Davis will likely face off against Estrada and Jovita.

The Fighting Illini (13-3) are coming to South Bend on a hot streak. They have won eight of their last nine, including a 4-3 victory over Wisconsin. Suff competition in doubles will come from Illinois’ No. 41 duo of Marc Spijicjaric and Marek Czerwinski.

The Irish host South Florida on Saturday and Illinois on Sunday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Both matches are scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Squad set to play outdoor matches

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

No. 27 Notre Dame will start and end their outdoor home schedule this weekend as they face off against No. 40 South Florida and No. 7 Illinois.

The Irish (9-9) have played all of their outdoor matches up to this point as part of the Pacific Coast Doubles in La Jolla, Calif, and the Blue Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala.

The team hopes to rebound from the back-to-back losses to Boise State and Wisconsin.

“We cannot use the excuse that we have not adapted to outdoor play as a reason for the losses to Boise State and Wisconsin,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “We spent the entire week of spring break in California. We should be ready for the outdoor portion of our season.”

History is on Notre Dame’s side for both matches this weekend, as the Irish hold a 3-0 all-time series lead against South Florida and a 21-19 series lead against Illinois.

The Bulls (9-5) are coming off a 4-3 loss to Louisiana State.

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ahead for good in both games.

"I just happened to be going to the net at the right time," Ryan said. "Game to game you want to put yourself in the same position. Sometimes you're gonna get chances and sometimes you're not. I think I just kind of got lucky to be in the right place at the right time."

Senior line mate Erik Condra, though, said there was a little more than luck at work for Ryan.

"If he gets his nose dirty and he gets into the play, he's as good a player as anybody in the nation," Condra said. "And he's getting dirty, he's getting those dirty goals when we needed them."

Ryan agreed that his role on the line, which scored a combined 35 goals on the year, is to provide the muscle.

"Ryan [Tang] is a goal scorer, and Erik's a great passer," Ryan said. "So I need to be in the corners winning those one-on-one battles, getting the pucks to those guys so they can make plays."

Ryan has made plenty of plays himself this season, as well. He has netted 12 goals, including five game-winners so far this season.

"It's just a result of the situation," he said. "We're playing in the playoffs and you're playing for the championship, that's what you work so hard for in the off season and during the season."

So can Irish fans expect more game-winning goals from Ryan this weekend?

"I hope so," Ryan said. "If we get game-winning goals that means we win."

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claimed a 6-1, 6-3 win in No. 5 singles. In the only tightly contested match of the day, Krisik took her opponent to a third set in No. 2 singles before getting the win and completing an Irish sweep of the Hoosiers.

The win is Notre Dame's third in a row and moves the Irish to 17-2 overall.

The Irish return home to face No. 4 Baylor Tuesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion before heading on the road for a four-match, five-day road trip that includes a rematch with top-ranked Northwestern.

After that, Notre Dame will adjust its focus to postseason play, beginning with the Big East championships scheduled for April 16 in Tampa, Fla.

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runs during Pittsburgh's 14-13 win over Akron Tuesday.

"They have probably one of the hottest hitters right now in the country," Schrage said.

The Pirates have won five of their last six and took two of three from Cincinnati.

"They beat Youngstown State 7-4 Wednesday."

The Irish (14-8, 1-2) have lost three of four and fell 6-5 to Oakland Wednesday at home. They also lost two of three against Seton Hall over the weekend.

"Pittsburgh racked up nine hits against Youngstown State, two of them from sophomore designated hitter Joe Leonard. Leonard is batting .382 through Wednesday.

"Leonard's a big bopper for them," Schrage said.

Irish pitchers gave up eight walks and had trouble locating their pitches. As a team, the Irish have a 4.48 ERA and have walked 96 batters.

"It's going to be up to us to try to shut their middle down," Schrage said. "Pitching usually wins, and our pitching has not been very good the past four games."

The strike zone against Oakland was small, but Schrage said the team prepares for that. When the pitchers practice indoors, he said, the coaches will have them practice hitting a small or large strike zone.

"Small zones still have curveballs, and we've got to hit them," he said.

Sophomore Cole Johnson will start for the Irish today. Johnson is 2-0 with a 3.00 ERA.

The Irish bats have woken up late in the past four games, but sometimes not soon enough.

"It's all a question of whether or not we come to play and if we get ready to go from the beginning and jump out on teams," junior shortstop Mateo Grosso said.

if we do that we can be successful. But if we lay back and let it come to us, we might have some trouble like we did this week against Seton Hall.

Junior center fielder A.J. Pollock leads the Irish in hitting with a .319 average. Pollock is also 12-of-15 stealing bases. Sophomore third baseman Greg Sherry, junior right fielder David Mills and sophomore shortstop Jeremy Barnes all hit over .350 as well.

Pitch selection, Schrage said, has caused the Irish problems this season. The team swings at too many bad pitches early in the count.

"We've been doing it all year, and that's been our biggest thing, swinging at pitches out of the zone with two strikes," he said. "Not real good goes early in the count. It makes a big difference."

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overtimes to dispose of No. 4 Alabama-Huntsville.

The Beavers (18-15-1) play in the CHA, the same conference as Alabama-Huntsville, so that bit of symmetry has Notre Dame aware of the possibility of a first-round upset.

"I have enough confidence in this group that they're going to make sure our team's ready to play, regardless of who the opponent is," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

Condra said he and his fellow seniors have shared their tournament experiences of the past two seasons with the underclassmen, and that those should help in preparing for Bemidji State.

"There's two things that can happen, and we've seen them firsthand. You can underestimate a team like we did Alabama-Huntsville two years ago, and we can't do that, and I don't think we're going to do that this year," Condra said.

"And if you get down, you have to stick to what's going right for you, and not get individualistic. It happened underneather your skin if you're not smart with the puck or you're not good defensively."

Puck control was an issue against Michigan early in the game, and an Irish turnover led to the Wolverines' second goal. The Beavers will try to force Notre Dame's high-powered attack into playing faster than it would like for the chances of turning turnovers into goals.

"They're feisty, they're high flying and they're not going to lay back at all," Condra said. "They've got some players that are going to be a tough team to play,"

Jackson said.

Leading the Irish, per usual, will be goaltender Jordan Pearce. The senior, who took Tournament MVP honors at the CHA finals last weekend, is the nation's leader in victories, shutouts and goals-against average, and he made several big saves to keep it close before the offense got going against Michigan.

"You don't win a championship without great goaltending," Jackson said.

"Without him, we wouldn't be where we are in the NCAATournament, and we wouldn't have won in Detroit. He's been the rock back there, he's been consistent from Day 1, and he does it on a nightly basis."

The winner of Saturday's matchup would play either No. 3 Northeastern or No. 4 Cornell on Sunday night for the Midwest Regional crown and a trip to the Frozen Four in Washington, D.C. on April 9-11. While the Irish are heavy favorites to make a run to the nation's capital, Jackson said he isn't buying the hype just yet.

"We can't worry about a national championship until we focus on Bemidji," Jackson said. "If we start looking ahead, we'll be looking behind us."

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Dear Notre Dame Students,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked Campus Ministry at Notre Dame to provide a pre-recording of the Liturgy of Easter Sunday to be broadcast to a national audience on NBC on Easter morning.

The estimate is that between 90 and 112 million viewers will watch this special Mass, including the elderly and those who cannot attend Mass on a regular basis. Notre Dame has an opportunity to offer a unique moment of evangelization for people across the country.

We invite you to attend this special Mass. Please come to the Basilica this coming Saturday morning, March 28, at 11:30 a.m.

A special brunch will follow the Mass in the east side of the South Dining Hall at 1:15 p.m.
Horoscope
EUGENIA LAST

Celebrities born on this day: Roman Sylvester, 21; Mike Peoples, 47; Kenneth Bruff, 43; Nancy Lee Grahn, 43.

Happy Birthday! Do things that will help you stay calm and build your confidence. This is a good year for retraining your brain, but now is the time to do it your way. As you turn 80, you’ll be graced with an impulse to make changes and go on with new energy. You’ll be happy to see something you’re already working on. Aries (March 21-April 19): You’re looking for your way. Contact people you have worked with in the past and you will get an interesting lead on something you want to pursue. Take advantage of everything and anything. 3 stars.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Stress levels are high at this time of the year, with much to do and little time to do it. Calm down, make your to-do list, and don’t let any distractions add to your load. Your numbers are 2, 4, 17, 21, 34, 32, 38. 3 stars.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Make today a fine balance day. Check out your brand plans for the holiday season or pick up gifts for special people. You should make a point of planning dinner with someone you first met on First date. Don’t volunteer for something if something you don’t really have the time. 3 stars.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Don’t be tempted to purchase something that claims to do the impossible. At this time of year, a change in work may upset you, but in the end you will be better off. 4 stars.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Make today a memorial affair. Include the ones you love in something that will enhance the upcoming birthday holiday season. By coming up with cost-efficient ideas, you will gain popularity. 2 stars.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There is no time to waste. Tackle all the things that need to be done before the year comes to a close. You don’t want to be left skillful in a delicate position. Hurry up and lead to resolution now. 5 stars.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don’t let anyone whine you the way you want your affairs. Maman: that’s not the time to protect. Keep the peace but be honest, not soft.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will want to be careful for troubles. It is said that you do what benefits you and take a pass on things that don’t. You are better off working with like-minded people who have similar goals. 3 stars.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Enjoy for business will pay off in terms of what you learn. Anger will be your downfall; diplomacy will lead to your success. Show your talents, not someone else’s shortcomings and you will excel. 3 stars.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make adjustments at home that will settle your needs and keep your ambitions in place. You will find what you want if you stay focused on what you want. What is most important now is to be the leader that you need to be. 4 stars.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don’t make changes based on someone else’s emotional state. Stick to your plan, if you want to get things done as time. Consider the needs and other family needs, when making changes. That is the only reason behind your action is sound. Act fast but smartly. 3 stars.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Past negotiations will be your ticket to future opportunities. Make all the changes of everything that is in order. Do the things that happen with people who have common ground. You will get out of it what you take in. 4 stars.

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