AllianceND hopes to gain club status

Group applies for official recognition for 11th time; members expect decision in April

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

For the 11th time in the past 13 years, AllianceND, the unofficial gay-straight alliance at Notre Dame, is applying for official club status.

The members submitted the application earlier this week and expect to hear if the group will be granted official status in April.

"I think even just in the time that I've been here this is an issue that has come to the forefront," senior and AllianceND officer Jessica Mahon said. "We're really hopeful.

Despite the University's refusal to grant AllianceND official club status in the past, co-chair Emily Saldiviera said recent events, such as the softening of the administration's stance on adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause when it was presented to University President Fr. John Jenkins last March, have given many of the group's organizers hope for this year.

"The response that the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) got to adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause from Fr. Jenkins was more than we've ever actually heard before," she said. "It's just another little thing.

"Senior Patrick Boa, who has been involved with AllianceND for the past four years, said he also noticed a shift since his freshman year in students' attitudes towards the GLBTQ community at Notre Dame.

"It's mostly been the student body that I've been seeing making the change. And I think the University needs to change with the student body," he said. "Just looking around the residence halls, I see a lot more tolerance now than when I was a freshman.

Conflicts in developing world examined

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies hosts panel to discuss peacebuilding tactics

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Addressing the fundamental causes of conflict in the developing world was the topic of discussion Thursday at a panel forum hosted by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Professor Cecelia Lynch of University of California-Irvine and Professors Jackie Smith of Sociology and Ernesto Verdeja of Political Science met in McKenna Hall to present a panel entitled "Globalization, Social Movements and Peacebuilding.

"What are the causes of violence, the sources of power?" Smith asked to start the discussion.

Smith cited a study that suggests nearly half of all post-war societies see a return of violence within 15 years. The problem, according to Smith, is that the causes of structural violence persist.

"We're trying to break the vicious circle that leads to violence," she said. "But social conflicts are imbedded in a larger system of power relations.

Smith said failures to effectively relieve these problems are at the heart of the problem: "I believe that's the biggest cause of violence in the world."

Improvised play looks at issues of consent, rape

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

When the lines between coercion and consent are blurred, where are men and women supposed to draw the line? This question was addressed by a performance entitled "Sex Signals," which took place last night in the Jordan Auditorium at Merrion College of Business.

"Sex Signals" is an interactive play created by Notre Dame alumna Christian Murphy that is about dating, consent, sexual assault and rape. The Gender Relations Center, Student Government's Gender Issues Committee, and the Men Against Violence and the Feminist Voice sponsored the production.

"Christian Murphy created this play as a way to reach our students who confuse coercion with consent," senior Patrick Tighe, co-chair of the Gender Issues Committee said. "This production directly confronts the notion of pestering and the subsequent giving in to sexual advances that many students experience.

Senior Tim Latham, president of the Men Against Violence club, said that the production is especially pertinent to college students. "I think this is a really important play. You don't want to see it, but you have to."

Dance Marathon raises money at issues of consent, rape

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Fundraising efforts are underway for Saint Mary's Dance Marathon as students work to put on the College's annual event to benefit the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

The event will take place in May.

EMX - Greek for SMC - apparel and coupon booklets sales in addition to a Give Back Night at Five Guys Burgers and Fries took place Wednesday night.

EMX sweatshirts, sweatpants and shirts are on sale this week.

Students dance at the 2007 Dance Marathon at Saint Mary's College. The group is currently fundraising for this year's event.
INSIDE COLUMN
Creative Halloween

Witches and monsters and ghosts! Oh my!

Unlike my fellow inside columnist earlier this week, Halloween has always been one of my favorite holidays. No other holiday encourages dressing up in costume to such a degree. Now, don’t get me wrong. I enjoy free candy and the occasional scare, but nothing beats the opportunity to be anything you want to be for one night.

Since we have reached an age at which Trick-or-Treating is no longer thought acceptable, Halloween on college campuses revolves around parties and events like Hip Hop Night at Legends. The only thing that sets this weekend apart from the average weekend is the decorations and percent of students dressed in costume.

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Whether it’s a two-year old sheriff with a drawn on mustache or the person or thing of their choice at least in appearance, without renaming. The chosen costumes correlate with the wearers’ ages.

The probability of female students wearing outfits that resemble what can only be describe as Victoria’s Secret versions of classic costumes is greater than those who will choose to be less revealing.

I’m not trying to pass judgment on my fellow women, but I must admit I am rather disappointed with the costumes I saw last year. I am not impressed with the creativity. The naughty nurses and French maids may turn the eye of the guy whose attention you have been seeking for the better part of the semester, but I have a suggestion. Why not dazzle him with your imagination or wit instead of relying on your cleavage?

Homemade costumes never fail. Wearing your own superhero attire with a drawn on mustache or the “Ash” costume my mom made for my son is a good example. Even going to a costume store and buying a muscle shirt with the wearer’s name can save you a lot of money. I am rather disappointed with the costumes I saw last year. I am not impressed with the creativity. The naughty nurses and French maids may turn the eye of the guy whose attention you have been seeking for the better part of the semester, but I have a suggestion. Why not dazzle him with your imagination or wit instead of relying on your cleavage?

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Witchcraft and monsters and ghosts! Oh my!
By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Writer

Today marks the end of the ninth annual breast cancer awareness fundraiser, "Race to Raise the Most," which is sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters during the month of October.

"Over the past eight years we've made over $52,000 and it's really a community outreach," Mo Marnocha, office manager of the Arts and Letters Dean's Office, said. "This was the biggest year ever."

United Health Services uses the money raised to fund mammograms for people in St. Joseph County who cannot afford them, Marnocha said.

"We know that our money stays right in the community," she said. "We know it's done nationally, but we wanted to keep the funds here locally."

Marnocha said she had the idea to begin a fundraiser in 2000 when she saw an advertisement in a magazine that promoted breast cancer awareness month and thought that a fundraiser would unite the staff of the college.

The first year, the College broke the staff into fundraising teams based on the buildings in which they work, and they compete to raise the most money and develop creative fundraising ideas, Marnocha said. Each department of the College also participated.

"One of the things I saw this year more than ever before was camaraderie between the staff that made up the teams," she said.

The funds raised this month have not yet been totaled, Marnocha said, in part because the teams keep their totals secret until the competition is over.

As incentive for fundraising this year, the College sold note cards with scenes of campus, travel mugs and other items, she said.

They also offered pink hair extensions, which became popular among students.

"I would like for the students to become more involved," Marnocha said. "I would really like next year to have students made more aware of what we're doing."

The College also opened a blog Web site this year to feature fundraising opportunities and updates.

The Web site advertises photos of pink pot holders, earrings, scarves and baked goods that were up for sale as part of the fundraiser.

Before the Boston College football game, the College of Arts and Letters hosted a tailgate as part of the fundraiser, which Marnocha attracted a large turnout.

Fundraising at the tailgate included ice cream sundaes, tickets for gift baskets and pink manicures and face painting.

This year, the Arts and Letters Dean's Office received a donation of 200 sandwiches from Jimmy John's, which they sold for two dollars as part of the fundraiser, Marnocha said.

Although the fundraising comes to an official close at the end of October, Marnocha said she hopes the staff will not stop planning and executing fundraising efforts as "Race to Raise the Most" continues to grow.

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Design students develop new local currency

Michiana community money could benefit area economy and combat negative effects of globalization

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
New West

A new form of currency is coming to the Michiana Area, and Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are contributing to the design of the community money, which intends to place value on local goods and services while revitalizing the downtown areas in South Bend and the surrounding towns.

"Residents of the South Bend area are working to enrich community life in our region by developing a 'community currency' to serve this region," according to the Michiana Community Currency Website.

"Community currencies can help our cities more control over our choices of jobs and the quality of life in our communities."

Students in Professor Crispin Preby's Graphic Design III class were asked to submit designs for a local currency that could be used in circulation, taking into account counterfeit measures, size and weight while representing the Michiana community.

"For every U.S. dollar spent at a chain store, just 15 cents gets reinvested in the community. With money spent at locally-owned businesses, more than half of that value comes back to the community. With community currency, all of that money has to be reinvested in the community."

Jackie Smith
sociology professor

"My bills create a multiplier effect," Smith said. "For every U.S. dollar spent at a chain store, just 15 cents gets reinvested in the community. In the community. With money spent at locally-owned businesses, more than half of that value comes back to the community. With community currency, all of that money has to be reinvested in the community."

Nguyen also created a symmetry that the latter resembles. As a project, they came up with to combat local economic problems.

"The Michigan community currency is modeled after a successful local currency in Ithaca, New York, called Ithaca Hours, which encourages residents to shop at community-based, owner-operated businesses that keep the money in the community."

"I researched currencies from around the world and decided to focus on two in particular — Ithaca Hours, arguably the most famous and longest lasting local currency in America, and the U.S. Dollar, to learn some of their strengths and weaknesses," Nguyen said.

"When creating an original currency, the graphic design students had to deal with choosing an appropriate, usable size for the bills, design counterfeit-proof elements to give the bills authority in the local market and craft a unique model that is representative of the community."

"To design a bill that has authority and is difficult to counterfeit is quite a task," Nguyen explained. "My bills reflect a combination of modern and traditional elements — the former to make it visually pleasing and the latter to keep some authority."

The students utilized barcodes and secret numbers, as well as intricate designs to prevent counterfeiters.

"We worked a lot on blending colors, adding intricate lines, hidden details and a barcode and serial number," Nguyen said.

"The design we pick will help celebrate and support what we think are the best aspects of our region."

The Michigan Community Currency Organization.

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Irish historical society to honor University President

Associated Press

In John Jenkins, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, will receive the 2009 Gold Medal award from the American Irish Historical Society (AIHS) at its 112th annual banquet Nov. 5 at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City.

Previous recipients of the AIHS Gold Medal, which recognizes a special or unique contribution to American Irish life, include President Ronald Reagan, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, actor Liam Neeson, Cardinal John O'Connor of New York and Donald Keough, chairman of the board of Allen & Company, former president and chief operating officer of the Coca-Cola Co. and chairman emeritus of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees.

Father Jenkins became Notre Dame's 17th president in 2005, after previously serving as vice president and associate provost. He has articulated a vision for the University that focuses on it becoming a pre-eminent research institution while maintaining its distinctive Catholic character and long-time excellence in undergraduate education.

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Copies of the entire statement of the Spirit of Inclusion will be available following all Masses on October 31-November 1, 2009.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gay marriage debated in Argentina

Gay marriage is about to be legalized in Argentina. The country's Congress is set to vote on a bill that would allow same-sex couples to marry and adopt children. The bill has been proposed by the left-wing government led by President Alberto Fernández, who has stated that he supports the legalization of gay marriage.

National News

Race hot topic in Atlanta election

Three of Atlanta's prominent political personalities are colliding in the race for the city's first black mayor. With two formidable black candidates vying for the vote, the city is divided over whether a black mayor would be able to effectively govern.

Local News

Coach rejects IU Hall of Fame

Bob Knight, a former Indiana University men's basketball coach, has declined an invitation to join the university's Hall of Fame. Knight, who is known for his fiery personality and success on the court, has expressed his disappointment over the decision and has decided to reject the honor.

Belgium

EU debates climate change aid

European leaders disagree on extent of assistance to be given to developing nations

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union fought to live up to its self-proclaimed leadership on combating climate change, with the 27 EU leaders at odds over how much to offer poorer nations to join the global battle.

EU nations failed to agree on a figure for climate change funding for developing countries during a first set of talks on Thursday. Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt said, promising to make new efforts to strike a deal on the second day of talks here on Friday.

"On climate, we are not ready yet," he said. "We have not solved it," he told reporters after leading talks.

"EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said EU leaders "have to achieve agreement Friday on paying billions of euros to developing nations that would prove Europe's commitment to tackling climate change ahead of U.N. talks on a new greenhouse gas pact in Copenhagen."

The leaders did agree on a crucial issue for the union's future, diplomats said — concessions to the Euro­pean­skeptic Czech president to persuade him to sign a reform treaty strengthening the bloc's diplomacy and creating the post of a fixed EU president.

Nine eastern EU states said earlier that they would rather walk away from the two-day summit without an agreement than have their differences turned into a deal for billions of euros that would stretch their budgets — even if that jeopardizes a global climate pact and hurts the EU's international image.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown announced on Friday that a resolution on climate was now in sight.

"Tonight we have removed the last political obstacle," he said.

But the European leaders were still divided over questions of how much aid they can expect to receive from the European Union's budget, which is set to expire in 2013.

"Our hands are tied. It's not our money. It's not our decision," said EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, who has led the bloc's efforts to persuade developing countries to sign a global climate agreement.

Giant rubber band ball built in Fla.

Look, over there. Under that blue tarp in a suburban driveway. That thing that's the size of a Smart car? It's Joel Waul's rubber band ball.

With the last six years carefully wrapping and linking and stretching rubber bands of various sizes into the ball shape. The Guinness Book of World Records declared it the world's largest rubber ball band in 2008.

"It's a little bit sad to see it go, but it's going to be appreciated by thousands and hopefully millions of people in Ripley's museum to see and wonder," said Waul.

The ball will eventually be displayed in a far away city to be determined, so folks can marvel at Waul's obsession.

Pornography law challenged by parents

Associated Press

DALLAS — A 1970s-era Texas law that allows parents to show "harmful material" to their children has come under fire after a prosecutor said he couldn't file charges against a man accused of forcing his 8- and 9-year-old sons to watch hardcore online pornography.

Randall County District Attorney John L. Greer has asked the Texas attorney general's office to review his decision not to pursue charges in the case, which has prompted at least one lawmaker to vow to change the state's privacy laws.

"Our hands are tied. It's not our fault. I have to follow the law," Greer said Thursday. "The mother of the victims in this case was less than happy with this decision, which I understand." Greer said he was unsure if the victims in the case were less than happy with the decision.

The law apparently was meant to protect the privacy of parents who wanted to teach children about sex education, but it states clearly that parents can't be prosecuted for showing "harmful material" to their children.

Greer said police reported the incident to his office after one of the girls told a counselor in June that her father had made them watch adult videos having group sex and various other acts at his home in Amarillo. The parents of the girls, and their 7-year-old sister, are reportedly divorced and share custody.

The girls' mother, Crystal Buckner, wants her ex-husband to be jailed. She said she was stunned to hear from prosecutors and police that nothing can be done.

"I am, "Are you kidding me?" There's no way. This can't be right," said Buckner, a 30-year-old stay-at-home mother.

The Associated Press typically does not publish the names of parents if it could identify children who might have been abused, but Buckner is seeking publicity about the case. She has print­ed out copies of the penal code, which she hands out to everyone she meets.
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more progressive attitudes towards the issues than fresh-

men.

Bears said he was motivated when many students wrote to The Observer in argue against an Oct. 7 Letter to the Editor entitled "Don't ask, Don't tell," which advocated instituting the military's policy towards homo-
xexuals at Notre Dame.

Officer Chris Collins said he knows of students who had decided to transfer out of Notre Dame because of the lack of support for the GLBTQ commu-
nity.

"We know people who have left (Notre Dame) because they felt that it was hostile," he said.

Collins said he believes AllianceND can involve more students that the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, which is composed of eight stu-
dents and four University administrators.

"Your names come in a pam-
phlet and it's a very public organization, but it's also a very limited kind of involvement and very few people can be involved in it. In AllianceND, there's a lot of support on campus and people that want to get involved and AllianceND is the way we can channel that energy."

Currently, AllianceND's Facebook group has 213 mem-
bers, and co-chair Melanie LeMay said "20 or so" people interested in joining the club have approached her.

Salvaierierra said AllianceND would be promoting Catholic social teachings by expanding Notre Dame's spirit of inclu-
sion.

"There's a lot in Catholic social teaching that people sometimes forget about like the dignity of the human person," she said. "What we are trying to say is there is a place in Catholic social teaching for

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men.

"This event is important because it is very rare for us to approach guys about issues of rape and consent," Latham said. "Guys often feel accused when these issues come up.

While the subject matter may be sensitive, the two pro-

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c d  sequence that put the audi-

ence at ease.

"Comedy is one of the best models out there to inform people about important issues," he said.

Burish, the University's fourth provost, has held his position since 1998 and served as provost of Vanderbilt University from 1992 to 1996, when he assumed his current role.

The University Provost was established in 1970 to oversee the academic functions of the University.

Dr. Nathan Hatch preceded Burish as provost, serving from 1996-2005.

Burish deferred comment on whether or not the provost turned to the more sensitive issues of sexual assault and rape. Russell said she believes the audience was more recep-
tive to hearing about the diffi-

cult issues because of the relaxed environment.

"We start with a funny interaction and they turn a corner at some point and begin to talk about these issues," she said. "If they had opened up with talking about rape then I don't think the audience would have been as engaged.

"Latham agreed that the comedic backdrop for the pro-
duction makes it much more accessible for audiences to make connections to their own lives.

"The improvisation and techniques the actors use allow the audience to recog-
nize situations that they them-

selves have been in before and makes it a little bit closer to home," she said. "The com-

edy also breaks down a few of the walls a lot of people have."

Tuesday's performance marked the return of "Sex Signals" after an absence of a few years. Recently, Notre Dame decided the play was a matter of poor taste for the entire student body.

"Notre Dame has sexual assault and rape just like any other college campus," Tigue said. "It's impor-
tant to provide the opportunity for a different medium to inform students about these issues."

Russell said she hopes the production pro-

vided Notre Dame students with a new outlook on issues of sexual assault and gave the young men and women a sense of empower-

ment.

"These issues can be very complicated and the actors made a point of showing that there is a lot of gray area," she said. "I think the produc-
tion encouraged students to talk amongst themselves about being active bystanders and stopping these instances when they see them occur-

ing."

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Conflict

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issues are often based in fact, and the second is made by many regarding the conse-
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tance of social movements as they can often be the only way workers are able to articulate their needs when they cannot do so through their government.

"Social movements are key to understand the state and the ability of popular groups to change institutions," Smith said.

Lynch discussed the concept of a postconflict society and emphasized the role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) within them.

"The number of re-occurred-

ces of violence are in-

creasing," Lynch said. "The number of indirect deaths as a result of (previous) conflict remain high for 10 years."

"There are not that many number of NGOs in developing countries is increasing, but she noted their short-

comings."

In the question-and-answer portion following the panel, Smith emphasized the need for direct social welfare programs by govern-

ments as well as increased globalization as the causes for the rise in number of NGOs. The interrelatedness of these organizations is "more problematic than almost a false assumption and reliance, Lynch said.

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"It's not about encouraging communities to engage with global economies," she said. "It's about starting with movement." he said.

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Boeing evaluates labor disputes

Tense relationship between union and company prompts talks about compromise

Associated Press

EVERETT, Wash. — Matt Gettman began working in finance at Boeing Co. last year, and it wasn’t long before he found himself watching, stunned, as contract negotiators prepared for what became an eight-week strike.

The work stoppage cost the company billions in deferred revenue and caused some of the delays in its production of its 787 at a time when Boeing was growing increasingly frustrated with labor squabbles.

“Boeing was growing more and more frustrated with labor squabbles,” said Michael Layer, a New York City-based labor analyst at IFR Markets. “They were getting to the point where they really weren’t willing to tolerate it.”

On Wednesday, the union was dealt a crushing blow when Boeing decided to open its new 787 line with non-union workers in South Carolina and not the Seattle suburbs where it had a presence for generations.

It is another sign that it may be time for the Machinists union to reevaluate its relationship with Boeing, even as the union argues that its workers offer the best value for the company and that it is committed to making sure future work is done in Washington state.

“This looks very much like a company that is tired of dealing with this union, and they’ve found a way out,” said Richard Aboulafia, an analyst with Teal Group. “They need to put aside the concept of who’s right and who’s wrong, and figure out who’s winning and who’s losing. This is not giving well from their perspective.

In the next three to five years, Boeing is expected to decide on replacement plans for its best-selling 777 and 777 models and where they will be built. It’s also trying to land a contract to build a 767 tanker for the Air Force. Unless the relationship with organized labor improves, those jobs could wind up out of state — and out of union — too, analysts said.

Machinists District 751 President Tom Wroblewski said Boeing $170 million in incentives and relief from sales taxes on things like fuel used in test flights, and Boeing’s workers there voted to decertify their union last month.

Expedia reports third quarter profits

The online travel service said its earnings rose 43 cents a share in the period.

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Shares rose some 4 percent when trading opened, but fell back slightly. Shares lost 4 cents to close at $53.30 Thursday.

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Domestic revenue fell 2 percent while international rose 10 percent. The company, which operates sites such as hotels.com and its namesake site, said gross bookings rose 9 percent from the prior year, with a 26 percent increase in transactions.

Those bumps were offset by low airfares and hotel room rates. The travel slump has caused airlines, hotel operators and others in the travel industry to lower their prices to compete although it’s widely expected that as the economy rebounds, these prices too will rise, and air fares are creeping up for the holiday period.

Expedia, too, has been cutting its fees to compete. CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said it appears to be working.

“Travelers are clearly responding to our improving value proposition, as we broaden our fee cuts and increase the depth and breadth of our global supply,” Khosrowshahi said.

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Excluding one-time items, the company earned 48 cents a share in the period.

Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters expected 43 cents a share. Analysts typically exclude one-time items from their estimates.

Shares rose some 4 percent when trading opened, but fell back slightly. Shares lost 4 cents to close at $53.30 Thursday.

Revenue rose 2 percent to $832.4 million, above analyst estimates of $828.9 million.

Domestic revenue fell 2 percent while international rose 10 percent. The company, which operates sites such as hotels.com and its namesake site, said gross bookings rose 9 percent from the prior year, with a 26 percent increase in transactions.

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week. "Our EMX has always been a very successful fundraiser for us and this year is no exception," senior Kelly Deranek said. "We have had over 200 orders so far and we still haven't finished the sale as of yet."

The Dance Marathon organizes the Letter Writing Campaign. When the dancers write to their sponsored dancers, they turn in a list of addresses. The people on the list receive letters asking if they would sponsor that specific dancer. These letters are mailed out with a car wash, money for local restaurants and more, Deranek said.

According to Deranek, the Marathon’s most successful fundraiser is the Letter Writing Campaign. When the dancers register for the Marathon, they turn in a list of addresses. The people on the list receive letters asking if they would sponsor that specific dancer.

This year, besides the actual marathon that will take place on March 26 and 27 from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m., the dancers can help raise money online. "We will however be placing out information about our organization online," Riley Deruch, and helping out with a halftime fundraiser and even, Deranek said.

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**Scien ts debate flu vaccine for kids**

**Associated Press**

LONDON — Dutch scientists made a controversial suggestion Friday that children might be better off skipping the seasonal flu vaccine this year — a proposal flatly rejected by top health experts.

Their commentary, based largely on animal studies, was published online Friday in the medical journal Lancet Infectious Diseases. Yet even top health officials said they were skeptical.

"I believe based on everything that I have heard that you truly do not regret what you did and that you would do it again after you go home," Mihm said.

But in a stringent critique of government research techniques that included threats to al-Marri’s family rounded up in Saudi Arabia, the judge also said he would reduce al-Marri’s sentence.

in the future, other lawyers, maybe even as, will cite this case," defense attorney Lawrence Lustberg said.

Al-Marri is expected to get credit for time spent locked up both before and after his stay in the brig, reducing his sentence to less than six years, Lustberg said. He will be deported when he is released.

Prosecutors had argued for the maximum sentence, preferring testimony to show al-Marri is still a threat to the U.S. They have 10 days to appeal the sentence but said no decision on that has been made.

Al-Marri admitted he trained in al-Qaida camps and stayed in al-Qaida safe houses in Pakistan between 1998 and 2001. He also acknowledged having regular contact with Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the man who the government said was the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 attacks, and with Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawwari, who allegedly helped the Sept. 11 hijackers with money and Western-style clothes.

He was arrested in December 2001 while a graduate student at Bradley University in central Illinois. In 2003, President Bush declared al-Marri a "sleeper agent" to a relatively new category of terrorism suspects who allegedly helped the Sept. 11 hijackers.

In 2003, President Bush declared him an enemy combatant, one of three held on U.S. soil since the 2001 attacks.

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed in December 2008 to consider al-Marri’s challenge of the government’s right to try Muslims in the U.S. They have 10 days to appeal the sentence but said no decision on that has been made.

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**Associated Press**

PEORIA, Ill. — A federal judge sentenced an al-Qaida sleeper agent to a relatively light eight years in prison Thursday because the man received what the judge called "unacceptable" treatment in a U.S. Navy brig.

U.S. District Judge Michael Mihm could have sentenced Ali Marri to as many as 15 years. But Mihm handed down the lighter sentence of eight years and four months in consideration of what he called "very severe" conditions under which Marri was kept during the almost six years he was held without charges in a U.S. Navy brig in South Carolina.

The judge’s decision could be a factor in future cases because the United States still holds more than 200 people without charge at Guantanamo Bay. If convicted, they could argue their time in custody should be considered at sentencing.

A tearful al-Marri told the judge he was sorry for helping al-Qaida and would never hurt anyone. But Mihm rejected the idea that al-Marri wasn’t capable of violence, saying by not changing course after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York City and Washington, al-Marri made it clear he intended to resume terror.

"I don’t know what to say," Naji al-Marri, al-Marri’s brother, said by telephone. "Did they count the years he spent in prison?"

During the two-day sentencing hearing, defense attorneys showed videos and presented testimony to show al-Marri had endured cruel treatment — including sensory deprivation, lengthy interrogations, long periods of isolation, and threats to harm his family — in the Navy brig. In court documents, they argued that amounted to a sentence "beyond what our nation stands for and tolerates as a matter of respect for the law."

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Community college enrollment grows

Associated Press

Some are there because of the recession, and others despite it. Regardless, more young Americans than ever are in college — especially community college, according to a new report.

A record high of about 11.5 million Americans age 18 to 24, or nearly 40 percent, attended college in October 2008, according to a study of data released Thursday by the Pew Research Center. Frankly, all the increase of 300,000 students over the previous year came at two-year schools, while attendance at four-year schools remained flat.

Community colleges almost certainly saw attendance go up at least that much again this year, though final figures are not yet available. The American Association of Community Colleges reports growth rates of 10 percent and higher have been common this fall on many campuses.

Overall college attendance has been going up for about 30 years; what’s new is the sharp uptick at community colleges, driven in large part by recessionary bargain hunting and closer ties between two- and four-year colleges that give students more confidence they’ll be able to transfer.

It’s not just middle-aged people coming back to school and very poor people any more,” said Mike Grace, 24, a student at Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh, N.C., who plans to transfer to nearby North Carolina State next spring.

“I’m seeing what I would consider to be relatively rich kids coming to school.

As a broader range of traditional-age college students choose a community college, “it doesn’t have the stigma it once did,” Grace said.

Last year, nearly 12 percent of all 18- to 24-year-olds, or 3.4 million, were enrolled in community colleges, up from 10.9 percent this year, on top of a 14 percent increase in 2008.

That means more students are capable of pursuing higher education, but most of the growth is coming from students whose academic qualifications make them more likely to start at two-year school.

While it’s good news more students are enrolled in college, the Census figures say nothing about whether overcrowded two-year institutions will succeed in getting students the credentials they seek or helping them transfer to bachelor’s degree programs.

Many are bursting at the seams, cutting some courses to meet budgets and holding others late at night. It’s impossible to say how many have been turned away for lack of space (California estimates about 200,000 in that state alone).

Baltimore County colleges have turned student lounges into classrooms and asked students to take classes during unpopular times — not early mornings and Friday nights, for instance. At least one college, Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, is holding some classes between midnight and 2:30 a.m.

The recession has prompted more upper-income Americans to have at least some higher education credential by 2020, and earlier this year proposed spending $12 billion over the next decade to help community colleges graduate an additional 3 million people.

The House responded last month by passing a student aid bill that included about $10 billion in initiatives directly focused on community colleges. The Senate has not yet taken up the proposal.
A Notre Dame love story

By [author's name]

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Letter to the Editor

March 18, 2009

Intellectual debate outside classrooms

The perceived lack of intellectual discussion outside the classroom is just that: perceived. I'm not sure how student government measured the intellectual quality of dining hall conversations, but I think it would be safe to say they didn't.

I suppose I can't speak for all students, but I have had no lack of intellectual debates/ yelling matches with my friends and roommates, covering such topics as healthcare reform, foreign policy, international development policy, the existence of God, simultaneous belief in God and scientific theories, etc. But, since these conversations take place in dining halls and dorm rooms and no one makes sure to have a student government representative present at all times, I guess the fact that such discussions take place fell through the cracks.

If you do think there's a lack of constant intellectual debate, it's because of the type of student that applies to Notre Dame. We are smart, but we care about purely nondidactic things as well. Why give up a paper in six hours so we can go watch the basketball game against Georgetown and we'll still have the paper, and that's why we love Notre Dame. We're smart but not so far down the genius spectrum that we have problems with students committing suicide or other psychotic academically-related violent acts.

These stigmas also come with an Ivy reputation. This is the second time I've seen the "my Professor at Princeton says..." quote in this newspaper, and I'm beginning to think the student government is suffering from an inferiority complex. Vice President Cynthia Weber claims in her statement that we are not trying to become an Ivy league, but you guys...

"Why do you love us, Jacob?"

"Because you're my best friends."

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"It is not worth an intelligent man's time to be in the majority. By definition, there are already enough people people to do that."

G. H. Hardy

And now...
Letters to the Editor

In a perfect world it would be great if you could play 12 great games as suggested by Associate Sports Editor Sam Werner’s “Football Commentary: Schedule for 2010 not acceptable.” (Oct. 21), however the current BCS format prevents that from being a reality. One loss and you are most likely out of the title consideration, two losses and you are holding onto your life. The reality is that the Notre Dame football program, can’t have a schedule that includes Alabama, Boise, TCU, Utah, Michigan, Michigan State and USC on a yearly basis. That is just asking your football team to go 9-3 at best and go to the Gator Bowl.

The purpose of the program is to win a national title and you have to set your team up for success. Look at the title contenders strength of sched­ule (SOS) this year, in the Colley Matrix Rankings, which are a part of the BCS computer rankings, Notre Dame’s schedule is currently the 13th hardest in the country. Alabama’s is 37th, Florida’s 36th, Texas 51st and BCS worst world but the SEC is ranked 82nd. Now I want to look at the other pre-season BCS Title and BCS bowl hopefuls. Oklahoma has three losses already, granted this is partly due to the Bradford injury, but its SOS is currently 15th in the country.

Virginia Tech was a preseason top­five team which now has two losses, is out of title contention and needs help to reach the BCS. Their SOS is the second hardest in the country. In fact the lowest SOS that has a legitimate title shot is only the 25th strongest. In fact no team in the top 20 SOS has fewer than two losses. For Notre Dame to make themselves a title contender they need to lower the SOS, and unfortu­nately that includes playing some non­BCS schools to boost your win total.

Granted the 7-4-1 system is not the best way to schedule, however if Notre Dame used it the correct way. Instead of using the one neutral site game on cellar dwellers Washington State or Army, we should use that game to take on a top 25 team or a top 20 opponent. That way we don’t have to return a road game, and we still get that game on the schedule. This then gives us seven home games, of which four will be used on the traditional games, which gives us three home dates to pick teams. As illustrated above you can’t stack it with three tough games. If you do what Notre Dame has elected to do for the 2010 season and schedule two easier games (Western Michigan and Tulsa) and another tough game (Utah), you’ve got yourself a pretty good schedule. You would be play Utah, USC, Michigan State, Michigan, Pittsburgh and Alabama. While that in itself is probably manageable, a schedule it would be in the mid-30s and give us a shot at the BCS.

In the 21st century of football in the BCS era, scheduling has to change in order to give your football team a shot at a BCS bowl and in a great season a shot at a national title. While it’s unfortunate that we can’t play top 25 teams every year, the new schedule will make Notre Dame a better prime­gram in the long run and that is what we all want in the end.

C. Kaltenbach

The Observer

Scheduling perfect for BCS era

Dear Meghan Dougher (“University of ugly girls,” Oct. 28),

I’m sorry to be the one to tell you, but your attempt to combat the Notre Dame female stereotype will fail miserably. In addition to being the current BCS format, this article is ridden with hypocrisy.

You then blandly stereotype Notre Dame guys. You say that we are “nothing special” and we “look like dweebs.” You also appear to be against negative stereotypes, it seems that your opposition only extends to stereotypes about yourself. I’m sure the film majors at Notre Dame do not appreciate your assertion that “this last [opinion] needs to be taken with a grain of salt, however, since the speaker is a film major. He might be more into woman’s studies or film criticism than you think and you do not personally know any film majors. However, from your article, I guess I should assume all top five are all great, but Flannboyant? I’m not quite sure. Seven degrees of separation or imagined a film major? I don’t think he is into woman’s fashion. But you assumed I would know what you were talking about. Since you have a presumptuous, overall idea of what a film major should be... which is the definition of a stereotype.

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Paul Bunyan

Paul Bunyan has yet to break a sweat. After two first round matches without a scratch, the fierce lumberjack breezed through to the elite eight after the gremlin and werewolf were both destroyed in the previous round. "I'm pretty disappointed so far," admitted Bunyan, "I sharpened my axe for this. Babe even came to show her support. She wants to see a little competition."

When asked about his next opponent, the Sasquatch, the flannel-clad fighter's mood remained salient. "He hides in the tree. I chop down trees. What do you expect to happen?" roared the mountain of a man between bites of his flapjacks.

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Mythical Match-Ups: Round 4

Sasquatch def. the Leprechaun

A fine mist rolled over the arena as the Leprechaun woke center field in the same clothes as the night before. Sober for the first time in the tournament, he suffered a weet bit of hangover following his fighting and drinking binge. The Sasquatch, whose presence at his previous matches has been reported but not confirmed, remained a mysterious being, nothing more than quick movement and strong smells in the forest. After several hours of search for his misplaced pot of gold, the leprechaun was reported missing. Witnesses claimed he had gone into the trees muttering about the night before. After thoroughly examining the end of the rainbow, the leprechaun's disappearance was attributed to the Sasquatch.

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Merlin def. the Balrog

Taking a page out of his fellow wizard's magical book, Merlin did his best Gandalf impression by knocking off the top seeded Balrog and sending the fieryigits to loo-down.

Merlin first did some lightning-fast spell-work and moved the field of battle to the top of a cliff. The Balrog had no choice but to follow and placed itself perilously near the edge of the cliff. Merlin then forcefully stuck his staff in the ground, tearing the field of battle to the top of a cliff.

The Dragon def. Grendel

As he has done so often before, the Dragon used an aerial attack to neutralize the ferocity of Grendel, who was unable to land consistent blows on the flying beast. The Dragon took off immediately as the path to the top of the cliff. The path to the top of the cliff was somewhat treacherous, however, and the Dragon took advantage, catching Grendel off guard and knocking him over.

Without the benefit of his speed and quickness, Grendel was unable to overcome the fire-breath and razor-sharp talons of the Dragon, who advanced easily.

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The story follows Max (Max Records), a confused and sensitive young boy who feels neglected and misunderstood by his family and growing up in such a scary world full of uncertainties and imperfections, but in the end, it's all a journey of the self, accomplishing with the help and understanding of those dear to us. Take a classic child's story and put a faithful, yet new spin on it. The film somehow manages to be an original take on an original work with its own name, personality and voice. It's the ultimate achievement more grand and complex in scope than Sendak's version.

The Shining
If you have not delved into the creative genius of a Stanley Kubrick film, then you are missing out. Like "Psycho," this movie features a creepy guy, Jack Nicholson, in a creepy hotel. Unlike "Psycho," this movie is full of rich colors ranging from blood red to ghostly white. This movie is sure to send chills down your spine for no other reason than "Bloodman.

"Nightmare Before Christmas"
Theoretically almost any Tim Burton film could be deemed appropriate for Halloween, but "Nightmare" takes a look at what the spooky holiday is all about. As its title implies, this movie is also a Christmas movie. What is unique about this film is that it asks the viewer to rethink Halloween and Christmas. The two have more in common than you think. While this movie may not be as scary as the others on the list, it still has the power to traumatize children. Unfortunately it does not have a similar effect on college kids that act like children.

"The Descent"
So you think modern horror movies are garbage and they just don't make "em like they used to? Well think again. This film's unique camerawork only adds to the thrills. Its plot is pretty straightforward — hot girls go spelunking and encounter a strange breed of predators.

The original "Thriller" video
OK, so it's not a movie, but the original video is about 10 minutes long and can be found on Youtube. Fun fact: It is directed by John Landis who also directed "The Blues Brothers."

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Where the Wild Things Are

Tales take on a tale of their own that meshes with Max's, culminating in a journey of self-discovery more grand and complex in scope than Sendak's version. The film somehow manages to be an original take on an original story, which, in the end will divide audiences. Lovers of the children's book will either gaze starry eyed at scenes of young Max interacting with the mammoth-sized but children-at-heart Wild Things, or feel betrayed by the film's dissimilarities from the story, and in how they might detract from the overall experience.

It's amazing though, this new-age "Wizard of Oz" is, in its insight and trueness to what being a child in a dysfunctional family is really about. What Jonze captures here is not a story but a feeling and the importance of family, and the meaning of family and growing up in such a scary world full of uncertainties and imperfections, but in the end, it's all a journey of the self, accomplishing with the help and understanding of those dear to us. Take a classic child's story and put a faithful, yet new spin on it and you're taking a risk, but here, it's all gravy. Simply put, this is a true gem of a film.

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Badin and Ryan are ready to play the final game of their respective seasons at 4 p.m. Sunday at LaBar Field. The Wildcats’ 4-1 season is slowly coming to an end, but Ryan plans to face the rust at practice this week and try to repeat the outstanding performance they saw against Walsh last week.

"The Bullfrogs’ offense has allowed them to be efficient offense. The Wildcats are focusing on winning our backs and keeping their way back to .500 to have a chance to earn their way to the playoffs.

The game is crucial for playoff positioning, so we will be ready to go," said Pillai. "Pasquella East has not allowed us to put points in the board for a long time, so we are excited to maybe shock someone with a spot.

Some key players Farley will need to look out for are sophomore quarterback Meghan McCrory, senior tight end Annamaria Mannon and Shelly Fuhrman, who both can get down field to support the offense, and freshman receiver Erica Anderson, whose size and speed brought his talents to the Pyros.

Pillai has amazing confidence with these three receivers, and said that they will be scoring touchdowns.

"Every play could be a potential touchdown," Pillai said. "We have a lot of playmakers on the field."
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**NFL**

**Wisconsin ready for the return of Favre**

Associated Press

GREEN BAY — For almost 20 years, Brett Favre was like a member of every Wisconsin family.

To be from Wisconsin is to be a Green Bay Packers fan, and the fun-loving quarterback rejuvenated the storied franchise, brought the Lombardi Trophy back to Titletown and turned "Cheesehead" from an insult into a boast. That he liked to hunt, fish and, in the early days at least, have a beer or two, well, his birth certificate may have said Mississippi but he was Wisconsin to the core.

No wonder an entire state is angst-ridden over Sunday's game at Lambeau Field against the Minnesota Vikings, the Packers' blood rival — and Favre's new team.

"I have a real problem with that. It was hard enough to see him with the Jets. But to see him in purple?" Tammy Rainville asked, watching her 9- and 7-year-old sons collect autographs outside the Packers' parking lot Thursday afternoon. "I still believe he belongs to us."

There are no bystanders in the ugliest divorce in Wisconsin history, with the mere mention of Favre's name enough to start squabbling this week between old friends, husbands and wives, parents and children.

Those who support Favre think he should be appreciated for all the fun — and victories — he gave Wisconsin in his 16 years here, and blame Packers general manager Ted Thompson for his departure. Those on the other side say no one person is bigger than any organization, and that it's no longer possible to be both a Favre and a Packers fan.

Especially if he's wearing a Vikings jersey.

"I'm a Packers fan, so as far as I'm concerned, whatever it takes to win the game. If it takes knocking him out to win the game, that's fine with me," Dave Meyer said as his wife, Phyllis, shook her head.

"I think that's horrible."

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**IN BRIEF**

**NBA to investigate Donaghy’s accusations**

NEW YORK — The NBA says it will investigate fellow referees' accusations that former referee Tim Donaghy that were posted online.

The league also says Thursday it has been reassured that an investigation found Donaghy to be the only person involved in criminal conduct. The referees say they are disappoint­ed but not surprised by their fellow colleagues' actions.

Donaghy admitted taking cash pay­offs from gambling folks for picks on games, including ones he officiated. He was sentenced to 15 months for perjury.

He was scheduled to testify this week in the trial of former IRS worker Robert Driscoll.

Donaghy's accusations give rise to concerns in the NBA about their referees, whether they would be honest and independent in critical games.

**Favre says he wants to finish career in St. Louis**

ST. LOUIS — Calm down, Cardinal fans: Albert Pujols wants to stay in St. Louis.

"The fans know and the Cardinals know that I want to be a Cardinal for my whole career," Pujols told WDBJ-FM on Thursday. "I love this city. This way that this city has embraced me and my family."

Pujols, who has one year left on his contract plus an option year, raised some eyebrows with his comments during an interview with a Dominican radio station earlier this month.

"I'm not desperate to sign a contract extension. I still have one year remaining in my contract for 2010 and a club option for 2011. I leave the rest in God's hands," Pujols told CDN 92.5 FM.

The two-time NL MVP said he wanted the Cardinals to concentrate on signing Matt Holiday and other free agents first.

Jeter's service honored with Roberto Clemente Award

NEW YORK — Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter has won the Roberto Clemente Award.

The Yankees captain was present­ed with the award Thursday before the start of Game 2 of the World Series between New York and the Philadelphia Phillies. The award is given annually to a major league player who combines community service with excellence on the field.

Jeter is being honored for his work with his Turn 2 Foundation, which supports programs that help young people recover from drug use to a healthier lifestyle. He hit .334 this season.

Clemente was a Hall of Fame right fielder with the Pittsburgh Pirates who died in a plane crash on Dec. 31, 1972, while trying to deliver supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua. He finished his career with 3,000 hits.
PW earns win with defense

Pangborn dominates Ryan; Cavanaugh shuts out Lyons

By KEVIN BALDWIN, BARRICK BOLLMAN and ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writers

With the clock winding down in the second half, it appeared as if Badin was going to pull off a stunning upset of undefeated Pasquerilla West. But the Purple Weasels on the run. "We're happy with the undefeated season, but it means nothing now," Curley said. "Its all about the playoffs now, we're taking it one game at a time."

Badin has one more chance to go out with a bang with one more regular season game on their schedule without the pressure of competing for a playoff berth.

"We're out of the playoffs but we're not done playing," Daniels said.

The Bullfrogs will play their final game on Sunday against Ryan.

Pangborn 27, Ryan 0

If that sounds like a 3-2 notch a win over Ryan (1-4) Thursday at Rieble Fields. The Phoenixes, on the way to a 25-yard touchdown from Rebecca Cink to Brittin Alexander.

"The receivers ran good routes and it all comes together when everybody does what they're supposed to do," Cink said.

"We've been working really hard at it," Alexander said. "We've been running new plays. We communicated really well and it all meshed and came together.

The Chaos offense sputtered early, the defense made sure they were not trailing heading into the half.

"The defense picked up our slack in the first half," Alexander said. "We didn't do anything and the defense picked us up, not allowing a first down at all. They were awesome."

After winning their third game of the season, the Chaos will try to keep it going Sunday when they play Pangborn.

"We're going to practice hard and we're going to bump up our intensity," Cink said.

Lyons remains winless after losing to Cavanaugh. They were in it the entire game and feel they are playing their best football right now.

"We played a team game out there and gave it our all," senior captain Claire Connell said. "There was a lot of hope at halftime when it was 0-0. We played very well in the first half. It was an overall solid performance by Lyons Hall."

Lyons has been dejected by injuries throughout the season and, with no members of the team to leave the game against Cavanaugh. They hope they can get healthy enough to return some players for Sunday's game against Walsh.

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we are going to end their season,” said. “We have made it thus far, Otters senior Casey McGushin

“Look, St. Ed’s hasn’t been
out with a bang, that’s all.”

We’ve just caught a couple
bad breaks,” Zahmie senior
captain Jarred Carter said. “A
handful of plays have killed us.”

Zahm has lost two games by
seven points or less and will try
to jumpstart their still-scoreless
offense this weekend, feeling
confident thanks to the 27-point
outburst Fisher yielded to St.
Edward’s, whom the Zahmies
held to only 7 points.

The defense has actually
played well,” Carter said. “The
offense has not been as good as
expected.” Zahm will need Carter
to have a big game at running
touchdowns.

Keough has struggled offen­
sively. They are led by sophomore ball-hound PJ
Yerrick and junior Adam
Baldwin.

Likewise the Griffins’  offense
has been known to dominate
their side of the field, running
back Dave Galias making high­
light-reel plays on a weekly basis,
because Carter emphasizes the
importance of the offensive line.

“K ee on playing Keough and it’s our rival,” sophomore receiv­
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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

**Belles to face Kalamazoo in MIAA**

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles will finish out their regular season this weekend with a match against Kalamazoo Friday and a double-header Saturday against Calvin and Hanover.

The Belles (9-13, 5-9 MIAA) will attempt to snap a four-game skid and get back on track before the playoffs. Their first chance to do so will be against the Hornets (11-15, 5-9), a conference foe in a similar scenario as far as seeding goes. The Belles had no trouble with the Hornets in their first meeting Sept. 30, claiming a 3-1 win behind come-from-behind victories in the first and third sets. However, the Hornets have momentum after a 3-1 victory over Olivet, whereas the Belles are reeling from a 3-0 sweep at the hands of Allston on Senior Night. In that match, junior Stephanie Bodien and senior captain Lorna Slupczynski led the way with 10 and nine kills, respectively.

The Belles will remain on the road when they travel to Angola, Mich. Saturday for the conclusion of their conference schedule against Calvin. The Knights sit near the top of the MIAA standings with an impressive 12-2 record. Their only two losses came against undefeated Hope, who holds the top spot in the conference.

Immediately following the Calvin match, the Belles will finish their regular season with a non-conference showdown against Hanover. The Pfandem (7-2, 12-11) come in with some momentum, having won their last five matches, most recently a 3-0 sweep of Transylvania. The first round of the MIAA playoffs is scheduled to begin Nov. 3. The Belles hope to improve on last season’s performance when they were eliminated by Adrian in the first round.

Should the Belles advance, the semifinals and finals will be the following Friday and Saturday.

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**MEN’S INTERHALL**

**Battle of perfect records to begin**

By COLIN KING, CHRIS ALLEN, MEGAN FINNERAN, ALLAN JOSEPH, BARRICK BALM and KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writers

Morrissey and Knott square off in a match of unbeatens Sunday the last day of the two-week division playoff spots.

The Monarchs clinched a playoff spot last week by defeating Siegfried. However, if Knott falls to Morrissey, the Juggerknotts will concede their playoff bid to the Rambiers.

Knott (2-0-1) has had a surprisingly successful season and will be well rested for Sunday’s game. The Juggerknotts are coming off an Akron forfeit and a bye week. "We had a very efficient season thus far," Knott senior captain Aidan Fitzgerald said. "We’re well-rested and very ready for this game."

They will need to be ready in a game that determines their season. A tie to division foe Siegfried put them in this position.

"We were a little disappointed we couldn’t pull off the win against Siegfried. We had a couple of opportunities that slipped by,” Fitzgerald said. “I’m sure they were too. Both teams had their chances. We’ve got to win. This is a big game for us.”

In their third real game and fifth week of the season, Fitzgerald believes the team is poised for a deep playoff run as the team is just hitting its stride.

"We’ve all played our best games so far and we've all been competitive in all our games so we’re not going to be lockheadesque or compliant." Fitzgerald said.

The two teams will meet at Riehle Field at 3 p.m. with the Ramblers hoping to hold off Duncan and set themselves up for a potential playoff berth.

St. Ed’s vs. Sost

For two teams this Sunday, more than a win is up for grabs. For Sost (2-0-1), it will determine who goes to the playoffs. This weekend marks the last in the regular season, so both teams have been preparing to step up their game and perform better when it comes to the conference.

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SMC SWIMMING

Swimmers to face Kalamazoo

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

After a respectable showing last week at the season-opening MIAA Relays, the Belles look to get an early jump in the conference tonight as they face off against Kalamazoo.

Considering last week’s relays were non-timed events, this will be the first official meet for the Belles this year.

Last season was a forgettable one for Saint Mary’s, led by second-year coach Alicia Dombkowski. The Belles are looking to rebound from a season where they lost six of their nine dual meets.

There is no doubt that the Belles want to start off the year with a win, but Kalamazoo has proven to be one of the conference’s toughest teams, and that trend seems to have continued into this season. Last week, Kalamazoo consistently posted top-five times in each relay while Saint Mary’s highest finish was third place in the 1,500-yard freestyle.

For Saint Mary’s to be successful, it will need to get significant production from its freshmen. The Belles’ roster is currently composed of 21 swimmers, 13 of which are entering their first year.

Tonight’s meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

MIAA to begin Championships

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After a two week break, Saint Mary’s will return to action this Saturday at the MIAA Championships in Adrian, Mich. The meet, hosted by Adrian College, accounts for two-thirds of the total points allotted by the conference to teams vying for the top spots in the final MIAA standings.

The Belles took fourth place at the other conference tournament, the MIAA Jamboree, on September 26. No. 2 Calvin took the top honors in convincing fashion, sweeping the top-five individual honors.

Still, Saint Mary’s is in a solid position for its best ever conference finish.

“It’s the best finish we’ve had at Jamboree,” Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. “Adrian definitely came out this season with some fresh talent, but I think we can come back and compete for that spot, though.

Saint Mary’s is hoping that a combination of veteran leadership and young talent will be able to vault the team over its conference competitors. Leading the pack for the Belles will be senior captain Megan McClowry and breakout freshman Julia Kenney.

The pair has led Saint Mary’s in each of the Belles’ six meets this season.

“The team is looking to improve upon last year’s fourth-place finish in the MIAA,” Bauters said. “We would like to compete for second if possible.

Saint Mary’s will face its stiffest competition from No. 2 Calvin and No. 7 Hope, who each feature deep and talented lineups. The Belles will need to rely on a group of sophomore harriers behind Kenney and McClowry to make ground in the conference.

“I’d like to see our 3-6 [runners] close the gap a bit with our 1-2 [runners],” Bauters said. “If we can do that, we’ve got a great shot of achieving our goals.

The Bulldogs should be the X-factor this weekend, Adrian narrowly edged Saint Mary’s at the MIAA Jamboree despite fielding a squad without any junior or senior harriers.

The 6-kilometer meet begins at 11 a.m. Saturday morning on the Championship Course of Lenawee Christian School.

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Men's Swimming and Diving

Team hosts celebratory meet

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of varsity competition in the Rolfs Aquatic Center, the Irish will host a double-dual meet against Cleveland State and Miami (Ohio) this Saturday.

"We love swimming in our pool," said Tim Welsh. "We love our friends and family when we're at home. There's always an advantage to swim at home.

The Irish are currently in first place after defeating Xavier and South Bend in the 179-119 victory over Xavier.=" Welsh said.

"We're looking forward to this meet," Welsh said. "We expect strong performances from our team and we're excited to see how well we can perform in the dual meet against Cleveland State and Miami (Ohio)."

Welsh continued:

"This is a big meet for us as we continue to build momentum for the season. We're looking forward to facing strong opponents and showcasing our abilities in the pool."

The Irish diving team has been solid so far this year. Eight first-place finishes in both the swimming and diving competitions have already been achieved.

"We're looking forward to continuing our success in the pool," Welsh said.

The Irish look to finish their season strong and aim for a successful showing in the dual meet.

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Golf

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"The last two weeks we got away from what makes us Notre Dame, the repetition, the preparation and the maturity," Kubinski said. "We started doing some stupid things out there — missing some puts we should make and hitting some loose shots. We are going to get back to how we play golf and how we started the season and focus on all those things that make us a good team.

The usual leaders of the Irish, seniors Josh Sandman and Doug Fortner, have been absent from the lead in the two disappointing tournaments. Sandman tied for 57th, fourth on the team, at The Prestige. Fortner's three rounds did not count toward the Irish score on route to a tie for 64th in that tournament. Sandman finished second on the team, in a tie for 45th, at the Bridgestone Championship. Fortner even competed in that tournament, the first lineup he has been off of since arriving at Notre Dame.

"Doug is going back in the lineup for a change, which is great," Kubinski said. "He had a good week at home getting some rest and I think he's going to make a difference for us.

"The guys can't get caught up in what their opponent does," Kubinski said. "If they hit a bad shot, you can't try to play more conservatively and get off your game. The best advice is to have the golf course and follow your plan and trust your plan and execution will be good enough to win.

Fortunately, the Irish do have some experience with match play, among themselves.

"The truth is we have settled a lot of our lineups at home playing matches against each other," Kubinski said. "The last few weeks, we've continued to improve and we're excited to see how well we can do in our dual meets.

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ND Volleyball

Irish host first match at new Purcell Pavilion

By LAURA MYERS
Assistant Sports Editor

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Hillenbrand and Luke Zeller. McLemore averaged 15 points per game and hit 42.3 percent of his 3-point attempts.
The new pavilion, located on the south end of the Joyce Center, cost $25 million and adds a new entrance to the arena. It also houses a club seating area and a new varsity store and ticket office.
Senior forward Luke Harangody, who averaged 23.3 points and 11.8 rebounds per game last season, rejoins the Irish for his senior year.

Harangody was selected as the Big East's preseason Player of the Year. He'll be joined by senior guard Tory Jackson, who averaged 11 points a game last season.
Senior guard Ben Hansbrough sat out a year after transferring from Mississippi State but is eligible to play this season.
The Irish lost junior guard Scott Martin to a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) before the season. The most likely to play in his place are junior forwards Tyone Nash and Carlson Scott.
Three freshmen joined the Irish roster this season: Mike Broughamer, Joey Brooks and Jack Goosley will supplement a Notre Dame team that, due to Martin's injury, lacks depth.
Martin was a transfer from Purdue while last season and a team leader as well. He was expected to start.
Lewis finished 16-12 last season and 10-8 in the Great Lakes Valley conference. Junior guard Donee Thomas. Jr., is the team's leading returning scorer, averaging 10.2 points per game last season.
The Irish scored 75 points per game last season and a team hit nearly 40 percent of their 3-point attempts.
Tip-off for Sunday's exhibition is scheduled for 7 p.m.
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especially the seniors as it is senior day.”
Notre Dame, who has already clinched a spot in the Big East Tournament, will learn its fate Monday after the conclusion of conference play. If the Irish finish first or second in the Big East, they will receive a first-round bye and host a first- or second-round match Nov. 7.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY
Teams travel to run in championship meet

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The season’s intensity is picking up for the Irish as they travel to Kenosha, Wis., for the Big East championship meet Saturday.
“Like many years, the Big East is again one of the most competitive conferences in the country for women’s cross country,” Irish women’s coach Tim Connelly said. “It obvious­ly will be a huge challenge for us to compete well against great competition and have the chance to beat some of the top teams in the country.”
The Big East championship meet holds much importance in comparison with the rest of the season, as an exceptional performance is necessary to be a competitive team at the NCAA regional meet in mid-November.
“I hope that we can run signifi­cantly better than we have at the pre-national meet and at the Notre Dame Invitational if we’re going to take a team to the regional meet,” Irish men’s coach Joe Piane said. “Anyone can go to the regional meet, but I won’t see a need to take the team to the regional meet if they’re not going to be competitive.”

The Irish women’s team is ranked 30th in the country and expects to see tough com­petition from Villanova, West Virginia, George-town, Syracuse and Providence who all sit ahead of them in the national rankings.
In the men’s competition, Georgetown, Syracuse, Providence, Louisville and Villanova all boast top-20 national rankings and will be pushing the men’s team to run harder this Saturday.
To prepare themselves for the conference event, the teams held difficult practices during the mid­semester break.

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Boston, where they defeated defending champions No. 3 Boston University 3-0. Notre Dame then returned to campus and was defeated by No. 14 Boston College on Oct. 23.

Last season the Irish won both the regular season and postseason CCHA crowns, and they hope to continue their success, instead of rekindling the up-and-down pattern of late.

"In the CCHA, once you start your conference schedule, games get even more intense because you are playing for points," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Our conference is going to be really challenging this year, more than I can remember.

Ohio State, selected to finish fourth in the preseason CCHA rankings, began its OCHA slate with a weekend split against Lake Superior State.

"They are a tough, gritty team, definitely play a physical game," Thang said. "They compete very hard, and return some very good players. I know their goaltending will be tough to get some pucks by, and we've had trouble scoring this year so we have to get a lot of things right to play well.

The Irish have indeed had trouble scoring consistently six games into this season. Whereas in the team's first three games last season Notre Dame scored 9 goals, the Irish have only netted 14 shots in twice as many contests this season.

"Until we get the guys playing the way they need to play we'll make changes," Jackson said.

6 North Carolina and No. 14 Santa Clara, the Irish have been outstanding, allowing just four goals in the 12 matches since their loss.

"For the most part, I've been pleased with how the match-up we've played [towards the end of the season]," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Early in the season we struggled scoring goals, but we made the some changes to the lineup and, starting with the match against West Virginia, this team has started to play well and has really put all the phases of the game together.

According to Waldrum, the most important goal of this coming week will be to get his players healthy.

"The thing is, the Big East tournament just isn't as big a deal as saving our players for the NCAA tournament," he said.

Several Irish players have missed play due to the past few weeks due to injury. Senior forward Michele Weissenhofer has missed time with a hamstring injury, while sophomore midfielder Melissa Hernandez, the team's leading scorer, just returned from a two-game absence for Notrdame's last match against Georgetown.

Waldrum said both players minutes would be closely monitored this week so they would be ready to go for the NCAA tournament.

Also, senior defender Haley Ford, a key component of a strong Irish defense, figures to be out for the rest of the season with a torn ACL.

"As much as Waldrum would like to rest his ailing players, we're just waiting," Jackson said.

"Until I find that one missing ingredient to get the power play really effective, or to make sure we have three lines that could potentially score, I don't like making changes all the time, but until we start executing the way we need to do things, I'm not going to stand back," Jackson said. "There is confident the Irish talent will shine through before long.

"It's just about doing the right thing, and they'll start go in," he said. "They'll go in eventually. We have too much talent in the locker room to not score four or five goals a night. We're just waiting.

While the Notre Dame offense works to find the back of the net with the puck, the mainstay of the Irish defense remains cloudy. Junior goalie Brad Phillips began the season as the Irish starter, but after an opening night 3-2 defeat, senior Tim O'Brien took his place in the net. Since then, Phillips has recorded three more starts, and freshman Mike Johnson has started one, a complete game shutout of Providence. Thursday Jackson said he did not yet know whom he would start against the Buckeyes.

"I am going to watch practice on tape tonight before I make that decision for tomorrow," he said. "I expect Mike and Tommy will both get a look tonight.

With so many questions still surrounding the Irish, Thang and Notre Dame will look to erase some confusion against the Buckeyes.

"Hopefully this weekend is our jump start," Thang said.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20): Show confidence and stability. Changing your plans because someone else can’t get their way is not your style. You are in a good position. Relax if you let your emotions cause you any inappropriety. Your actions must reflect your own ideas.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Don’t have anything to chance or depend on anyone else to do your job. Put your priorities in context and finish what you start. A relationship may not be as good for you as you thought. Plan your work so that you find it easier to achieve.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You have a new lease on life. If you make alterations to your lifestyle, appearance or even your social life, all will bring beneficial results. You will have a better chance to follow your dreams, hope and visions for the future.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): A relationship or partnership is possible but be honest about what you are bringing to the table. Too much talk may give someone you are dealing with a false impression. Don’t make promises you may not be able to fulfill.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The most unlikely situation or a combination of circumstances will turn out to be the most satisfying and profitable. Tribune will swim better if you can manage to pool people you work with or with whom you depend. There is money to be made.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have a learning curve but it will set you apart from everyone else. Your intellectual input coupled with your unique skill to develop something with substance into something bold and breathtaking will win favors, friends and an ongoing respect.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your intelligence and intuitive awareness will not shine this year but it’s not your style or spiritually. Make someone you trust and someone you know, to show the strength and blow the dust over the facts you have more facts. *★★★★

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You’ll want too much, too fast. Don’t make too fast of a fast you know or do what you don’t want. Jesus is trying to save you from making a poor choice. Listen to the advice being given and slow down the process until you have more facts. *★★★★

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HOCKEY

Seeing double

Irish host Buckeyes for two-game homestand

By DOUG FARMER
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The defending CCHA champions will open their season with two games against Ohio State (2-4-0, 1-3-0 CCHA) this weekend. No. 8 Notre Dame (3-3-0) hosts the Buckeyes today at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday at 5:05 p.m.

"It is going to be good to get the Friday, Saturday games going again, playing in the conference," senior captain Ryan Thang said. "Get back to the type of playing style the CCHA is so used to. None of the teams we have played are very different, so it's good to be back."

The Irish opened the season with weekend splits against Alabama-Huntsville and Providence before traveling to Connecticut (10-2-3, 7-1-1) against No. 5 Providence before traveling to Connecticut (10-2-3, 7-1-1) this weekend with two games against Connecticut (10-2-3, 7-1-1) this weekend.

Senior center Kevin Deeth shoots the puck towards the Providence goaltender during their match Oct. 15. The Irish fell 3-2 to the Friars, but bounced back with a 2-0 victory Oct. 16.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Showdown with Huskies to determine conference champ

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Four days after enduring one of their toughest losses of the season, the Irish have to turn around and prepare for perhaps their most important match of the season.

Notre Dame (9-7-1, 7-3-0 Big East) will conclude its regular season against No. 8 Connecticut (10-2-3, 7-1-1) Saturday at 2 p.m. at Alumni Stadium in a conference showdown that could give the Irish a scholarship and get a trophy in the cabinet.

"I think the players will be looking to finalize its goalkeeper rotation before making a post-season run. Senior Andrew Quinn started for the Irish against the Spartans, giving up two goals on just two shots on goal in the loss. Quinn has a 3-4-1 record on the season, allowing an average of 1.23 goals against. Follow senior Phillip Tuttle will start against Connecticut, carrying a 6-3-0 record with four shutouts alongside his 0.65 goals against average. While Tuttle has had more success this season, Clark remained non-committal on favoring one goalkeeper over the other when the team tries to make a post-season run.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND hosts Lewis for exhibition

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

New season, new arena for the Irish.

Notre Dame opens the renovated Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center Sunday in an exhibition match-up against Lewis University.

The Irish finished last season 21-15 (8-10 Big East) and beat bubble teams in the Big East tournament before falling to West Virginia. They made it to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) semifinals but lost to Penn State.

Notre Dame will need to make up for the loss of guards Kyle McKinney and Ryan Ayers as well as forwards Zach

ND MEN'S GOLF

Squad boasts top seed in tourney

By DOUG FARMER
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame only has two days of competition scheduled over the next three months, and those two days are Saturday and Sunday at the Pine Needles Golf Course in North Carolina for "The Match Play" tournament. All but one Big East team will be competing (S. John's) and the Irish have the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

"Going into it as the No. 1 seed, the expectation is we should be able to take care of business," Irish coach Jim Kubsch said. "But it has been up-and-down this fall. If we do things we are supposed to do, I think it'll turn out well for us."

When Kubsch described this fall as "up-and-down" he was referring to Notre Dame's strong start capped off with a first-place finish at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Oct. 6. Since then, the Irish have finished 11th out of 12 and 13th out of 15 at The Prestige at PGA West and the UNC Bridgestone Collegiate Championship, respectively.

Senior guard Jonathan Peoples dribbles past a Rutgers defender in last season's Big East tournament. The Irish won 61-50.

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Beating the Curve

Mental improvements have taken Armando Allen's game to the next level
When it comes to the 2009 Irish, it's the journey, not the destination. I hate clichés, but it pains me to start a column with one as much as it pains you to read it, but hardheaded we are. Why, at head of the list of the '09 Irish might use one like "Defense wins championships." That thought should raise more than the Notre Dame fans to cringe, considering all the programs have been the nation's top half in pass defense (64th) and total defense (55th). But in a season that has gone as expected? Many prognosticators predicted Notre Dame's last six games would be a sure thing, college football experts (97th) or scoring defense (64th).

Not me. You can't count me out. But anyway, the Irish will enter the Alamo Bowl in three weeks Saturday 5-2, right where Don Blankenship was a sure thing in a Pac-10 team. And on a weekend full of top college football matchups, this one isn't getting much national attention.

A week ago, those facts make this game even more important. Other than the obvious need to beat Washington State, Notre Dame has no top-five or, more important, which is how Charlie Weis and a few in the coaching staff view it, top 20 opponents the Irish can handle in the next month.

So many of those games down in Texas know one thing, Texas. Frank, who runs the ESPN-affiliated irish-sportsdaily.com, said, "If you don't go to Texas, it's which other school around the area do you end up going to? There's certainly a lot of talent in the state, but Texas coach Mack Brown has done such a great job of locking up the talent down there before anyone can even find out about them.

Because the Irish coaches can't actually speak with players, and because most, if not all, Notre Dame staff will be at games against the Irish, Notre Dame won't expect to gain anything near a commitment after Saturday, Frank said. But it may give the Irish program a head start in recruiting players in the Lone Star state.

With this game, players can come find out a little about you, watch Notre Dame play, watch the fans. Notre Dame fans are unique — very friendly, very cordial, very welcoming," Frank said. "That puts a very positive image of Notre Dame out there for a lot of the players in Texas to get a chance to see what Notre Dame is about. It's a place they have heard of but don't know a whole lot about.

And while the players in attendance won't have the benefit of touring Notre Dame's campus and experiencing all that is game day in South Bend, Frank said just watching the team on the field should be enough to pique interest for several of the high school juniors.

"The players get a chance to be around that whole Notre Dame experience and get an idea of what the team is about," Frank said. "It's a chance for Notre Dame to show there's some athletics up here too and we're just a few away from competing with the big dogs down in Texas."

Though the class of 2011 will be the main focus this week, the Irish staff enjoyed one major recruiting win this week with the commitment of Giovani Bernard, a four-star running back out of Dallas (Thomas Aquinas High), the nation's No. 1 high school team.

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Mind game

Junior Armando Allen has become a smarter — and better — running back

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

When the Irish coaches told Armando Allen and Golden Tate in the spring that the team would install plays from the Wildcat formation, Allen and Tate looked at each other and laughed.

"Like, 'Are we really doing this or is it a joke?,'" Allen said. "But when we looked at the playbook, there it was, the Wildcat.

That's one new role for Allen. He's filled others this season, too, evolving from a shifty scat back his freshman year to a powerful yet explosive runner who averages 4.9 yards per carry this season. Aside from physical improvements and running backs coach Tony Alford's practice techniques, which contributed to his play, Allen's improvements came in the stereotypical Notre Dame fashion: he got smart.

"In high school the plays aren't as difficult as they are in college," he said. "You play the game but you don't understand the game. I think understanding the game helped me out as a running back."

Learning curve

Allen rushed for 1,995 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior at Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School in Hialeah, Fla., even though he missed three games because of injury. In the pre-season before his senior season, he broke his fibula and missed the season. Allen watched tape of games of himself in previous seasons and realized that since the broken leg he was leaving his knees low, making it all the easier for defenders to tackle him. This off-season, he ran stairs to improve his knee drive.

He also gained 10 pounds without losing speed.

"I think that's a tribute to him in the weight room, a guy who wants to get better," Alford said. "He wants to do things right. He's his own worst critic."

Alford wants big plays out of his running backs, he said, and he said he'll be needing some monsters, not 12-yarders.

Allen has been on the cusp of breaking away a few times this season when the last man in his way snagged an ankle as he flew by, and Alford said the solution is simple.

"Pick your feet up," he said. "It's not rocket science. Pick your feet up." And Alford has stressed that principle in practice.

"We've worked on that a lot. They have a lot of drills now that requires us to pick our feet up or we'll fall," Allen said. "We've done a pretty good job at it in practice we just have to translate it over to the game."

Physical training, however, won't suffice. To successfully implement the skills acquired in practice, Allen said he needed to learn how the defender would attack him.

"If you know a person the only way they can bring you down is by grabbing your feet, then automatically your mind's thinking pick your feet up," he said.

Getting inside the defender's head helped him elsewhere as well.

"I'm not just getting the ball and running left and right. I understand where this ball should go and the type of things my defenders would try to do to bring me down," he said. "It helped me out as a receiver as well."

Spring training

The Irish averaged 3.3 yards per carry last season, and critics of the program made sure they knew it. Allen took it to heart.

"We understand that part that we have a lot of talent, but from the outside looking in nobody really knows how much talent that we have," he said.

Allen took it upon himself to display that talent. He asked Alford for tips to work on during the spring and summer.

"I said here are some things we need to work on and he took that to heart. It wasn't something magical that I did," Alford said. "The kid wants to be good. He was asking, Hey, what can I do better? What can I improve on?"

That improvement is evident. In six games, he's rushed for 514 yards and three touchdowns, good for 85.7 yards per game. Last year, he rushed for 595 yards all season, an average of 45 yards per game.

Like any smart running back, he's got his offensive line's back. Slick of hearing the criticism for how the linemen could be broken, he said, "It's not a block when I saw them working hard every day, he buckled down to prove that they could.

"When I see those guys working hard every day," he said, "whether it's in the weight room or on the field, we kind of take that to heart too." The Wildcat formation helped improve the look of the running game, which is currently 114th against Washington State, which is currently 114th against the run and allows 215 rushing yards per game, he demurred.

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Irish running back

Irish running back Armando Allen sings the alma mater with his teammates after Notre Dame's season opening win over Nevada Sept. 5.

Catching a snooze

That's Allen's hobby. He sleeps whenever he can because of how tough Notre Dame's practices are.

"Whether it's 10 minutes or 20 minutes, you can always catch me trying to get a nap," he said.

Outside of football, Allen focuses on his family. He checks in with his parents and brothers often. He said he's humble by nature. When asked about individual goals against Washington State, which is currently 114th against the run and allows 215 rushing yards per game, he demurred.

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If there's a week where he might get some time off, this is it, because edge-of-the-seat victories notwithstanding, Notre Dame is expected to pile miss the half the season. He missed the three games in his junior season and his entire senior season.

This year, he's struggling to stay healthy while battling ankle, knee and thigh injuries. His ankle has bothered him all season and kept him out of the Purdue game. Against Boston College, he took a helmet to the side of the left knee that knocked him out of the game, but coach Charlie Weis said it was still his ankle, not the knee, which currently bothers him.

Allen wasn't too optimistic about his chances against Washington State this weekend.

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Allen had bad luck with injuries since high school. He broke his wrist in the first game of his freshman year and
Irish Offense vs. Cougars Defense

Despite nagging injuries Armando Allen ran the ball very well against Boston College and should be in for another big games in San Antonio. Robert Hughes also should be fine after taking a big hit to the head on a goal-line carry last weekend. When healthy the running attack has been one of the biggest improvements of this Notre Dame team. The Cougars have given up 215 yards rushing per game so the should be open running lanes for Allen and Hughes to run through. The Wildcat could be an effective changup but may not be necessary if the Irish defense is rolling.

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Charlie Weis has the luxury of being able to lean heavily on the running or passing game against a porous Washington State defense. It will be interesting to see if Weis looks to establish the run early and spreads out the Cougars and puts up points quickly.

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Finally, a week where Jimmy Clausen can prop his turf toe up during the fourth quarter, where Armando Allen can nurse his sore ankle and where the defense doesn’t have intercept a pass to seal a game. Say what you want about the pass defense or the pass rushing but it isn’t matter, because Clausen has to be salivating over this match-up. So, by the way, are Dayne Crist, Jonas Gray and John Goodman, who will see lots of second-half snaps after Clausen. Golden Tate and Kyle Rudolph blast open a big lead. One statement that can be made in this game must come from the defense, who has a chance to dominate an opponent like they haven’t done since Nevada.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34, Washington State 10

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Assistant HC

defensive coordinator

W R G O L D E N T A T E
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Turnovers against: 5 (2nd)
33 rec., 602 yds., 4 T D
71 rush, 365 yds., 3 T D

ND OFFENSE

2009 Schedule

Sept. 5 Nevada — W
Sept. 12 @ Michigan — L
Sept. 19 Michigan St. — W
Sept. 26 @ Purdue — W
Oct. 3 Washington — W
Oct. 17 Southern Cal — L
Oct. 24 Boston College — W
Oct. 31 Washington St.
Nov. 7 Navy
Nov. 14 @ Pittsburgh
Nov. 21 Connecticut
Nov. 28 @ Stanford

ND PASSING

Jimmy Clausen and Golden Tate have been two of the best players in the nation regardless of position, and should lead the Notre Dame passing game to a huge day. Bobby Parris appears to be out for the game so it will be interesting to see if another young receiver will take advantage of the opportunity.

The Irish also should have great protection against the pass rush, as the Cougars have just seven sacks all year. This should be a great recovery game for a pass blocking unit that struggled at times against USC and Boston College. With time to throw and weaknesses in the secondary, Clausen should have a field day.

Washington State's pass defense is abysmal, allowing an average of 284 yards per game. The Cougars do have eight interceptions, but have been picked apart by quarterbacks far less talented than Clausen.

This should be a huge mismatch for the Irish, hopefully leading to some Dayne Crist throws in the second half.

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Ben Turk struggled against Boston College and Eric Maust should get some points against the Cougars. Theo Riddick and Barry Gallup continue to do a solid job returning kickoffs, and Golden Tate had a nice punt return against the Cougars.

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Finally this will be a game that doesn’t come down in the final minutes. It should be a Happy Halloween and trip in San Antonio for the Irish, who face a Washington State team that has no real threats and holes everywhere on defense. The Notre Dame offense should be able to score however they want to, and the only thing that might stop Jimmy Clausen from putting up Hawaii Bowl numbers might be Weis putting in Dayne Crist. Look for the Notre Dame offense to run the ball early and often and for the defense to come up with several turnovers. Overall this should be a great game to gain momentum and hopefully learn how to put inferior teams away.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 40, Washington State 10

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Cougars Offense vs. Irish Defense

The Notre Dame defensive line has dramatically improved against the run over the last several games, effectively limiting strong rushing offenses in Boston College and USC. Younger players like Kapron Lewis-Moore, Manti Te'o, and Ethan Johnson appear much more comfortable against the run and getting into the right position.

On the other side, the Washington State rushing offense has been virtually nonexistent, averaging just 72 yards per game. Redshirt sophomore Logwone Mitiz will get the start in San Antonio, but Dwight Tardy should also play several series. The Cougars have not run the ball often since they've been trailing almost every game, but have only averaged 2.2 yards per carry when they have.

Darius Fleming and the linebacking corps have improved their tackling in recent games and relieved some of the pressure on the secondary toassistant.
Freshman QB Tuel gives Cougars hope for future success

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

To say things haven’t been going well for Washington State this season may be a bit of an understatement. The Cougars are 1-6 and haven’t looked any better than last season’s 2-10 campaign.

The lone bright spot, though, may be the play of freshman quarterback Jeff Tuel.

“Tuel’s progress is good,” Washington State coach Paul Wulff said in a press conference after the Cougars’ 49-17 loss to California Oct. 24. “I think he is on a good pace. He needs the help around him. The receivers are young and the O-line is young, but all the parts need to do their job. The other 10 guys need to do their job, and he is only going to get better.”

The Cougars began the season with an apparent position battle between senior Kevin Lopina and sophomore Marshall Lobbestael, but both were ineffective in Washington State’s first three games before Tuel entered the picture.

Tuel made his debut in Washington State’s 27-6 loss to USC. Since then, he has thrown for 662 yards, four touchdowns and three interceptions. “Obviously for an 18-year old playing his first football game he did a great job,” Wulff said in a press conference after the game. “He showed great poise. There were some mistakes but he did a nice job of not forcing throws or eating the ball or just taking off and running. He showed a lot out there.”

After a promising first game against the Trojans, Tuel suffered a hip pointer against Oregon in his first collegiate start. The injury knocked him out for the rest of the game against the Ducks, but the freshman returned next week to lead the Cougars against Arizona State.

Even though the Cougars lost that game 27-14, Tuel’s progression continued. Last week, against Cal, Tuel had his most impressive game to date, passing for 354 yards and two touchdowns and no interceptions.

“Tuel can actually get it done,” Wulff said in a press conference after the game. “Our protection has not been great. At times when we have had good protection we have been successful; when we didn’t, it broke down. We have so many young guys playing at receiver they just haven’t been working together long enough. They have been together three or four months. As we mature we are going to get a lot better.”

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Defense hopes position changes are answer

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After weeks of struggling in pass coverage that concluded with 280 yards through the air for Matt Barkley and USC, the Notre Dame secondary needed some changes.

Beginning with the Boston College game and leading into this week’s game against Washington State in San Antonio, the Irish made personnel changes on the depth chart.

Junior Harrison Smith, who had been the starter at free safety, moved down to outside linebacker and also played as a nickel back against the Eagles. Smith had four tackles, including one tackle for a loss and a forced fumble in his new role.

"He played significantly better," coach Charlie Weis. "He’s had some good production in the secondary, it’s just that his confidence has gotten a little bit shaken, so we moved him down into a comfort zone to regain his confidence."

Following the Boston College game, Smith was listed as a co-starter at the Sam linebacker position with Darius Indian, who has frequently moved to defensive end in nickel packages.

Smith said his experience last season at outside linebacker made the move an easy transition. "I’ve been there before. I mean I played safety in the first half of this year, but I’m using last year’s experience," Smith said. "You do a lot of the same stuff and you blitz a lot, so it’s not too different." Smith said he was comfortable with the change and could rotate between positions.

"At this point, wherever the coaches want me to play is where I’m going to play, so I’m fine with that."

With Smith moving to linebacker for the foreseeable future, senior Sergio Brown has taken over the starting job at free safety.

Brown had four tackles, a forced fumble and a pass breakup against the Eagles. Brown had been primarily used as a nickel back in coverage and blitzing off the edge.

"[Harrison Smith] sort of flip-flopped with Sergio," Weis said. "With Sergio going back into his positions and Harrison going down there working at Sam along with Darius and those other guys."

Defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta said the change benefitted both Brown and Smith.

"Harrison, the first time he got in there he knocked the ball loose. The guy’s a tremendous athlete and I’m going to use him more and more because he’s an outstanding blitzer," Tenuta said. "Sergio did a good job, he’s been the nickel for us from two years and playing in space so the alignment is a little different at times, but he did a good job."

Brown had four tackles, a forced fumble and a pass breakup against the Eagles. Also seeing significant time at free safety was sophomore Jamoris Slaughter, who came in at times for Brown. Slaughter has seen time at both the corner and safety positions early in his career.

"Jamoris is a guy that we’re going to cross train and cross train at both corner and safety this week. We’re going to look at him in both positions, you know, because he’s been such a sound tackler," Weis said before the game against Boston College. "So we’re going to take a good look at seeing if we can’t get him on the field some. Not as a starter but we’re going to see if we can’t work him there."

At the cornerback position, junior Gary Gray has solidified his role as a starter alongside sophomore Robert Blanton. Gray had a crucial interception in the fourth quarter against Boston College.

"I think Gary has played more because he was the one guy that recently that as he started to get some time has been really competing for the ball," Weis said. "I think that that one of the areas that, you know, I’ve been saying we need to be competing for the ball and Gary’s been competing for it."

With the Irish currently 117th in the nation in pass defense and allowing 282 yards per game, Tenuta and the Notre Dame secondary hope the changes show results.

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Irish safety Sergio Brown eyes the line of scrimmage during Notre Dame’s 37-30 victory over Washington Oct. 3. Brown is one of a number of defensive players to have shuffled positions recently.

Halloween costume this year?
We don’t really have much since we play that night. But I’ll probably go out as a ninja. That’s what I used to do when I was little.

Favorite Halloween costume as a kid?
I was Captain Hook once, that was good. And I think one time, me and three of my friends were the Spice Girls. We did it pretty big.

Favorite Halloween candy?
Snickers.

Biggest fear?
Probably drowning.

Scariest movie?
The Strangers. I couldn’t drive home after that.

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