Proposed Transpo route to run this month

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
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A new Transpo route that will drop students near common student bars and neighborhoods on weekend nights will tentatively start running this November, student body president Grant Schmidt said. The new Transpo service, one of the main initiatives of the Schmidt-Weber administration so far this year, will run every 18 minutes from Library Circle to South Street Station from about 9 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights, Schmidt said.

"This is a new route, tailored to students, that is fast and safe," Schmidt said. "Students will go off campus regardless so this is a safety issue and a convenience issue."

The route, with a round-trip of 36 minutes, has not been finalized, but the proposed route has a stop on Twyckenham Drive for students living in apartments east of campus, a stop on Edison Street near the Linebacker Lounge as well as stops near Corby's Irish Pub and The Blarney Stone, commonly referred to as Finnegan's.

Chip Lewis, chairman of the Board of Directors for Transpo, said Transpo was willing to work with the University to add a new route because of the safety factor. Transpo does not make a profit on the added service.

"The benefit is doing good service for our community and helping students get home safely," Lewis said. "Certainly getting home from bars at night, students are currently faced with bad situations like overpaying cabs, walking or getting in a car with someone who has been drinking."

The new route, called 7a, will hit the streets with high numbers of student houses, such as Notre Dame Ave., Washington St. and St. Louis St. pass through downtown South Bend and return to Library Circle via Eddy Street Commons. Schmidt said one of the biggest advantages for students is that Transpo service is paid for by the University and therefore free for students. "Taxis are not always safe and don't always provide the best deals," he said.

Schmidt and student body vice president Cynthia Weber initially began looking into extending Transpo route 7, which currently runs between University Park Mall, Library Circle and South Street Station, but after talks with the University's Office of Business Operations, they realized it would be more feasible to create a new route.

Schmidt said Business Operations is negotiating a possible route. The Transpo route will run this month, with the new route finalized, but the proposed service will start this month.

Timeline:

Jan. 15 — Gaspar begins his employment with Catering... by Design
Apr. 17 — Gaspar receives graduate for $29,347
Apr. 17, 20, 28 — Gaspar claims the outstanding University about stipendship
May — University discovers stipendship
Jun. — University contacts Gaspar about stipendship
Aug. 27 — University files suit against Gaspar
Sept. 10 — Gaspar files letter telling her story of being
Oct. 18 — University and Gaspar reach settlement for $18,519.79

Grad. students raise money with mustaches

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Notre Dame graduate students will benefit a local charity, Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Joseph County, while growing mustaches in November, co-coordinator and Notre Dame graduate student in Biological Sciences Matt Barnes said. "Mustaches for Kids is basically a fundraiser similar to a walk-a-thon or fun run, but instead of walking or running we grow mustaches for charity," Barnes said.

Those involved realize the idea doesn't sound conventional. "It may sound like a silly idea, but people will pay to see guys grow mustaches," he said. The event will begin on Nov. 3 with every participating male showing up to a meeting clean shaven and with an initial donation, Patrick said. The event will run for the next four weeks, with people growing their mustaches and participating in the event.

As part of an ongoing effort to make the University of Notre Dame more eco-friendly, the Office of Sustainability and student government are hosting a Dorm Energy Competition, which kicked off yesterday and will continue through Nov. 30.

The competition will measure each residence hall's energy use and determine which dorm saved the most based on figures from the past five years. Hot water consumption will not be included in the measurements.

Patrick McCormick, a student intern at the Office of Sustainability, said there are many ways students can pitch in to help their dorms save energy, including simple actions such as turning off lights when leaving the room and unplugging electronics that aren't being used.

McCormick also emphasized the community aspect of the competition, and said the contest will be used to promote the idea of everyone at Notre Dame coming together to save energy.

"We hope this year is to try to use the Dorm Energy Competition as a way of emphasizing that acts of sustainability are acts of solidarity," he said.
Miseducation of an Indie kid

I am a music snob. I listen to British soul artists, spend hours in music stores searching dusty stacks of scratched vinyl, watch remastered DVDs of decades old concerts, spend more on head-phones than most people do on their iPods, endlessly praise the music of Tom Waits, rewatch Prince’s “Purple Rain,” publicly scoff at Pitchfork but still read the reviews, and know who won the Mercury Music Prize last year.

I’m proud of all this.

In my defense, this all started back in the eighth grade. As a chubbily 14 year-old I was enthralled by the co-ordination of a lesser evolved species, Napster, and a broadband Internet connection. I needed something to provide a wonderful feeling of super-riority. I did some things right (acquire the entire Beatles catalogue), some wrong (piracy) and some to this day that I’m ashamed to admit (acquire the entire Creed catalogue, including several live songs).

By the time I made it to high school, I was a full blown music elit-ist. I couldn’t even stomach a con-versation with you unless you knew the finer points of British rap, understood the progression of punk starting in ’77 or had a French boot-leg of some lost Whisketown tracks.

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Grant funds research on civil wars
Project to highlight sustainable ‘quality peace,’ human rights

Special to The Observer

A National Science Foundation grant to researchers Erik Melander, John Darby and Peter Wallensteen of the University of Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies will support research on how third parties can help end civil wars and promote human rights and social justice. A central aspect of the study is the development of a database with details of all third-party peacekeeping in armed conflicts that occurred between 1989 and 2008.

Civil wars are by far the most widespread form of armed conflict, according to Melander, a senior researcher at the Kroc Institute. Third-party “outsiders” — including prominent individuals, the United Nations or religious organizations — are often involved in seeking to end such conflicts. Using a combination of in-depth case studies and statistical analyses, the Kroc researchers will study ways to increase the success rate of third parties in mediating and ending civil wars.

“An important part of this project is concern for ‘quality peace,’” Melander said. “We don’t define peace as merely the absence of active fighting. The conditions for justice and human rights also need to be in place for the peace to be sustainable.”

This project is an outgrowth of the Kroc Institute’s partnership with Uppsala University in Sweden. In addition to his position at Notre Dame, Melander is deputy director of the Uppsala University Conflict Data Program. Wallensteen, the Richard G. Starrmann Sr. Research Professor of Peace Studies at the Kroc Institute, is the Dag Hammarskjöld Professor in Uppsala’s Department of Peace and Conflict Research. Darby is professor of comparative ethics and studies at the Kroc Institute.

Paleontologist to speak today

Special to The Observer

British paleontologist Simon Conway Morris will deliver a lecture titled “Darwin’s Compass: How Evolution Discovers the Song of Creation” at 8 p.m. today in the auditorium of the University of Notre Dame’s Jordan Hall of Science. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Conway Morris’ talk is the closing event of an international conference titled “Darwin in the 21st Century: Nature, Humanity and God” which was sponsored by the university’s Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values, and the Pontifical Council for Culture’s Science, Theology, and the Ontological Quest (STOQ) Project in Rome.

Known as the foremost authority on the Cambrian Explosion, Conway Morris is a professor of evolutionary paleobiology in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Cambridge. He is renowned for his many debates with the late Stephen Jay Gould on the topic of the predictability of evolutionary history.

Conway Morris was elected a fellow of the Royal Society at age 39 and is the author of a number of books on evolution, including “The Crucible of Creation: The Burgess Shale and the Rise of Animals” and “Life’s Solution: Inevitable Humans in a Lonely Universe.” His research interests include the study of Burgess Shale-type faunas, the first appearance of skeletons and the Cambrian “explosion.”

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deal with Transpo, and the cost of the route is about $25,000 annually, which exceeds student government’s budget for the project.

“What we decided to do is take money from College Readership,” Schmidt said. “Everyday we get 200 issues of the Chicago Tribune, 200 New York Times, 200 USA Today, but we cut the Chicago Tribune subscription down to 90.”

This reallocation generated $14,000 for student government to put towards the project. Schmidt then appealed to the Office of Student Affairs to pay the remaining $10,000. “We emphasized that this was a safety issue,” Schmidt said. “We don’t want students walking home from bars late at night.”

Fr. Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, said the Office agreed to put up the $11,000 in a trial basis. “The core of our funding is contingent upon utilization of the amount of ridership during this academic year, as well as continued financial support by student government,” Poorman said. “We believe this is a creative and responsible effort on the part of student government to address the needs of our students who socialize off campus and want to return to the campus safely.”

Schmidt said he has heard some criticism of the new Transpo route, namely that the service would encourage students to drink off campus and gather in residential neighborhoods. But he said the bus stops in the neighborhoods will be at well lit street corners rather than in the middle of a residential street.

Poorman said he heard this concern was raised in the Community Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meeting. “It is in my understanding that in a recent CCAC meeting a concern was raised about possible gatherings of riders waiting for the bus in front of residential houses,” Poorman said. “Transpo and student government have worked together to locate bus stops in places which would minimize or eliminate opportunities for neighborhoods to be disturbed.”

Lewis said he does not expect problems resulting from students using the buses after spending the night out at a bar. “This is a great way to serve the community by getting students home safely from downtown late at night,” Lewis said. “We expect that students will appreciate the opportunity to ride the buses safely and will govern themselves accordingly.”

Schmidt said he hopes to have the contracts and routes finalized soon and have route maps printed and distributed to students. “We’re really excited about this,” Schmidt said. “It’s huge that student government, Student Affairs and Transpo are collaborating on something this big.”

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“Take money from College Readership” — this is an invitation to the entire Notre Dame community to renew our campus commitment towards the common good of all.”

Going along with this idea, the theme for this year’s contest is “Save Energy, Save Lives.” McCormick said the theme is meant to stress the interdependence involved in saving energy, since overconsumption can lead to climate change that affects people in other countries, not just in the United States.

“We now know that our consumption habits affect people’s lives around the world not just tomorrow, but today,” McCormick said.

This year, the Office of Sustainability will donate the savings from the winning dorm to the Global Water Project — a nonprofit organization that digs wells in Africa to provide water for people in need. Roseberry said the dorm energy contest connects with the Office of Sustainability Initiative because of the contest’s focus on using the idea of sustainability to save lives.

“We think the Office of Sustainability has been a real great resource and office on campus and their mission of sustainability ties in really well with the mission of educating people on campus about the need for water,” Roseberry said. “We’re saving money here on campus but we’re also using that money to bring water to people in Africa through the wells that we save.”

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closely with Gaspar to devise a settlement that would be reasonable for both sides.

“We worked very closely with Ms. Gaspar to resolve that matter and we think that the terms that both sides have agreed to are fair, and we’ll just leave it at that,” he said.

According to an Oct. 31 article in The South Bend Tribune, Gaspar will repay the debt in incremental payments of $50 per month, “meaning that the entire debt likely would be repaid in about 25 years.”

The Tribune also said Gaspar was forced to pledge the car she bought with the mistaken gratuity — a 2002 Volkswagen Jetta — as collateral to secure the agreement.

Although the documents were filed last Wednesday, Brown said media outlets did not become aware of the settlement until a court date on Friday.

“There was a court date on Friday so that’s when the Tribune and other media became aware of the settlement,” Brown said.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**Venezuelan troops slay near Columbia**

CARACAS, Venezuela — Two soldiers in Venezuela’s Naitoh Guaido have been shot to death near the border with Colombia.

State television says unidentified assailants gunned down the soldiers at a roadside checkpoint in the western state of Tachira. It says Maduro’s government confirmed to the National Guard and police.

Phone calls to the National Guard’s offices were unanswered. The guard is separate from Venezuela’s army.

Colombian rebels, paramilitary groups and drug traffickers operate along the remote border.

**Animals added to endangered list**

GENEVA — A rare tree frog found only in central Peru could soon croak its last, as deforestation and infection push the species toward extinction, an environmental group said Tuesday.

The Rabb’s fringe-limbed tree frog, which only became known to science four years ago, is one of 1,895 amphibian species that could soon disappear in the wild, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Switzerland-based IUCN surveyed a total of 47,338 animal species worldwide and this year’s “Red List” of endangered species and determined that 17,291 of them are threatened with extinction.

More than one in five of all known mammals, over a quarter of reptiles and 70 percent of plants are under threat, according to the survey, which featured over 2,800 new species compared with 2008.

**National News**

**Jerry Brown spokesman resigns**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The communications director for California Attorney General Jerry Brown resigned Monday after it was revealed he had secretly recorded telephone conversations with reporters.

Brown, 31, released his resignation letter that he let down the attorney general’s office and himself when he recorded phone interviews with reporters without seeking their permission.

“My purpose wasn’t to play gotcha but simply to have an accurate record of officials, on-the-record statements on matters of public policy,” he wrote. “It is with a heavy heart and without ever for a moment realizing I had made serious errors in judgment.”

**Maine to vote on gay marriage**

PORTLAND, Maine — Bolstered by out-of-state money and volunteers, both sides scheduled Monday to make a final push into a state that could give gay rights activists in the U.S. their first victory at the ballot box on the deeply divisive issue of same-sex marriage.

The state’s voters will decide Tuesday whether to repeal a law that would allow gay marriage.

The law was passed by the Legislature and signed by Democratic Gov. John Baldacci last May but has never taken effect.

The contest is considered too close to call, and both campaigns worked vigorously — with rallies, phone calls, e-mails and ads — to be sure their supporters cast votes in the off-year election.

Eight states have passed measures to ban gay marriage, but have never taken effect.

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**Local News**

**Coil thief sentenced to jail**

GROW POINT, Ind. — A prosecutor says a Gary man has been sentenced to seven years in prison for stealing metal heating coils from an elementary school.

Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter said Monday that 56-year-old Michael Lammis was sentenced after pleading guilty Oct. 5 to burglary.

Carter says Deneal entered Gary’s Locke Elementary by opening a closed window May 21 and took the coils. He also tried to remove metal pipes.

The prosecutor’s office didn’t know if Deneal had an attorney.

**South Korea**

**N. Korea issues nuclear threat**

SEUL — North Korea issued a veiled threat to increase its nuclear arsenal if U.S. officials do not quickly agree to the one-on-one talks that the communist regime is demanding.

The regime’s impatience came days after its No. 2 nuclear negotiator Ri Gun came away from meetings in Washington saying Sung Yun Kim without an agreement to hold bilateral talks.

“If the U.S. is not ready to sit at a negotiating table with the (North), it goes it’s own way,” the North’s Foreign Ministry said Monday in a statement carried by Pyongyang’s official Korean Central News Agency.

The statement did not elaborate, but it was widely seen as a warning that the North will bolster its nuclear stockpile — a brinksmanship tactic that the communist nation has often employed.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Ian Kelley did not comment on the North’s statement, though he told reporters Monday that Kim “had very useful discussions” with Ri.

He also said the U.S. is “still considering” North Korea’s invitation for talks with a Bosworth, the U.S. special envoy on North Korea, to visit Pyongyang for talks.

In September, the North said it would begin with plutonium, a key ingredient for nuclear bombs, and that it had succeeded in uranium enrichment, which would give the regime a second way to make atomic bombs. The regime also was seen as a pressure tactic aimed at getting Washington to agree to one-on-one talks.

North Korea has mixed these with calls for the deeply divisive issue of same-sex marriage.

China, Japan, Russia, the U.S. and the two Koreas.

North Korea and the U.S. fought on opposite sides of the Korean War of the 1950s and do not have diplomatic relations. Both nations have tanks and troops on guard at the heavily fortified border dividing the two Koreas.

Pyongyang claims it must develop atomic weapons to defend itself against nuclear threats from the U.S. The regime has long sought direct negotiations with Washington saying it was because of U.S. nuclear threats that the country develop nuclear bombs.

Washington has denied it has any intention of attacking the North. But Defense Secretary Robert Gates assured Seoul last month that Washington was prepared to unleash all military capabilities — including its nuclear might — to defend the long-time ally.

Pyongyang’s main Rodong Sinmun newspaper blasted Gates’ remarks, saying the U.S. is trying to provoke a nuclear war on the Korean peninsula.

The paper said in a comment carried by KCNA that the North’s “nuclear deterrent will be bolstered” if the U.S. refuses to switch its “policy of aggression” toward the North.

On Monday, the North’s foreign ministry also said that “meaningful progress” on a nuclear-free Korean peninsula is possible — “if the hostile relations between the (North) and the U.S. are settled and confidence is built between them.”

Washington has maintained that it is willing to engage North Korea in bilateral talks — if they lead to the resumption of the stalled six-nation disarmament talks.

North Korea’s Ri, who was in the U.S. at the invitation of private organizations, said discussions with the U.S. envoy were “useful,” South Korea’s Yonhap news agency reported. Still, both KCNA and State Department officials in Washington said no decision had been made on holding bilateral talks.

The North agreed in 2007 to disable its nuclear facilities — as a step toward its ultimate dismantlement — in exchange for energy aid and political concessions.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, second from left, talks with his South Korean counterpart Kim Tae-Young during a meeting at the Defense Ministry in Seoul Thursday.

**Spain**

**Climate delegates call on U.S. for strong policy**

BARCELONA — As China’s actions to curb gas emissions garnered praise at U.N. climate talks, the United States came under renewed pressure to come up with a plan to cut pollution blamed for hastening global warming.

Delegates at the weeklong talks in Barcelona pressed Monday for Washington to make specific commitments in reducing carbon emissions and contributing to a global climate fund to help poor countries cope with damage caused by climate change.

“We expect the United States to be able to deliver on one of the major challenges of our century,” Denmark’s Minister for Climate and Energy Connie Hedegaard said.

Delegates expressed frustration Monday that, after two years of talks on drafting a new pact, the U.S. has been unable to make firm commitments because it is waiting for Congress to enact legislation.

World nations hope to finalize a new global warming pact in time for it to be adopted at a major U.N. conference next month in Copenhagen. The deal would replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, but require both industrial countries and developing countries to rein in emissions of carbon and other heat-raising greenhouse gases. Kyoto applied only to industrialized nations, and was rejected by the United States.

Hedegaard noted that President Barack Obama, cited for raising hopes of a more peaceful and climate friendly world, will receive the Nobel Peace Prize in nearby Norway on Dec. 10 — just after the decisive climate conference gets under way.

“It’s very hard to imagine how the American president can receive the Nobel Peace Prize and at the same time send a signal to the rest of the world,” she said.

This year’s conference is the first since the United Nations called for 2009 to be the “Year of Action.”

U.S. chief delegate Jonathan Pershing said the U.S. intended to part of a deal, but would ensure that any deal signed would be accepted by Congress.
Stanley Works buys Black & Decker

CHICAGO — The tool maker Stanley Works is buying rival Black & Decker Corp. for $4.5 billion, the two companies said Monday, uniting two of their industry’s most iconic brands.

The deal would create the largest U.S. toolmaker, which will be called Stanley Black & Decker. Stanley shareholders will own about 50.5 percent of the combined company, which will be called Stanley Black & Decker. Black & Decker shareholders will hold a 49.5 percent stake after the all-stock deal is complete.

This is a unique opportuni ty to combine two great companies, each with first-rate brands, and provide enhanced opportunities to generate superior returns as we build on this new, larger platform,” Stanley Chairman John F. Lundgren, who will be president and CEO, said in a statement.

Black & Decker shareholders are to receive about 1.28 shares of Stanley Works for each share they own. The nine members of Stanley Works’ board will remain in place, but six new members from Black & Decker’s current board.

The deal is expected to cost by $350 million within three years, likely in part through savings from the combined company. Stanley shareholders will own about 50.5 percent of the combined company, which will be called Stanley Black & Decker. Black & Decker shareholders will hold a 49.5 percent stake after the all-stock deal is complete.

There were many requests from New Yorkers to serve on the ship, which will carry some 250 passengers. After the ground zero stop, the ship — escorted by about two dozen tugboats and other vessels — headed up the Hudson River toward the George Washington Bridge. A U-turn there, it headed south to Pier 88. An official commissioning ceremony is scheduled for Saturday.

The New York will remain in the city through Veterans Day and then head to Norfolk, Va., for about a year of crew training and exercises, Murphy said.

The ship is 684 feet long and can carry 22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft. Its flight deck can handle helicopters and the MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft.

It was scheduled to be built before the terrorist attacks. After the attacks, the announcement came that the ship would bear the name New York to honor the city, state, and those who died.

The USS New York passes the Statue of Liberty Monday. The ship was built from steel from the World Trade Center.

Hospital fined for wrong-site surgery

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Rhode Island’s largest hospital was fined $150,000 and ordered to take the extraordinary step of installing video cameras in all of its operating rooms after it had its fifth wrong-site surgery since 2007, state health officials said Monday.

Rhode Island Hospital, the teaching hospital for Brown University’s Alpert Medical School, was fined a second time for a surgery in which the wrong operating site was operated on. The hospital also was fined $50,000 after brain surgeons operated on the wrong part of the heads of three patients in 2007. Gifford said his department has issued only two fines, both to Rhode Island Hospital.

Gifford sent a letter and order to hospital CEO Timothy Babineau on Monday. Babineau said in a statement that the hospital was committed to reducing medical errors and had been taking steps to improve patient safety.

But he also requested a meeting with state officials to discuss the sanctions, saying he was disappointed that it had not incorporated into its order separate recommendations from the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare. A hospital spokes- woman, asked to elaborate, said she did not know what those recommendations were.

The latest incident last month involved a patient who was to have surgery on two fingers. Instead, the surgeon performed both operations on the same finger. Under protocols adopted in the medical field, the surgery site should have been marked and the surgical team should have taken a timeout before cutting to ensure they were operating on the right part of the patient’s body and doing the correct procedure.

Gifford said the surgeon performed the wrong surgery, but they did not do a timeout, something Gifford called “amazing” given that they had just made such a serious error.

The order includes a provi sion that the hospital must assign a clinical employee who is not part of the surgical team to observe all surgeries at the hospital for at least one year. The person will monitor whether doctors are marking the site to be operated on and taking time to verify that the right part of the patient is being operated on.

The order is to be involved in marking the surgi cal site. It also gives the hospital 45 days to install video and audio recording equipment in all its operating rooms. Every doctor will be taped performing sur gery at least twice every year, although it will be left up to the hospital whether to tell surgeons when they are being monitored, he said.

The purpose is to use it as a monitor and a training tool, he said.

“Professional athletes do it all the time,” he said.
**IN BRIEF**

Government unlikely to recover funds

WASHINGTON — Government negotiators say the U.S. government is unlikely to recover all of its investment in General Motors or Chrysler because the companies’ value would need to “grow substantially above what they have been in the past.”

A Government Accountability Office report released Monday is the latest review to cast doubt on the likelihood that taxpayers will fully recoup more than $80 billion invested in the two U.S. automakers.

Treasury officials told the GAO that they are considering initial public offerings or private investments to finance the plant’s construction next to an existing power station near Milbank, S.D., was meant to supply about 550 megawatts of electricity to the region.

“Now, add it all up, and the price tag for his reform plan...
It has become the latest ploy in the lib- eral plot to sell their beloved public option to wary Republicans and moder- nate Democrats, not to mention a skep- tical public. Last week, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced that the latest version of the House bill will con- tain what she likes to call “the consumer option.’’

I do think that when people think of it as their option, their consumer option. Because public is being misrepresented as being something that’s paid for by taxpayer dollars, which it is not.

In other words, Democrats in favor of the public ... I mean consumer option are hanging their hopes on voters being gullible enough to believe that a simple name change and a few minor compro- mises will alter the fundamental flaws embedded in the plan.

Sound familiar? Earlier in 2009, a memo released to Pentagon staff mem- bers advised that in place of the phrase “Global War on Terror,” they should begin referring to the effort as the “War on Contingency Operations.” Perhaps the administration hoped the public would assume that because a new phrase was being used, President Obama had kept his promise to bring the war to an end. Yet seven months later, the pres- ident is still contemplating another surge in troops, this time in Afghanistan.

So, round the same time, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano revealed her preferred method of speaking about terrorism:

“...in my speech, although I did not use the word ‘terrorism,’ I referred to ‘man- caused’ disasters. That is perhaps only a nuance, but it demonstrates that we want to move away from the politics of fear toward a policy of being prepared for all risks that can occur.”

Yes, a mere “nuance” that attempts to make acts of terrorism seem less, well, terrible. The term “man-caused disas- ters” makes a terrorist attack sound like an accident, as though faulty engines had caused three planes to crash into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon rather than a group of Islamic extremists bent on murdering innocent civilians to make a political point.

Indeed both parties are guilty of attempting to sway public opinion with a variety of deceptive language. Frank Luntz, a Republican communications consultant, has made a career out of advising political clients how to sell their message by using more appealing terminology. In an age when 10-second sound bites and late-night comedy shows provide much of the pub- lic’s political education, it’s no wonder politicians find it necessary to carefully calculate every word. Political mar- keting strategies have become an essen- tial component of both campaigns and governance, and framing the debate through word choice has been shown to be an effective tool in steering the voters’ perceptions of issues.

But there is a very important, though often times subtle, difference between making a message sound attractive and deliberately attempting to mislead the public in order to make unpopular poli- cies more palatable.

An easy way to distinguish between the two methods is timing. When a politi- cian uses a phrase to describe a particu- lar message or policy from the outset, it is likely that the phrase amounts to, at worst, a mere sugarcoating of reality. Or as George W. Bush’s “compassionate conserva- tives” motto during the 2000 elec- tion provides a good example of this. Call it vacuous, but the term does describe a particular political phi- losophy that seeks to promote societal welfare through traditionally conserva- tive means.

However, attempting to change termi- nology midway through the debate sig- nals a more deceitful plot. Speaker Pelosi, the realizing of the public option to wary Republicans and moder- ate Democrats’ attempts to reform health-care, the party leadership is now scram- cling to find a new approach to push the legislation through Congress. Here is what the Speaker stated during the aforementioned speech in defense of the consumer option:

“ ‘It lowers costs. It lowers cost.”

Remember it lowers cost. That’s very important, by the way, of billions of dollars. Without the consumer option lowers cost to the budget and to the taxpayer.

Wait a second. Didn’t she just say that the phrase “public” option is a misnomer because it leads people to believe that the plan will be funded by taxpayer dol- lars even though it is not? Yet now the “consumer” option is lowering costs “to the budget and to the taxpayer.” How can these costs be lowered to taxpayers if taxpayers are not footing the bill?

The Wall Street Journal suggests that both of Pelosi’s statements are far from truthful. Describing what it calls “European levels of taxation,” the Journal reports that the House favors $572 billion in new taxes, which will be covered by raising the top marginal tax rate to 45 percent in 2011. As for lowering costs, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office predicts the program will cost $1.055 trillion over the next decade even though Pelosi claimed the net cost would only be $89 billion.

What is most disturbing about these figures is that they represent very con- servative estimates. To put them into perspective, we can compare the pre- dicted costs of Obamacare to those of a similar entitlement program, like Medicare. In 1967, two years after Medicare became law, the average Medicare beneficiary was spending $1,350 a year; in 2009, the average Medicare beneficiary was spending $10,000.

Unfortunately, real problems cannot be resolved by changing a name. If a name, then Obama could save a lot of taxpayer dollars, and we mean dollars, by simply renaming Gitmo “The Super-Fun Torture-Free Happy Day Camp for Detainees.” When a politician attempts to rebrand a policy midway through the debate, remember that “a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” Or in this case, a public option by any other name will be just as disas- trous.

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He had been here before. He couldn’t remember here before. Perhaps it had been in a dream, or maybe he was experiencing a moment of déjà vu. But as much as he tried to push against that brick wall, he could not remember how to get through. His fingers gripped the cold brick and tore down the wall, but he only came away with dirty, bloody fingernails. He kicked, he punched, he yelled, but nothing worked. All he could see was that he had to get to the other side soon. His life was depending on it.

Part 2 by Christine Fagan

Desperate for a way through, he decided to try a new approach. He swallowed all that was left of his pride and leaned his whole body into the bricks. He simply leaned, and with that he could feel movement. The wall ebbed and flowed as if controlled by that breath. This wall works remarkably like a lung, he thought as he continued his leaning. In almost an instant he felt swallowed. The wall consumed him in his entirety and he clumsily fell through the bricks. Given the chance he would have screamed, but a contradictory mix of pride and hopeless fear overtook him, and he remained silent. After a few seconds of eternity, he was on the other side. Once he regained his balance he stood ready to face the council. He was going to win, if only because he was not ready to die.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Notre Dame Boxing Club has supported the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh for 80 years. This Spring will mark a number of achievements for one of Notre Dame’s proudest traditions. In addition to celebrating the 80th anniversary of our founding, the one millionth dollar raised in donations will be sent over to help build and maintain schools. The Bengal Bouts will also feature the documentary, “Strong Bodies Fight,” to the public with a students-only screening at 9:30 p.m. on Friday Nov. 6 at the Debartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC). While the program has historically supported the missions through a donation check, this achievement is the culmination of the Bengal Bouts. You have developed a much more tangible relationship with the people of Bangladesh. For the first time in the summer of 2008, five boxers witnessed firsthand how far our support goes. We are not just a check received, we are part of a nationwide crusade against global poverty through the tool of education. The Bengal Bouts now sends boxers every year as part of a Notre Dame SSLP to help teach classes at our educational facilities that have been built. Children now have hope — they can develop a profession through years of educational instruction.

Mark Weber ’09 and other producers have put forth a lot of time to effectively portray the transformation of the Bengal Bouts. The film captures a special relationship that continues to improve. Please support the 200+ plus men and women who continue to give hope to the lives of many. And come spring, please remember to support your friends in the Bengal Bouts.

Chris Cagliari senior off campus Nov. 2

Greetings, ND Community

We all know who Soulja Boy is. He is the performer of one of the worst songs to ever reach No. 1 in the U.S. Many of us have even seen his interviews, with the faulty grammar and the air of undeserved superiority. But what if all of it was a satirical play to make fun of new wave hip hop and rap? The only way to pull off a successful deception in a performance is to sell the deception before and after the show. The deceivers has to live his entire life in a way that lives up to the people’s expectations. Knowing this, it would not be enough for Soulja Boy just to create awful music. To be successful in this plot, Soulja Boy has to live his entire life the way his music portrays him. This would be Soulja Boy’s motivation to act like a musterbulator and in life in general.

Soulja Boy’s songs are proof of this conspiracy. Honestly, how could anybody actual be he that monumentally ignorant? All of his songs are ridiculous (not to mention awful) in wildly different ways. Even though he claims not to rap about sex and violence, “Crank That (Soulja Boy)” is only about violent sex, and he can be seen holding a gun in the original Crank that Dakota video. Not to mention the beat sounds like a meth addict left alone with a steel drum. Bottom line, nobody possibly could be this dumb in so many ways. His songs and interviews don’t just show us how ignorant he is, they are a proclamation to the world that deliberately says, “Hey world, I’m brainless!” I don’t believe that Soulja Boy is actually this ignorant, he only pretends to be dumb to make fun of rap and other rappers. He pulled a big one over all of our heads.

Danny Masse freshman Siegfried Nov. 2

“Loyal Daughters and Sons” will be performed this week (Wed.-Fri.) at the Library Auditorium, and I highly encourage all in the community to go see it, to raise awareness of the issue of sexual harassment and violence both on our campus and in our society. I saw this performance last year, and it made a huge impact on me, as an alum, father of a current ND student. I saw this performance as a deep impact that can not be matched by simply reading about this subject. I especially call upon all Notre Dame priests to come see this performance. Priests counsel students on a wide range of issues, but are they comfortable with and aware of sexual harassment/violence often held by those that are monumentally ignorant? All of his songs are ridiculous (not to mention awful) in wildly different ways. Even though he claims not to rap about sex and violence, “Crank That (Soulja Boy)” is only about violent sex, and he can be seen holding a gun in the original Crank that Dakota video. Not to mention the beat sounds like a meth addict left alone with a steel drum. Bottom line, nobody possibly could be this dumb in so many ways. His songs and interviews don’t just show us how ignorant he is, they are a proclamation to the world that deliberately says, “Hey world, I’m brainless!” I don’t believe that Soulja Boy is actually this ignorant, he only pretends to be dumb to make fun of rap and other rappers. He pulled a big one over all of our heads.

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By DECLAN SULLIVAN
Scene Writer

Last year, the duo Shwayze burst onto the music scene with their self-titled debut, an album that successfully combined rock and rap into a sound that can only be described as California beach music. Despite being on the Vans Warped Tour and being involved in a multitude of side projects — ranging from running a record label to producing a movie — Aaron Smith, a.k.a. Shwayze, and Cisco Adler have managed to record another album, “Let It Beat,” which is being released today. My friend Mike Bartlett and I recently had a chance to talk to Cisco, former frontman for Whitestar and son of the famous producer Lou Adler, about the new album, some of his side projects and exactly what it was like to write a record on his own. “I gave Aaron the nickname Cisco Adler: A jazz man who is said to be from South Bend. I mean, come on — Iowa? Really?” He was young and hungry, and I had a vision of what I wanted my next project to be, and it all just kind of fit together.

CA: Yeah, I did one of the songs for them. I'm always working. I do more music than I do anything. I think people just have a preconceived notion about what you are or what you do, and they don't even go searching for the real-ness.

DS: So what else are you working on besides Shwayze?

CA: Well, [Dr. Luke] and I just finished Mickey Avalon's second record [due out in February], and that record's really strong. I just finished four or five songs for the band Unwritten Law, a big punk band out of San Diego. I got Love & Special Sauce coming into the studio in the next two minutes — you know, it's all over the board. I just try to do things that I like.

DS: Have you heard rumors about you and Shwayze working on a movie, “Big Jack's Tickets.” Are you still working on that?

CA: It's being written right now. We're tight.— and I think after we tour for this album cycle, we're going to try to put some time aside to shoot it and get it done.

DS: Mind giving any plot details or a brief overview of what it's all about?

CA: I don't want to give too much away. It's a buddy comedy centered around a semi-fictional music act. It's not us, but it's kind of us, and it's about ... uh ... well, you know I can't say too much. It is being directed by Nicole Goossen, who directed “Grandma's Boy.”

DS: Really? Awesome!

CA: Yeah, that movie is hilarious. We're excited to have him on board.

DS: We are well aware of that film here; good stuff.

CA: Yeah, that whole camp is going to be in it.

DS: Okay, two more questions. First, with your record label, Ranabate Records, is there any artist you really want to bump right now?

CA: Chris Young the Rapper. He is, he's ... he's just brilliant. He's one of the best rappers I've ever heard in my life. Lyrically, his flow, his freestyle ability. He's ... he's just a true artist, you know, down in his soul. He just put out an EP — the “Mood Swing” EP — it really shows his range. I'm very excited about that record.

DS: So, last question. I see that you're doing the Party Rock tour right now with LMFAO, and I have to say, I'm sad. I'm seeing places like Des Moines, Iowa on there, but no Notre Dame. Are you coming out here anytime in the near future?

CA: I'm kind of sad, too. (Laughs.) I wish we had more control, but with all the things that go into planning a tour ... it just all has to fit in, magically. Believe me, we want to go to more places that we haven't gone to, and there are certain places we really want to check out. Notre Dame is one. I'm sure we'll get there soon — we're touring for this record all the way till next summer. I will make a point of it.

DS: I'm glad to hear that. I mean, if you're going out to Des Moines, at the very least you gotta make it to South Bend. I mean, come on — Iowa? Really?

CA: (Laughs.) Yeah, we'll definitely make it out there.

DS: Good to hear, good to hear. Thanks for talking to me, man.

CA: Cool, man. Just tell people to check out “Let It Beat,” we're really proud of this record. We took the sound everyone fell in love with and gave them a little bit of that, but then also we evolved it and grew a little bit. We're not a one-trick pony over here.

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By KATHERINE GREENSPON
Scene Writer

WITH INSPIRATIONS LIKE Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles and Louis Armstrong, Bublé makes sure that their spirits shine through in his remastered melodies. The young Canadian crooner is best known for his all-American classics and for a warm voice that has earned him the reputation of a modern-day Sinatra. His wicked charm and charisma on stage are breathtaking, and his versatility is incredible as he intertwines himself in the jazz, rock, blues and pop genres that have taken custody of so many young and old souls.

“Crazy Love” focuses on Bublé’s renditions of famous American tunes like “Georgia on My Mind” by Ray Charles and “Grye Me a River” by Julie London. One of the album’s highlights is Bublé’s hit single “Crazy Love.” An adaptation of the song originally performed by Van Morrison. Morrison was a master of soul music, and his passion for his art inspired Bublé to try out his own modified version, adding his signature smooth tone and flowing energy. If you purchase the album, you might also want to consider the bonus video track of Bublé singing “Haven’t Met You Yet” with his dear old man.

The album showcases contemporary elements with the bustling sounds of brass and guitar. Vocal ensemble 7 really lend their voices to the oldie “Stardust,” and fellow Canadian songwriter Ron Sexsmith contributed a ballad in the track “Whatever It Takes.” For years Bublé has worked with the big boys of blues, but on this album he has transformed into a cool, controlled and heartfelt singer who is coming into his own not only as an artist, but also as an assured performer.

With its fun ballads and over-the-top lyrical performances, anyone can instantly become infatuated with “Crazy Love.” Bublé is constantly influenced by the jazz aesthetic, and in “Grye Me a River” we get a jazz club feel with a smooth beat all the way through Bublé’s music is easy on the ears and perfect for those long drives home or long nights in the library studying. He is at his best with swinging beats and an attitude that will hypnotize listeners. When concentrating on these upbeat tunes, it is hard not to picture Bublé and all the collaborators having a blast in the recording studio.

Bublé has progressed and matured very well as an artist, and he is now releasing “Crazy Love” with a more relaxed, positive and upbeat sound. With a voice that sounds effortless and a passion that comes through on each cut, it is impossible to think this guy doesn’t have talent.

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Only twice did Cronin express his political views on stage, as members of the music industry are wont to do, and he did so tastefully (or as tastefully as one can). He did not mention anyone specifically, and he expressed his desire for a change that he thinks is coming in this country. One of these statements occurred during the performance of “Golden Country,” a song written during the Vietnam War, and the other occurred just before the encore performance of “Riding the Storm Out,” which brought down the house.

The opening act of the night was another famous rock band from the 70s, the British rock group Foghat. It seemed that some members of the audience actually had come to see Foghat rather than R.E.O., and the band did not disappoint. Saving their three most famous songs for last, Foghat performed “I Just Want to Make Love to You,” “ Fool for the City” and finally “Slow Ride” to perfection.

Despite the facts that they have been playing together since 1967, that they were nearly overshadowed by the opening band, and that lead singer Cronin doesn’t quite have the voice that he used to, one thing was clear from the opening song — R.E.O. Speedwagon, after all this time, can still rock.

With his patented platinum blond hair and a white suit that could rival Elvis, Kevin Cronin, the long-time lead singer of R.E.O. Speedwagon, came onstage to a roar from the mostly 40-something crowd and moved right into R.E.O.’s most popular hits. Cronin struggled somewhat, especially in the beginning, to hit the notes that he used to, which became obvious as he changed some of them to better fit his voice. Particularly during their second song, “Take It On the Run,” it was clear from the opening song — R.E.O. Speedwagon, the Run, it was clear that Cronin didn’t have the range that he used to, but it didn’t take away too much from the performance on the whole.

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Both hands performed excellently considering their ages and the wear that the rock and roll style must have put on their bodies. And despite the average age of the crowd, R.E.O. Speedwagon delivered a performance that, because of the familiarity of the songs and the pure enjoyment they expressed on stage, could be enjoyed by rock lovers of all ages.

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Superfreaks: Weird Music and the people who listen to it

By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

Studying brings out the worst in people. Anyone who has crumpled a piece of paper or sneezed in a library during finals week has learned this the hard way. Nevertheless, in the dark, dreary tunnel of books and noses meet in a gleam of light for musical exploration.

Do yourself a favor and complete this little social experiment. Next time you’re in the library and you have to go to the bathroom or pick up another book, creep on people’s music. It’s an awesome bored-in-the-library game. Walk up to a person, make a mental assumption about what they’re listening to, then sneak a peak, and you’re wrong. Totally, totally wrong. Guaranteed. Goth girl is listening to the “Pride and Prejudice” soundtrack. Guy you thought would be all about DMX is actually all about “Weird Al.” It’s strange, and it’s occasionally kind of frightening (say, when a Marilyn Manson fan pops up), but it’s true.

The experiment does not just have to target random people; friends are the best for creeping. They are the ones who will have the weirdest stuff, so be prepared to question everything about them. Welcome to the moment of finding the freak in people. For instance, you say you’ve had a best friend since freshman year. Forget the person who can sing every Taylor Swift album word for word, note for note. She (or he) has been replaced by a pod-person working up a mental sweat to steel drums or to those weird relaxation CDs they keep by the greeting cards in Target. It might even have some album cover that is just a picture of a freaked-out eye — don’t even try to find out what that’s about (true story!). The biggest confession in a friendship might be about someone’s obsession with hip-hop violin music.

Everyone listens to some kind of quirky, random music. Maybe it’s the Italian route — Andrea Bocelli. Frank Sinatra, Dino [Dean Martin] and the boys — or maybe a World Music CD happened to find its way into the space between the driver’s seat and the console in your car. Here’s another social experiment. Next time you go on a food run off campus, check out the loner guy who pulls up at the stoplight next to you (yeah, like you don’t anyway), and guaranteed, three out of every four people is grooving out to what has to be some weird, embarrassing music, like that Kenny G’s Christmas CD that chills out the disguise of a Metallica case when other dudes are in the car.

Here’s the deal: everyone wishes they or she could be cool about his or her music all the time, and oh, the lengths to which we go to hide the weird stuff. Hint: ladies your boyfriend’s iTunes “most played” playlist doesn’t lie, and apparently, neither do his hips, because he is lovin’ him some Shakira. Having perfectly hip music taste is just not possible, because we all have that weird compulsion that makes an Irish Catholic, Ralph Lauren and Gap girl want to krump on a study break to some tribal dance music that may or may not have been bought on a whim at Ten Thousand Villages. It’s the same whim that makes a guy who would sleep outside for three weeks and sell a kidney to see Slipknot turn up the Enya when the day gets a little stressful. Can’t help it, can’t stop it and definitely can’t hide it.

That “Best of John Tesh” CD will eventually slide out from under the passenger seat, and at the worst possible moment, so be it. Let the musical freak flag fly, because everyone has it. A certain reporter for a school newspaper whose name may or may not be on this byline will out here right here and now: Cajun music (Blind Uncle Gaspard, anyone?) and polka. It’s a freeing feeling, trust. I don’t let the haters get you down, because there’s a reason Celine Dion had a sold out Las Vegas show for five years (hint: there are only so many middle-aged Canadians in the world). You are not alone.

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Irish top Purdue to earn a berth in the Midwest Rugby Playoffs; Rowers to compete in Indianapolis tournament

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women’s rugby team traveled to The Cleveland Racquet Club (CRC) to challenge the University of Rochester this weekend. Upon arrival the two clubs played in a mini-singles round-robin match in groups of three. Following the mini-singles the teams played an official College Squash Association (CSA) match, fall 3-0 to Rochester.

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The second half started much as the first half with strong play from both sides. However, on a costly line-break from the Purdue backline, the Boilermakers were able to score and take a 10-7 lead.

The Irish struck back as freshmen Sean Peterson was able to use his kicking ability to plant the ball deep in Purdue territory. The Irish forced Purdue to kick the ball over on their own 20-meter line. However, the Irish were unable to take advantage of the break.

With five minutes remaining in the game, the Irish made a 35-meter line-break, which would give the Irish another try to go up the scoreboard.

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Men’s Rowing

The Irish traveled to the Indianapolis Rowing Center Saturday to compete at the Head of the Eagle this past weekend. A record of 10 boats, including rowing, with some rowers competing in races for the first three times, meant everyone’s fitness was pushed to the limit against competitors such as Michigan, Grand Valley, and Purdue.

The day started with the Men’s open 2x, where Notre Dame struck second, third, fourth and sixth places. This race was followed closely by the Novice 8+ and B races, perhaps some of the most competitive races of the day. The Irish took fourth and sixth respectively, battling through heavy winds early in the day.

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The morning was wrapped up with the Men’s 1x, an event led by senior coxswain Michael Lehmann and stroked by junior Michael Maggart took second in their race, while the Notre Dame boat and junior Lisa Folkher and stroked by sophomore Garrett Campbell took first in their race. The third 4+ wrapped up the day with a third place finish in their race.

The afternoon started with juniors Graham Boecheier and Kurt Krautmann taking fourth in the Men’s Open Pair’s race. The Notre Dame boat was close by a third place finish with the Men’s 2x 8+. The day closed with the Men’s 0/8, races in which Notre Dame fielded four boats. The top Varsity 8+, led by Folkher and stroked by Campbell. Over the 4.5-kilometer course, the Irish boat, led by sophomore Garrett Campbell, took first place, only three seconds behind Michigan and eight seconds behind Grand Valley. The second Varsity 8+, led by senior coxswain John Schulte, took third in their race with a time of 15:14, and the club’s two Novice teams, Novice 2x and 11th in the Men’s 0/8 race.

In two weeks the Notre Dame boat will compete in this annual ‘Froshbite Row’ regatta, hosted by the University of the St. Joseph river in South Bend. This will be the last competition before going indoors for winter training.

Cavs guard West to ride bench after return to team

Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Delonte West sat under the basket after practice on Monday chatting with his former Cleveland Cavaliers teammate Octavia Ratliff. Ratliff was expected to face reporting for the first time since taking two leaves of absence during training camp and missing the Cavaliers’ first three games.

When he walked in, the Cavaliers were already in the dressing room and West didn’t get a chance to say hi to any of his former teammates.

West already showed he’s good to go on the court, and coach Mike Brown isn’t placing restrictions on him, although West won’t start West on Tuesday night against Washington.

“I’m not worried about his minutes if he’s active,” Brown said. “I’ve been able to get him ready. I think if he can play, he’s going to play.”

West made his debut for the Cleveland Cavaliers during Saturday night’s 90-79 win against Charlotte, scoring 13 points in 24 minutes.

It was a quick turnaround for West, who has battled bipolar syndrome. He could still face a league suspension for misdemeanor weapons charges against him in Maryland. Last week, his wife filed a domestic violence report against West.

Brown said Monday he is “definitely going to go with what we have right now,” meaning Anthony Parker will continue to start and West will continue to come off the bench.

“I’d like to take a look and see how he’s going to play right now,” Brown said. “Only time will tell, but I’m definitely going to go with whatever I have right now. We are going to give the new faces branded with the old.”

West started 64 games for the Cavaliers last season and averaged 42 minutes in the playoffs, when Cleveland was eliminated by Orlando in the Eastern Conference semifinals. West can play either guard position and evolved into the team’s second-most important player in the All-Star Game.

The Cavaliers are 2-2 after opening the season with losses to Boston and Toronto. Brown and James both cautioned during the preseason that Cleveland could get off to a shaky start until West’s situation was resolved and the new faces blended with the old.

After one week, that’s already happening. “Having (West) back is huge,” guard Mo Williams said. “He had a great game when he came back. He’s going to back our team and we can be elite. Then you also see times where we can improve.”

When he was acquired, Brown referred to West’s situation as a day-by-day process. Now that West has been cleared and has rejoined the team, Brown isn’t anticipating further setbacks.

“He’s here just as much as LeBron is here or Shaq or Mo,” Brown said. “There’s no special or different I’m thinking about doing with Delonte. In terms of all that other stuff, I don’t even think about it.”

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Top-ranked Florida will be without star linebacker Brandon Spikes for the first half of Saturday’s game against Vanderbilt after the star linebacker attempted to gouge the eyes of Georgia running back W ashaun Easley.

IN BRIEF

Ovechkin ‘week-to-week’ with upper body injury

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Capitals said Monday that the two-time league MVP suffered an ‘upper-body strain’ in Sunday’s overtime loss to Columbus.

Ovechkin had an MRI and will travel with the team while receiving treatment.

Ovechkin has missed only four games — and just two because of injury — since coming to the NHL in 2005. He sat out once during his rookie season with a groin injury and couldn’t suit up for one game last season because of a bruised heel. He also missed two games last season to be with his ailing grandfather in Russia.

If Ovechkin is out a week, he would miss three games: Wednesday at New Jersey and home-and-home against Florida on Friday and Saturday.

He led the league in goals (14) and points (23) through Sunday’s games.

Bills’ Hardy back from disabled list after 10 months

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Buffalo Bills expect to promote James Hardy to their active roster because the second-year receiver has shown he’s fully recov ered 10 months after having left knee surgery.

Barring “something unexpected,” coach Dick Jauron said Monday he’s leaning toward promoting Hardy, who spent the first six weeks on the physical- ly unable list. The 2008 second-round draft pick out of Indiana began praticing two weeks ago.

The Bills (5-5) are off this week and have until the start of next week to activate Hardy or place him on season-end ing injured reserve.

Promoting Hardy would require the Bills to drop a player, potentially one of the six receivers currently on their ros-

PGA Tour suspends first player for substance abuse

SHANGHAI — Doug Barron, a 40-year-old journeyman who lost his tour card three years ago, became the first player to be suspended by the PGA Tour for testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

Barron has been suspended for one year. He played eight full seasons on the tour, with his best finish a tie for third at the Byron Nelson Championship in 2006.

“I would like to apologize for any negative perception of the tour or its players resulting from my suspen- sion,” Barron said in a statement released by the PGA Tour on Monday. “I want my fellow tour members and the fans to know that I did not intend to gain an unfair competitive advan- tage or enhance my performance while on tour.

The tour announced the suspension about two hours before the World Golf Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

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Gators’ Spikes suspended for eye gouging

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Top-ranked Florida will be without star linebacker Brandon Spikes for the first half of Saturday’s game against Vanderbilt.

Coach Urban Meyer sus- pended Spikes on Monday, two days after the defen sive captain apparently attempted to gouge the eyes of Georgia running back W ashaun Easley.

“Brandon made a mistake and accepted responsibility for my actions and I accept the consequences of my actions,” he said. “I would like to apologize to my team and the coaching staff and W ashuan Ealey. Football is a very physical and emotional game, but there is no excuse for my actions.”

Meyer’s wife mentioned Spikes’ actions to him Sunday night, then defensive coordinator Charlie Strong did the same Monday morning. Meyer’s said his first reaction was to move on. Then he saw a replay of the incident, which shows Spikes shov ing his glove-covered right hand into Ealey’s facemask and moving it back and forth.

Meyer then spoke to Spikes and determined he was retaliating after getting his helmet ripped off and eye poked earlier in the game. Meyer also talked to Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive, but Florida officials said it was Meyer’s decision to suspend Spikes.

“We understand the game of football,” Meyer said. “Some of us have played it. Very emotional things happened in that game in particular that were not good for either side, but the bottom line is we’re Florida and he’s Brandon Spikes and we expect certain things. He understands.”

The SEC issued a state- ment saying it reviewed and accepted the discipline handed down by Florida.

The Florida-Georgia game was filled with chippy behavior, with pushing, shoving, five personal-foul penalties — three against Georgia and two against Florida — and plenty of smack-talking.

Officials even gathered Florida quarterback Tim Tebow and Georgia line backer Marcus Dowtin together in the second quarter and warned them...
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BEREA, Ohio — The owner is sick about the state of his Snyder NFL team. The fans are in an uproar. The starting quarterback is historically inefficient and may be about to lose his job. The star running back may retire with one year left on his contract.

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Browns owner supports Mangini

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Lions’ attack anemic going into bye week

DETROIT — Jim Schwartz doesn’t want his Detroit Lions to play an overly conservative game come Sunday.

Without Calvin Johnson, he doesn’t think he has much of a choice.

Even with a bye week to prepare and the return of rookie quarterback Matt Stafford, the Lions (1-6) couldn’t move the ball consistently against the hapless St. Louis Rams on Sunday.

S h w a r t z d o e s n’t think that Johnson is Detroit’s only offensive weapon, but acknowledges that his presence is needed for his other players to get the space they require.

"Calvin affects the coverages we see and everything that teams do against us, because they always have to account for him," Schwartz said Monday. "That’s true of every great player. For Minnesota, Adrian Peterson is a great running back that opens up the passing game for his teammates to focus on him. Calvin does that for us.

The Lions have scored only one touchdown in the two games Johnson has missed with a knee injury.

Against the Rams, Stafford hit just 14 of 33 passes for 168 yards, and didn’t complete a throw to a wide receiver until the fourth quarter.

Schwartz said the coaching staff counted six drops by Detroit receivers, including five in the first half. The first — and possibly most damaging — came on the Lions’ opening drive, when Bryant Johnson couldn’t hold onto a long pass that would have put Detroit into field-goal position.

"This is the first game where we’ve consistently had drops," Schwartz said.

Wide receivers are going to drop some balls — it is unrealistic to think that they will catch every single pass — but when you have a situation like we had conservative against Minnesota, there are consistent drops, there has to be some accountability.

Lions are going to work on some that would have been tough plays, but we’ve got to start making tough plays," he said. "The drops are a matter of focus, but we have to do more than just routine execution." Schwartz has never been forthcoming about the status of Johnson, and players say that didn’t change Monday. When asked if he expected to have Johnson back for Sunday’s trip to Seattle (2-2), he said only that Johnson’s return was "closer."

Along with Johnson’s return, the Lions are hoping to get first factor holding back Detroit’s offense: the lack of big plays in the running game.

“There’s a difference between running the ball effectively and exponentially," he said. "We’ve made consistent yards, but we need to break some longer runs — make a safety miss and go for 40 yards. That’s really where our running game has been lacking." Because of Kevin Smith’s shoulder problems, he and Maurice Morris split time in the backfield against the Rams, but Schwartz said that isn’t the plan going forward.

“Kevin is our workhorse running back, and he’s going to get most of the carries," he said. "We’ve always wanted to get Maurice some work, that’s the case everywhere. As great as Adrian Peterson is, Chester Taylor gets a lot of carries. We don’t see this as a 50-50 split, but in this game, injuries kind of pushed us to that."
Mora threatens to shake up roster

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The skidding Seahawks aren’t worried about T.J. Houshmandzadeh’s stomping and gesturing after he doesn’t get the ball.

They have too many other concerns. Such as keeping their jobs.

Coach Jim Mora put his 2-5 team on notice following Sunday’s 21-point loss at Dallas, which came after a 24-point home loss to Arizona.

“I don’t like to lose,” he said. “The coach had been optimistic and upbeat amid Seattle’s many injuries and defeats. That was before the Cowboys blew out his team amid penalties, fumbles and missed assignments. A 14-10 game late in the second quarter became a 36-10 runaway.

Just as he did the day before, Mora relayed a statement e-mailed to him Friday by Bruce Brown, his old coach at Hyak Junior High School in the Seattle suburb of Bellevue.

Adversity turns weak people into victims, and it turns strong people into competitors,” was Brown’s message.

“We are going to find out who the strong people are, and they are going to be here fighting with us until the end,” Mora said Monday. “And we’re going to find out who the victims are, and they aren’t going to be with us fighting to the end.

“We’re up against it a little bit. People will reveal themselves at these times. And I will be looking hard.”

Houshmandzadeh, who signed a $40 million, five-year contract in the spring, has repeatedly been an asset on offense, but he has been the subject of trade rumors amid penalties, fumbles and missed assignments.

“I have worked out previously while in a similar situation with Burleson,” said Hasselbeck, who won high school state championships with Burleson.

“T.J. is a guy who has to make changes. If that means I’ve got to fire people, I’m going to fire people.”

The veteran was released Monday evening. But firing the one. The veteran was released “there are some guys just happy they are here, and they are going to be here fighting with us until the end,” Mora said Monday.

Hasselbeck made a point of mentioning he nominated Houshmandzadeh for the team’s player representative for this season.

Then there’s Deion Branch’s proclamation into a FOX television camera caught live on the air Sunday, as the forgotten former Super Bowl MVP ran through the back of the end zone following his first touchdown catch of the season.

The oft-injured Branch hasn’t fulfilled the huge contract and No. 1 draft choice Seattle invested in him after a trade with New England in September 2006, and he had been the subject of trade rumors before the league’s deadline last month. He looked into the lens Sunday and shouted: “This is what I do! If anyone wants me, come find me!”

Mora dismissed that, too.

“Sounds like a challenge to me,” the coach said. “Sounds like he’s competing and challenging people.”
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capabilities.

Walsh took advantage of its tal- enue Amy Langner, in its victory against Lyons Sunday evening. While it was a 4-0 victory, defensively, Langner capitalized on Lyons' penalties and on good field posi- tion provided by key defensive stops. She threw one touchdown late in the game to put the Wild- cats Women on the board. Their sec- ond touchdown came on a pass to junior Lindsay Schanzer.

Lyons did not score a single point this season and lost six games in the process. The team's starting quarterback, senior Clair Con- nell, injured his knee in the season opener and never returned to lead the team. The offense was never able to score a single result without a consistent replacement quarter- back.

Lyons' sophomore receivers Caroline Maroney, Carolyn Henderson, and Katrina Rodriguez put forth a solid effort against Walsh, but were unable to string together enough plays to get to the end zone.

"It's been tough since we lost our two best receivers early in the season," Maroney said. "Next year we will have a permanent quarter- back and it will be a lot easier for our offense to find a rhythm. The defense gave up a strong effort and held Walsh to the lowest number of points scored against us this season. Such improvements inspired Maroney to speak about the future of the team.

We have a very young team, so we are on back to next season and more seasoned," she said. "We may not have scored a point, but this year's kids are going to make the greatest comeback in inter- high history."

Henderson echoed Maroney's high expectations for the future of Lyons next season. "I think the importance of staying positive throughout the season."

"We didn't just base the success of our season on wins or losses, and we had a lot of fun," Henderson said.

Walsh will play Pasquerilla East in the opening round of the play- offs Sunday.

Badin 25, Ryan 0

Badin ended its season with an anticlimactic 25-0 rout of Ryan. The Bulldogs (2-4) scored early in the second quarter when sopho- more receiver Ryan Couney took a hand off and scampered 15 yards for a touchdown on an end- around.

She has optimum cutting abili- ties. Badin coach Michael Okonta did her circling wagon, Okonta did her part to energize her teammates.

Though the Wildcats did not challenge the Bulldogs in the score column, they put up a fight in the comedy category. Ryan players came dressed for the game in costume.

"We have a career, free- spirited outfits to match our game time emotions," receiver Kayla Steinmann said. "Actually, we just didn't change from Halloween last night."

Their offense also remained in Halloween mode. An array of quarantine measures was not enough to trick their opponents.

Badin and Ryan capped their seasons with a few more results, but both teams enjoyed the process.

Passaghn 20, Cavanagh 13

Two playoff teams faced off in their final tune-up of the regular season, as Passaghn edged Cavanagh 20-13.

Passaghn capitalized on a solid play- off berth with the win, taking the third seed from their division. Cavanagh (3-3) clinched a play- off berth with their 14-0 win over Lyons on Sunday, with up the fourth club.

The Phoxes, coming off a 27-0 thrashing of Chaos last Thursday, didn't miss a beat jumping out to a 14-0 lead in the first half. Junior quarterback Noelle Lewis ran for a long touchdown pass and the Phoxes took advantage of an inter- ception deep in Chaos territory, punching it in to go up two scores.

"We didn't play as well as we did in the first half," Cavanagh sophomore wide receiver Brittni Alexander said. "They shut us out and then it was tough to come back."

But Chaos did make a game of it. They scored two touchdowns of their own, on a 15-yard touch- down pass from sophomore quar- terback Rebecca Cink to Alexander and a quarterback run. But the Phoxes added another touchdown of their own on another deep pass by quarterback Tate, and pulled away just enough to get the victory.

"We played okay. It definitely wasn't a bad game for us," Alexander said. "I could have played better but (Passaghn) played a good game."

Both teams now turn their attention to next Sunday and the playoffs. Pangborn will play Farmington. Cavanagh will take on Howard.

McGlinn 25, Lewis 21

McGlinn entered its game against Lewis needing a win to advance to the playoffs, and hailed Lewis' spoiler attempt with a 25-21 victory.

Both the Shamrocks (3-3-1) and the Chicks (1-5) scored on their first offensive possessions, marching down the field on 65-yard drives. When McGlinn had a bal- anced attack, utilizing both the run and pass, Lewis decided to run it down the Shamrocks' throats, attempting only one pass on its 11-play drive that ended in a touchdown on a quarterback sneak.

After the teams went back and forth on the scoreboard for most of the game, it all came down to the final two possessions. With 1:50 remaining, Lewis scored on a 50-yard run, making the score 21-19.

When McGlinn took over with only 1:20 left on the clock, it seemed time was running out on both their drive and their season. However, the Shamrocks rallied, running a picture-perfect late game drive that ended in an aerial connection in the end zone as time was nearly expired. The Chicks had one last chance for a "Hail Mary" heave, but the Shamrocks ended the game definitively with a safety.

"We were expecting to win," Shamrock senior captain Emily Dolel said. "And we did. Our offense just looked awesome out there.

"They shut us out and then it was tough to come back."

Senior captain Tara Pillai said that the Pyros offense needs some work before their first playoff game.

"Our offense was [full of] effi- iciencies," Pillai said. "We have a lot to do before we start the playoffs next week.

The Pyros defense was only frustrating to Farley, stopping the Pyros and running game. After the Pyros' interceptions passed their defense really stepped up to get the offense back on the field."

"Our defense did great today," Pillai said. "We just need to get our offense back on the same level."

Pasquerilla East will face Walsh Sunday in the first round of the playoffs, while Farley plays Pangborn.

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From there, the momentum continued with another touchdown early in the second half on a long run up the middle to sophomore Pepe, who went untouched after a failed tackle attempt by Duncan.

The Rams balanced out their attack as they moved the ball on short downs. The Rams went 11-for-16 on third down and 4-for-4 on fourth down, which kept the defense on their heels.

And it was more of the same for the Rams in the second half as they piled up yardage in the air and on the ground.

In the second half, the Rams had a 280-33 yard advantage in rushing and 201 yards to 77 through the air.

Siegfried defense that made the Rams struggle through the third quarter, the Rams were unable to put some points on the board after a series of crucial passing attempts.

Though the Rams were unable to contain the Rams offensive line and putting pressure their quarterback to the ground, Morrissey could not find an answer to the efficient pass game established by the Ramblers (3-0-1).

Junior running back Chris Delillo fumbled close to the own destiny as the defense forced Duncan to fumble close to the end zone on a run around the right end.

That was the last hurrah for the Rams in the first half as the Rams were unable to mount another effective scoring drive.

Siegfried (2-1-1) rode a smothering defensive effort into the playoffs was a 14-0 win over Duncan (0-3-1).

"Run, pass, we don't care. We score or victory. Gentlemen," who quickly moved the ball downhill. On fourth-and-goal, a sophomore tackle passed to senior receiver Jeremy Beck brought the score up to 14-0.

"We have yet to give up a point this season and we weren't about to let it happen today in our last game of the season," freshman linebacker Colin King said.

The Gentlemen had a few opportunities to score, but were never able to capitalize. The Rams entered the game with three minutes left in the fourth quarter, when a fumble by Sorin was recovered by the Gentlemen, who quickly moved the ball downhill. They used to show little life after the demoralizing interception. A bit of extra yardage showed itself in low snaps, line of scrimmage, and mental breakdowns and mental lapses to make the team’s progression on the defensive side of the ball.

The Rams wasted no time in taking care of their own business. With a touchdown early in the first quarter, Sophomore running back Mike Isaacs quickly capitalized on the opportunity reaching the end zone on a run around the right end.

Though the Ramblers struggled to pass the ball, Siegfried junior quarterback Matt Meintz said runs like Isaacs’ helped to define the team in the game.

"The game plan we came into every game with is to play tough and run the ball," Meintz said. "We want to play smash mouth football."

Duncan’s attempts to answer were hindered by false start penalties and a swarming Siegfried defense that made moving the ball difficult. The Ramblers got defensive pressure on Duncan freshman quarterback Chris Palmquist and harassed Duncan’s receivers all game.

"We played a team game, a real team effort," Meintz said. “Everybody did their job on defense and stayed home. We didn’t give up any big plays."

After the half, Siegfried possessed its lead with a touchdown drive down the length of the field. The drive was punctuated by a long touchdown run by freshman running back David Whitmore to put the Rams up 14-0.

Although Knott defeated Morrissey, Siegfried still squeezed into the playoffs, earning the No. 7 seed.

"I recognized my opportunity to be a leader because I was in man coverage," Skorup said. "I read the quarterback’s eyes and I made a good throw on the football."

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"I was a win or die situation, and we’re still standing," Aiden Fitzgerald

Juggerknotts’ defense was effective. After Knott scored a touchdown early in the second half, when senior quarterback Jeff Skorup intercepted a Morrissey pass and returned the pick for a touchdown.

"It was a win or die situation, and we’re still standing,” Aiden Fitzgerald

"If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it." — Tony Rizzo

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Note: ■ Zahn (0-4) forfeited its scheduled game Sunday against Fisher (1-2-1) this was the Green Waves’ first win since 2007, but did not impact the playoff picture.

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Western Michigan, Michigan State earned a 2-1 win at home Friday night before notchting a 5-3 victory at Kalamazoo Saturday. Alaska (5-0-1, 2-0-0), opened CGHA play by beating Ferris State 3-1 and 3-2, respectively, in Fairbanks, where the Irish will face the Nanooks this weekend. Likewise, Michigan (4-2-0, 2-0-0) began its conference slate with a pair of easy wins over Lake Superior State. The Wolverines posted wins by the scores of 5-1 and 6-3, respectively. Ohio State (2-5-1, 1-2-1) remains ahead of the Irish.

and Nebraska-Omaha (4-0-2, 1-0-1) in the CCHA standings with five points to Notre Dame's four — after stealing a point with Saturday's shootout win.
Nebraska-Omaha cracked the country's top 10 for the first time this week after the Mavericks earned their first conference win at home Saturday, 3-1 over Bowling Green. The previous night, Nebraska-Omaha had fallen to the Falcons in a shoot out. Bowling Green, Ferris State, Northern Michigan and Western Michigan all opened conference play over the weekend without a victory — and only the Falcons notched a point with their tie. But both Ferris State and Northern Michigan are expected to be competitive, particularly because of the strong defensive style each traditionally employs.
Because of college hockey's incredibly long season — the CCHA tournament does not begin until March, and the national title won't be decided until April 10 at Ford Field in Detroit — the results of the conference season's first weekend or two aren't especially important in determining playoff positioning or the course of a team's season. But if the first few games have been any indication, the Irish will be in for a dog fight if they hope to recapitulate the CCHA tournament title they earned at Joe Louis Arena last season.

Rowing
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The Irish hosted Indiana, Iowa and Michigan State as they concluded their fall season with races on both Saturday and Sunday. The event's crowd was rather pro-Irish, team members said, but the visiting teams also brought fans — some of whom created a tailgate-like atmosphere with RVs parked alongside the St.

Robinson said. “We know the river like the back of our hands, but it was such a different experience coming down this weekend.” Robinson said. “Pretty much at every major point on the river, there were at least 10 people yelling, ‘Go Irish,’ supporting us all the way down. It was a huge adrenaline rush, and it felt great to do it on our home course. It’s the river we row on every day, but there was such an energetic feel this weekend.”

Robinson said the team hopes it will have the opportunity to make the event an annual affair, and she cited the fans support as a good sign the program will be able to host additional races in the future.

It brought us together as a team,” Robinson said. “Even though Sunday’s results weren’t as good as we hoped for, we did a good job, and we’ll just have to go faster next time.”

On Saturday, the boat including Rachel Louise, Christina Buckley, Stephanie Gretsch, Carol Ann Michel and Bridget Kenney finished first in the 13-boats race against Iowa and Indiana to highlight Notre Dame’s weekend. The Irish also had a second boat finish third in that race.

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Irish rowers carry a boat in preparation for a race Sunday. Notre Dame hosted three teams this weekend.

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Howard continues perfect season with win over BP

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Sports Writers

With an undefeated season on the line entering the final game of the season, Howard coasted to a 20-0 victory over Breen-Phillips. The Ducks (6-0) entered the playoff spot, the game still remained vital for Howard.

Despite their win, the players know that they still have room to improve. Just one or two mistakes in a playoff game can cost a team a shot at the championship, junior captain Kayla Bishop said.

“We will be putting in plenty of time in practice to be sharp for the playoffs,” Bishop said. “However, the season begins again as the teams enter into the playoffs.”

There is a brand new slate when we get in the playoffs,” Bishop said.

A Sorin receiver and a St. Edwards defender vie for the ball. See DEFENSE/page 18

ND WOMEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Four on four

No. 4 Irish begin play with exhibition game

By JARED JEDICK

Sports Writers

The No. 4 Irish will open their 2009-2010 season tonight in the Purcell Pavilion against a scrappy Indianapolis team that defeated a well-respected Valparaiso squad in their preseason opener. Indianapolis currently sits at No. 4 in the Div. II polls.

“We don’t know a lot about Indianapolis, but from what we do know they are exactly what we need right now,” Irish coach Muffett McGraw said. “They shoot a lot of 3s, and they run a lot of screens. They are going to be a great challenge for our man-to-man defense.”

The Irish were picked to take more win to be able to secure one of the top seeds for the playoffs. Although they already had locked up a playoff spot, the game still remained vital for Howard.

Throughout the game, the Ducks held control of the contest. Despite their win, the players know that they still have room to improve. Just one or two mistakes in a playoff game can cost a team a shot at the championship, junior captain Kayla Bishop said.

“We will be putting in plenty of time in practice to be sharp for the playoffs,” Bishop said.

Howard played a steady game and was consistent in the run and pass game. The Ducks also managed to capitalize on a number of Breen-Phillips turnovers. The Ducks converted a few of the turnovers into scores, with one of the interceptions being returned for a touchdown.

With the Ducks ending the season with a win and an undefeated record, this year’s team will remain in the history book. This is the first time that Howard has finished a season undefeated.

Although they had already locked up a playoff spot, the game still remained vital for Howard.

Walsh 13, Lyons 0

Walsh defeated Lyons 13-0 in its final test before the playoffs begin. The Wild Women finished the season 5-1, only losing at the hands of undefeated Pasquerilla West. Throughout the season, Walsh proved that it would be a force to reckon with in the playoffs, particularly because of its offensive

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Sorin remains undefeated

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In the final match up before the playoffs, both Sorin (3-0-1) and St. Edward’s (2-2) believed a win was essential to advance their seasons. In the end, it was the Otters who took control of their fate with a 14-0 victory.

With a little over a minute left in the second quarter, freshman receiver Ryan Robinson caught a long fourth-down pass from senior quarterback Casey McGushin in the end zone, scoring the first touchdown for the Otters.

“It was great,” Robinson said. “I had to look hard to find the pass, but it was a great play by the quarterback.”

ND ROWING

Team gets chance to host races

By MATT GAMBER

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Last weekend represented the first opportunity for the Irish to compete on their home course since Oct. 29, 2005. And while the team said its record had have been better, the long-awaited event itself lived up to its billing.

“It was really cool for all of us to have a race on our home course,” senior Casey Robinson said. “Rowing is definitively a lesser known sport here at school, so having family and friends be able to come down and see what we were doing was really great.”

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ND WOMEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Hockey Commentary

CCHA stays country’s premiere conference

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With four teams in the top 10 and a total of six in the top 20, the CCHA is making its case as the best conference in college hockey.

No. 1 Miami, No. 4 Michigan, No. 9 Notre Dame, No. 10 Nebraska-Omaha, No. 13 Alaska and No. 17 Michigan State have all established themselves as some of the top teams in the country.

CCHA stays country’s premiere conference

While none of the conference’s top teams have looked invincible in the early going, the same could be said for the best squads across the nation. Every team in the top 20 has at least one loss or tie — with the exception of Cornell and Yale, which had both played only one game through the weekend.

The top-ranked RedHawks (6-1-1, 3-1-0) have held the No. 1 spot all season and haven’t done anything to suggest they don’t deserve it. They posted 4-3 and 2-1 wins against Michigan this weekend after splitting a home series with Michigan State (6-2-0, 3-1-0) to begin the conference slate.

The Spartans currently hold the second position in the conference standings following a sweep of previously unbeaten