H1N1 vaccine expected to arrive soon

Vaccinations to be given to priority groups as number of presumed cases rises to 659

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

As the number of presumed H1N1 cases on campus totals 659 since the beginning of August, Notre Dame hopes to receive vaccines to treat the virus in the near future, Director of University Health Services Ann Kleva said. "We wish we knew. Every day we hope we're going to get some," Kleva said. "Within the next few days, or within the end of next week, we hope to receive some."

When the shipment arrives, students or faculty who are pregnant, regularly interact with children less than 6 months old and students under 24 with an underlying illness will be the first priority for vaccination.

Underlying illnesses like diabetes, heart disease and asthma make students under 24 eligible for priority vaccination. After this high priority group is treated, vaccinations will be available to all students under 24, Kleva said.

Kleva said the number of doses the University receives will affect who will be able to receive the shot.

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Documentary highlights refugee camps

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Human Rights ND partnered with Project Nur Tuesday night to present the documentary "Terror’s Children" and to create a greater awareness among students for human rights violations in refugee camps.

Project Nur visited Notre Dame as a student-led initiative of the American Islamic Congress. Bashir Martin, a representative of the organization, described Project Nur’s mission as one of advocacy for human rights in the Muslim world.

"Another one of the purposes of Project Nur is to build bridges among Muslims and between Muslims and non-Muslims," Martin said. Martin described the work of Project Nur as spurred by a general lack of knowledge and understanding of Muslim communities. The program, he said, is currently working to spread awareness of human rights violations around academic communities. Project Nur and Human Rights ND connected over the future, Director of University Health Services Ann Kleva said. "We wish we knew. Every day we hope we're going to get some," Kleva said. "Within the next few days, or within the end of next week, we hope to receive some."

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members discuss off-campus housing Web site

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the online Off-Campus Housing Evaluation Site and finalized the assessment that will be available to students in the coming weeks.

"This will provide information for students looking to move off campus, with mostly objective information," student body president Grant Schmidt said.

In addition to the objective evaluations, a subjective online comment section will be available to students to assess their off-campus housing.

In other COR news:

COR finalized the Student Incident Report form and it will be available for student use on the Off-Campus Housing Web site. When something happens, you will go to the Web site to fill out the form," Schmidt said. "This is beneficial for us to know the numbers associated with these events."

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My chemical romance

There are a lot of things that keep Notre Dame students going all day. Some are specific to us. For example, we like Jesus more than a lot of schools do, and He likes us better too. We also like Michael Floyd more than every school does, and his impending return has us all rejoicing. Of course, there are both long-term motivations to continue onward. In the short term, we need something less ideal and more chemical.

Some students (and workers) across the country use on a daily basis.

Something we can actually ingest into our bodies that makes us perk up, open our eyes and smile at our professor as he walks through the door.

We need caffeine. Imagine the word need with about seven more e’s. That’s how much we need caffeine. Lots of it. All day long.

That is why I was flaskedbergast yesterday when you walked into the Huddle for a cup of tea and a bagel only to find that the 20 or so flavors of tea, two of them had caffeine. Two.

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One was English breakfast, and the other was the regular Lipton tea that you can get in the dinning hall. No green, no chai. No weird Indian flavor that actually tastes good, or weird lime flavor that tastes disgusting.

There were, however, three different types of chamomile. Just what I need in that actually tastes good, or weird lime green, no chai. No weird Indian flavor other was the regular Lipton tea that of the 20 or so flavors of tea, two for a cup of tea and a bagel only to find that of them had caffeine.

The point of tea is caffeine. It’s a stimulant for people who want to feel good. For those who can’t handle black coffee or for those who just like the taste of tea. I’m mostly in the third group, although I don’t mind feeling fancy.

Huddle, give us our caffeine back. You have swung and missed in the past — “organic” carrot chips that are basically pure sugar, Pop Tarts that are not brown sugar cinnamon, not selling Wheat Chex.

But this is like you swung, missed, accidentally let go of the bat, fell down and had the bat land on your head. Or to switch to football, it’s like you went for the tackle but instead dragged into a jersey, braced yourself and pulled but ended up getting dragged for many yards. Either way, you screwed up and if it were up to me you would lose your scholarship.

Besides, all of the racks were full and it was 9:30 a.m. by that point. Which means no one wanted your silly caffe-feine-free product.

What if Michael Floyd had come into the Huddle looking for caffeine and you turned him away at your door? Please, Huddle, imagine Michael Floyd in each of us and give us back that wonderful chemical.

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IN BRIEF

“Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Ofrenda Installation” will be held at 10 a.m. today in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art.

The men’s basketball team will play Quincy Friday in an exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center. Ticket information is available by calling 574-631-7346.

The film “Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cat” will be shown on Friday at the Browning Cinema at the DeLartur Performing Arts Center at 9:30 p.m. The film examines the Bengal Bouts boxing club and its partnership with the Holy Cross Mission in Bangladesh. Tickets are $3 for students and are available at performingarts.nd.edu.

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The focus on research, especially the opportunity to continue work with quantum dot solar cells, attracted Brown to MIT for his work with quantum dot solar cells. "I was interested in working solar power. An experience that piqued his interest in working in the energy sciences," he said.

As part of Obama's trip to MIT's campus, he visited a few labs that are involved in energy research on campus, including the lab in which Brown works. Brown's lab, led by MIT professor Vladimir Bulovic, conducts research with organic structures and quantum dots in order to innovate more efficient production and use of energy.

"He was giving a talk at MIT related to energy in general, kind of innovation for America in the energy sciences," he said.

Brown's interest in quantum solar dot cells began while he was an undergraduate at Notre Dame, where he majored in physics and chemistry. He worked in a lab with Professor Prashant Kamat, where he conducted research with quantum dot solar cells. "I guess it was just something that I was fortunate to work on with Prashant Kamat so it was something I became interested in," he said.

The focus on research, especially the opportunity to continue working with quantum dot solar cells, attracted Brown to MIT for graduate school. "I've been learning how to make different kinds of quantum dots," he said of his research at MIT.

Quantum dot solar cells can be used to make cheaper and more efficient energy than regular solar cells. Brown said. With quantum dot solar cells, it is possible to adjust the wavelengths of light they absorb and to create different types of quantum dots by mixing them together to absorb light across the entire solar spectrum.

"It's definitely a device-focused lab," he said. "They're kind of new systems ... you kind of find out some interesting science along the way while you're trying to make better devices."

Brown said he plans to continue to study and research at MIT until he completes his Ph.D. in physics in five or six more years. He will take classes during the first few years, but will eventually focus more time on research.

After he completes his Ph.D., Brown said he hopes to continue work and research that relates to energy. "I get really interested in that at Notre Dame working with Professor Kamat and GreenerND. Brown spent the past few summers working at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, an experience that piqued his interest in working solar power.

"I'm not completely sure where I want to go, but just keep working on using nanotechnology to get more energy efficient devices," Brown said. "Kind of looking at those new ways ... to make cheaper solar cells and more efficient solar cells."
Gay marriage vote too close to call

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Gay marriage was put to a vote in Maine on Tuesday in a close spirit of fairness and live-and-let-live. The law was passed by the Legislature in May but never took effect because of a petition drive by opponents.

Early returns showed a close contest, as forecast. With 229 of the 351 precincts reporting, each side had 50 percent. A vote to uphold the law would mark the first time that the electorate in any state endorsed gay marriage. That could energize activist nationwide and blunt conservative claims that same-sex marriage is being foisted on states by judges or lawmakers over the objections of the public.

However, repeal — in New England, a region of the country most supportive of gay couples — would be another heartrending defeat for the marriage-equality movement, following the vote against gay marriage in California a year ago.

It would also mark the first time voters had torpedoed a gay-marriage law enacted by a legislature. When Californians rejected same-sex marriage, it was in response to a court ruling, not legislation.

Maine's secretary of state, Matthew Dunlap, said turnout seemed higher than expected for an off-year election and voter interest appeared increased. The vote was held among more than 100,000 people — out of about 1 million registered voters — by absentee ballot or early voting.

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Barack Obama a year ago, gay-marriage defenders tried to appeal to Maine voters' independent streak — a common theme of cultural awareness. The need for greater learning, and a motivation to improve because of the poor conditions of refugee life. I felt it was incredibly edifying to see the actual stories. It really gives the chance to connect to the issue, Corr said.

The need for greater learning is an issue of great concern for refugees as they rebuild lives both in Pakistan and Afghanistan. "Religious agencies must provide better education opportunities, working conditions, and health care," Obaid-Chinoy said. "That is the only way to ensure that there is a better day coming for these children, and a motivation to learn more."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Acts of terrorism raise questions about freedom of speech

LONDON — The British government on Tuesday announced plans to ban certain websites that promote terrorist activities, a move that critics say could compromise freedom of speech.

The new legislation would allow the government to block websites that are deemed to be promoting terrorism or extremism, without the need for a court order.

LOCAL NEWS

School chief defends proposal

INDIANAPOLIS — The superintendent of schools in Indianapolis, Jennifer Yessin, said on Tuesday that the city’s schools would be able to hire more teachers and administrators under a new proposal that would increase funding by $100 million over the next five years.

Yessin said the proposal, which would be funded by a tax increase, would allow the district to hire more teachers and administrators, and would also help reduce class sizes.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Gunman opens fire on high school

A gunman opened fire on a high school in a city in the United States on Tuesday, killing two students and wounding four others before turning the gun on himself, police said.

The shooting occurred during the middle of the school day at a high school in a city in the state of New York. The gunman was identified as a 21-year-old man who had previously attended the school.

The victims were among at least six people injured in the shooting, including the gunman, who died at the scene.

The investigation is ongoing, and the motive for the shooting is unclear, police said.
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of time we can get staffs together and be prepared.”

Kleva said everyone who wants a vaccination will be able to receive one eventually, but it is a matter of time before enough vaccines are received.

“There will be enough for everyone eventually, but they will not be a priority group,” she said. Kleva said the university also knows the exact number of confirmed H1N1 cases on campus because the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) did not have the resources to track each case.

“There are so many coming in, they can’t test it,” she said. “CDC tells you you have an influenza-like illness, then we are to presume that you have H1N1 and treat it as such.”

Influenza-like symptoms include a fever of at least 100 degrees, a cough and/or a sore throat, Kleva said.

Out of 2,339 upper respiratory illnesses reported to the Health Center from Aug. 2 to Nov. 2, 659 were presumed to be the H1N1 virus, she said.

Though H1N1 seems to spread more easily than the regular flu, its symptoms are generally milder and the recovery period is shorter, Kleva said.

“I think this flu is highly contagious. We are going to see more pupils coming down with the flu than may have had the seasonal flu,” Kleva said.

She advised students to cover their mouth with their sleeve when coughing and wash hands often in order to prevent the spread of the H1N1 virus.

“But as far as the seriousness of the illness, the symptoms have been less severe and the recovery period is shorter for H1N1,” she said.

While it usually takes one to two weeks to recover from the seasonal flu, students are recovering from the H1N1 virus in four to seven days, Kleva said.

Kleva said an e-mail will be sent to the student body detailing availability and priority groups when the first shipment of vaccines arrives.

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enforced in a haphazard way.”

MacFarquhar described the next challenges as oppressive to the people.

“The third is the inability to organize and fight because basically the civil rights are nonexistent. People have no organizations or social movements,” he said.

“The fourth one would be that all those social movements are run by small cliques that always fight against each other and try to challenge them.”

MacFarquhar described change as a social conservative, emphasizing the inherent beliefs within Mideastern culture itself.

“The fifth one is that they say that if they do open up and allow societies to form in the 21st century, they’ll be overrun by Muslim extremists,” he said. The sixth and last problem is just the question of generational change.”

Middle Eastern citizens believed younger generations’ education in the west would bring new values to the area, but MacFarquhar said this is a false conviction.

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and the Democratic Party. The current state governor, Tim Kaine, serves as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The race saw the intervention of President Barack Obama, who campaigned on behalf of Deeds.

Politically it was stated that McDonnell’s lead came from his advantage in poll numbers with independent voters and white men.

McDonnell, known by most as a social conservative, emphasized the economy throughout his campaign, promising to create 1 million jobs. According to polls, the economy was the top issue among voters when deciding who to vote for.

His opponent publicly criticized McDonnell’s handling of the economy, which, by some interpretations, was critical of working women and single mothers. The thesis and its fallout generated national media reaction, but polls Tuesday said a majority of voters believed the thesis had “no effect.”

McDonnell is also tied to Notre Dame through his oldest daughter, Jessica, who graduated from the University also on an ROTC scholarship, with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science.

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The native education systems proved much stronger than the Western influence did, he said.

MacFarquhar added that frustration with these issues tended to bring about extremism in these societies.

“If you can address these issues, I think that you will go a long way towards bringing important change,” he said.

After recounting personal runs with secret police and anti-American Al Qaeda families, experiences recounted in his new book “The Media Relations Department of Hizbollah Wishes You a Happy Birthday,” MacFarquhar said three factors made it difficult for the United States to impose political change from the outside.

Problems with vocabulary differences, he said, a lack of support for agents of change and the United States’ inability to address oppression and the secret police have prevented a successful government from being formed in the Middle East.

“There are a lot of words and events and issues in the region that we perceive wrongly from outside,” MacFarquhar said.

When asked if it was possible to rid Lebanon of Hizbollah, a Shia Islamist political and paramilitary organization, MacFarquhar said it would be difficult because Hizbollah filled a need that wasn’t there.

“They came along and started providing all those social services that were lacking,” he said. “It comes down to the fact that people will make their choices to a certain extent on ideology, but also in terms of what the government is going to provide and I think that’s the great failing in Lebanon.”

MacFarquhar moved to Libya at age 5 and spent more than 25 years in the region. He spent five years in Cairo as the Bureau Chief for The New York Times and also lived in Israel, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Cyprus.

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For Former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz, who was also involved in McDonnell’s campaign — Holtz spoke at a campaign function on Oct. 26 in support of the candidate.

McDonnell currently resides in Richmond with his wife and five children.

Prior to serving as state Attorney General, McDonnell was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1991 to 2005. He also worked as a prosecutor in Virginia Beach, as a private attorney and as a manager with a Fortune 500 health care company.

McDonnell joins three other Notre Dame alumni holding state gubernatorial office. Class of 1957 graduate Thomas Lee Kean served as governor of New Jersey from 1973 to 1981. 1960 graduate Bruce Babbitt is the former governor of Arizona, serving from 1978 to 1987. Joe Kernan of the Class of 1968 was governor of Indiana from 2003 to 2005.

Also on Tuesday, Republican Chris Christie beat incumbent Gov. Jon Corzine for the New Jersey governorship.

New Jersey and Virginia were the only two states that held a gubernatorial election Tuesday.

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The University has not had any H1N1 cases that have resulted in hospitalization, she said.

When the vaccines for H1N1 come in, Kleva said students ought to get the vaccination, but she also recognized that it is a personal decision.

“It’s really an individual person’s decision. I wouldn’t make a decision for anyone,” she said.

Personally, I feel that this vaccine is like any other seasonal flu vaccine.

“There is no risk of receiving the shot is less than the benefit of receiving the vaccination against the influenza,” she said.

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**Windstream to acquire NuVox**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Phone company Windstream Corp. said Tuesday it’s buying NuVox Inc. for $643 million in stock and cash.

Windstream said the purchase of NuVox, a phone company that serves business customers, will fit the company’s high-speed Internet service and business revenue.

**Windstream also**

will get a stronger presence in the Southeast and Midwest, especially among small- and medium-sized businesses.

Under the deal, Windstream would issue 18.7 million shares and pay $280 million in cash. The shares are worth $183 million based on Windstream's closing stock price on Monday. Windstream also will assume $180 million of net debt.

The company plans to pay for the acquisition with cash on hand and loans. The deal is expected to save $30 million a year from the integration of operations and lower capital spending. Windstream said the deal will increase its free cash flow in the first full year of integrated operations.

The acquisition is expected to close in the first half of next year.

**Farmers receive agricultural funding**

ELGIN, Minn. — A Federal Agriculture Department official in southeastern Minnesota is announcing $17 million in grants to address the needs of beginning farmers and ranchers.

In a news conference Tuesday Merrigan says from Elgin, Minn., that the money will go to 29 institutions around the country to improve the sustainability and competitiveness of U.S. agriculture. Merrigan says the training and education provisions for the past four days, was stunned when the union walked out on a proposed deal that included an 11.5 percent wage increase over five years. Given the recession, layoffs and salary cuts, said Harley Shaiken, labor studies professor at the University of California-Berkeley.

"For public employees during a tough recession, it’s more difficult, but not impossible, to go on strike, " said Robert Washington, of the Nature Conservancy and provide $2 million for tree planting on 2,000 acres of former forest lands in the lower Mississippi Valley, and $1 million for the Conservation Fund’s forest protection project along California’s North Coast. Peter Seligmann, chairman of Conservation International, said the Disney commitment “represents the largest single corporate contribution ever made to reduce (greenhouse) emissions from deforestation.”

"The project in the Congo is expected to prevent 3 million tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere over 20 years, and the project in Peru to protect 740,000 acres of pristine forests is expected to prevent the release of 900,000 tons of carbon dioxide over its five-year life, according to the conservation group.

The Nature Conservancy will work with private landowners to plant trees in 2,000 acres of former forest land in Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas. The group said that restoring native hardwood forests would not only help reduce carbon emissions but expand local habitat for migrating songbirds and the black bear.

"Protecting forests is one of our most powerful tools in the fight against climate change," said Mark Tercek, president the Nature Conservancy.
We all remember freshman orientation, that intimidating, awkward rite of passage that every Domer must go through upon arriving to campus. In a weekend full of forced interaction, the best way for everyone to get to know each other is through a series of icebreakers. One of the more popular icebreaker questions is, “What is your favorite kind of music?” Sounds harmless, right? It can be, but there is one answer that I heard more than once during my Freshman-O (and I’m sure was used the last two years as well) that I absolutely cannot stand: “Anything but country.”

If you are one of those people (and I know you are out there), you’re in good company. A friend of mine is a DJ on WWVH and when I asked her what she was going to play on her radio show, she told me, “anything but country.” So I have just one request for all of you haters and nasayers out there. Just give it a chance.

I know what it feels like to be a hater. How? I was one of you. In fact, I even used to tell people that I would listen to country station on the radio, never listen to the beach, or just chilling anywhere with your friends over the summer, but after I heard each of the eight songs they had on repeat what seemed like 100 times each, I got really sick of it. I needed to find something new, something I had never heard before that I could get into. Right on cue, my best friend handed me a three-disc playlist of music and country just said, “Trust me. If this doesn’t get you into country, nothing will.”

I took the discs, skeptically, but figured I had nothing to lose, so I popped it in my car’s CD player the next morning. And what I found in that playlist blew away every preconceived notion I had of country music. It was upbeat, creative, occasionally hilarious and incredibly entertaining. Within a week, I was hooked, and by the end of the summer I was dressed in a plaid shirt, boots and a cowboy hat belting out “Celebrity” at a Brad Paisley concert.

Country music is awesome for a number of reasons. The instrumentation is unique and fun and it is perfect for sitting on the beach, or just chilling anywhere with your friends over the summer after everyone gets back from work. People don’t realize the number of talented guitarists that play country music nor do they appreciate that some of the fiddle solos are mind-blowing (plus, what other genre of music uses fiddles?). It truly is the optimal mood-setter for any kind of group gathering.

What makes country, however, is the lyrics. Unlike a lot of popular music, the lyrics in country songs have real meaning and aren’t just as an addendum to the beat. Country songs are generally about one of four things, all of which are equally awesome: love, family, partying and being an American. With apologies to Miano and T-Pain, I don’t know anything about being a soldier; a rider or a ghetto survivor; let alone the above. I can’t relate to that kind of music. However, I have gotten my heart broken, like in Brad Paisley’s “Letter to Me” and I am proud to support every “American Soldier” alongside Toby Keith. We all have been at parties with wild guys like Montgomery Gentry’s “One in Every Crowd” and everyone looks back on going “Out Last Night”, just like Kenny Chesney does. You get the feeling that these songs are sung by real people who have had the same experiences as you. You can relate to these guys. It’s comforting.

So for everyone that thinks about saying that you listen to “anything but country,” the next time anyone asks, just do me one favor before you do. Give it a chance.

Andy Ziccarelli should’ve been a cowboy. He is a junior majoring in civil engineering. He can be reached at azicare@nd.edu

**Viewpoint**

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Albert Einstein theoretical physicist

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Have you ever noticed that anything driving slower than you is going faster than you is a maniac?"

Isaac Asimov

U.S. comedian

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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 chipped and flowed as if controlled by 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 its entirety and he clumsily fell through the bricks. Given the chance he would have screamed, but in contradictory mix of pride and shameless 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.

Part 3 by John Cirilli
He did not know of what he was accused, only that he had done it. The starkly cold eyes (or he thought they might be eyes) of those sitting in council followed his every move with unrelenting focus. The minds behind those eyes, hard and sharp and twisted, would never have tried to accuse the innocent. They saw further into those eyes) of those sitting in council followed his every move with unrelenting focus. The minds behind those eyes, hard and sharp and twisted, would never have tried to accuse the innocent. They saw further into them than he himself, but he knew one thing that they did not.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Soulja Boy ruined everything

In regards to Danny Masse’s Nov. 3 Letter to the Editor (“Ignorant or genius?” discussing Soulja Boy, I fail to understand why there is even a debate on whether he is ignorant or a genius. Despite his one hit song, Mr. Boy is extremely inconsequential to rap music and hip-hop. I do not even know how to refer to him professionally. Is it Mr. Boy?

But the controversy over Soulja’s intelligence is not what compelled me to write today, but rather is the damage he has done to the fabric of our society. I am a victim of this damage and I believe I am not alone among Observer readers. For most of the second half of 2008 I had to deal with everyone practicing that ridiculous dance until perfection. Even my 17-year-old sister had it down pat. I have to tell you, there is nothing more embarrassing than going to Finnegan’s and everybody knowing the dance but you. So what happened? I went home and watched the video on YouTube until I learned it. Today, I don’t know anybody who can outdo me in the Soulja Boy dance, not even Soulja Boy himself. The countless hours I spent learning this dance could have been better spent doing other activities such as volunteer work, studying or even catching up on sleep.

Not only is he a bad influence on the youth of today, he is criticized from those in the same profession. During 2008, Ice-T, a pioneer in rap music, referred to Soulja Boy’s music as “killing male genitalia.” Only a truly destructive individual such as Soulja Boy could provoke the normally reserved and eloquent Ice-T in such a way.

After a series of exchanges between the two musicians over the internet, the only person who came to Soulja Boy’s rescue was none other than Kanye West. The same Kanye West who could not go through an entire VMAs without downing a bottle of Hennessey and taking the spotlight away from Taylor Swift (who I personally believe is overrated). All of this could have been avoided if nobody, including myself, had spent 99 cents to download the song on itunes. I hope next time there is a dance craze, society will be intelligent enough to not give into the gimmick, and will spend their time and money on things that are more worthwhile.

Travesty in North

Students of Notre Dame, a travesty has struck North Dining Hall. It has become apparent that the Cheerios bins are being filled with Honey Nut Cheerios. I have never before seen such mixing. For the sake of us all, especially those who rely on Cheerios or Honey Nut Cheerios for sustenance, North Dining Hall’s failure to separate the Cheerios must be stopped.

P.S. While this may seem like a joke, we are not kidding.

Nick O’Sullivan
Ryan Traudt
sophomores
Koon Hall
Nov. 3

Inquiry on ND girls

In regards to Meghan Dougher’s Inquiry on ND girls (“University of ugly girls?” Oct. 28).

Dear Meghan Dougher,

Please post a photo of yourself to defend your Viewpoint (“University of ugly girls?” Oct. 28). Sincerely,

Michael Smigelski
sophomore
Stanford Hall
Oct. 28

Dan Tapetillo
Fischer Grad Residences
Nov. 3
Since 2006, “Loyal Daughters and Sons” has told stories about sexual assaults. And not just any assaults, but the ones most personal at Our Lady’s University: the stories that Notre Dame students have to tell.

With its 2009 three-day run starting today, “Loyal Daughters and Sons” continues to tell the stories that we most need to hear. They aren’t easy stories to deal with, but they’re stories that need to be told, and everyone should try to attend one of the three shows of “Loyal Daughters and Sons.”

Kaitlyn Conway
Assistant Scene Editor

As I watched the dress rehearsal of the show (produced this year by Ellen Rolfes), I could not help but feel that under the co-direction of Katherine Khorey and Shay Thornton, the show took on a darker and much more emphatic tone. The show really gets across the idea that sexual assault — and sexuality in general for that matter — is an issue that the University can no longer brush aside. While many of the sketches were familiar to me (they were carried over from prior productions I have attended in 2007 and 2008), they were grouped differently, and I felt as though that served to emphasize the dark issues the play addresses. The show gets its point across with skill, and one can’t help but to leave feeling thoughtful and wondering how many people struggle with the issues portrayed.

Now, the show isn’t just about sexual assault. The play also addresses issues of merely being sexually active at a Catholic university and of being homosexual. The play addresses sexuality as a whole, though I felt like much of this year’s emphasis was on the darker issues that continue to be problems. However, sketches about building a positive self-image are also in the play, which makes it a lot easier to take in everything else that’s being portrayed.

The actors bring great levels of emotion to their characters. Even if they appear in multiple scenes, each time they capture what the person in the different situations would feel. Most importantly, they remained connected to the audience. Before the rehearsal began, Thornton reminded the actors that “the whole concept of the show is that you’re Notre Dame students; you’re just like anyone else.” And indeed, one cannot help but relate to the students portrayed in different situations. You feel horror. You feel terror. You smile and feel good about yourself, all depending on the scene that’s unfolding in front of you. “Loyal Daughters and Sons” is readily accessible, because it portrays situations that we deal with on a too-regular basis. The show’s production team will join Notre Dame professors, FIRE Starters (peer educators from the Gender Relations center) and representatives from the University Counseling Center and the St. Joseph County Rape and Crisis Center for panels following the Wednesday and Thursday shows.

I know it’s uncomfortable. None of us really want to face the issues brought up by sexuality, both positive and negative. “Loyal Daughters and Sons” handles the issues in a manner that is powerful and enlightening. No one should miss this year’s show.

Contact Kaitlyn Conway at kconway2@nd.edu

The views expressed in this column are those of the authors and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Sea Wolf, an indie folk group led by Alex Brown Church, recently released their second full-length album, “White Water, White Bloom.”

Every sophomore album must suffer the fate of being endlessly compared to its predecessor, and this one is no exception. Unfortunately, “White Water, White Bloom” falls flat compared to Sea Wolf’s first album, “Leaves in the River.” Although “White Water” contains much of the same poetic imagery and musical feel as “Leaves,” it is missing the tiny yet memorable quirks that set “Leaves” apart from its contemporaries. Where is the plucking, music-box piano, the striking violin lines, the polka-band accordion? Without that added “oomph,” the special sauce. Sea Wolf just ends up sounding like all the rest of the indie folk bands out there. They are a dime a dozen. Everyone wants to be the new Bright Eyes or Iron & Wine.

That’s not to say that Sea Wolf doesn’t do anything right. The gentle, delicate sound they create, even on more upbeat songs, evokes a quiet Northern winter feel, consistent with the lyrics of the album. Most of the songs could be placed in a snowy field on a cold night or in some frosted forest in upper Canada. (Ironically, the band is based in Los Angeles.) This is even reinforced by the album artwork, which depicts the inside of a log cabin complete with a wood-burning stove, a window looking out upon snowy hills and a copy of a Walt Whitman book on the table. The lyrics place the album firmly in this winter location. Every song seems to be about a relationship between the starry-eyed singer and some mysterious, dark woman. Because of this lyrical and thematic consistency, “White Water” could almost be a concept album. But it’s hard to make out any continuous story from the nebula of hazy ideas.

The album’s weakness is its own consistency. Instead of letting their musical creativity flow freely, it seems like the band wrote ten different versions of the same song, ranging from lullaby-ish folk to slightly heavier folk. None of the songs really stand out; the creative spark from the first album has gone out. Of course, the lack of fire fits the album’s wintry aesthetic. (With a band so preoccupied with time of year, it is impossible to write a review without summing up the use of seasonal metaphors.) “Leaves in the River” could be said to take place between late October and early December, and “White Water” takes us where “Leaves” left off. The whole album stays pretty firmly in the winter, and like a long winter, it gets pretty dull. Nevertheless, the last track, “Winter’s Heir,” hints at the first signs of spring. As such, I’ll be expecting a third album with motifs of green grass and bunnies hopping around.

If you like indie folk music, definitely give “Leaves in the River” a listen, but don’t expect too much out of “White Water, White Bloom.” It may serve your purposes when you’re looking for some chill studying music or something to lull you to sleep. Or you might want to put it on to keep you company through those cold winter nights in your log cabin in...
SPORTS MEDIA

Sportscaster owes ex $916,000 a year

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NBA

Cavs’ Delonte West faces more charges

WASHINGTON — Cleveland Cavaliers guard Delonte West was indicted Tuesday on additional weapons and traffic charges stemming from his Sept. 17 arrest for speeding on a motorcycle and carrying multiple weapons.

The eight-count indictment sheds no new light on why West, 26, was riding a motorcycle on the Capital Beltway in Prince George’s County, Md., at 10 p.m. with two loaded hand guns and a loaded shotgun. Prosecutors on Wednesday added an 8 1/2-inch Bowie knife to the list of concealed weapons West was carrying.

Associated Press

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Goddell to participate in labor talks with NFLPA

WASHINGTON — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith both are slated to participate in the league’s latest round of labor negotiations.

Speaking after testifying before a House subcommittee Tuesday about a legal case involving two Minnesota Vikings players, Goodell told The Associated Press he would be present for Wednesday’s talks in New York about a new collective bargaining agreement.

Goddell has not attended all of the sessions the league and union have held so far.

The NFL opted out of the collective bargaining agreement last year, although the contract won’t expire until after the 2010 season. That season will not have a salary cap under the current CBA, and Smith has said he hopes to have an agreement before then.

IN BRIEF

Rams’ Amendola sits out of practice with concussion

ST. LOUIS — Rams returner Danny Amendola sat out practice due to a concussion while guard Jacob Bell was cleared after tests showed he had only a mild one.

Amendola rode a stationary bicycle during Tuesday’s workout and coach Steve Spagnuolo said the diminutive receiver was set to undergo tests for concussion-related symptoms on Wednesday.

“He still has some symptoms, so they weren’t going to take any chances,” Spagnuolo said.

Bell also had a concussion in the press that forced him to miss a few weeks, but Spagnuolo anticipat ed that the lineman would practice on Wednesday.

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Chamberlain’s mom faces prison for drug charges

LINCOLN, Neb. — The mother of New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain faces up to 20 years in prison when she’s sentenced next month on a felony drug charge.

Jackie Standley pleaded no contest Monday to an amended charge of delivery of a controlled substance, according to court records. The 44-year-old Standley was arrested in May after selling a gram of methamphetamine to an undercover officer at her Lincoln residence.

Standley originally was charged with a Class II felony, which carries a maximum sentence of 30 years. But the prosecutor reduced the charge to a Class III felony. She’ll be sentenced Dec. 16.

Phone calls to a number listed for Standley went unanswered Tuesday. The Yankees play Game 6 of the World Series against Philadelphia on Wednesday.

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Preseason NCAA Men’s Basketball Top 25

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NEW YORK — When the New York Yankees clinched their seventh World Series title last week, the casual TV viewer might have wondered if they were about to go swim the 200-meter butterfly with Michael Phelps.

Call it a fashion statement for the very rich, and a little very happy. There they were, stars like CC Sabathia, Mark Teixeira and Johnny Damon, sporting swim goggles to protect their eyes from the victory Champagne being poured, squirted and sprayed amid the post-game revelry.

It’s become a more familiar sight in the past few years in the locker rooms of baseball’s top teams. And some die-hard fans aren’t too happy.

Sure, they say, it’s important to preserve those valuable eyes. But the eyewear sure looks a little goofy, doesn’t it? And more importantly, it suggests a broader problem, these fans say: Post-game celebrations have become too predictable, with all that unspontaneous Champagne-pouring.

“I guess it was funny when they first poured Champagne on somebody, but it’s just too prepared, too scripted now,” says Matt O’Donnell, a high school history teacher and baseball fan in Sebastopol, Calif. “The way they have the plastic tarps all laid out in the locker room, and they have the goggles already set up there.”

O’Donnell, 39, is an ardent Boston Red Sox fan (his 4-year-old son’s middle name is Fenway, after Fenway Park.) “Pinace, No More Champagne Goggles!” he pleaded on his baseball blog in September, when his team got ready to clinch a playoff spot.

After every big victory, he complained, the plastic sheets go up, “and then a few players will put on the readily available ridiculous looking Champagne goggles and begin spraying their teammates. A manager or coach will inevitably be sprayed with bubbly, and the perpetrator will think it is the funniest thing ever. Yawn.”

Patrick Stimson agrees. “Why can’t they all just go into the clubhouse and celebrate naturally?” asks the 28-year-old Oakland A’s fan.

Stimson recently posted the question of whether Champagne goggles were ever acceptable — or whether it made the players seem, well, wimpy. “Most people thought it took away some of their manly nature,” he says.

Talk to an eye doctor, though, and you’ll be converted to the pro-goggle side with the speed of one of Sabathia’s fastballs.

Champagne has a high alcohol content, high enough to damage the surface lining of the cornea, says Dr. Matthew Gardiner, director of emergency ophthalmology services at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. (For those medically inclined, the lining is called the epithelium.)

“A corneal abrasion like that usually heals within two to three days, but it can be extremely painful while it’s healing,” says Gardiner.

In other words, you don’t want your ace pitcher or hitter nursing a corneal abrasion while taking on the next team, as the Yankees did a few days after their pennant victory against the Los Angeles Angels, facing the Philadelphia Phillies for the big prize. (The series stands 3-2, Yankees.)

For Jane Heller, the well-being of her treasured Yankees is the key concern — much more important than how silly they may or may not look in goggles.

“I see all these posts, saying gee, what sissies,” says Heller, a lifelong Yankee fan in Santa Barbara, Calif., who blogs about the Yankees on “Confessions of a She-Fan,” and has written a book of the same name. “But it doesn’t bother me.”

What bothers Heller more is what the goggles might represent. “These quote-unquote celebrations have become so calculated and neat and tidy now,” she says. “It used to be a spontaneous burst of enthusiasm. There was no plastic tarp covering everything.”

Heller notes that the goggles are a relatively new phenomenon, something she first noticed in 2007. “I noticed that one player, Doug Mientkiewicz, was wearing them during a celebration,” she says.

At the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s library, researcher Gabriel Schechter can’t pinpoint when the first Champagne goggles were donned, but he says it’s only in recent years. (Champagne celebrations, on the other hand, have been around since the 1950s, when they took the place of beer.)

“It might just be that they’re using so much more Champagne now that it’s really, really hazardous,” says Schechter.

One important baseball fan doesn’t know anything of the goggle tradition. “Really?” asks W.P. Kinsella, whose novel, “Shoeless Joe,” became the movie “Field of Dreams.”

“It sounds so calculated,” the author says. “Just so you don’t get a little Champagne in your eyes.” (Kinsella, a huge fan, says he hates watching the celebrations and always turns the TV off anyway once the game is over.)

Hazards aside, fans like Brian Welch may find it hard not to stare a goggle when they see the next World Series champs don their swim equipment on Wednesday or Thursday, when the series ends. “I think the goggles are hilarious,” says Welch, 34, a Cincinnati Reds fan who lives in Chicago.

But he hopes the victorious Yanks or Phillies, with finally no games left to worry about, will throw caution to the wind — or, more like it, to the spray.

After all, says Welch, “Maybe it’s good to save your eyes before you go on to the World Series. But once you’ve won, hey. You’ve just won the World Series! Suck it up. Get some Champagne in your eyes!”

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Steroid rulings hurt progress

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — A key lawmaker said Tuesday that recent court decisions blocking suspensions of two NFL players threaten to undermine progress made in reducing performance-enhancing drug use among athletes at all levels.

"If these rulings prevail, they could wreak havoc with policies designed to curb performance-enhancing drug use in professional sports," Rep. Henry Waxman, the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said at a subcommittee hearing. "In fact, if the rulings are taken to their logical conclusion, players on one team could be allowed to use drugs that would subject players on another team to suspensions and fines.

"In short," he added, "these new legal interpretations could render the NFL and Major League Baseball drug testing programs unenforceable, loophole-ridden, and unacceptably weak and ineffective." Waxman, a California Democrat who has held high-profile hearings on steroids in sports, said that if the court rulings are not reversed, "then we need to find out if the collective bargaining process can solve these problems or whether congressional action is needed.

"One thing is clear: We should not allow the drug policies that the NFL, Major League Baseball, and other sports leagues have put in place to be rendered null and void. That is an invitation to steroid abuse in professional sports. And it will inevitably lead to more steroid use on high school football fields and baseball diamonds." NFL commissioner Roger Goodell was to testify later and planned to ask for legislation.

"We believe that a specific and tailored amendment to the Labor Management Relations Act is appropriate and necessary to protect collectively bargained steroid policies from attack under state law," Goodell said in his written testimony.

Recent court decisions "call into question the continued viability of the steroid policies of the NFL and other national sports organizations," Goodell said.

The NFL had attempted to suspend Minnesota Vikings Pat Williams and Kevin Williams for four games, but the players sued the league in state court, arguing the league's testing violated Minnesota laws. The case was moved to federal court, and the NFL players union filed a similar lawsuit on behalf of the Williamses and New Orleans Saints players who were also suspended.

In May, a federal judge dismissed the union's lawsuit and several claims in the Williamses' case but sent two claims involving Minnesota workplace laws back to state court. A judge there issued an injunction prohibiting the NFL from suspending the players and has scheduled the trial for March 8. In September, a federal appeals court panel agreed with those decisions, essentially allowing the Williamses, who are not related, to continue playing while the case proceeds in state court.

The Vikings players tested positive in 2008 for the diuretic bumetanide, which is banned by the NFL because it can mask the presence of steroids. The players acknowledged taking the over-the-counter weight loss supplement StarCaps, which did not state that it contained bumetanide. Neither player is accused of taking steroids.

The court ruling led the NFL to allow New Orleans defensive ends Charles Grant and Will Smith, who had also been issued four-game suspensions, to continue playing. Both players also tested positive for bumetanide.

DeMaurice Smith, executive director of the NFL players union, said this case differs from others. He said Dr. John Lombardo, who oversees the league's steroid policy, learned that StarCaps contained bumetanide but did not inform the players.

"Frankly, the fundamental failure of that doctor to ensure immediate disclosure of the fact that StarCaps included bumetanide violated his paramount duty as a doctor — to protect patients, in this case, our players," Smith said in his prepared testimony. Smith called for changes to the league-union steroid policy that would mandate the NFL notify players when it learns that a product contains a banned substance.

Pedro Martinez prepared for Game 6 start in N.Y.

Associated Press
NEW YORK — A city seethes in anticipation.
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"Two months back I was sitting at home not doing anything, none of you were thinking about me," Martinez said. "None of you were asking me questions, and today I am here, probably pitching one of the biggest games ever in the World Series, two great teams with a whole bunch of legendary players that are going to be.

I know when you mention Derek Jeter, you mention Alex Rodriguez, (Mark) Teixeira. I see those guys as probably the future of the game, the next Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron."

Back in the day, Martinez said, he had to worry every one of their tendencies, probing for the tiniest of edges. His fastball rarely tops 90 mph on the radar gun, so he relies more on a vintage circle-change-up, an array of curves and cutters, varying his speeds and location.

The kid who broke into the big leagues at "154 (pounds) soaking wet with a good arm" is now the consummate craftsman, getting by on nothing more than guts and guile.

There is something almost poetic about the biggest game of the season resting on his slim shoulders one final time, and in New York, no less.

On the ride back up from the interview, Martinez said to the Red Sox at Yankee Stadium, the elevator operator asked: What can you say about Martinez that hasn't been said?

"What can I say?" Martinez said then. "I'll tell you what. All the Yankees my daddy."

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"Frankly, the fundamental failure of that doctor to ensure immediate disclosure of the fact that StarCaps contained bumetanide violated his paramount duty as a doctor — to protect patients, in this case, our players," Smith said in his prepared testimony. Smith called for changes to the league-union steroid policy that would mandate the NFL notify players when it learns that a product contains a banned substance.
NBA

Nuggets rout Pacers to remain unbeaten

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and Chauncey Billups added 24 to help Denver beat the Indiana Pacers, 114-103, on Tuesday night, lifting the Nuggets to their best start in 24 years.

Anthony was averaging 38 points, shot just 6-for-17 from the field but made 11 of 14 free throws. Nuggets added 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Nuggets (4-0), who are off to their best start since the 1985-86 season.

Forward Denver guard Dahntay Jones led the Pacers with 20 points, and Danny Granger added 18 for Indiana (0-3).

Pacers forward Troy Murphy bruised his lower back when he fell hard to the floor in the first quarter and did not return. He was second in the league in rebounding and third in 3-point percentage last season.

Indiana has lost all its games by double digits.

Lavender averaged 15.5 3-pointers on Tuesday while Indiana made just 3 of 22.

The Nuggets led 30-13 at the end of the first quarter, even though Anthony shot 1-for-7. The Nuggets led 55-39 at halftime.

Indiana cut Denver's lead to 59-50 on a layup by Jones, but Billups responded with a 3-pointer. Later in the quarter, when the Pacers again started building momentum. Billups hit another three. Anthony followed that with a breakaway dunk to make it 71-55. Anthony and Billups combined for 23 points in the quarter, and Denver led 83-71 at the end of the period.

Denver pulled away in the fourth quarter and led by as many as 25 points. Indiana's only lead was 6-5 in the first quarter.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Pike’s arm healing after surgery

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Tony Pike had X-rays on Tuesday that showed his non-passing arm is healing nicely from surgery, another step toward getting him back to practice with fourth-ranked Cincinnati.

Pike expected to practice on Wednesday wearing a special splint instead of a bulky cast on the left forearm, which was injured during a game on Oct. 15 at South Florida. The senior quarterback has missed the last two games while the injury healed.

Sophomore Zach Collaros led the Bearcats (8-0) to wins over Louisville and Syracuse, throwing for seven touchdowns during those two games. He’s likely to start on Saturday at home against Connecticut (4-4), when Cincinnati attempts to tie the school record for best start.

Coach Brian Kelly said it’s possible that Pike could get into the game for a short time, but he would prefer waiting until he’s capable of playing without limitations.

“It really would depend on how he practices, because he hasn’t been in there hanging off and moving on the perimeter,” Kelly said, before the start of practice Tuesday. “It may be the case that we think he’s 75 percent there, we can’t start him but he could come in in certain situations. That’s a scenario that’s possible. "I would prefer that not to be the case. I would prefer him to be 100 percent and able to start.’’

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NCAA Women’s Basketball

UC’s Moore leads All-America team

Associated Press

Preseason or postseason, Maya Moore is making a habit of raising up honors.

The UConn junior became just the second unanimous choice on The Associated Press’ preseason All-America team Tuesday, garnering all 60 votes from a national media panel. It’s the third straight year a player has been a unanimous choice in the presea

onal All-America team.

“Tina really has made huge strides since her junior year,” said DePaul’s Doug Bruno, who has coached all five seasons Moore has flown under the radar.”

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Moore has already made the All-America team in her first two years and was the AP’s player of the year last season. She averaged 19.3 points and 8.9 rebounds last season in helping UConn to a 29-6 record. The Huskies are a unanimous No. 1 in the preseason poll this year.

Chasing tempering her game in the NCAA tournament, earning most outstanding player honors. The senior center is on pace to set the school career scoring record.

“Tina really has made huge strides in consistency over the last few months,”said Doug Bruno, who coaches the NCAA tournament and going through the summer playing with the best start on Saturday at home against Connecticut (4-4), when Cincinnati attempts to tie the school record for best start.

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Partnering for a Safer Neighborhood

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Robinson Community Learning Center

All students, faculty, and staff interested in working with their neighbors and local law enforcement to create a safer off-campus neighborhood are invited to meet this Wednesday, November 4, at 5:30 p.m., at the Robinson Community Learning Center.

Learn strategies and tips to reduce your risk of being targeted for crime and partner with your neighbors to make your neighborhood safer!
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third-string quarterback until Crist returns. Fifth-year senior Evan Sharpley was moved up to second string on the Irish depth chart, and was also named starter for Saturday.

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irreplaceable and has benefited the Irish this season. Phillips’ experience has consistently helped the Irish defense, and had the perfect answer for the big game against Wake Forest.

Kapron Lewis-Moore was probable.

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“I was a little nervous [at the start],” Diggins said. “Coming out in front of the community that has been supporting me for years, seeing some of their faces, really helped ease some of my nerves. And when you got players around you that know the offense and understand the system, it’s a lot easier to play.”

Coach Muffet McGraw said she was encouraged by Diggins’ performance, particularly the energy that she brought off the bench.

“(Diggins) came in with a lot of intensity” McGraw said. “She played very intelligent, didn’t force things, and just took what they gave her. She did a good job creating and also running the offense.

After a sloppy start to the game, the Irish seized control behind a suffocating full-court press that forced 16 first-half turnovers. Notre Dame held Arkansas-Pine Bluff to 5-for-14 shooting from the field on its way to a 42-22 halftime lead.

McGraw said, “I thought we really worked them to turn the ball over,”

Waldrum’s rock-solid confidence and deep experience leads to success. This is the reason the underclassmen play like veterans is because, in many ways, they are veterans. Any highlight reel of the Irish in the past two seasons has featured someone.

Melissa Henderson prominently. Last year she was named Big East Rookie of the Year and earned first-team Freshman All-American honors as she played in all 27 games, starting 20, and scored 17 goals.

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Joining Henderson on the field their freshman season were classmates Jessica Schueviller and Courtney Barg. Schueviller started every game and totaled the selection of 8 assists and 56 rebounds for the Irish behind 3-0-0 of shooting.

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I want to get closer to you, but let me be who I am.

I welcome you coming closer to me, while respecting who you are.

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And yes, we all cling to love.

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FOOTBALL

Floyd to return vs. Navy, Crist out 4-6 months with torn ACL

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

The way coach Charlie Weis outlined Notre Dame's injury situation at his press conference Tuesday could only be described as a case of the good, the bad and the ugly.

First, the good. Sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd is set to return to action this Saturday's game against Navy.

"Michael Floyd is back," Weis said. "He's ready to go."

In just 10 quarters of action earlier this season, Floyd had 13 catches for 358 yards and five touchdowns. He suffered a broken collarbone attempting to make a catch in the first half of Notre Dame's 33-30 win over Michigan State.

"I let Michael make the call once he got cleared to go," Weis said. "I still let Michael make the call as to whether this was the week or not. I talked to his mom, and they talked about it. He came back to me and said I'm ready to go."

Floyd adds another important dimension to an offense that could already be labeled as explosive, even in his absence. Weis said junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen was thrilled to have his star receiver back in action.

"It wasn't too much longer before I got a text from No. 7 (Klaussen)," Weis said. "As happy as No. 3 (Floyd) was, I think No. 7 might have been just as happy."

Unfortunately, Weis' press conference also included the bad news. Sophomore right guard Trevor Robinson, who tweaked his ankle in last week's 40-14 win over Washington State, was doubtful for this weekend's game. Senior Dan Wenger, who started for the Irish at center last season, will take his place.

"He's making good progress, but he's doubtful this week," Weis said. "Finally, the ugly. Weis confirmed Notre Dame fans' worst fears Tuesday when he announced that sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) late in Saturday's win over the Cougars.

"He'll be out about four to six months," Weis said. "That's the recovery. Fortunately there's not a lot of other wrongs, but that needs to be done."

Weis said sophomore wide receiver John Goodman would serve as the team's emergency receiver.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

On the right foot

Notre Dame wins big in exhibition over Indy

By ALEX BARKER
Assistant Sports Editor

Highly touted freshman Skylar Diggins scored 17 points in her collegiate debut to lead the Irish to a 97-53 victory over Indianapolis Tuesday night. Solomon finished with a game-high 17 points off the bench.

"She's an incredibly hard worker," Brown said. "Every single day she's come here and worked as hard as she can."

"I see her potential," Brown said. "She has a huge smile on her face every single day."

"She's a huge asset to our team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

"I see a leader," McGraw said. "She's an absolutely humble leader.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Phillips leads Irish through Big East schedule

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

At the center of the Notre Dame team filled with experienced seniors is versatile and powerful outside hitter Serinity Phillips.

"The importance of teamwork and friendship are two stones are not ones reached by many players, and are something she should be very proud of and has worked hard for," Brown said.

"She's an incredibly hard worker," Brown said. "Her mile-stones are not ones reached by many players, and are something she should be very proud of and has worked hard for."

Not only does she lead the Notre Dame attack, but Phillips has also proven herself strong on defense. She leads the team with 252 kills, 78 digs and 53 blocks for the Notre Dame win, and had 20 kills, five digs and five blocks against West Virginia.

"She's one of our most consistent players," Brown said.

"You can't get away from her," Brown said. "She's a leader.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

ND ready with youth in lineup

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Assistant Sports Editor

Not many teams in the country can say they are confident starting three sophomores on the field and a first-year starter in the goal as the postseason begins.

No. 4 Notre Dame (15-3-1, 10-0-1 Big East) has started at least three sophomores for the vast majority of the season, and junior goaltender Nikki Weiss is shining in her first taste of extended playing time.

"He doesn't bother me to have young players (carry us)," coach Randy Waldrum said. "The last month we've