**Cadets andmidship men guard Stonehenge for 24-hours, host ceremony in remembrance**

By ROBERT SINGER  
Assistant News Editor

The Clarke Memorial Fountain, popularly known as Stonehenge, took on a more solemn meaning to passers-by Tuesday when Notre Dame’s ROTC placed four members in military uniforms around the monument at 5 p.m. to begin its 24-hour vigil in remembrance of the nation’s veterans as a gateway to a business career, some see Arts and Letters as a gate-to business career, some see Arts and Letters as a gate-to training in remembrance of the nation’s veterans. ROTC programs have been rotating half hour shifts, keeping a constant guard in groups of four until the official Veterans Day ceremony commences today at 5 p.m. In sum, about 180 cadets will participate in the vigil, senior cadet Scott Vitter said. He also explained the motivation for today’s events. “The purpose of the ceremony is to honor and to remember all veterans of the U.S. armed forces with an emphasis on those veterans who are affiliated with Notre Dame,” he said. “We will be remembering all veterans with particular stories of Notre Dame graduates, graduates who have performed, done heroic acts in the service of their country.”

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Four arrested, nine asked to leave Navy game

By JOSEPH McMAHON  
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) director Phil Johnson said four people were arrested and nine were asked to leave the game against Navy Saturday.

The total for people escorted out of Notre Dame Stadium is the lowest total all season. Police also did not issue a single summons outside the stadium.

Johnson said three people were arrested on campus outside the stadium. “one for public intoxication and disorderly conduct, one for public intoxication and indecent exposure and one for trespass. Those arrested were taken to the St. Joseph County Jail.”

Johnson said one other person was arrested inside the stadium for public intoxication, while nine people were removed through the public safety office for “violation of stadium rules, mostly for impairment or possession of alcohol.”

Johnson said NDSP has been assisted in its game day efforts all year by South Bend Police, County Police, Mishawaka Police, Indiana State Police and Indiana State Excise Police.

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**A&L plans business boot camp**

By CARLY LANDON  
News Writer

Though most students don’t see arts and letters as a gateway to a business career, some are finding it can be just that. This Spring Break from March 8 to 11, the Career Center and the College of Arts and Letters will hold their second-annual Business Boot Camp in downtown Chicago for 16 Arts and Letters students.

“This program is not designed to replace a business degree,” Lisa Bill, Business Career Programs Counselor said. “We aren’t saying you will learn everything a business...”
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Satisfy your cravings**

For the first time all semester, I finally found a worthy reason to return to my dorm on a regular basis since moving off campus this year. It’s not for the copious amount of people I know who stayed on campus this year — they come to visit me, and the Dining Hall makes much more sense as an on-campus locale for rendezvousing.

Even the free food scavenging after section classes can only tempt me back every so often, and the lack of say in the acquired treats is a definite drawback.

Which is why the latest creation to come out of Welsh Family is such a genius innovation. While most guy’s dorms offer some form of pizza in their basements, Welsh Family is the first girl’s dorm, that I know of, to implement a similar idea. Ye Olde Welsh Family Bake Shoppe provides delicious goodies.

Delicious, fresh-baked, non-dining hall, almost homemade goodies. For cheap.

Nothing is more than two bucks, and for 50 cents you can add ice cream to make each treat that much healthier (in the mental recovery, drowning your sorrows after an audit exam, of course).

Monday night (while taking advantage of a technical laundry glitch), I had my first taste, and now I’m hooked. It may prove to be a problem later, but it’s totally worth it. I’ve tried to satisfy my brownie cravings with the dining hall’s pathetic attempt at a so-called frosted brownie with nuts and failed. Dining hall desserts just lack the homemade appeal and taste more like something that’s been stuck in some random freezer for over a year and was just recently discovered.

Welsh Family Bake Shoppe does not have said problem. Cookies are made fresh to order, and come in two varieties (sugar and chocolate chip). They take orders online as well, but the best deal (by price tag. Strawberry cupcakes are also available, but the best deal (by far) is the puppy chow. I challenge you to make it outside the kitchen before your entire purchase has been devoured.

Just go. Try it. You won’t regret it, unless you find the newfound addiction to be a problem.

The Bake Shoppe is located in the kitchen of Welsh Family Hall and is open nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. You can order online via Facebook in order to have optimally-timed cookie purchases. And, as no small detail has been overlooked, milk is also available.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kara King at kking@nd.edu.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What is one thing people would be surprised to learn about you?

**Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com**

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**IN BRIEF**

The Department of Physics is sponsoring a colloquium on “Biosphere 2 — Under New Management” today at 4 p.m. in 115 Nieuwland. Pierre Meyssat, Regents Professor of Physics and Optical Sciences at the University of Arizona, will be speaking.

BOTC is hosting the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Clarke Memorial Fountain today at 5 p.m. Retired Air Force Colonel Howard Hanson will be the guest speaker. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre is screening “The Sugar Wife” by Elizabeth Kutti in the Decio Mainstage Theatre of the Deltaritolo Performing Arts Center today at 7:30 p.m. The play depicts the moral dilemmas faced by a couple living in a nineteenth century Quaker community. Tickets are $10 for students.

The Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies is hosting a lecture on the Axial Age Initiative: As Religious Discourse” at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Andrews Auditorium at Geddes Hall. Dr. Hans Joas, an eminent sociologist at the University of Erfurt in Germany, will be speaking.

The Women’s Boxing Club will be kicking off Baraka Routes 2009 at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Those planning to attend should enter through Gate 3. Tickets are $4 at the door and all proceeds benefit the Holy Cross Missions in East Africa.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail details or information about an event to observernews@nd.edu.
Peer group offers help with ResLife

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Comprised of students living in the residence halls and with no affiliation to the University’s administration, the Judicial Council’s Peer Advocacy Division has been working to improve the disciplinary process on campus, according to its officers.

“We’re a student-run organization that is not affiliated with the administration, but we work constructively with the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ResLife) to improve the disciplinary process,” senior Jean Namkung, Judicial Council vice president for peer advocacy, said.

The program, in existence since the 1970s, saw a record of 158 applicants for its 68 positions this year and will continue to help students through the disciplinary process, providing advice at key points, Namkung said.

“We’re composed of 68 trained student advocates that include several students that have personally been through the disciplinary process,” said the Judicial Council’s Peer Advocacy Division.

Advocates at any time to contact a Peer Advocate, she said. “However, students can feel free to talk to Peer Advocates at any time to clarify anything they want to know about ducal or the disciplinary process at Notre Dame.”

Namkung explained the specific ways that peer advocates can help students charged with ResLife violations.

“A student should know that there is a way to prepare for a hearing or conference with ResLife,” she said. “Peer advocates will urge and help a student to examine his or her case report, compile witnesses and evidence that will be presented against him or her and guide the student through the usually mystifying experience of being ResLifed. Advocates can provide assistance in areas where R.A.s or Rectors or Rectresses may not be able to.”

Because there are at least two peer advocates in every dorm, students are usually paired with a fellow dorm resident, Burke said.

“The biggest concern before a hearing is just about what to expect,” Burke added. “After a hearing, the biggest concern is what the disciplinary consequence will be.”

Namkung stressed that the program is confidential and that students should not feel intimidated by the process.

“Our advocates possess knowledge that is extremely helpful to students, and our program is 100 percent confidential,” she said. “Being ResLifed is not the end of the world, and our program is in place to make sure that students are not overwhelmed or intimidated with the process. Also, it’s important to point out that ORLH doesn’t want to get students in trouble — they’re just a part of the administration that is trying to establish good moral conduct among the student body.”

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Video arcade in LaFun to be renovated

By ANN-MARIE WOODS

In an effort to use space in LaFortune more efficiently, the Student Activities Office is working with the Council of Representatives (COR) and the student body to renovate the video arcade space in the basement of the building.

Ryan Willerton, director of Student Activities Facilities, introduced a video arcade renovation survey, available to students, faculty and staff, which will help the renovation committee decide how to best use the space.

“Our highest priorities is for just general social space,” Willerton said. “We want to make sure any available space is for the students.”

Prompted by significant water damage and the video arcade room’s lack of use, a renovation committee will be created to restructure the space.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ireland home goes missing

DUBLIN — A Northern Ireland filmmaker has won Euro 46,000 (S$69,000) in damages after a judge ruled that his Irish island home was transformed into a parking lot while he was overseas for six years.

The case of 61-year-old Neville Frensh captured the attention because of the apparent callousness of his treatment at the hands of the insolvent 170-strong community of residents of Torry Island. Police investigating the vanished house found only a wall of silts.

Frensh successfully sued developer and hotelier Patrick Doohan after he returned from New Zealand to find no trace of his six-bedroom property beside the island’s harbor. In its place stood a septic tank and parking lot for Doohan’s newly built 12-room hotel, which remains the only one today on Tory.

Dutch arrest wanted man

THE HAGUE — Dutch prosecutors said Tuesday they have arrested a 43-year-old Somali man wanted by U.S. authorities for allegedly financing Islamic extremist terrorists.

Prosecutors said in a statement the man lived in the United States in November 2008, he was arrested in the Netherlands about one month later.

The identity of the man, who was arrested Sunday at an asylum seeker’s center in Dronten about 45 miles (72 kilometers) northeast of Amsterdam, was not released in line with Dutch privacy laws.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama speaks at Fort Hood

BASTROP, Texas (AP) — Friday, President Barack Obama spoke the names and told stories Tuesday of the 13 people slain in the Fort Hood shooting rampage, honoring their memories as he denounced the “craven acts; no just and loving God looks on.”

He did not name Maj. Nidal Hasan, the Fort Hood shooter, before a crowd of admirers and soldiers who packed his speech with applause.

“No faith justifies these murderous and craven acts; no just and loving God looks upon them with favor,” Obama told the crowd on a steamy Texas afternoon. “And for what he has done, we know that the killer will pay with justice — in this world and the next.”

In Fort Hood, US Army Maj. Nidal Hasan, the military psychiatrist accused of the killings, is awaiting trial, accused in the 2009 shooting of 13 people. Hasan has pleaded not guilty.

The shooting at Fort Hood in 2009 killed 13 and wounded 31, including 12 soldiers. Hasan was never charged, but he was court-marshaled in 2010 and is currently awaiting trial.

City warns against human trafficking

BOSTON — Fourier U.S. cities are being targeted in a new campaign aimed at alerting people about human trafficking, federal immigration officials said Tuesday.

The “Hidden in Plain Sight” initiative, sponsored by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, features billboards highlighting “the horrors and the prevalence of human trafficking,” which the agency says is equivalent to “modern-day slavery.”

The words “Hidden in Plain Sight” are displayed on the billboards with a social media number people can call to report situations where they believe people are being sexually exploited.

LOCAL NEWS

City cleans up toxic waste

KILOMOMO, Ind. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday it is nearly complete with the phase of a toxic waste cleanup at a north central Indiana superfund site.

EPA officials visited the former Continental Steel site in Kokomo Tuesday as workers removed contaminated soil by being transported by truck and sent for treatment at a nearby lagoon area for use as fill. That effort is about 95 percent complete.

South Korea

Countries clash in naval firing

North and South Korean shipmen open fire one week before Obama’s visit

Associated Press

SEOUL — The navies of North and South Korea clashed at sea Tuesday for the first time in seven years in what some analysts said was a provocation by the communist nation a week before President Barack Obama’s visit to Seoul.

The North Korean ship retreated in flames, South Korean Prime Minister Chung Un-chan said, and the South’s YTN television reported that one North Korean officer was killed and three other sailors were wounded.

The South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff said it could not confirm the report of the North Korean casual-

ties. There were no South Korean casualties, the mili-

tary said.

Chung told lawmakers that North Korea ships violated the South’s waters, although he said it was probably not intentional. He said the North Korean ship may have been clamping down on Chinese fishing vessels operating in the area.

South Korean analysts, however, said North Korea was sending a clear message that began with the death of a North Korean soldier in September 2010.

“If it was an intentional provocation by North Korea to draw attention away of Obama’s trip,” said Shin Yul, a political science profes-

sor at Seoul’s Yonsei University.

He also said the North was sending a message to Obama that they want to replace the armistice agreement that ended the Korean War in 1953.

“North Korea’s side, has never had diplomatic relations with North Korea. Washington has consis-

tently said that Pyongyang must abandon its nuclear arsenal for any peace treaty to be concluded. North Korea has conducted two underground nuclear tests since 2006 and is believed to have enough weaponized plutonium for half a dozen atomic weapons.

The U.S. will send special envoy Stephen Bosworth to North Korea before year’s end to try to pull Pyongyang back into international negotiations on nuclear disarmament, the State Department said.

Bosworth also will try to get the North Koreans to recommit to an agree-

tment they made in September 2005 — but subsequently abandoned — to verify fully the denuclearization of Werner of a peninsula of North Korea, which remains the only one today on the U.S. Department of Commerce’s list.

Washington has consented that the North Koreans may be clamping down on Chinese vessels operating in the area.

Brazilian General Lee Ki-sik of South Korea speaks to reporters during a briefing at the Defense Ministry in Seoul, South Korea Tuesday.

Brigadier-General Lee Ki-sik of South Korea speaks to reporters during a briefing at the Defense Ministry in Seoul, South Korea Tuesday.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Halderman was on the receiving end of a sales pitch, not a shake-down, a defense lawyer said Tuesday as he argued that a TV producer accused of extorting the host of the “Late Show” was simply trying to peddle a screenplay.

Robert J. Shargel, Halderman’s lawyer, asked a judge to toss the attempted first-degree grand larceny case against Halderman, saying he never intended to extort the comic. In doing so, he spurred Halderman to acknowledge his office dalliances in a staid Manhattan air-conditioned corner office in January.

Halderman had sex with women who were employees, he said, and outlined her affair with Letterman when information about it became public.
**Unemployment rate to remain high**

Federal officials warn that weak economic recovery won’t spur jobs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Unemployment likely will remain high for several years because the economic recovery won’t be strong enough to spur robust hiring, Federal Reserve officials warned on Tuesday.

The cautious note struck by the governors of regional Federal banks was the first public remarks by Fed officials since the government reported last week that the nation’s jobless rate held at 10.2 percent in October. It marked only the second time in the post-World War II period that the rate surpassed 10 percent.

In separate speeches, Janet Yellen, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and Dennis Lockhart, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, warned that rising unemployment could crimp consumers, restraining the recovery. Consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity.

“With such a slow rebound, unemployment could well stay high for several years to come,” Yellen said. “In other words, our recovery is likely to feel like something well short of good health.”

Yellen envisions the shape of the recovery kind of like an “L” with a gradual upward tilt of the base. Lockhart said “very slow job gains” may occur “sometime next year.”

Troubles in the commercial real estate market and the list of small businesses will also weigh on the recovery, they said.

Small businesses, which held up reasonably well in the first recession — have been clobbered by the downturn, accounting for about 45 percent of net job losses through the end of 2008, Lockhart said.

During the last two economic recoveries, small businesses contributed about one-third of net job growth. Lockhart said he was “doubt that would be the case this time.”

That’s because many small businesses rely on smaller banks for credit. But troubles continued in well-staffed small businesses, which were not affected by the sub-prime crisis.

Lockhart said he’s “particularly concerned” about that link.

Meanwhile, Eric Rosengren, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, weighed in on a different hot-button issue for Congress: how best to handle huge financial companies whose failure could endanger the economy.

Rosengren endorsed “living wills” that outline wind-down arrangements in the event of failure, rather than having the government restrict the size or activities of financial firms. "I am skeptical such dramatic action would significantly limit systemic risk," he said in a speech in London.

The Obama administration has called on Congress to set up a mechanism to safely dismantle failed financial companies — along the lines of what the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. does for collapsed banks. Although key legislative proposals revamping the nation’s financial rules contain such a provision, some lawmakers and others have expressed interest in limiting the size of colossal firms or breaking them up if they get too big.

Richard Fisher, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, told an Austin audience Tuesday evening that consumer spending is growing, but that he doubts it will recover its pre-recession vigor “for some time to come.”

He also said there is no imminent willingness of businesses to rehire or expand capital expenditures during the recovery.

“It may be some time before significant job growth occurs and even longer before we see meaningful declines in the unemployment rate,” Fisher said in prepared remarks.

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**In Brief**

States consider offshore wind power

ANNAPOolis, Md. — Maryland, Delaware and Virginia are joining forces to promote the offshore wind power industry.

The governors of the three states announced Tuesday that they have signed an agreement to coordinate federal policy, transmission strategies and other issues to advance offshore power in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Delaware Gov. Jack Markell says his state is poised to become the first in the nation to develop an offshore wind farm and the agreement will help the region become a leader in development of the renewable energy resource.

Delmarva Power signed a power purchase agreement last year with Bluewater Wind, which is hoping to develop a wind farm off the Delaware coast.

Judge denies company credit bid

PHILADELPHIA — Creditors trying to take over Philadelphia’s two major newspapers at a bankruptcy auction next week must bid in cash, not with the millions owed them, a federal judge said Tuesday.

The decision overturns a bankruptcy court ruling that seemed likely to give The Philadelphia Inquirer and Philadelphia Daily News to creditors by year’s end.

The newspapers had appealed in an effort to keep the company in local hands. They also argued that few other would consider bidding if creditors were holding onto $300 million in “house money” or “100’s” with which to bid.

U.S. District Judge Eduardo Robreno agreed the newspapers do not have to allow credit bidding.

“This will encourage bidding,” said lawyer Larry McMichael, who represents Philadelphia’s newspapers and said a number of potential buyers have expressed interest. “How many of them will bid, I don’t know.”

The bankruptcy auction is scheduled for Nov. 18, with bids due two days earlier. However, McMichael expects creditors to seek a stay of the proceedings while they appeal the credit-bid issue.

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**Market Recap**

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**Engineers rejoice over Opel decision**

DETROIT — When General Motors Co.’s board halted the sale of the company’s European car business last week, no one was happier than the automaker’s chief engineer.

Engineers with Ruesselsheim, Germany-based Opel have designed the basics of GM’s new compact and midsize cars that are sold across the globe, and they do much of the company’s research on safety and electric vehicles. So it would be difficult to separate them from engineering operations in the U.S. and elsewhere, said Mark Reuss, vice president of global vehicle engineering.

“It would have made everything a lot harder,” said Reuss, who was picked to head GM’s engineering shortly after the company emerged from bankruptcy protection last summer.

GM wouldn’t have lost all of its designs and technology if it had sold Opel, which it has owned since 1929.

“But I’m really happy that we’re keeping it,” Reuss said.

The reason GM even considered selling Opel was because it was worried about securing bankruptcy protection last summer.

Under the deal, 55 percent of Opel could have gone to a consortium of car parts maker Magna International Inc. and Russian lender Sberbank. The sale was ditched partly over fears that GM would lose control of Opel-designed technology, which includes next-generation designs for some key cars to be sold in the U.S.

GM would have kept 35 percent of Opel and the British Vauxhall unit, but without controlling interest. Opel resources could have been diverted away from GM’s global cars to projects that were priorities of the new owners, Reuss said.

“You’re competing for resources at that point, because you’ve only got a 35 percent share,” he said.

He also had concerns about losing technology to rivals, even with a sale agreement that put some controls on how the new owners could use GM technology.
Nuclear weapons in many different forums since the 1980s.

Burns described negotiations as important for reducing nuclear proliferation. "Discussions between Washington and Moscow began with limiting proliferation, and have progressed to reducing the number of weapons and have made significant steps toward disarmament by doing away with non-strategic nuclear weapons," he said.

Justification for nuclear reduction in other countries lessens when the two major nuclear powers do not make adjustments," said Burns.

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Nuclear disarmament may appear to be a lofty goal, but Burns emphasized that it is an attainable and necessary one. "We should resume prayers for peace because it is perhaps the only solution in this troubled world." Burns said. "These prayers are still needed today."

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Northwestern University, the University of Chicago and the University of Pennsylvania co-sponsored the EMBA programs held in the top three spots in BusinessWeek’s survey.

EMBA programs, as well as the ethics-based curriculum, especially amid public scrutiny of corporate citizenship, has garnered strong support from NMBA program directors. Various measures, including teaching quality, career services and curriculum, factor into the ranking.

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Bill emphasized that employers want to study and still choose a career in business. “As employers will hire students with a humanistic education for follow-up activities such as internships.

“I was an English major who went into business prior to coming to work at Notre Dame,” Bill said. “I think it is important to show students they can study what they want to study and still choose a career in business.”

Some participants from last year who are now seniors are looking into full-time business careers. Others have continued their humanistic education in follow-up activities such as internships.

“I think crimes that are this serious, you can’t explain to them, you can’t explain them,” said Kaine, a Democrat who carefully considered death penalty cases. “They completely dwarf your ability to look into the life of a person who would do something like this and understand why.”

Muhammad was sentenced to death for killing Dean Harold Edwards at a gas station in northern Virginia. He and his accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, also were convicted of killing several other people, including a police officer. Muhammad has never testified on his own behalf, and his attorneys have refused to talk about the case.

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Three cheers for student government

In my time at Notre Dame, I have never felt that I, as a student, had benefited from any of student government’s initiatives, programs or meetings. I like the idea of the readership program, but by the time the group made it to the dining hall, there were rarely copies left. (I’m not a breakfast guy.) The retreats are nice, but not my thing. As far as I can tell, there was never a printer in my section of the dorm (and possibly not anywhere in Zahm). Perhaps this is my own fault. Maybe I didn’t reach out enough, or maybe I’m just a student government cynic and will remain so indifferently.

However, an article in this newspaper last week started to make me believe in the good people that dwell upstairs in LaFortune. In response to the outrage from students living and socializing off campus, and the need to keep students from being shot, mugged and assaulted, student government pushed through the Transpo initiative.

For those of you who did not read, or have not heard yet, let me explain. Student government has successfully fought the funding (through cuts in student government and with additional help from Student Affairs) to run a Transpo bus route on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. that would cover the largest student neighborhoods. The proposed route, as far as I can tell, will run from the Library, past the Twycrossen apartments (Clever Ridge, Turtle Creek, Irish Crossings and Irish Row) to the Barker, down past Eddy St. Common to Notre Dame Ave. It will run South down Notre Dame Ave. past Club 23 to LaSalle, then take a right passing Corby’s moving onto Finn’s and Fever, then to the South Station. This route would leave approximately every 18 minutes from the Library, and be free to the students.

This is good. This is great. This is going to destroy any chance of me paying $3 for a cab again. This is also a great way to eliminate the need for students to choose between risking a free walk home or an expensive and potentially dangerous cab ride. However with this new great power, as Peter Parker would say, comes great responsibility. Student Affairs was concerned, and probably rightly so, that this bus would encourage drinking and cause neighborhood disturbances by posting large groups of students along the side of the street waiting for buses after midnight. There were also concerns about the true number of students that would take advantage of this new route. If any of these come to pass, then Student Affairs could easily pull the plug on the experiment, with no looking back. To avoid this, we, as students, need to be careful in each of these regards. So let me propose a few rules.

One: No puking on the bus. This seems obvious, controversial and socially decent. However, I have no problem imagining a few students, overcome by their new ride home, overindulge and proceed to ruin the fun for everybody. This would also vindicate Student Affairs’ concern that this encourages more drinking.

Second: Stand at the bus stops. Don’t mull around in neighbor’s yards, on the side of Notre Dame Ave. or in the middle of the street. If calls start rolling in of student’s wrecking havoc on “Home for Sale” signs and yelling at each other at two in the morning, things will turn out badly for the bus.

Finally, and most importantly, ride the bus. The easiest way to shut it down is to simply say not enough students take it to justify the cost. As a student body, we have just been given a chance to create a great new tradition. 76 To 70! And shouldn’t mess it up because we don’t want to wait 15 minutes for a bus to come by. Instead, let’s take it en masse and show everybody how great of an idea this is.

So, with some humility, I have to say thank you to student government for working to provide this opportunity for us, and I hope we can help you guys make it work. It’s certainly better than dropping $3 for a two minute cab ride.

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A Notre Dame short story

Part 6 by Nicholas Brandt

A man in a beige-tinted jacket approached him from his council pedestal. He sloshed through the jagged debris and mumbled grumblings to himself. He said, “I’ve done you down this here wall?”

Frederick looked at the man. The following words were the only things that managed to escape his breath: “I … I … I couldn’t … get out.” The overwhelming feeling of hollow success began to engulf him.

The man raised an eyeshade. Putting his hands on his hips, he let out a feeble chuckle. “Huh? Couldn’t get out? Why, that’s about the funniest thing I ever heard,” said he.

He offered Frederick his hand. As he got to his feet he noticed that the man’s other hand wasn’t moving and hadn’t been since he arrived. He just jangled by his side. Looked like more of a hindrance to him than an aesthetic advantage.

They carried on, climbing through rubble and muddled grumblings to him. “I said, ‘I couldn’t … get out!’” He said.

The only obstacle between him and this ultimate power was the stone. Frederick did not know if Frederick knew of the power it could bestow, or even of its existence, but it did not matter. Frederick would lead him, or he would return to the council and face death.

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Quote of the Day

“The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unspoken and deeds left undone.”

Harriet Beecher Stowe

U.S. abolitionist & novelist

Wednesday, November 11, 2009
No excuses

It’s no secret that Notre Dame football and its dedicated fans have become a national punching bag in the past fifteen years, and especially over the last two and a half seasons. After an unprecedented bowl losing streak, mediocre performance against all but the weakest competition and four failed coaching hires that the Irish faithful would gladly banish from our collective memory, that punching bag has been well-used and well-justified. Nonetheless, some would point to the end of the nation’s most ignominious bowl losing streak and the influx of talent-laden recruiting classes as reasons for continued optimism about Coach Weis’ tenure. Fellow alumni, students and friends of Notre Dame: do not be fooled. Don’t be distracted by the snipping of losing streaks against Boston College or by Halley Mar touchdown receptions against triple coverage. Our football program is testing on the edge of the abyss right now. Let us be written off as delusional crackpot alumni who think football is the most important thing in the world, let us explain why we feel more desperate now than we ever did as students when Tyone Willingham was our coach, during last year’s lackluster performance, or even 2007’s unprecedented 3-9 humiliation.

Given current circumstances, we feel a complete lack of confidence in the success of our storied program, if allowed to continue on its current path. Weis has been a longer leash than anything we have ever received, and, upon watching Tate and Floyd and Clausen (arguably the best college QB’s) maul up his cleats in the shadow of the Dome, it is easy to appreciate why Weis’s recruiting acumen is undeniable. However, even Weis’s team management is another matter, and Irish fans have been left with an unholy litany of questions that highlight Weis’s ultimate and irrefutable failure as our head coach.

Why have we lost two consecutive home games to Navy? Why has our losing streak to USC been extended by five more losses with losses by an average of 19.8 points? Why have we gone 3-16 in the last three seasons when playing teams with a winning record? Why is Ian Williams publicly derid-ed by his coach in a childish “he-said, she-said” manner for daring to suggest that our defensive scheme was ineffective against Navy? And how can a Notre Dame coach get away with announcing after a humiliating loss that his coaching methods don’t, and will never, change? These last two occurrences are perhaps even more damning than on-the-field performance of Weis’s teams. We heard it straight from his mouth: things aren’t going to change. Coming from the same man that authored autobiography, “No Excuses,” and once hung a defiant banner proclaiming that “9-3 is Good” while the program is palpably bad. However, there is still a larger, more ominous reason for our desperation, a reason that Saturday’s debacle, cannot be sure that the Powers-That-Be at Notre Dame will allow Navy to run for a whopping 348 yards, or that we allowed Navy to run for a whopping 348 yards. Weach missed 2 field goals. Either would have given us a win. Turnovers: Floyd, Clausen, and Parris had turnovers (Floyd caused an interception at the 5 yard line by not knowing what play was being run) and Clausen fumbled at the 1.

A Veteran’s Day vigil

The University of Notre Dame and the U.S. military share a very proud history. For over 60 years, students at the University of Notre Dame have trained as cadets and midshipmen and commissioned as officers in the Army, Marine, Navy and Air Force. Many have gone on to serve distinguished careers in the armed forces along with millions of other Americans. Today, Veterans Day is a day that we remember the sacrifices of these brave men and women. Here at Notre Dame the cadets and midshipmen in the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units show their respect for all Veterans during our annual Veterans Day Vigil and Ceremony. The vigil takes place at Clarke Memorial Fountain, more commonly known as Stonehenge, and lasts 24 hours, beginning yesterday evening at 5 p.m. and ending this evening at 5 p.m. at the start of the annual ceremony. We stand guard at Clarke Memorial to show that we will never forget about the sacrifices that the men and women of the U.S. military have made for the freedoms that we all share.

While you are walking by Clarke Memorial today and see your fellow students standing guard, or attend the ceremony this evening, we respectfully ask that you take a moment out of your day to reflect and give thanks to those who have served, those who are serving, and those who will serve in the defense of this nation.

Thank you.

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Respectful rivalry

I have nothing but undying respect for the United States Navy. As it were, a close friend of mine is attending the Naval Academy. For these reasons, I refuse to tolerate any excuse to chant “kill” or “suck it” to the honorable members of our armed forces. Like Greg Robinson (“Show some respect,” Nov. 9), I, inquired when I heard the band play the Imperial March, and I was shortly intercepted by the student section largely went along with it. I will concede Arthur Kostoom’s point of view, “Nothing is sacred, nothing is sacred” (Nov. 10). Many of our opponents may one day join the armed forces, but when they are on the football field, they are representing Nevada or Washington or Southern California, not Army or Navy or the Air Force. Last I checked, the order of importance went food, Country, then Notre Dame. I love Notre Dame. Like many of us (hopeful- ly all of us) I hope to see us compete for a BCS Bowl every year. But without the sacrifices of our men in uniform (the kind not on the football field), there would be no BCS. There would be no Notre Dame. So forgive me if I’m only sorry we lost, not that we lost to Navy. Frankly, considering what those cadets are going to do when they graduate, I’m not sorry to see them make these great mem- ories and enjoy themselves. Lastly, our respect for Navy was not the reason the student section shouted “suck it” at me. We “sounded like s**t” (as you so eloquently put it). Nonetheless, some would point to the long-term value of the Notre Dame foot- ball program to a platform that show-cases the values that the Notre Dame family and our students have, and especially over the last two and a half seasons. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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A Veteran’s Day vigil

Defending Charlie

After Saturday’s loss I heard phrases such as “his head is on the chopping block” and other such references to Charlie Weis. While the buck does stop with him, I want that needs to be done. Sadly, we cannot be confident in the judgment of an AD who scheduled a game against Western Michigan the night the game kicks off. The Department has been run for the last several years. I feel that we lost to Navy. Frankly, considering what those cadets are going to do when they graduate, I’m not sorry to see them make these great mem- ories and enjoy themselves. Lastly, our respect for Navy was not the reason the student section shouted “suck it” at me. We “sounded like s**t” (as you so eloquently put it). Nonetheless, some would point to the long-term value of the Notre Dame foot- ball program to a platform that show-cases the values that the Notre Dame family and our students have, and especially over the last two and a half seasons. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Scene Writer

For those of you who have been living under a rock for the past year, Lady Gaga would say that you haven’t seen her. Redefining what an entertainer is can be a challenge, but for 22-year-old Gaga, it is just another day at the office. The name says it all from her over-thetop fashion sense to her outofcontrol vocal talent. Lady Gaga is the newest princess of pop making heads turn everytime she goes, whether she is strolling down the streets of New York in skin tight leather jumpsuits or rocking red lace from head to toe at the MTV video music awards. For many, Lady Gaga is misunderstood. It is easy to label someone as crazy and out of their mind but being an entertainer in the music industry today requires a few of these traits. Many people think she is obnoxious and inappropriate when in fact she is contemporary and confident.

Lady Gaga commands crowds whether she is in sold-out amphitheaters or parked political protests in Washington D.C. Fighting for gay rights. She is loud and she knows it. Her debut album entitled “Fame” in August 2008 stopped every record label in its tracks. After being dropped from Def Jam Records at age 19, she teamed up with R&B artist Akon and Interscope Records where they let her creativity and lyrical masterpieces thrive. After having two hit singles, “Just Dance” and “Paparazzi,” she quickly fixed herself on everyone’s radar. Fans flock to her concert shows, which are actually more like theatrical performances where she wears everything from patent leather high boots to her signature blonde hair bows.

Gaga has mastered the art of performance saying, “every minute of my life is performance.” Her dedication to her work is inspiring, and it’s refreshing to see it being accepted by millions. She said she would rather people recognize her performances and work as an artist then herself as an actual individual. Her unique images and original creativity is what has made her one of the biggest rock, pop and theatrical stars of our time. Her category-defying persona is addicting whether people listen to her over the radio or live. Her presence on stage is electrifying with 70s glam-inspired moves and her jaw dropping sound. For such a petite woman she has no problem silencing an unbelievable voice that travels to everyone’s nightclub and iPod worldwide.

Lady Gaga marches to the beat of her own drum, literally when she is comfortable enough to prance around in leotards and four-inch heels singing “The Edge of Glory. Rich,” “I Like it Rough” and “Money Honey.” People can’t help but see her as afraidthanhuman and completely lost in her mind but those who disagree are her devoted and obsessed fans. Whether she is practicing her English accent or writing her own lyrics, she has managed to keep the public eye focused on her.

A New York native since birth, she proves she has what it takes to stay in the game and preserves an ultra-modern and groundbreaking artist who is consistently delivering unthinkable ideas. Lady Gaga is not afraid to express her art and that is why she has come this far. Her music videos act as mini movies and her dedication year after year and in front page covers of Rolling Stone and Entertainment Weekly. People may not agree with her artistic approach and edgy dirty songs but they can’t help but laugh and cry and groan when you hate her or love her, she is laughing all the way to the bank.

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Surreal Life” with Verne Troyer

The only good thing that has come out of Gaga-mania is her music. It’s fun to listen to, she deserves credit for that. It is also seminal, spanning-the-genres of music? No. If “Just Dance” becomes the next “Hey Jude” or “Vogue”... God help us all. Yes, she can sing, but who even cares when she has no musical training. She added it to her resume. Gaga is one of the biggest rock, pop and theatrical stars of our time. Her artistic approach and edgy dirty songs may not be for everyone but she proves she has enough to prove to everyone’s nightclub and iPod worldwide.

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“Paul deserves credit,” the Dragon said. “I have all the respect in the world for him, and he beats me five times out of 10 in this battle. Having said that, I came out on top, and there’s a reason for that.” The Dragon characterized their fight took off to start the match and tried to scope his territory. Paul Bunyan was so large, and the Dragon had to fly so high, that his vantage point became skewed and he returned to earth. He kept his distance from Paul Bunyan, who was also being patient, having learned from those who had previously lost to the Dragon. “I knew that he would try to take me out of my element,” Bunyan said after the match. “I wasn’t going to let him do that.”

The Dragon knew that he would have to fly to be victorious, so he took off, but swooped quickly and came towards the giant lumberjack. He had to swerve just as quickly, however, because Paul Bunyan was ready for him, and the Dragon narrowly missed a mighty swipe of Bunyan’s axe. Reading Bunyan’s intentions, the Dragon took off again, and taked a dive. Bunyan once again unleashed his axe, but the Dragon was ready, and dodged the attack before actually diving towards Bunyan. He took a mighty bite out of Paul Bunyan’s arm, forcing him to drop his axe.

The Dragon reacted quickly and grabbed the axe, fixing it as far away from their current battlefield as he could. Upon returning, he faced Bunyan and they began to battle with brute force alone. The Dragon tried to take off once more, but Bunyan grabbed him and held him down. The Dragon then let out a stream of fire, which scorched Bunyan’s skin. In this moment of hesitation, the Dragon was able to bite down on Bunyan’s neck, pinning him to the ground in a nearly help- less position. Bunyan tried to struggle away, but the Dragon’s vice-like grip with his teeth was too much, and Bunyan finally conceded defeat.

“I didn’t want to permanently damage such a fierce competi- tor,” the Dragon said. “He gave it his all, but I came out on top, I’m the champion, and that’s all that matters at this point.”

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Semi-Finals

Paul Bunyan def. the Hydra

Showing intelligence that many thought was far beyond his reach, Paul Bunyan used supreme strategy to defeat the multi-headed serpent. “Everybody thought that I was completely unaware that his heads multiplied,” Bunyan said. “I knew that the heads would come down to the wire. It’s my all, but I came out on top. I’m the champion, and that’s all that matters at this point.”

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The Irish rugby squad traveled to Madison this weekend to play Wisconsin in the first round of the Midwest playoffs. The Irish went 3-2 this year to finish fourth in the Eastern Conference, and were competing in their first playoff match since their reinstatement.

Wisconsin went undefeated in the regular season with a 6-0 record and received the No. 1 ranking in the Western League.

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GMs decide not to change instant replay

CHICAGO — Upon further review ... baseball general managers like instant replay the way it is. GMs failed to take a vote Tuesday on expanding instant replay following a postseason filled with blown calls by umpires.

I know there are some who have talked off line about the expansion of instant replay,” said Jimmie Lee Solomon, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner’s office. “Right now, the commissioner doesn’t see any reason to consider it.”

While there was discussion, Solomon said “it was all confined to the current instant replay system that we have.”

“I think it’s working great, and for the most part the umpires are getting the calls right when replay is used,” Los Angeles Angels GM Tony Reagins said. “Can we always tweak and get better? Absolutely. But I think we were headed in the right direction. For the most part they’re getting calls right and not afraid to use instant replay. As long as things are moving in the right direction, I don’t see a need to change.”

The GMs also heard a report from umpiring vice president Mike Port on training, evaluation and structure.

“I think commissioner Selig is going to look at the entire umpiring structure and he’s going to seek ways to enhance the entire structure,” Solomon said.

Other topics touched on during the GMs’ initial 4½-hour meeting were restructuring the Arizona Fall League to include younger players and modifying the amateur draft to reflect the previous year’s postseason performance.

Solomon said there was no discussion on pace of the game, a topic that came to the forefront during the World Series after numerous visits to the mound by Yankees catcher Jorge Posada.

No major trades were expected at this shorter-than-usual annual meeting, which ends Wednesday. Agents also are on hand at the gathering, being held at a hotel in O’Hare International Airport.

Among the top available free agents are outfielders Matt Holliday and Jason Bay, pitcher John Lackey and infielder Chone Figgins.

Reagins said the Angels are interested in re-signing both Lackey and Figgins.

“These guys have opportu-
nities to market them-
sewthemselves, and they’ve earned that,” Reagins said. “And we’re hopeful that we can come to an agreement at some point. Right now it remains to be seen.”

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**NBA**

Cleveland vs. Orlando

8 p.m., ESPN

**NCAA Football**

Toledo vs. Central Michigan

8 p.m., ESPN2
Associated Press

OTTAWA — Jason Spezza scored with 3.2 seconds left in the shootout for the Ottawa Senators, who twice came from behind in a 14-12 loss to the Edmonton Oilers 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Ottawa scored its third period of the season with just under 6 minutes left in regulation to give the Senators a 3-2 lead. Just under 2 minutes later, the Senators trailed tied 4-4 with a hard shot from the slot that trickled past Ottawa goalie Craig Anderson.

Jonathon Cheechoo and Nick Foligno also scored for the Senators. Leclaire made 31 saves.


The Heat are 6-1 for the first eight with 1:47 remaining.

NBA

Heat sped Wizard

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 37 points, and the Miami Heat remained in first place in the Southeast Division by holding off the Washington Wizards 90-76 on Tuesday night.

It’s the second time Wade has topped 40 this season, both against Washington. He scored 40 last Wednesday in the nation’s capital.

Miami scored 15 points and Mario Chalmers added 11, including a 3-pointer that put Miami up by eight with 1:47 remaining.

The Heat are 6-1 for the first time in a decade, matching the best seven-game start in franchise history.

Gilbert Arenas finished with 21 points, eight assists and 12 turnovers for the Wizards, who wasted an 11-point second-half lead and did not have their first NBA player with that many turnovers since February 2007 — when Wade did it against Cleveland.

Washington winger with 6:24 left gave Washington a 73-71 lead. It was the Wizards’ final goal, as they were outscored 19-3 the rest of the way.

Carlos Arroyo added 10 for Miami. Butler scored 19 for Washington, which got dou-

back jerseys feature a green maple leaf crest on the front.

Maple Leafs 5, Wild 2

Mikko Koivu scored one goal and assisted on two others in the second period as the Minnesota Wild ended the Toronto Maple Leafs’ two-game winning streak with a 5-1 victory Tuesday night.

Marek Zidlicky broke a 1-1 tie at 5:54 of the period. Then, 26 seconds after Koivu beat Jonas Gustavsson at 17:29, Greg Zanon made it 4-1.

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Senators top Oilers with Spezza goal in shootout

Kiprusoff earns first shutout in Flames win over Montreal; Maple Leafs blow out wild on strong showing from Koivu

The Wild took two penalties in quick succession, setting up a three-man skating advan-

tage for the Leafs once they paled Gustavsson, but Backstrom shut the door until Nolan’s empty-netter with 3 seconds left tied it.

Minnesota decided the game in the second period.

Given a two-man advantage when Ponikarovsky flipped the puck over the glass for a delay of game penalty, Zidlicky broke the tie when his slap shot from the point got between Gustavsson and the post.

The Wild extended that lead to 3-1, taking advantage of an exhausted Leafs unit left on the ice following an icing call. Antti Mitcellninen forced a turnover in the corner after the faceoff and sent a pretty pass in front to Koivu, who tipped it past Gustavsson.
**NCAA Football**

**Purdue ready for big games to come**

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE — As speciﬁc as Purdue’s wins against Ohio State and Michigan were, the Boilermakers’ year could have been much more massive constructive.

Purdue lost ﬁve straight games by a combined 33 points early in the season, including a two-point loss at Oregon and a triple-overtime loss at home against Notre Dame on a last-minute touchdown.

Purdue has rallied to win three of four, but the Boilermakers (4-6, 3-3 Big Ten) will need to win their next two in order to become bowl-eligible. The Boilermakers will play Michigan State (5-5, 3-3) on Saturday, then Indiana a week later.

Coach Danny Hope reminded the media Tuesday that Purdue and bowl weren’t anywhere near the same sentence in the preseason.

“We had to do a lot of great things for that question even to be raised,” he said. “We started off 0-3, we were not going to have any regrets, and we were not going to look back and second-guess our efforts when this thing was all said and done, and we could all hang our hat on that. And when it’s all said and done, we are going to be in good shape somewhere down the line.”

The Boilermakers certainly won’t regret their ﬁrst sweep of Ohio State and Michigan since 2000, or their ﬁrst win at Michigan since 1966. Those might not have been wins if not for the conference gained in the 36-36 loss at Oregon in Week 2.

“We’ve been on the road at Oregon, one of the best teams in the country, and gave ourselves a chance to win the ballgame,” quarterback Joey Elliott said. “That’s the way we’ll look back at this season — that we gave ourselves a chance to win most of the games we played.”

But the Boilermakers have hurt themselves with mistakes. They fumbled two punts and fell behind Northern Illinois 28-7 before losing 28-21. After losing to Notre Dame 31-20 last week, the Boilermakers had six turnovers in a 27-21 loss to Northwestern.

Their Achille heels have been their turnovers,” Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said. “That’s what has hurt them. They’ve moved the football. I think coach Hope has done an outstanding job in his ﬁrst year.”

Elliott said the loss to Northwestern hurts the most. Purdue blew a 21-3 lead, then Elliott missed an open Aaron Burbridge.

The Boilermakers are hoping those mistakes behind the hits, and will discuss a potential new rule aimed at reducing hits to the head.

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**NHL**

**New headshot rule on GM’s agenda**

Associated Press

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The discussion of head shots will not be one of the quick ones.

“I’m more concerned long-term about what’s going on,” said Tampa Bay Lightning GM Brian Lawton, who recently lost rookie defenceman Victor Hedman to injury after a big hit from Ottawa’s Chris Neil.

“I had raised some of the concerns long before Viktor got hurt. So I think it’s very timely and I don’t want to deviate from that (issue). I’m more interested in the long term, what are we doing to, because it costs the teams a ton of money and time when players are injured. That’s the bottom line.”

Veteran Carolina Hurricanes GM Jim Rutherford, a former goalie, also thinks it’s time to institute a rule designed to help reduce headshots.

“The players are bigger, they’re faster, and (the game) happens so much quicker and everything is so much harder (than it used to be),” he said. “We’ve got the seamless glass now, I know it’s supposed to move a bit, but it doesn’t move a lot. Everything we have is to better the game, which it has, but also put the players in a position that they can get hurt more.”

The league has already been a few tweaks to the rule book since major changes were made after the lockout to improve player safety.

“I really think the game’s in great shape,” Maloney said. “The games are tight. Every game is live or it’s October or November, for every team. That’s probably a good thing for the competitiveness of the league.”

“You’ve got to be careful about that, but you have to reinvent the wheel every time you get together. They’ve changed a lot of things.”

Some of them, you’d have to believe we could soon be making their way back into the NHL. Interest in free agents is picking up, and several clubs have shown renewed interest in former Detroit Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard, who could be readying for a comeback.

Maloney is badly in need of a defenceman and plans to travel to Switzerland this week to watch 17-year-old Chelios in person on Friday night. Chelios is playing with the NHL’s Chicago Wolves.

“He’s there, he’s sexy and he’s in great shape,” Maloney said. “(But) I don’t know — the pace of the NHL is so quick. We have to put it on the agenda.”

The Coyotes haven’t had any contact talks yet with Chelios, who hasn’t s p o k e n e n, ” Maloney said.

“I haven’t had another name, a right-handed s h o o t i n g defenceman, so I don’t know that he’s thinking, ‘OK, let’s talk about it.’ A week ago we were in pretty good shape healthwise, a week later you have two of your top six down.”

Maloney has been forced to explore all available options with Ed Jovanovski and Zbynek Michalek both out of the lineup.

Forbes is attempting yet another comeback. He has played three games for his native Sweden at the recent Karjala Cup. His agent, Don Baizley, was milling around outside the media area on Tuesday and chatted with a few GMs.

The Vaughan Canucks, Boston Bruins, Philadelphia Flyers and the New York Rangers have all publicly conﬁrmed their interest.

“I’ve made it known before — a healthy Peter Forsberg, who wouldn’t be interested?” said GM Paul Holmgren of the Flyers, who have had Forsberg in the organization twice before. “I don’t know what he’s thinking, but I know he played (with) those guys over there, we had a couple guys there watching.”

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Paterno to work on special teams before last game

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno wasn’t in a nostalgic mood, even with his seniors preparing to play their last home game.

Talking about linebacker Sean Lee, quarterback Daryll Clark and his other veterans will have to wait until after the No. 19 Nittany Lions play Indiana on Saturday. There’s a long to-do list for practice — starting with shoring up special teams.

Paterno said he may spend a little more time focusing on special teams this week, and may make some lineup changes after the unit’s lackluster showing in last week’s loss to Ohio State.

“Right now I don’t have time for that,” Paterno said Tuesday when asked to talk about his seniors. “We’ve got to get our football team ready to play a little better than we’ve played all year because it’s going to take a little better performance to beat Indiana.”

It probably can’t get any worse than the dud that Penn State (8-2, 4-2 Big Ten) had against the Buckeyes.

The offensive line got overwhelmed, giving little time for tailback Evan Royster or quarterback Daryll Clark to make big plays. The Nittany Lions’ vaunted defense allowed season highs of 24 points and 228 rushing yards.

Perhaps most deflating were the miscues on special teams, a season-long concern.

Two long punt returns by Ohio State’s Ray Small set up two touchdowns — and Small would have taken one of those returns back for a score if not for the desperate tackle of punter Jeremy Boone.

“Today we’ll go out there and challenge a couple guys a little bit so that we can find out whether we really have the right people in there,” Paterno said.

Penn State solved one punting problem last week, only to have another emerge. The Nittany Lions came into the game having had two punts blocked this season, including one returned for a touchdown during a September loss to Iowa. Paterno had said the blocks may have been in part due to Boone — who typically punts well — taking an extra half-step or two before punting.

Linebacker Josh Hull, who helps protect Boone during punts, said the punter may have done too good a job and “out-kicked the coverage.” The Buckeyes pounced the Nittany Lions up front and made it difficult to get downfield after the punt was away, Hull said.

But he offered no excuses.

“The one play, I think there were five missed tackles. That’s not what Penn State is about, that’s not what the punt team is about,” Hull said.

Exacerbating the problem is that the Nittany Lions average only five-plus yards per punt return, the second-lowest mark in the Big Ten. Put in perspective, Small’s 130 return yards on seven
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Jeter wins fourth Gold Glove

Longoria, Jones and Buehrle win honor for the first time in careers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter sure is stuffing his trophy case this year.
The steady Yankees short- stop won his fourth Gold Glove on Tuesday, joining New York first baseman Mark Teixeira among the American League players rewarded for fantastic fielding.

“I’ve always taken a great deal of pride in my defense, and being honored with a Gold Glove is an accomplishment I will never overlook,” Jeter said in a statement.

Los Angeles Angels center fielderTorii Hunter and Seattle right fielder Ichiro Suzuki both won for the ninth straight season.

First-time winners included Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria, Baltimore outfielder Adam Jones and Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle.

Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer and Detroit second baseman Placido Polanco each earned their second award.

Rawlings has presented Gold Gloves annually since 1957. Managers and coaches vote on players in their own leagues before the regular season ends, but they may not select members of their own teams. National League and American League winners will be announced Wednesday.

It’s been a banner year for Jeter, who combined with Teixeira to help lead the Yankees past California last week for the franchise’s 27th World Series title.

In addition to his fifth championship ring, Jeter also took home baseball’s Roberto Clemente Award for excellence on the field and in the community, and his second Hank Aaron Award as the AL’s top hitter. In September, he broke Lou Gehrig’s club record for hits.

The Gold Glove is perhaps the most surprising piece of hardware, however. Jeter, who turned 35 in June, enjoyed one of his best defensive seasons after years of criticism for a lack of range.

A 10-time All-Star, Jeter won three consecutive Gold Gloves from 2004-06. But detractors pointed to modern fielding stats that indicated his defense didn’t warrant such accolades. They said it was his bat that brought on the attention — and the New York spotlight.

This season, Jeter made a career-low eight errors and matched his personal best with a .986 fielding percentage, both ranking at the top of the AL charts. He anchored an outstanding Yankees infield as New York set a major league record by going 18 games without an error from May 14 to June 1.

“The only pitch- ing he did was to the plate. It’s the one award that I’ve wanted to win since I started pro ball,” Longoria said in a statement.

Jeter, who combined with Longoria and being honored with a Gold Glove, means a lot to me, especially when good defense helped our entire team reach the ultimate goal of a world championship,” Mauer, a top contender for AL MVP, won his second consecutive Gold Glove after leading the Twins on a late charge into the playoffs.

In addition to his AL Rookie of the Year, unseated Seattle’s Adrian Beltre at third base, Beltre harbored high expectations for this season, won the previous two years after a six- year run by Oakland’s Eric Chavez.

“It’s the one award that I’ve wanted to win since I started pro ball,” Longoria said in a statement. “I’ve always taken a great deal of pride in my defense, so this award is very special to me. It’s hum-bling to have your name associated with some of the great players who have won a Gold Glove, especially the third baseman.”

In addition to the voters, Longoria thanked teammate Carlos Pena, last season’s Gold Glove winner at first base.

“We all know how good he is. He probably saved me at least five errors this year, so without him the award might not have been possible,” Longoria said.

Buehrle pitched a perfect game against Tampa Bay on July 23. But when he allows runners, he’s particularly effective at holding them there.

The left-hander yielded only four stolen bases in eight tries this season and picked off eight runners. The only pitcher with more pickoffs was former teammate Clayton Richard, who had nine, according to STATS LLC.

Chicago Yadier Molina, who has filed for free agency, com-mitted two errors all season. He also won in 2007 — with- out making an error — before losing out last year to Boston’s Dustin Pedroia.

With nine Gold Gloves apiece, Hunter and Suzuki are one shy of the AL record for outfielders, shared by Ken Griffey Jr. and Hall of Famer Kenny World Series title.

Hunter receives a $100,000 bonus for winning the Gold Glove, while Suzuki gets $50,000. Buehrle, Longoria, Mauer and Polanco each earned $25,000.
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2001, according to Masters, and the Irish are hoping to sell out large portions of their home schedule this year and eclipse that number.

Diggins was a star at local Washington High School and was a McDonald's All-American as well as a two-time USA Basketball gold medalist with the 2008 U-18 team and 2009 U-19 team. Diggins' substantial local presence on the team has added to an extensive cast of other local stars.

Helping to start the trend of forming a local roster four years ago was Lechlitner, who attended St. Joseph's High School.

"I love to being home and in town and having my friends and family being able to come to every game," Lechlitner said. "Just having the support of South Bend at every game is unheard of. We go to other schools, pep rallies, and pediatric cancer clinics."

It's really important for us to get involved in local community service projects. According to Masters, the team logged over 800 hours of community service last year, going out to local grade schools, pep rallies, and pediatric cancer clinics.

"It's not a game for us," he said. "It's our life. It's not just the wins and losses. It's everything that goes with it. Positively and negatively. So you do the math on how that's going."

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Freshman guard Skylar Diggins dribbles in a 97-53 exhibition win against Indianapolis on November 3.

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"People don't know you, why do I care what they think?"

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

It might be — I'm not the doctor, once again. I think the Marquis, I think he'll be able to practice again in December." So far this season, Rudolph was second on the team with 33 catches and third with three receiving touchdowns. Junior Mike Ragone, who missed all of last with a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), is now listed as the starter at tight end on the Irish depth chart. Ragone has three catches on the season, all in the past two games.

Senior Bobby Burger, who was held out of action against Navy with a neck injury, is listed as Ragone's backup. Weis said that Burger, a former walk-on, is healthy and ready to play.

As far as other injuries go. Weis said that junior running back Armando Allen and sophomore right guard Trevor Robinson, both of whom missed last week's game, would start Saturday night in Pittsburgh barring any setbacks in practice.

Weis also said that despite the nasty hit junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen took on Saturday, he definitely did not suffer a concussion.

"He was a sore puppy when he woke up. "But no, he didn't have a cognitive test. He's the king of the ice bags, as I told you. And he had them all over: Neck, shoulder, toe. He was a one man M.A.S.H. unit."

Despite constant big picture questions about his health and job security at Notre Dame, Weis refused to talk about anything other than Saturday night's game against the No. 8 Panthers.

"And maybe I'm trained that way," Weis said. "But it's just a complete tunnel vision way of looking at it. I don't spend any time reflecting. I only worry about doing all I can to beat Pitt."

He added that he was unconcerned about his public perception.

"People don't know you, why do I care what they think?" Weis said. "Really? What do I care? If they don't know you, they'll have an opinion based off of what? They don't know."

Weis did say, though, that he was concerned with how his family was handling the constant questions and scrutiny regarding his future at Notre Dame.

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Note: Freshman kicker Nick Tausch was named as a semifinalist for the Groza Award Monday.

The Award is given annually to college football's top placekicker.

Prior to the season, Irish junior kicker Brandon Walker was named to the award's watch list. Walker is currently injured and has not seen action yet this season.

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Collaros to start, Pike to play for UC

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Quarterback Zach Collaros will start for fifth-ranked Cincinnati against West Virginia on Friday night, with Tony Pike expected to play as well for the first time since he hurt his non-throwing arm.

Coach Brian Kelly announced Tuesday that Collaros will be his starter. The sophomore backup has played spectacularly and kept the Bearcats (9-0) in the national title conversation while Pike heals from surgery to replace a metal plate in his left forearm.

Collaros threw for 480 yards—the second-highest total in school history—during a 47-45 win over Connecticut last Saturday night. Pike warmed up before the game, but didn’t play. Kelly said the senior will run some plays against West Virginia (7-2).

“We’re going to try to put a couple different packages in and just go from there,” Pike said after practice Tuesday. “Obviously getting back out there and practicing is one thing, but in the game it’s a different speed. That’s the biggest thing.

“With how well Zach’s playing right now, it’s going to be a little bit and go from there and see how I’m feeling.”

The Bearcats have a bye next week, giving Pike a couple more weeks of practice to sharpen his skills after so much missed time. Kelly said the plan is to have Pike start against Illinois on Nov. 27 in Cincinnati.

Pike’s injury and Collaros’ remarkable job as the fill-in presented a quandary for Kelly. Pike was one of the nation’s top passers before he got hurt, earning mention as a Heisman candidate, but his skills after so much missed time are a concern.

“Obviously getting back out and working on some hardware is going to be a little bit tedious,” Kelly said after practice Tuesday. “Obviously Zach’s playing well. Obviously I’m going to have to keep the backup quarterback who threw for 480 yards in big games. That’s new territory for me.”

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Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

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Collaros has won his last three collegiate starts, bringing a new element to the spread offense with his mobility.

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To go along with Watt and the two freshmen, fellow sophomore Sam Keeton has become solid from the back and aggressive and net play, with some major wins at the Harvard Invitational and Mary Invitational. Bayliss knows that while he may have his No. 1 set, he will need other guys to come up with some major wins at the lower spots in the lineup in order for the team to have success.

“Maintaining motivation while awaiting playing opportunities is important,” Bayliss said. “We truly have nine players, at the very least, who we feel are capable of winning big in the lower lineup. We may need to rotate our guys in and out of the lineup at the beginning of the season to see who is doing the best job.”

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“Casey had a significant breakthrough at the ITA Regionals,” Bayliss said. “Reaching the finals in a field that included some of the better players in the country is a terrific achievement. Avoiding Justin Kronauge (of Ohio State) is quite an accomplishment, as he had been the No. 1 player in the U.S. in the juniors several years ago.”

“His win over Michalika [Wisconsin] is significant because he beat Brett Helgeson twice last year. He clearly is becoming more aggressive and getting to the net more than a year ago,” Bayliss said. “He always had the heart and wheels of a champion, but now he is getting some new weapons which allow him to get to the net more than a year ago.”

The Irish have also seen good performances out of some of their freshmen this fall, including Blas Moros and Michael Moore. Bayliss noted that Moros has added some pop to his serve, and Moore is working on moving forward and being more successful at the net.

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said. "Especially for us because it's something the ducks haven't done before."

If Howard wins Sunday and gets to the finals, their opponents would be another team chasing an unblemished record, Pasquerilla West. The Purple Weasels have won two titles in the past five years, and are used to success. They don’t put any extra stock in chasing a perfect record.

"We kind of knew that the season would be preparation for the NCAA tournament," junior captain Cynthia Curley said. "We realized there was a target on our backs because our dorm has had a lot of success. Every playoff game there is a lot of intensity, so being undefeated doesn’t particularly add to it."

When it comes to their record, the two teams have had to look in unconventional places for lessons in overcoming the adversity that will inevitably come with a long playoff run.

Bishop said a nail-biting match could be one of the things for the future powerhouse and larger dorm Welsh Family was a character-building game for her team.

"When we played Welsh (Family) it was a tight game the whole way through," Bishop said. "It really made us dig deep and figure out just what we were capable of early in the season." Curley remembered a game earlier in the season where her Purple Weasels battled not only Pangborn, their opponent in the semifinals this weekend, but also the elements.

"We have a little bit of a history with Pangborn ever since we beat them in the championship, and there was a Thursday night game against them in the pouring rain," Curley said. "The ball was slippery, there was no traction. It was a big struggle for our offense. It was 0-0 the whole game and then we scored in the final minute. Every moment was high pressure and we really came together.

Both Howard and Pasquerilla West, despite being undefeated, are battle-tested, and while both teams chase perfect records, their focus is strictly on winning a championship.

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bracket to make Notre Dame work for a berth in the Final Four of the College Cup.

="We got the best of a few teams in that group," Waldrum said. "I think we can pose some problems." Ward said, "Obviously we’re just focusing on IUPUI because it’s one loss and you’re out, but looking at the brackets and seeing which two difficult teams don’t have a lot of support in front of them."

In addition to the Seminoles, the Irish could run into quality opponents in each round of the tournament, starting with IUPUI, which had facing its first appearance in the tournament. Should the Irish advance to the second round, they’ll face the winner of the first-round match between Central Michigan and Purdue.

"I think the group of four that we have in our half could be one of the toughest pods that we’ve ever seen," Waldrum said. "I think the thing you have to be careful about is to make sure that you continue to stay focused."

At this point, IUPUI is the national champion; Ward said. "This is their first time and they walked right through (the Summit League) and their tournament, so they’re gonna be challenging and bring a lot of fans from Indianapolis."

"We’ll be excited so it’s important to get our fans out, and we really need the students behind us this weekend at home. We have two difficult games, and IUPUI could be one of the toughest first round games we’ve had in years, just as Central Michigan could be for Purdue."

The Irish could run into the winner of a potential second-round match between Florida and Ohio State in the third round. Both teams would be far from an easy out for the Irish, especially the "life of the party" Gators.

Fortunately for the Irish, Florida is one of two teams in their half of the pod from the Midwest, which could add to Notre Dame’s home-field advantage.

"I think it kind of depends on what’s going on with the weather at the time," Waldrum said. "They’re gonna be up at Ohio State in that opening weekend, and I don’t think the weather’s gonna be too bad, but Florida is probably a more athletic team as there is in our group, so it could be a problem if they got through, so you hope travel could be to our advantage, and the weather might be bad. Anytime a team travels to the Midwest from the South or West Coast it’s gonna be difficult."

For his part, Jackson said that at this point he was still looking for one goalie to step up and become the full-time starter, but that eventually he may have to consider using multiple goalkeepers for the rest of the season.

"I’ve never been a two-goalie guy my whole coaching career, but that doesn’t mean that I wouldn’t try it," Jackson said. "If I had to guys that were able to win for us, then, yeah.

While the situation in net works itself out, the Irish are also searching for consistency scoring goals. So far, the Irish rank ninth in the 12-team CCHA with 2.3 goals per game.

Specifically, Notre Dame is having difficulty scoring goals with even strength. In two games against the Nunnocks, Notre Dame scored a powerhouse goal in each game. On the season, the Irish have converted on 21.1 percent of their powerplay chances with the man advantage.

"Now we know that for that whole two minutes we have a threat, no matter which unit goes first and which one goes second," Lawson said. "He’s only a freshman," Jackson said. "But if he continues to play on a consistent basis, yeah."

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Lawson, though, said he was still not sure whether Notre Dame’s 5-on-5 scoring efficiency. "You look the statistical categories, there’s one that glaring for us," Lawson said. "In the rest of the season, we’re doing OK."

In fact, the Irish are in the top five in the conference in nearly every other statistical category.

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Irish coach Jackson’s teams has usually been the goaltender. The past two seasons, netminder Jordan Pearce started 38 and 42 games. Prior to Pearce, David Brown started in 29 and 30 games in his two seasons under Jackson.

"So far this year, though, the Irish have, for the most part, alternated between junior Brad Phillips and freshman Mike Johnson, with Phillips getting five starts and Johnson getting four.

This past weekend against Alaska, Johnson was the first of the two goalies to start twice in one weekend. Friday night, he surrendered only two goals in a 3-2 Irish win. Saturday, though, Johnson gave up three third-period goals against the Nanooks.

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The Observer apologizes for the absence of The Mobile Party.
Local talent attracts big crowds to Purcell Pavilion

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The local South Bend community has been pouring out in droves this season to get a chance to see the Notre Dame women’s basketball team play. One of the most significant reasons is the number of local players from the community, including South Bend and Mishawaka natives fresh- man guard Skylar Diggins and senior guard Melissa Lechlitner. Even beyond this local slant to the roster, the team has been making a concerted effort to get their faces out in the community and draw more fans to the newly refurbished Purcell Pavilion.

“A large part of this local slant to roster is a result of a directed recruiting effort from the coaching staff. According to Assistant Sports Editor Pat Covenev, this season has already sold out a record number of season tickets, about 7,500, partly attributable to the newly refurbished Purcell Pavilion, but also intimately linked to local high school star Diggins finding her way onto the roster. This culmination of local interest in the team, according to Masters, is just one rock of consistency in a dorm that’s never seen a lot of great players and we think everybody still has a lot of confidence in this team. We’ve got a lot of great players and we know our coaches know what they’re doing.”

The one rock of consistency in the team is indicative of the level of play of local basketball. “It says a lot about the quality of basketball here in South Bend, and in Indiana in general,” McGraw said. “I think that there is great basketball in this area, it is exciting to watch, there is great fan support and the community is really involved. It is fun for them to continue to follow the players they followed in high school.”

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Irish face tough road to finals

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No. 4/5 Notre Dame was pleased to learn Monday evening that they had earned a No. 2 seed in what looks to be a challenging College Cup bracket.

With their No. 2 seed, the Irish are guaranteed to host at least three home games during the championship and would only travel if they were to face No. 1 seed Florida State in the pod final. However, despite the luxury of playing in front of a home crowd, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said that there is enough competition in the non-conference games to keep them from becoming overconfident. “This is a dorm that’s never even won a playoff game so we’re already ahead of made history,” Bishop said. “At this point we are just trying to finish the season strong, because we’ve already surpassed our goals. Being undefeated doesn’t add any pressure.”

The Ducks defeated Cavanaugh 13-6 in the quarterfinals and will face Walsh in the semifinals. They are in awe of the opportunities their successful season has brought them. “(Playing in the Stadium) would be so special,” Bishop said.