Innovation Park a collaborative place for research

New facility combines research, office and classroom space with entrepreneurship and networking opportunities

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Innovation Park has been promoted as a facility that will bring University research into the marketplace as a profitable business venture.

But what does this mean for Notre Dame students and faculty?

For professor and director of the Freimann Life Science Center Mark Suckow, Innovation Park is a possible place to launch a business to market his development of cancer vaccines.

Although Suckow has not committed to using Innovation Park, he is looking into the facility as a starting point to commercialize his vaccine work more effectively.

“We can reduce the incidence of prostate cancer by 90 percent in rodents. We have also shown that we can reduce the growth of ovarian cancer by 70 percent,” he said of the vaccine’s progress. “Both of these technologies hold significant commercial potential.”

Along with a business partner, Suckow is continuing to develop the vaccine adjutant while looking for a place to house a business to market the research.

“The road to market in a lot of these things is a long road, but you have to start somewhere,” he said.

Gregory Crawford, dean of the College of Science, said one of the biggest advantages Innovation Park offers to professors and people in business is the opportunity to network.

“It’s a physical place, a tangible asset that brings people together that otherwise wouldn’t meet,” Crawford said. “You can bump elbows with investors and state officials. These types of connections were accidental before but now these collaborations can happen.”

Suckow said this opportunity to see PARK/page 4

CSC adds Bangladesh summer service program

By KATIE PERALTA
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Notre Dame’s relationship with the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh has gained new momentum in the past year — from last week’s premiere of the film “Strength Bodies Fight: Rough Cut” to its new International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP) in the developing country.

The new ISSLP, offered through the Center of Social Concerns (CSC), sent four students to Bangladesh for the first time just this past summer, despite the fact that it shares a long history with the Holy Cross Missions in the country, Rachel Tomasz Morgan, director of International Service Learning and Justice Education at the CSC said.

“For as long as Bengal Bouts has been supporting the Holy Cross missions of Bangladesh, it is amazing to consider that not one boxer had ever gone over,” she said.

Mark Weber, a 2009 graduate, former boxing club president and captain and producer of the film, approached Morgan in the summer of 2008 to discuss the creation of a possible link between the CSC’s ISSLP and the Bengal Bouts, Morgan said.

“Mark asked us to be a part of ‘taking Bengal Bouts to the next phase’ and to provide the programmatic infrastructure that could allow it to succeed,” she said. “He felt the ISSLP was a good fit — our Center’s commitment to the work of Holy Cross and the academic service learning.”

With an initial “pilot” trip to Bangladesh in May with four fellow boxers, Morgan, said Weber committed to the

Benches to be placed at Main Circle

By LAURA MCCRISTAL
News Writer

Students waiting for rides at Notre Dame’s Main Circle will soon have a place to sit, as two new benches will be installed in the next few weeks.

University Architect Doug Marsh said the benches will be installed in the northwest and northeast corners of the circle, weather permitting, within a few weeks.

Student body president Grant Kibbe said the project because he thought students would benefit from seating in the area.

Marsh said Main Circle, a popular meeting place on campus, does not currently offer seating. The nearest benches to main circle are set back against the Law School building and Alumni Hall.

“I think a lot of people always complained about there not being a spot to sit down at Main Circle,” he said. “People continually say they want a spot to sit, a place to relax, a convenient spot to wait.”

Schmidt wrote an e-mail to Marsh during the summer, inquiring about the possibility of benches at Main Circle.

At the time, Marsh told Schmidt he would look into the project. Schmidt said he recently heard from Marsh that the project would be completed.

The funding for the benches came from a specifically designated bench fund, Marsh said.

“The two benches will match the other memorial benches located in nearby areas such as the South Quad and the Law School,” he said.

Even though this project seems minor, Schmidt said, it is still important because students frequently comment about the lack of available seating and it was an issue that student government was able to address.

“It’s pretty small but it’s something tangible,” he said. “Sometimes the work that you do people can’t actually see it taking shape.

Schmidt said student government usually works on larger projects, but is also able to address smaller issues on campus that can improve student life.

“I just knew that I personally was always frustrated with not having a place to sit,” he said. “It was just one of those things that needed to be there.”

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Interest in job shadowing doubles

By LAURA MCCRISTAL
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The Notre Dame Job Shadow Program, offered through the Career Center, nearly doubled the number of applicants it received since last year, according to career counselor Bridget Kibbe.

The Job Shadow Program allows students to observe a Notre Dame alum in a career field that interests them for one day during Winter Break, Kibbe said. The program, she said, was initiated last year.

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I love America. I think it's the greatest country in the world, and I would never want to live anywhere else. As a result, I have the utmost respect for our soldiers and those who plan to eventually serve in the military. I feel like I have to say this as a disclaimer because if your reaction to my next statement is anywhere near as hostile as the one I got from those seat-ed around me at the game on Saturday, you're probably going to be appalled by it.

We're too nice to Navy's football team. I understand why we respect Navy, and I have no problem with it. Obviously, almost all of their players who took the field on Saturday will be fighting for our country after graduation rather than playing in the NFL, or applying for jobs, and we should respect that.

Historically, Notre Dame also owes a debt of gratitude to the Naval Academy for helping us stay in business during World War II when the Navy used Notre Dame as a training center and paid enough rent to help keep the school afloat during the war.

We honor them for this by playing them every year in football.

Clearly, our two institutions share a special relationship, and Navy is probably the only team on our schedule that we can consider more of a friend than a foe.

What's lost in all of this is that despite the tremendous amount of respect that exists between the two teams, the Midshipmen run out of the tunnel at Notre Dame Stadium with one thing in mind.

They want to beat us just as badly as USC or Michigan. In fact, with the exception of those Jesuits from Boston, they may want to beat us more than any other team since they only have two wins in their last 45 tries against us.

This isn't to say that our fighting Irish would rather let Navy win than beat them. It simply means that there is something special about our football team and our school that makes any team that comes to South Bend hungry for a victory in historic Notre Dame Stadium.

It means that as a fan base, we need to continue the long tradition of singing each good game, and, in the case of Navy, continuar de nuestro lado para hacer que este encuentro sea un triunfo para nuestra escuela.

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The role of an adult mentor and the responsibility of an advisor might not be fit for the students who are shy and unwilling to ask for help.

Yanker suggested that rectors are incredibly important people in the lives of our student body, and they will always be a rector for our country.

The club also aimed to raise awareness about the need for more support for veterans and their families, and that social workers in great demand in the VA Veterans’ Affairs Hospitals.

The display was set up from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium at the College. Verdeja said the club hopes the display will give students perspective and appreciation for all those who have served.

I think it is important that students are mindful that we have a history of being born into a country where we have freedom and rights. There are millions of women and men who have put their lives on the line for us, and often when they return from war, they are forgotten about, she said. "Likewise, there are many students who have a family member who currently serve or have served in the military in the past and it is to bring our community together and find solidarity."
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collaborate with people in business, science and government is a big draw to using Innovation Park. "I think people are very excited to be able to interact with other entrepreneurs — people experienced in bringing ideas to market," he said. "The overall layout was skillfully planned on a really sort of enhance interaction."

Crawford said the University hopes to get students involved in the projects at Innovation Park. "It will be a terrific experience for our students to see how companies start and how an idea in a profession can transform into a business," he said.

Innovation Park also offers several other opportunities for students. Crawford said.

Some students are currently taking courses at Innovation Park as well. The University's Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Technology Entrepreneurship Executive Summer Training Program (ESTEEM) was launched this year. The program's first intern, Robert Alwforth, director of the program, said.

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The group's reports came from John Maier, Sean Pennino and James Woods, who spent eight weeks in two cities, Jalchatra and Pirgacha, both parish communities that Holy Cross has operated in since 1978. The students spent their summer teaching English, assisting Holy Cross in developing community placements for the program last year, they said. "We had a few challenges with the building not being done on time, but it's a beautiful facility," he said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

City fires 25 percent of traffic cops
MONTREUX — Mexico’s third-largest city has fired almost a quarter of its traffic police for failing tests designed to detect corruption and ineptitude.

And half of Monterrey’s traffic cops were ordered to undergo more training after performing poorly on the tests. Only a bit more than half of the tests were found to be completely fit for the job.

The purge of traffic cops in the northern Mexican city is the latest step taken to clean up its police force. More than 100 Monterrey police officers have been detained this year on suspicion of links to organized crime.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Principal arrested for shoplifting
EVANSTON, Ill. — An elementary school principal was arrested Thursday on charges that he shoplifted more than $500 worth of merchandise from a Kohl’s department store.

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

Kidnapped Irish priest is released
DUBLIN — A 79-year-old Irish Catholic priest abducted in the Philippines a month ago has been freed unharmed and neither country paid any of the kidnappers’ $2 million ransom demand, Irish and Filipino authorities announced Wednesday.

Foreign Minister Micheal Martin said the Rev. Michael Sinnott “displayed great fortitude ... in spite of his age and difficult health.”

He is clearly a man of great resilience, strength and courage and we wish him well as he seeks to recover from such a truly odious act,” said Irish President Mary McAleese, who called Sinnott’s freedom the answer to the shared prayers of millions in both countries.

And Prime Minister Brian Cowen said the government would help the priest enjoy “a speedy reunion with his family and friends.”

**VETERANS DAY**

President Barack Obama and Gen. Karl Horst walk past grave markers during a visit to Section 60 at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. Wednesday.

Associated Press

**UNICEF**

**ITALY**

UNICEF: Hunger affects 200 mil children

**Perspective**

By فلايتكس

**NEW YORK** — New York City has cut a deal to buy almost 7 acres of Coney Island.

The deal was announced Wednesday and is seen as part of Bloomberg’s plan to revitalize the Brooklyn waterfront that held the famous Astroland rides.

Bloomberg wants to turn the area into a year-round destination with high-rise hotels, restaurants, stores, movie theaters and the city’s first new roller coaster since the Cyclone was built in 1927.

City officials say the price is more than $95 million and goes to the Manhattan development company Thor Equities.

The deal comes after months of tough negotiations that left the plan up in the air, even after the City Council approved it in July.

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**AP**
Theology on Fire examines sexuality

By BRITTANY VANSENEOP News Writer

In an effort to spark campus-wide discussions on controversial topics in the Catholic Church, Saint Mary's hosted a Theology on Fire lecture called “Too Hot to Handle: Relationships, Sex and Sensuality” Wednesday night at the College Student Center. The lecture was delivered by guest speaker, Heather Rakoczy Russell, director of the Gender Relations Center at the University of Notre Dame.

Rakoczy Russell emphasized how often she sees a dichotomy between culture and how eight areas in particular shape those views.

Impostor syndrome, wherein people question whether or not they are good enough, was one of the common problems Rakoczy Russell described. She also examined competition and perfection, wherein people must be all things to all people.

She addressed by addressing technology, where personal contact between two parties is not essential. Pornography, she said, objectifies human beings and hyper-masculinity is a situation in which men feel the need to be a certain way. Because thinking, she continues, leads to the hook up culture so prevalent on college campuses. The last problem she identified was hetero-normality, wherein people assume they are only attracted to those of the opposite sex.

“There are beliefs dictate the way we are supposed to celebrate sex or sexuality,” Rakoczy Russell said. “People have the idea that they can do this for four years and turn it off out of college. But what happens in college isn’t like what happens in Vegas.”

The negative side effects of the dog breeders are guilt and shame, as people internalize stereotypes and assume they are living up to the social norm, Rakoczy Russell said. “I think that people who are following these stereotypes are what we see most of the time,” Theresa Zimmerman, a senior, said. “So we interpret it to be the norm, even though we don’t want to be associated with it.”

Rakoczy Russell explained the church’s views on sex and sexuality as well as the fact that people must recognize their freedivel and develop their consciouss to be effectively open-minded.

“There is a need for us to challenge ourselves by being open-minded in order to grow,” Zimmerman said. “People often think sexuality is all about sex, but sexuality is how we connect and relate to people, to the world and God.” Rakoczy Russell said in closing.

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“People are not vicious animals. They are victims of abuse.”

Debbie Hill
President
Missouri Humane Society

The foster homes will acclimate the dogs to the noises and rules of a household, and teach them basic manners.

Animal behaviorist Pamela Reid, who was part of the team that evaluated the dogs, said a surprising two-thirds tested well for nonaggression and adoptability. She’s fostering one puppy, although one of her favorite dogs had to be euthanized because he showed aggression toward men.

Hill said 160 dogs were put down because of injuries, illness or behavior. None of the puppies showed aggression, Reid said.

Tim Rickley, who heads the Humane Society's anti cruelty task force, said the raids proved the underground dog-fighting industry is pervasive.

"We scratched the surface," Rickley said. "We could have done several of these (raids) in Missouri alone."
Hewlett-Packard to buy 3Com

Company looks to expand business outside of personal computers with purchase

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Hewlett-Packard Co. said Wednesday it is buying 3Com Corp. networking company for $2.7 billion, the latest move by the world’s No. 1 personal computer maker to expand into more profitable areas than PCs.

HP also raised its 2010 guidance and reported preliminary quarterly earnings that topped Wall Street’s forecasts. The company didn’t provide specific reasons for its better outlook, other than a statement from CEO Mark Hurd that “significant growth in China” and “solid execution” helped HP in the quarter.

HP’s stock slipped 35 cents to $49.65 while 3Com’s shares leaped $1.96, or 34 percent, to $7.65 in extended trading after the announcements.

3Com is a former Silicon Valley high-flyer whose fortunes faded after a dot-com meltdown a decade ago. Its proposed sale to a private equity firm and a Chinese partner fell apart last year over national security concerns.

HP’s acquisition of 3Com is at once a shot at networking leader Cisco Systems Inc. and a reminder of how recent maneuvers by technology heavyweights is straining old relationshps.

HP has been trying to muscle into Cisco’s turf with its ProCurve line of networking gear. While growing, it is a small part of HP’s business, accounting for less than 1 percent of HP’s $53 billion in revenue in the nine months ended July 31.

HP and Cisco have been longtime partners, but the two companies lately have been squaring off in areas in which they believe they should compete before. HP pushes into networking, while Cisco pushes into computer servers.

It’s a dynamic playing out across the technology world, particularly with database leader Oracle Corp. proposed $7.4 billion acquisition of Sun Microsystems Inc., the world’s No. 4 server maker behind IBM Corp., HP and Dell Inc. That deal has been approved in the U.S. but is being held up over antitrust concerns in Europe.

Hardware companies are buying their way in to more profitable markets as their margins shrink with trends like cheaper PCs called “netbooks” and a shift toward cheaper servers catching on.

Companies especially want a piece of technology services, a market where IBM is strong.

HP expanded its own services business with the $13.9 billion buyout of Electronic Data Systems Corp., making its technology services group its biggest revenue and profit generator.

Dell Inc. recently bought Perot Systems Corp. for $3.9 billion, and Xerox Corp. bought Affiliated Computer Services Inc. for about $6.4 billion.

HP said the 3Com products will be folded into HP’s own networking equipment business. HP said the deal will add new products to its line and help expand its presence in Europe.

HP also said customers want more than one vendor in a sector dominated by Cisco.

Hewlett-Packard Company said Wednesday that it has agreed to buy networking software and equipment maker 3Com Corporation for about $2.7 billion in cash.

The company, based in Palo Alto, Calif., said it will give 3Com stockholders $7.90 per share. Both HP’s and 3Com’s boards have approved the deal, which HP expects will close in the first half of 2010.

3Com is based in Marlborough, Mass. In its most recent quarter, it had $290.5 million in revenue.

HP’s preliminary report for the three months that ended in October showed the company earned 99 cents per share, compared with 84 cents in the year-ago period.

After adjusting for restructuring and other one-time items, HP earned $1.14 per share. Revenue fell 8 percent from the same period a year ago to $30.8 billion.

Walmart to remain open on Black Friday

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Walmart Stores said Wednesday it will keep its stores open 24 hours and take new crowd control measures Thanksgiving weekend after a temporary employee was trampled to death in a Black Friday rush last year.

The world’s largest retailer says days after a Thanksgiving sales will begin at 5 a.m. Nov. 27, but most U.S. stores will be open 24 hours to prevent a mad dash. The announcement doesn’t affect most of Walmart’s Supercenters, which already operate 24 hours. Spokesman David Tovar said the change affects about 800 stores that aren’t currently open round-the-clock.

Instead lining up outside Walmart, customers can gather in different areas of the store, waiting for the deals to begin, Tovar said.

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Walmart was required to create improved crowd management plans for all its 92 New York stores as part of a deal with prosecutors that avoided criminal charges in the trampling death.

It also was required to set up a $400,000 victims’ compensation fund, and give $1.5 million to social services programs and nonprofit groups. The agreement included no admission of guilt by Walmart.

As part of the settlement, Walmart consulted with safety experts who’ve worked with the Super Bowl, Olympics, major concerts and national political conventions to come up with safety plans for each of its stores.

Crowd-management staff should make sure people are orderly as they enter the store, while maps may be provided with locations of restrooms. Black Friday deals, according to the safety recommendations.

The plan calls for the hottest items — marked-down TVs and laptop computers, for example — to be placed far apart to prevent big crowds from gathering.

## Market Recap

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In Brief

Value of gold continues to surge

NEW YORK — The price of gold surged to a fresh high Wednesday as the dollar fell to a 15-month low.

Gold futures for December delivery jumped to $12.10 from Tuesday’s close.

The market, however, feels otherwise.

Gold’s latest advance came as the dollar fell after Federal Reserve officials reiterated that the central bank is unlikely to raise interest rates for an extended period to support the economic recovery.

Low rates tend to weaken currencies including the dollar, encouraging investors to put their money in higher-yielding assets like gold. Investors also use gold as a hedge, not only as protection against the falling dollar, but also against inflation, which economists don’t see as a threat right now.

Chinese companies have already lined up outside Wal-mart, which is expected to open 24 hours to pre- vent a mad dash. The announcement after the Nov. 28, 2008, death of a temporary employee at a Long Island, N.Y., store. A crowd of shoppers broke down the store’s doors, trapping employee Jimiyata Damour, who died of asphyxiation.

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Cable network cuts 25 percent of jobs

TEMECULA, Calif. — Outdoor Channel Holdings Inc. said Wednesday that it’s laying off a quarter of employees at recently acquired Winnercomm Inc. because the economics of the business is not good.

The owner of the Outdoor Channel cable network bought sports programming producer Winnercomm in January. Outdoor Channel did not disclose how many workers will be laid off and calls to the company were not immediately returned.

Winnercomm owns the patented SkyCam system, which uses aerial cameras to capture overhead video of football games and other major events. Winnercomm, based in Tulsa, Okla., supplies more than 1,000 hours of programming a year to 14 national television networks, including ESPN.

Shares of Outdoor Channel, based in Temecula, Calif., rose 7 cents to close at $6.50 on Wednesday.
Abortion column

Brooks Smith

Mighty Morphin Power Columnist

In my tradition of callous sensualist grandstanding in the Viewpoint, I’ve made a minor name for myself. But gradually I’ve started to run short of things to make fun of. This is bad because the predatory masses, always hungry for the next big thing, will put me out of a job before I’ve had a chance to do a slow motion. They’re out for blood. They want me to pick an issue and absolutely overcomplicating discussion which transmutes the usual clichés. In my opinion, it’s much better to contribute my own screed to the already frenzied debate.” In my opinion, it’s much better to contribute my own screed to the already frenzied debate.”

Part 7 by Mary Laird

Frederick looked inquisitively at the man as together, they stood at the base of the mountain. Frederick’s fingers still bled from his desperate attempts to grasp the cold, wet rock. He had not thought through that wretched brick wall, and he grimaced as he wiped them on his tattered shirt. He wished he had more as he ripped at his checkered sleeve for cloth with which to wrap his torn hands, and inexorably, the man beside him asked—

You know, Frederick, you really should have just used the door! Would’ve saved us all a great deal of time, and we would not have had any of this falling through the wall nonsense. That’s the trouble with your kind…always overcomplicating things...

The man trudged off as he watched his own hand, previously motionless, give a spasm. Beyond the man, he knew, was the place for which he searched. Rumors had reached his ears of a secret tunnel system, large enough only for several people to pass through, that would allow them to circumvent the chilling winter weather and travel from beneath LaFountaine all the way to the Dalcortis Performing Arts Center. He would not lose another limb to frostbite, of this he was certain.

The only obstacle between him and this ultimate goal was the stone. He 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.

Part 8 by Rosemary Kelly

Frederick gasped aloud and then stifled his reaction quickly. He could see the mountain clearly, but it was imperative that no one tell. He had never seen the Other World. He had spoken to none but the Undesirables, and was now convinced that his entire Mieurx Training had been based in untruths. The council had hidden this from all of them, and it was still hiding things.

The man suddenly spoke. “Why don’t we stop for the night, lad? Right, then I’ll gather some kindle and you get the water.” He left the clearing quickly, his jacket flapping behind him.

After a minute Frederick tore his gaze from the heavens, plunged directly into the river, to express his capture, to expand himself completely without cause. Frederick raised his hand, poised to vault from the bank, but suddenly out of the brush behind burst the councilman with a contingent of soldiers.

Seize the boy” the man yelled. “He has Disobeyed” Frederick dived.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Reality is nothing but a calorifer's lurk" — Harry F. Brooks

Jane Wagner

U.S. writer

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On Monday, Nov. 2, the Feast of All Souls, I had the great privilege of concelebrating Mass at the border between Ciudad Juarez in Mexico and Anapra in New Mexico. It was the most moving and powerful Mass of my life. Each year Mass is celebrated at both the United States and Mexico border and the other half on the Mexico side. There is an 18-foot high fence that runs along the border, along the Rio Grande River.

As I got close to where the Mass was to be celebrated, I began to see border Patrol trucks and officers everywhere, stationed every 10 miles. All around us there were white crosses with the names of people who have died trying to cross the border. On both sides of the border were gathered hundreds of people who help but notice immediately an order of Dominican nuns standing close to one another on both sides of the border, dressed in the same habit. On the Mexican side stood Archbishop Renato, the Auxiliary Bishop of Ciudad Juarez, and about 20 priests. On the U.S. side stood Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, the Bishop of Las Cruces, New Mexico, representing Arizona, Bishop of the El Paso, Texas, along with about 15 priests.

The entrance procession began with people on both sides of the fence waving symbols from the crossing. First the Crucifix, then the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, then the flags of both countries and finally items that people carry when they try to cross water, food, shoes and a backpack. I don’t know why, but when I saw the backpack and the shoes I could not stop crying.

The Mass was bilingual with beautiful music. Someone read the first reading in Spanish from the Mexico side of the border and the other half on the Mexico side. At the Kiss of Peace, I wept as people on both sides of the fence put their fingers through the fence’s holes to touch the fingers of their sisters and brothers on the other side. I put my fingers through and touched the fingers of someone on the Mexico side. I cannot describe what I experienced at that moment, perhaps the deepest impossible for abortion to be a black and white issue. This was the most powerful Mass that I have ever attended in all my life. The picture of one altar divided almost equally, with the other half on the Mexico side, was silence to honor and pray for all who have died trying to cross the border, about 5,000 in the past 15 years. The Mass ended with the blessing of the faces of undocumented people that I have worked with during the nineteen years that I served as pastor — faces from St. John Vianney in Arizona and faces from Holy Redeemer in Oregon. I prayed for these people.

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By MATT BROWN and ERIC PRISTER

The Irish Catholic, vigilante killers of “The Boondock Saints” are back — and they paid a visit to Catholic University, too. The film’s creator and one of its stars visited Notre Dame’s campus Tuesday evening for several events to promote the release of the new movie.

A lucky 200 students got to see “The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day,” the sequel to the 1999 cult classic. Tickets for the free Tuesday night showing at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s Browning Cinema were snapped up instantly, but an overflow of campus enthusiasm and online support convinced distributor Sony Pictures to open the movie the Saint Bend-Mishawaka area this weekend.

The Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies and Student Union Board organized two informal discussion sessions with the series creator Troy Murphy and one of the film’s actors, Sean Patrick Flanery. Following a packed question-and-answer session in Jordan Hall of Science, Scene writers Matt Brown and Eric Prister got the chance to interview Duffy, who wrote and directed both “Boondock” installments.

Matt Brown: At what point when you were shooting “Boondock Saints” did you just realize that this was bad ass?

Troy Duffy: Frame one. If you don’t think you’re cool, nobody’s going to think you’re cool. We walked into that just going, “We’re the baddest mother—s on the cell block.”

We knew when we hit something. You never really know anything until you hit the editing process, when you start to put it together with music and see what you really have there. That was the process when I realized how well some of those scenes flow together and give me that emotion that I was looking to give an audience. That’s when we were like, “Wow, we’ve really got something here.”

MB: When you have all that raw footage and you’re looking at it all, are you basically just scanning through it until something clicks?

TD: With us, as an independent film, these guys got most of the shit in one to three takes. When you have this much time and this much money, there’s no time for you to go “Ah, let’s use take 57.” It never happened with us. So in terms of editing together all the footage, it was one of those things where we only had a few takes for each scene to sort through. I almost wish we had a little bit more, but as it turned out, my guys came to play.

Eric Prister: You were talking about how serious the content of the movie was. But there’s also some humor. How much of a goal did you make that?

TD: Huge. I believe in balance in a film. You have ever been watching a zombie movie, and they kill zombies so much that you get so numb to it that you don’t even care anymore? The next cool way to kill a zombie — who gives a s—? If you watch “Boondock” really carefully, like a mathematician, every time you see something brutal, it’s followed by something funny.

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TD: Sometimes you have something in mind. Sometimes you’re just trying to expand the emotion of what you have laid down visually. It’s almost like, have you ever heard that old adage “you write one, you direct a second, you edit a third”? I’d say you music a fourth. You musically edit a fourth. It’s the last spice you put on something.

MB: Did you have a rule of thumb for that?

TD: Not all the time. Sometimes I had things in mind. Sometimes I had no idea what we were going to do. It was the process of searching out and finding something that gave me that emotion. Like, for instance, that Ty Stone guy [a singer-songwriter who’s first big break was the “Boondock Saints II” soundtrack], the first time we played him in “Boondock II” is sort of a montage sequence with the brothers cutting their hair and getting to look like they did in the first one, because they’ve grown long hair and beards. So it’s almost like a “Borat” montage, and I needed something that was heavy, and hard-hitting, and rocking, but it had to say something different. It couldn’t be “Eye of the Tiger,” right? There had to be the right tune. So I

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Find this kid in a bar, and he has this song called “Bloodline,” and it talks about relationships between father and son. The chorus is “I come from one mother f—ing bad line of blood.” And to this, “Boondock” fans have a connection. Everybody always asks me, “Why did the boys follow in their father’s footsteps when they didn’t even know who he was?” How come they were killers, too? Is that some kind of bloodline thing? Is this a MacManus gene?

EP: There are particular things in “Boondock II,” especially how you shoot the investigate footage and the murder footage together. Did you use that again and where did that idea come from?

TD: Yes. I wrote the script that way, because it’s a way to deliver information to the audience just when you need it. You watch a cop on a crime scene mis-assess a clue, saying, “This has to be what happened.” And then you see the brothers do it and it was just a f—ing accident and it couldn’t have been predicted, which makes it funny. If you had done it linearly, it would have blown that. So these types of things are always just devices to make films more effective, as far as I’m concerned. And the non-linear way in which we flash back and forth between the crime scene and the guys being done by the boys, which was one of those things that helped keep it interesting, helped deliver information to the audience when and how we wanted to for emphasis or emotion or humor. It was just a device.

MB: Going into the second one, you said you can’t just do the first one again. What were some ways you tried to differentiate or change it a little to give that difference?

TD: Female lead. Period piece flashbacks to 1950s New York to explain II Duke’s history as a killer. Technically what you want to do is throw a huge curveball story that they could never see coming. But you have to give them everything they love from the first movie. A sequel is a chance to have your curveball story that they could never see coming. But you have to give them everything they love from the first movie. A sequel is a chance to have your curveball story that they could never see coming. But you have to give them everything they love from the first movie. A sequel is a chance to have your curveball story that they could never see coming. But you have to give them everything they love from the first movie. A sequel is a chance to have your curveball story that they could never see coming. But you have to give them everything they love from the first movie. A sequel is a chance to have your curveball story that they could never see coming. But you have to give them everything they love from the first movie. A sequel is a chance to have your curveball story that they could never see coming. But you have to give them everything they love from the first movie. A sequel is a chance to have your curveball story that they could never see coming. But you have to give them everything they love from the first movie. A sequel is a chance to have your curveball story that they could never see coming. But you have to give them everything they love from the first movie. A sequel is a chance to have your curveball story that they could never see coming.

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The next installment of the cult classic series, “The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day,” succeeded in the most crucial aspect of creating a sequel to a beloved movie — completely changing the plot, but retaining all of the aspects of the first movie that made it so beloved in the first place.

Director and writer Troy Duffy brought back actors Sean Patrick Flanery and Norman Reedus in as the two Boston vigilante killers affectionately called “the Saints.” The sequel follows the twin MacManus brothers on their trip back to Boston after many years of living with their father in Ireland. That quiet life is interrupted after they learn of the murder of a Boston priest, committed in their own style.

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Also providing comic relief was the return of three Boston police officers. Their role, more serious in the first movie, becomes humorous and light-hearted, which again is necessary in a movie with such serious and violent content. As with the original, “The Boondock Saints II” has an excellent opening that draws in the viewers, but becomes somewhat jumbled in the middle. Duffy tries to combine many storylines, and the scenes seem to jump around without any coherent focus. They are eventually brought together in the end, however, and the movie wraps up in an exciting and satisfying way. The “Boondock” movies are by no means meant to be works of theatrical genius, and a second viewing of the movie would surely clear up the seemingly jump style.

The music throughout the movie was once again well done, truly capturing the excitement and mood of the movie. Duffy chose only artists who were unsigned in order to create a soundtrack that was uniquely “Boondock.” He once again succeeded with his choices, particularly the music during one of the opening scenes as the boys prepare to leave for Boston. The music is high-tempo and energetic, and truly sets the mood for the movie as a whole. For those who enjoyed the first film, "The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day" should be exactly what they expected. It retains the most important aspects of the original without reproducing the same movie, and has a refreshing new plot line. It could be considered somewhat more substantial than the first, but likely will not change the minds of those who did not enjoy the original. Overall, it succeeds as a sequel, a difficult achievement for which “The Boondock Saints” fans should be thankful.

If you had to choose three words to describe “The Boondock Saints,” it would probably be some combination of Irish, Catholic and awesome. Now if you were to go up to any Notre Dame student and asked them to pick three words to describe this great institution, I challenge you to find someone who would disagree with those three same words. Look at that Golden Dome and tell me you don’t get a little swagger. However, unarguable popularity of “The Boondock Saints” on campus cannot be attributed to Irish pride alone. The film is a non-stop thriller ride, filled with unexpected laughs and unforgettable lines.

As any self-righteous moviegoer will tell you, a movie is nothing without characters you completely believe in. As soon as you see Connor and Murphy MacManus (Sean Patrick Flanery and Norman Reedus) walk up the church aisle like the religious men they are, then get into a brawl at a meat packing plant later that day, you want to be best friends and drinking buddies with these guys. I have never been more jealous of anyone than David Della’s “Funny Man” Rocco (played by the actor of the same name) when he walks into McGinty’s Pub and is greeted like a brother. Rocco also may be the funniest character in the movie. From killing cats to telling jokes, he lightens the mood of the film and provides relief before, or while, death is delivered to those who deserve it.

The amazing performances given by Flanery, Reedus and Willem Dafoe as Detective Greenly are made even more impressive by the flawless interaction of the peripheral characters. The three Boston police detectives play their roles perfectly and you could almost feel bad for the detective if you weren’t laughing so hard. Any movie with great characters can be ruined by sloppy editing and uninspired directing but with “The Boondock Saints,” director Troy Duffy left nothing to be desired. I cannot say enough about his method of showing the staging of the fight scene, then cutting to the aftermath and police reaction. This allows the audience to listen to the police theories of serial crushers with complete faith in their ability before being shown exactly how that happened, lending humor and clarity to the progressing movie. The music is plain throughout the course of the film. It is one of the greatest crimes of the 2000s that the soundtrack could not be made available, but good news, with the release of “The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day,” a combined soundtrack from both movies is being released.

If you haven’t seen this movie, do it. If you like this movie, watch it again, and again it only gets better. If you don’t like this movie, I don’t know how to relate to you.

To close I leave you with the prayer that echoes through my head every time I watch and sends shivers down my spine:

*And shepherds we shall be,*
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In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritui Sancti

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INDIANAPOLIS — Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney still gets a thrill out of the chase. Whether he’s trying to split multiple blockers or take a chance to exploit those rare one-on-one matchups with his skill moves, Freeney’s goal never changes and his motor never slows down.

His job: Put opposingquarterbacks on their backs, some-thing he does with more effi-
ciency than just about anyone in the NFL.

“You want to get that sack because that’s our bonus,” Freeney said with a big smile Wednesday. “I guess in a perfect world, starting the game, it would go first play, sack, second play, sack, third play, sack –- and then you could go to the locker room.”

If only it were that easy for opponents to get Freeney out of their backfields.

His 9 1/2 sacks rank third in the league this season and on Sunday night, against bitter rival New England (6-2), Freeney has a chance to run up NFL history. If he can take three-time Super Bowl winner Tom Brady to the ground, Freeney will tie the record for most consecutive games with a sack (10).

Brady’s New England Patriots and Dallas’ DeMarcus Ware are the only other active players left to do it. Clearly, it’s a concern for Brady.

“He’s the best pass-rusher in the league and he’s been that way since he came into the league,” Brady said. “Any time you’re playing them (the Colts) you don’t have too much time to throw so you’ve got to make those decisions quick-

Indy fans are not surprised.

They’ve watched Freeney fine-tune a rare blend of speed and power to confound opponents and just when linemen think they’ve figured out the dizzying spins, foot-1, 268-pound end throws

“Dwight is a great football player who prides himself on commitment, I’m proud of what he’s accomplished,” said linebacker Gary Brackett, the defensive captain. “Last year, he was coming off of an injury. This year, I think, has been one of his better years.”

Most analysts thought Freeney was too small to build up in the NFL when the Colts took him with the 11th pick in the 2002 draft out of Syracuse.

Indy (6-6) knew better and Freeney has been proving the doubters wrong ever since the rookie broke in. He harnessed more sacks (80) over the past eight seasons than anyone except sack leaders Bruce Smith and Jerry Rice.

Freeney lost the last seven games in 2007 after having a career year, an injury that still bothered him early last season. This year, he has played through a strained right quadriceps that was supposed to keep him out four weeks and cartilage that broke loose in his right knee a couple weeks ago.

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**Associated Press**

SEATTLE — Junior’s back in Seattle, one more time.

Ken Griffey Jr. agreed to a one-year contract that will keep the popular player in town for what could be his final sea-

Griffey, who turns 40 on Nov. 21, was guaran-
teed $2 million when he signed to return to the Mariners for the 2009 season and had the chance to earn more in bonus-

“His influence, the presence he has — there are players who really don’t know they are going to teammates again with Ken Griffey Jr.”

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Roger Federer, who is currently at the top of the ATP rankings, fell to Julien Benneteau in the second round of the Masters in Paris yesterday. The loss allows Federer more time to prepare for the ATP World Tour Finals in London.

**Federer falls in second round of Masters**

PARIS — Top-ranked Roger Federer lost to Julien Benneteau of France 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4 in the second round of the Paris Masters on Wednesday, continuing his miserable run at the indoor event.

The 15-time Grand Slam champion has never been further than the quarterfinals in seven appearances.

"I played incredible at the end. Julien went out and got the victory," said Federer, who refused to give excuses. "I definitely had chances. I missed them. I feel fine physically, and mentally I was fresh to do really well here." Federer's exit capped a dramatic day at the Bercy arena, where Rafael Nadal saved five match points to beat Spanish compatriot Nicolas Almagro, and former three-time champion Marat Safin bid farewell to the tennis circuit.

Federer took the first set when Benneteau's backhand return hit the net, but the Frenchman found his range in the second set and dominated the tiebreaker, tying the match with a low return that landed just inside the baseline.

"I didn't have my rhythm from the baseline. Every time I had a chance he was winning the point," Federer said.

Boosted by the first set he'd taken off Federer in three matches, Benneteau forced mistakes on Federer's backhand as the Swiss star rushed his shots. Benneteau broke early and then held to lead 3-1.

Federer missed his chance in the fifth game when Benneteau saved two break points, and then held for 4-2.

Benneteau smacked a two-handed crosscourt winner past a startled Federer to set up two match points, acting the first one and falling to the floor in tears. Federer contested the call but was already at the net and ready to shake hands when the call was upheld.

"It's magic. It's fabulous. Everything you can imagine. The memories will stay with me forever," Benneteau said. "Hearing the crowd when they are all behind you, the noise is enormous. I didn't believe it was possible to experience something like this.

The early loss, however, does give Federer more time to prepare for the ATP World Tour Finals in London this month.

"I hope I can at least make a good run there, because I really feel like I have some good tennis left in me," Federer said. "Not going to let my head hang after this tournament."
Old friends meet as Broncos and ‘Skins clash

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Having worked out for the Denver Broncos longer than he did for the Washington Redskins, Bailey still says he’s got plenty of time remaining with the Broncos for at least another year.

“I’m not going to lie,” the eight-time Pro Bowl cornerback said in a conference call Wednesday. “I’m going to be here next year. I’ve got a contract. I’m just going to keep playing as long as I can, as long as I’m healthy.”

Phillie Press

CINCINNATI — Brandon Phillips, considered among the best shortstops in the major leagues, followed in the footsteps of his boyhood friend David Wright as the Washington Nationals were named the league’s Gold Glove winners.

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“Consternation and compassion,” government spokesman Christoph Steegmans said.

“Mournful silence,” added German Football League president Reinhard Rauball.

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NHL

GMs considering headshot rule

Associated Press
TORONTO — The NHL is getting closer to making a recommendation about how to reduce hits to the head.

The league’s 30 GMs and their assistants wrapped up meetings with a discussion of the issue Wednesday and decided to formulate a small committee to take a closer look at it before they get together again in March.

At that time, the group could make a recommendation to the competition committee about a possible rule change. The GMs have discussed headshots in the past, but there was a change in the tone of conversation this time.

“IT was quite a bit different, some of the guys who have taken a strong position that it must be hit or getting hit out of the game have adjusted their views a little bit,” Carolina GM Jim Rutherford said. “If we continue down what was talked about today then we will see a change.

“It will be on the agenda of the next meeting and I think if we get the direction that it appeared we were going, you will see a change for next year.”

The issue has been pushed to the forefront because of a few notable checks this season — Mike Richards on David Booth and Willie Mitchell on Jonathan Toews, to name two. Neither of those hits resulted in a suspension because there’s nothing currently in the rulebook to prevent them.

The main thing the general managers want to see eliminated is bodychecks to unsuspecting players.

“A player should have an ability to anticipate a hit, prepare for a hit or avoid a hit. If he doesn’t have those, then I think theonus has to shift to the hitter. He’s got to deliver a safe hit.”

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The Booth hit in particular, I personally feel that if that was my son I wouldn’t want for that to be the way he was hit,” Pittsburgh GM Ray Shero said.

“What Mike Richards did was within the rules we have currently. That’s not the issue. The issue is making the game as safe as can be. I don’t think we’re looking for a big rule change, but maybe we can tweak something.”

One thing that stands out for NHL disciplinarian Colin Campbell is just how much the sport has changed and evolved.

He sat down and watched a game from the 1970s recently and noticed how much less physical play there was.

“The hitting today is so much more evident,” Campbell said.

Player safety was a key theme from Wednesday’s meeting as the GMs also looked at some new equipment.

Mark Messier made a presentation on behalf of manufacturer Cascade Sports, which has designed a helmet aimed at limiting concussions. Messier had a few sales as Burke indicated he wanted to get some for the Toronto Marlies AHL team.

Some of his colleagues were impressed by it as well.

“I like the look of it and think it’s an advancement in technology that any player should be open to,” Vancouver GM Mike Gillis said.

The Observer
FL FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Here’s a change in Atlanta: A Falcons player showing some love for animals.

Providing quite a contrast to Michael Vick’s gruesome dogfighting operation, tight end Tony Gonzalez and his wife, October, posed for the nude in an anti-ad-ver­tisement from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

The newly released ad, which was photographed over the summer in Los Angeles, shows the couple sitting together on green turf for the group’s “We’d Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur” campaign. They’re following celebrities who have posed in the buff, including Dennis Rodman, Pamela Anderson and Dominique Swain, while others such as Paul McCartney and Charize Theron have worn clothes in the campaign.

“It looks good,” Gonzalez said Wednesday, glancing at the photo on a reporter’s cell phone while standing at his locker. “It’s something me and my wife talked about. It’s something we feel very strongly about. That’s a great cause, especially when you educate yourself and find out what is happening out there in the world.”

The long-running PETA campaign has relied on star power in an attempt to persuade people not to wear furs or other clothing made from animal skins. The group claims that animals are often beaten, strangled, stamped, electrocuted and even skinned alive.

“I’ve never done something like this before. I’m usually not a political person,” said the 10-time Pro Bowler, who holds the NFL record for most receptions by a tight end. “The pictures I saw were pretty gruesome, pretty cruel. If done the right way, maybe. But done the way I saw it, it’s definitely inhumane.”

Some of Gonzalez’s teammates had not seen the new ad until it was shown to them by reporters. But it’s likely to be all over the locker room before the week is out.

“Oh yeah,” receiver Roddy White said, breaking into a big smile. “we’re going to give him a hard time about that.”

Bring it on, said the 33-year-old Gonzalez, who’s in his first season with the Falcons after spending a decade with the Kansas City Chiefs.

“If you do something like this,” he said, “you better be prepared for the guys in the locker room. They’re going to let you know about it.”

Chris Houston studied the picture closely before offering up a tongue-in-cheek criticism.

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Gonzalez was still playing for his right side when Vick’s dogfighting crimes came to light before the 2007 season, but players such as White remember all the turmoil it caused. When the team reported for its first day of training camp that year, there were animal rights protesters at the front gates with balloons and signs clanging overhead, pulling a banner that said “New team name,” and “New logo.”

Vick never played another game for the Falcons.
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son of former NBA basketball player Harvey Grant, and the nephew of Chicago Bulls star Horace Grant. He was named the MVP of the Nike Super Showcase championship game while playing with his AAU team, Nike Team Takeover.

“I think one of the things we’ve tried to do here is catch those guys who are arcing up at the right time,” Brey said. “Grant was one of those guys. I don’t know if we’ve ever taken a commitment from a younger senior. He was 16 years old when he committed to us. Since then, he’s turned 17. Obviously the bloodlines are good with (Harvey Grant) and I think there’s some growth still coming, but there’s an athletic, slashing, scoring guard who handles the ball really well.”

With the loss of Jackson and Peoples, along with senior transfer Ben Hansbrough, the Irish will have room at the guard position where all three freshmen can enter and compete for playing time next season.

Obviously, (Atkins) has a leg up in that he is a true point guard,” Brey said. “But those other two young men, part of my recruiting theme with them was that ‘I need you to be ready, because we lose some really experienced guards with (Jackson and Peoples), and I think they really can be ready. They come from cities where the lights have been bright and they played big high school games, and competitive AAU games, so I feel like they’re going to be ready as freshmen.”

With one scholarship remaining, the Irish will continue to keep a lookout for someone to fill that spot, both in recruiting and also on the transfer wire.

“We’re always looking,” Brey said. “Late signs have been good to us, so you’re always looking to see what emerges. You can get late arcing guys this way too, so those are two examples of it. But we’ll keep our mind open, but also obviously the transfer wire, where we’ll see what’s going on.”

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in the country.

The Ramblers claimed the championship last season with a 14-3 win over Keenan, in large part to the athleticism and leadership of Cure.

It was a great experience that millions of people have probably dreamed of doing that we were able to actually experience,” Cure said.

Cure and then-senior starting quarterback Max Young led the way offensively last season, using both experience and talent to defeat the Knights in the championship game. This season, the Ramblers have not missed a beat with junior Matt Meinert at quarterback.

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Notre Dame had a lot to brag about in 2006.

That year, the Irish upset two higher-seeded schools in the Big East tournament to reach the finals. Then, they avenged the NCAA championship tournament for the 15th straight year, falling in the first round to No. 10 Wisconsin. They were ranked as high as No. 21 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll. Since then, Notre Dame has not made the national tournament nor has it been ranked.

That is, until Monday. The Irish (16-3, 12-0 Big East) cracked the AVCA poll at No. 24 this week after its 11th and 12th straight Big East victories.

“There’s still a lot to be done,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “The most important part of the season is still in front of us. If we continue to play the way we have, we’re definitely on the right track.”

The Irish came into the season with the goal of bringing Notre Dame volleyball back among the elite, and the captains said they are on their way to their target.

“Being ranked is a great thing,” senior captain and outside hitter Christian Kaelin said, “but even just the whole season, being unbeaten in the Big East, that was a big goal. We have two more games in the conference and we plan to go 2-0 this weekend.”

Notre Dame has been hanging around the top 25 for weeks, getting votes but not outside the rankings. However, their spotless conference record has continued to get harder to ignore.

“I honestly think we deserved to be ranked a lot earlier than what we were,” Brown said. “It’s nice for people to know but the rankings don’t really matter for anything other than bragging rights. I guess I’m happy for people because we’ve played really well and I think they deserve it.”

With two games left on the schedule before the league tournament, Notre Dame has already clinched at least a share of the conference regular-season title — one win this weekend will give the team sole ownership. They are also a virtual lock to make the NCAA tournament,

“Going the regular season being Big East champs, if something were to happen in the tournament it wouldn’t matter (for the NCAA’s),” senior captain and setter Jamal Nicholas said. “But we’re going to win it anyway so we’re going to go for it.”

Brown said the team can now look for a high seed in the national tournament.

“I feel better about our RPI at 14, which shows that we’ve not only played really well but we’ve also played some really good teams,” she said. “I’m really excited about that because it maybe gives us the chance to host the first and second rounds of the NCAA.”

But there’s a lot to go before then, including two more Big East games, the Big East tournament and a regular-season match against No. 10 Florida.

“It’s good to have that experience and we’re really looking forward to that,” Brown said. “Everything is set up perfectly for us because we want to be right now and it’s just about finishing it.”

If the Irish continue, the Irish will have the chance to make 2009 a season to brag about.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Squad earns first ranking since ’06

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Bauters’ coaching, which the freshman feels was an important factor in her success in the long distance races.

My success at the 6k’s wouldn’t have come without Jackie Bauters’ guidance,” Kenney said. “She really studied mine and my teammates’ races and guided us to improve each week and ultimately peak at the opportune time.”

Looking back over her breakout season, Kenney calls her team-mates the most important part of her year.

“Julia is a talented runner, and in my opinion, hasn’t begun to reach her potential yet,” Bauters said. “I think she still continues to grow and improve in the next four years. It will definitely be exciting.”

Kenney opened her collegiate career with second-team All-American second-place team finishes in the five-kilometer matches of the schedule. After receiving a midseason break, Kenney led the Belles in each of the team’s six-kilometer races.

Kenney expressed gratitude for the public service announcement was created by Graphic Communication (www.gcmich.edu), the 24-hour flu hotline (1-800-FLOWERS) and the 24-hour flu hotline (1-800-FLOWERS) and the Belles.

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ior captain and midfielder Dan Osnobue. “To get into the NCAA tour- nament is huge. It was huge. To get into the NCAA tournament is huge.”

A loss in the shootout would have ended Notre Dame’s Big East tournament run and probably would have excluded them from the national tournament.

Senior captain and mid- fielder Michael Thomas made the first of Notre Dame’s five kicks in the shootout.

“I told [Irish coach Bobby Clark] before the game that we were to go into a shootout that I wanted to go first,” he said. “I knew that it could be my last game as a Notre Dame player. I just cleared everything away and put the ball in the back of the net.”

Thomas’ display of leader- ship is not rare on a team with so many veterans, the captains said.

“Our senior class is large,” senior captain and defender Cory Rellas said. “We’ve done a pretty good job of leading this year, even in their own way. We’re set- ting a good example for the novices. They’re realistically going to be my last game as a Notre Dame player. I just cleared everything away and put the ball in the back of the net.”

The two months of non-stop preparation lead to a 10- minute boxing match in which the women go on a chance to showcase their newfound skills for a large crowd.

“Fight Night last year was exhilarating,” Rossi said. “I’m just looking forward to being in rings with the lights shining down on you and the crowds cheering you on in the background. It’s very surreal.”

Rossi said confidence is a big factor in boxing for her and the other women.

“It takes a lot to get in that ring and take punches, and stand there with someone hitting you in the face and trying to fight back,” she said.

Hopke said she is looking for- ward to “Fight Night” as well, as are the large number of novices.

“It’s exciting to see all the hard work that I put in, and have my friends come and see me,” she said. “Hopefully I’ll do my best and show that I’ve been working hard this for the past two months.”

The winners of each match do not get material reward, Burke said. However, every boxer walks away with some- thing.

“Pride,” she said. “You have to remember that everyone’s winning. You made it through a hard season with hard training. Five days a week is a lot of work. To get in a ring in front of all your friends, all your family is something to be proud of. We kind of stress that especially this year has accom- plished something.”

The fights begin tonight at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Admission is $5. Proceeds will go toward the Holy Cross Missions in East Africa.
BARAKA BOUTS

Women's boxing club fights for East Africa

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Don't expect a lot of knockout blows when 90 female boxers take the ring tonight for the Baraka Bouts Fight Night. Instead, look for even matches and exciting finishes.

"Every fight is a close fight," said senior Kristin Burke, president of the Women's Boxing Club. "Every fight can go either way, which makes every fight more exciting. Each fight is really close and you never know going into a fight who's going to win it."

The captains set up each fight individually, taking into consideration the fighters' height, weight and experience level before creating match ups, Burke said.

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ND seniors reflect on shootout

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When South Florida's Sebastian Thuriere stepped to the penalty kick line for the Bulls' fifth attempt in Sunday's shootout, eight Irish seniors stood on the sideline and one stood in the goal. The game had ended in a 2-2 tie and Notre Dame was up 5-4 in the shootout, which would decide who moved on to the Big East semifinals.

All nine seniors watched as Thuriere's shot bounced harmlessly off the top crossbar, and immediately afterwards all nine celebrated the extension of their college careers.

"It meant everything," senior

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Men's Basketball

Notre Dame signs trio of guards to 2010 recruiting class

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Announcing three signees for the 2010 class, Notre Dame focused on filling a hole that will emerge after this season at the point guard position. Recent National Letters of Intent from guard Eric Atkins, Alex Dragicevich and Jerian Grant to the 2010 class, Notre Dame will focus on filling a hole that Notre Dame's veteran at the one-position. It was not only his skill, but his communication ability that Irish coach Mike Brey said makes him most confident that Atkins can move into the point guard role immediately.

"I was really impressed by his skill level, but more than that, his ability to communicate," Brey said. "Certainly we are losing one of the best communicators we've ever had in Jackson and that really sold me, that I thought he'd be a great fit and that we'd have a great shot at getting him. I'm excited about him and I also feel good, because (Atkins) got the ball rolling with this class. He got us started last spring and really gave us some direction by having our point guard in the spring and having it done before we go into the summer."

Atkins averaged over 23 points and six assists during his junior year at Mount St. Joseph High School, and played on an AAU team that won the Adidas AAU National Championship.

"He has a feel for the game, he can handle the ball," Brey said. "He has a feel for the game, he shoots it. He's the whole package as far as a guy that can really play any position on the perimeter. What really impressed me when I saw (Dragovich) was that he was handling the ball against speed and pressure, along with making shots and passing it, but he could put it on the floor and get to the hoop."

A 6-foot-6 guard from Glenbrook North High School in suburban Chicago, where he averaged over 20 points per game as a junior, Brey compared him with big wing players Notre Dame has had in the past, including Matt Carroll and David Graves.

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A 6-foot-5 guard from Washington, D.C., Grant is the

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Men's Interhall Football

Quest for repeat continues

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When one thinks of football at Notre Dame Stadium, the image of gold helmets glimmering in the crisp sun on a fall afternoon likely comes to mind. But for the second straight season, it could be the white helmets of Siegfried shining in the sun at the Stadium.

For senior captain Dex Cure, an opportunity lies ahead to go down in Notre Dame lore if the Ramblers can win their final two games, the second of which would be on a field with a more storied history and tradition than arguably any other

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SMC Cross Country

Freshman emerges as future of program

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While the Belles have long looked to senior captain Megan McClowry to lead them, Julia Kenney may be the future of the program.

"It meant everything," senior Kenney said. "Almost immediately, I fell in love with competitive running and decided to discontinue soccer and basketball, devoting myself to year-round training."

Although Brauer left Ladywood H.S. after Kenney's junior season, he continued to mentor Kenney until she graduated. When Kenney came to Saint Mary's, it was the tandem of McClowry and Belles coach Jackie Bauters that stepped in to motivate the freshman.

"Megan McClowry continuous- ly pushes me and encourages me," Kenney said. "Running

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