New bishop hopes to be active in ND community

By MADELINE BUCKLEY

Bishop Kevin Rhoades said he hopes to be “an active participant” in the University of Notre Dame as he prepares to replace Bishop John D’Arcy as the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Rhoades will officially take D’Arcy’s place in an installation ceremony today in Fort Wayne. D’Arcy held the position for 25 years.

“The Vatican announced Rhoades would take D’Arcy’s place in November. “I look forward to a close personal relationship with University President Fr. John Jenkins, first as brother priests, then as local bishop with a university president,” Rhoades said in an e-mail to The Observer. “I am grateful already for the warm welcome and offers of hospitality that I have already received from Fr. Jenkins.”

Rhoades, who previously served as bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., said the five Catholic colleges and universities that reside in the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese make it unique, which he said is an “extraordinary” occurrence for a diocese of this size.

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DormBooks sees increase in business

By SARAH MERVOSH

Students returning to South Bend after studying abroad last semester grapple with more than new classes as they readjust to living on the Notre Dame campus.

Over 350 students traveled abroad during the fall semester, Kathleen Opel, director of the Office of International Studies, said. The last year’s exchange programs include those in London, Dublin, Ireland; Fremanville, Australia; Rome, Santiago, Chile; and Toledo, Spain; she said.

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Faculty, staff safe after Haiti quake

University president Fr. John Jenkins. “Our prayers are with them and all of those in Haiti in the wake of this disaster.”

Notre Dame’s Haiti Program is housed in Logine, about 30 kilometers west of Port-au-Prince. The four faculty and staff members were in Port-au-Prince at the time of the quake, the press release said.

There is no information about damage to Notre Dame facilities.
Rested up, ready to go

Since I live close to Notre Dame, my house often becomes a refugee camp for displaced Notre Dame students whose flight arrangements do not yield them permission to immediately return to campus before the dorms open on Sunday morning.

The pre-spring semester gathering of students at my house brought me to the rude awakening that I accomplished next to nothing over break, which I am entirely fine with.

One friend that came to stay at the Sammon hotel for the night before break had spent the time off school in El Paso, Texas, working with immigrants and analyzing the social strains on their lives as migratory workers through the Center for Social Concerns.

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As we talked and shared stories from break while packing all our belongings for this semester gathering on the first Sunday morning, I was reminded of the importance of the studying I intend to do this semester.

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College's students fundraise for Africa

By SARAH GUNN
News Writer

Kyarusozi. It's hard to pro-
nounce, and hard to forget.
Six Saint Mary's students
spent their summer in this
Ugandan village and the
time they spent there inspired
them to raise over $5,000 for
the village upon returning to
school.
The organization, Belles for
Africa, raised money by selling
T-shirts, hosting a benefit 5K
run and running a shoe drive.
The group also raised money
by orchestrating the "miss a meal"
program, in which students
redirect the cost of one meal in
the dining hall toward food for
those that struggle to get regular
meals.
As a result of these fundrais-
ers, the group presented a
check for $5,431 to the Sisters of
the Holy Cross Dec. 11. The
money will be allocated to the
village and clinic in Kyarusozi
for necessary supplies.
The clinic hopes to obtain
enough money to build an "operating theatre," or an
operating room.
About 20 Saint Mary's stu-
dent athletes were in atten-
dance for the check presenta-
tion in the Angela Athletic
facility.
Senior Megan McClowry
was one of the six nursing
and education students who
traveled to Uganda for the six-
week study abroad program.
McClowry said she will never
forget the pure love and hap-
piness that the children of
Kyarusozi exuded.
"They had so little," says
McClowry. "But they had so
much love."
After working in a clinic dur-
ing the day, McClowry and the
other students played soccer
and Frisbee with the village
children.
"I was expecting it to be
what I had seen on television.
They were poor, but I've never
seen such joy on children's
faces," McClowry said.
While McClowry did help
teach classes at the local school,
concentrated on what she could
accomplish, McClowry worked
with the clinic to dis-
sperse medications, give injec-
tions and immunizations, assess
pregnancies and work at
HIV clinics.
The experience in Kyarusozi
encouraged the Saint Mary's
students who participated to
find a way to give back to the
community and raise money
to benefit the village, McClow-
y said.
In addition to learning about
the lives of the Ugandans and
performing medical work,
McClowry said she realized
how far the Sisters of the Holy
Cross reached.
"I never realized the con-
nection the sisters had around
the world. It made me see how
rich the Saint Mary's heritage
is," McClowry said.
McClowry said she hopes
that the Uganda program con-
tinues to grow at Saint Mary's
and said she uses fundraising
events to raise awareness about
the program.
Belles for Africa will host
fundraising events throughout
the year, including a concert by
The Undertones, Harmony
and Bellacapella on Feb. 3.
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SMC pupil learns about peace

Indianapolis Peace Institute offers options for breaks, summers

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Cat Cleary, Saint Mary's sophomore,
"If your work is
promoting nonviolence,
then it's about so much more
than that." - Cat Cleary, Saint Mary's sophomore

Peace does not just encompass
nonviolence, according to a Saint Mary's student
who's worked with the Indianapolis
Peace Institute (IPI). College sophom-
more Cat Cleary said
that through her work she
discovered what a peace
ful world entails.
"I think that
a big part of their IPI's
thing is sharing with stu-
dents and helping them
experience different oppor-
tunities of peacemaking," Cleary said.
"One of their missions is to
tell people that peace is
more than just the absence
of war and conflict. It's about
building healthy commu-
jnities, it's about promot-
ing nonviolence, but it's about
achieving much more than
that," Cleary said.
The IPI Web site said the Institute
offers a variety of opportunities
for college students,
undergraduate semester program,
summer urban experience, altern-
eate spring break trip, and
summer experience. There's a mix
of things like
things like
working on file security.

"One of their missions
is to tell people more than
the absence of war
and conflict."

"The IPI's work is to
try to change the way
people view conflict.
Ever since I was a
child, people have
always told me
the answer to
conflict is
war.
I think that's
absolutely
false."

"I've taken the altern-
ate spring break trip
once and I will prob-
elly take it again next
year.
I definitely did it
because of my
major.
It's about
peace."

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the Office of Information
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security professionals
at OIT, said
the overall goal of
information security is to be
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“DormBooks is still in a startup, and we’re always growing. It’s an entrepreneurial education to continue improving growth and success to its dedication,” Falter said.

In the past, I think that customer service probably fell by adapting,” she said. “It’s the people in your classes who work at DormBooks, pack book orders and deliver books. We care because we’re all students too.

The company has also expanded in terms of employees. DormBooks began with two employees in 2006 and grew to over 50 employees in fall 2009. “We’ve really stepped up and hope that this spring Notre Dame students notice that DormBooks was created for the purpose of helping the student,” Falter said. Students looking to save money can also find their books online.

Falter attributed DormBooks’ growth and success to its dedication. “There are literally no ‘grown ups’ or business people who run DormBooks,” Falter said. Students looking to save money can also find their books online.

Falter said the role of a Catholic university in the church can be challenging. “We cannot take the Catholic identity and mission of our universities for granted,” he said. “Efforts need to be made constantly to promote and to strengthen Catholic identity. Otherwise, a university can lose its bearings, as has occurred when one appeals to academic freedom in a way that is not consonant with the university’s Catholic mission,” he said.

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The University clashed with D’Arcy on several issues during his tenures, most prominently, Jenkins’ invitation to President Barack Obama to deliver the 2009 Commencement address and receive an honorary degree. D’Arcy also condemned Jenkins’ decision to allow the performance of “The Vagina Monologues” on campus.

Rhoades said the issue of academic freedom at a Catholic university has the potential to create tension with the university’s Catholic identity. “There is also the challenge of academic freedom and those who exalt academic freedom in a way that is not consonant with the university’s Catholic mission, he said.”

The Catholic university’s identity and mission can be obstructed when one appeals to academic freedom in an attempt to justify positions or activities that are opposed to Catholic faith and teaching.”

However, in a November press conference, Rhodes said the conflicts between D’Arcy and Jenkins regarding the invitation to Obama are “in the past.”

“The University of Notre Dame plays an important role in the diocese,” he said. “I think there have been many areas of collaboration between the University and the diocese, particularly in regard to our Catholic schools and also our continuing education programs.”

In a November press release, Jenkins said he is confident Rhodes’ appointment is a “blessing” for the diocese. “We look forward both to his apostolate and to our friendship for many years to come,” Jenkins said.

Rhodes said it is too early to assess the challenges of the job and set priorities for his work in the diocese. “In my first months here, I intend to visit many parish churches and communities and to get to know the diocese,” he said. “I am looking forward to visiting all the parishes, schools and communities of my new diocese and getting to know the priests and people.”

“It is exciting to come to a new diocese and to embrace new challenges,” Rhodes said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. refuses N. Korea peace talks

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea and the U.S. rejected North Korea’s proposal to start peace talks to formally end the Korean War, with Seoul saying on Tuesday that such talks are impossible after the recent North Korean nuclear test.

The North, however, said Monday that its return to the negotiation table depends on the U.S. stopping its military exercises near the border.

LOCAL NEWS

Bill lessees punishment for minors

INDIANAPOLIS — Arresting students for minor traffic offenses is unfair, said the principal of an Indianapolis school district. He said the practice is not effective and can lead to the deaths of students.

When you slap the handcuffs on a kid, you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate, said the principal of Riley Community Schools, according to the Indianapolis Star.

NATIONAL NEWS

Unions respond to tax proposal

WASHINGTON — Health care negotiators are struggling at options for raising a proposed health insurance tax that has targeted organized labor, including the possibility of a new levy on the investment earnings of upper-income people.

The proposal that Medicare payroll tax — which now applies only to income from wages — to cover some of the investment earnings of couples making more than $250,000 a year, and individuals earning more than $125,000, has been floated by a House Ways and Means official said Tuesday. That would make up lost revenue from scaling back the insurance tax.

Many ideas are being discussed, and no final decisions have been made, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the negotiations between the White House and Congress.

Gay couples testify in California

SAN FRANCISCO — Testimony in a groundbreaking legal challenge to California’s same-sex marriage ban resumes Tuesday with testimony from two Ivy League undergraduates who will discuss their school’s experience with marriage and anti-gay discrimination.

The trial, which began Monday, is the first in a federal court to decide the constitutionality of state bans on gay marriage.

Record earthquake hits Port-au-Prince

An Associated Press videographer saw the wreckage in Port-au-Prince, a hillside Port-au-Prince district that is home to many diplomats and wealthy Haitians, as well as many poor people. Elsewhere in the capital, a U.S. government official reported seeing houses that had tumbled into a ravine.

Haiti’s ambassador to the U.S., Raymond Joseph, said from his Washington office that he spoke to President Rene Preval’s chief of staff, Fritz Longchamp, just after the quake hit. He said Longchamp told him that “buildings were crumbling right and left” near the national palace.
Two dead in GA business shooting

Associated Press

KENNESAW, Ga. — A disgruntled employee stormed a truck rental business in camouflaged attire and opened fire with a handgun, killing two people and critically wounding three others at the former workplace, police said.

The lone gunman fled the scene after the shooting on Monday, was arrested after police stopped him about a mile from the Penske Truck Rental facility, said Cobb County Police Officer Joe Pitts, a spokesman for the suspect and victims were not immediately released.

"He wasn't here for very long and it wasn't long before he was taken into custody," Hernandez said.

As of late Tuesday, police had not released the name of a suspect. However, Cobb County police arrested 60-year-old Jessie James Warren Tuesday afternoon near the site of the shooting. According to jail records, Warren was booked at the intersection where Cobb police said he was shot by a gunman.

There were conflicting reports about who the victims were. Police said David Ryerson said four victims were employees and the other was a customer, one of the victims of the shooting was a worker who was shot and injured and another worker was also shot in the arm. The office was closed.

About two dozen employees were evacuated after a gunman opened fire, which sits about 25 miles north of Atlanta and consists of a complex of large buildings with bay doors, Ryerson said.

One of the victims of the shooting was another male and was pronounced dead at WellStar Kennestone Hospital, said Hernandez. The three surviving victims are in critical condition, said hospital spokesman Keith Bowsermaier.

The suspect worked at Penske for several years, but it was unclear why he left.

The gunman first confronted someone in the parking lot before moving to the truck bay area, shooting victims along the way, said Hernandez. He did not try to enter the building's second floor, which houses a small administration area.

A man who witnessed the shooting said the suspect looked "out of his mind" and "all drugged up."

"We want to extend our deepest concern and sympathy for the victims of today's shootings," Ryerson said. "Today, five of the victims of the shooting were employees and one was a customer. We are hoping and praying for all of those who were injured."
In Brief

Airlines raise fuel surcharges

DALLAS — Major airlines have raised fuel surcharges on travel to Europe by $20 per roundtrip, and some have added conditions that could cause travelers to pay higher fares.

Surcharges to Paris, Frankfurt and most cities on the Continent were raised to $280 per roundtrip and to $242 for London, airline representatives said Tuesday.

Tim Smith, a spokesman for American Airlines, said his company matched increases by Continental and United. "That's purely a competitive factor," he said.

Delta, Continental and United confirmed that they had raised surcharges to Europe by $20 a roundtrip.

Chase, Parsons added. Airlines, which have been hit hard by the recession-caused downturn in travel, have imposed surcharges for fuel and for passengers who travel on peak days around holidays such as Easter and spring break.

Fuel prices hit records in July 2008, then fell off that of last year and into early 2009 but have rebounded since.

Yahoo sells Zimbra e-mail service

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — Yahoo is selling the e-mail service Zimbra to VMware as part of an effort to focus on the Internet services that generate most of its revenue.


Zimbra manages more than 55 million email boxes for universities and Internet service providers. The acquisition opens a new product line for VMware, which sells software that enables a single computer to function like multiple machines.

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Google considers exiting Chinese market

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Google did not specifically accuse the Chinese government. But the company long associated with a motto of "don’t be evil" added that it is "no longer willing to continue censoring our results" on its Chinese search engine, as the government requires. Google said the decision could force it to shut down its Chinese site and its offices in the country.

It's unclear how much of a blow to its business Google would suffer by pulling out. China has the world’s largest population of Internet users, but Google has struggled to expand in the country, where it has less than 30 percent of the search market, versus more than 60 percent for local rival Baidu Inc.

The larger effect could be how global Internet companies operate in China.

China

WASHINGTON

Targeting an industry whose political clout has vexed his administration, President Barack Obama is weighing a levy aimed at recovering tax dollars from government-rescued financial institutions.

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The idea received an early boost from Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the top Democrat in the House, where there have been calls for a hefty tax on bank bonuses.

"While we have not seen any specific language from the administration, Congress will certainly examine any serious proposals to lower the deficit and recoup even more of the TARP funds for financial institutions," said Nadeem Elshami, a spokesman for Pelosi, D-Calif.

The 2008 law that created the Troubled Asset Relief Program requires the president to seek a way to recoup unrecovered TARP money from financial institutions, but five years after the law was enacted, it doesn’t specify how the money should be recovered.

An industry official said consideration of a levy now would be premature.

"Current law doesn’t trigger this tax proposal for another four years," said Scott Tallcott, chief lobbyist for the Financial Services Roundtable, an industry group for some of the largest financial firms.

"We look forward to seeing the details of the complexity of the formula, of who it’s applied to and what the assessment is based on and when it is applied," he said.

Government officials have conceded that they don’t expect to recoup billions in TARP money used to rescue insurance conglomerate American International Group Inc. and the auto industry. Banks have been paying their infusions, in part to get out from under compensation limits imposed on the bailout recipients. Banks have also paid dividends from the government help.

The administration isproposing the losses to the government from the bailout program will be about $120 billion, most of it due to auto and AIG assistance.

According to the law, the status of the TARP fund must be assessed by late 2013, five years after it passed. "In any case where there is a shortfall," the statute says, "the President shall submit a legislative proposal that recoups from the financial industry an amount equal to the shortfall in order to ensure that the Troubled Asset Relief Program does not add to the deficit or national debt."

It is unclear how the administration would seek to recoup shortfalls due to TARP infusions into the auto industry or AIG. And any fee could potentially be imposed on banks that have already repaid their TARP infusions in full.

Congreet would have to approve any fee plan.

Discussion of a bank fee to reduce the federal deficit comes as the administration is preparing to submit its 2011 budget proposal next month and as Wall Street banks this month prepare to hand out near-record compensation for last year’s performance.

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Welcome Coach Kelly ... sort of

The Irish Nation — which engulfs the entire Dome Nation of which the Fighting Irish team is a small subset — certainly is proud of your move to Notre Dame. For them, a Kelly at the Notre Dame football helm is as good as stealing a leprechaun’s pot of gold. Yet, despite next season’s redemption of our stratospheric power-rated schedule, many of our fellow classmates (both Irish and other) merely express “cautious optimism” regarding your tenure.

Having been burned so often in the past, they “sort of” hold an optimistic view of the state of football at du Lac. However, this Fighting Irish is prepared to shout Dick Vitale style, “At least 9-3 next year, baby!”

With that said, let me offer a few words of advice, especially after reading every word of the December press conference that introduced you as the 29th Notre Dame head football coach.

First, your professed passion and dedication to Notre Dame star should interact with others. Classic role models of how a Notre Dame star should interact with others — as former Notre Dame footballers Taylor and Zorich — both of whom I interacted with while they were students — as former Notre Dame Coach Dan Devine once said when he landed in Pittsburgh, “Special!” Please land the best special teams coach Fr. Jenkin’s salary can buy, because in an instant they can give us a momentum swing, an unyielding win or even another Heisman Trophy winner.

How many times did Tim Brown excite the crowd by winning a game in college as well as professional football? Please consider devoting the extra one percent or the 34th percent of the total, to special teams play when you divide your three team phases of the game. It surely would make the other two-thirds of the game run more smoothly by shortening the field for our offense, pinning the other team better on their end of the field and forcing kickers to more accurately record field goals from 50-plus yards away.

Finally, Coach, can you hurry and decide the date for the spring Blue-Gold game? I’ve already missed several travel specials because nobody can tell me which April weekend you’ll actually play the game. While my Irish Nation friends and other classmates (both Irish and other) are quite eager to watch your team ... and more than “sort of” support your efforts.

Gary Caruso
Saint Mary’s Desk

**Quote of the Day**

“Complain to one who can help you,”
— Yugoslav Proverb

**Quote of the Day**

“Remember that what you believe will always be exactly the opposite of what you think.”
— Noah Porter, U.S. academic
An experience of a lifetime

As a first-generation African-American college graduate from a low-income community in Alabama, my life is a true testament to hope, determination, and the impact of meaningful relationships with effective teachers. When I think back to one of my proudest moments, May 20, 2007, I was to begin a new journey, reminiscing about my four years at Notre Dame and contemplating the days and weeks to come. Shortly after graduation, I was to begin a new journey as a Teach For America corps member in South Louisiana ... an experience that would truly change the course of my life.

For these past two years, I have been a fourth grade teacher in a rural, low-income community on the outskirts of Baton Rouge, La. Through the pre-service training and professional development Teach For America provided, I learned the pillars of effective instruction, was consistently supported by instructional coaches, and was prepared to transform an environment of academic challenges into a vibrant setting of excellence. The training I received contributed to my success in the classroom and as a leader in various other settings and while I certainly encountered obstacles, I was able to overcome them by working with students, parents and administrators to ensure that all my students achieved significant academic gains.

When I reflect upon the challenges and progress of my students, I think of K’Wien, whom I met during my second year in the classroom. The first moment I laid eyes upon him, I knew he was a force to be reckoned with. I quickly came to realize that K’Wien was a really good kid who was afraid to let his guard down. After diagnosing his math and reading skills, I found that he was on grade level in math, but his reading skills were far behind. His fluency was on a second-grade reading level of only 62 words per minute, the second lowest diagnostic score in my class. K’Wien exerted very little effort in class or on any of his homework, so I began to call him my rockstar! Although, I began to see him try a little harder it simply wasn’t enough. I decided to speak with his pee- wee football coach who promised that if K’Wien didn’t put forth effort in class, he’d be benched from all subsequent games. By connecting with his influencers and through a lot of intensive one-on-one reading sessions, K’Wien’s grades began to increase dramatically. By November, he had reached reading 94 words per minute and before Christmas break, his fluency was at a record high of 114 words per minute, well beyond the expectations set nationally for fourth grade. Most importantly, when K’Wien would enter my classroom he would hug me and say, “Good morning, Ms. Hardy!” as I greeted him with “Good morning, rockstar!”

I felt that as a young woman of color I was able to have an additional impact on K’Wien and my other students. My school was predominantly made up of African-American and biracial students. There is power in being able to see and visualize yourself fulfilling your dreams. Not only did they hear me speak passionately about the fact that they could achieve anything, but they were now seeing a living example of someone from their same ethnic background and socioeconomic status telling them they were capable of whatever they set their minds to. In addition to the core curriculum, I taught my students that their zip code didn’t have to determine their destiny. As a person of color, I feel a personal call to ensure that I contribute to closing the achievement gap that affects millions of children across our nation. If you too identify as a talented minority student leader, consider the impact you can have in the lives of disadvantaged youth. Your voice and presence are necessary. And even if you do not self-identify as a minority, consider the incredible impact you can have by becoming a Teach For America corps member and joining the movement to eliminate educational inequity.

In the famous words of Mahatma Gandhi, “be the change you want to see in the world.” Go Irish!

Krystal Hardy
alumni class of 2007
Nov. 6

Thank you

I wanted to write to share the warmth I felt Wednesday before break, during the near-blizzard watching a student go out of her way to help a student in need. I was leaving LaFortune just after 5 p.m., when the storm was going strong and all anyone wanted to do was get inside. I noticed a blind student struggling through the low and her cane, clearly having problems finding his way. Clearly, the young woman a few steps ahead of me noticed at the same time, as I watched a young woman approach the student and offer her assistance. She, too, was headed away from LaFortune, but took the time to take the student’s arm and lead him back the way she’d come.

I am sure that the blind student thanked the woman for her kindness, but I wanted to as well. The other day my 10-year-old son and I made a pact to always step in and help people when it seems they need it, even when we might feel inclined to mind our own business. This moment was a perfect example of what such an act might mean not only for those involved, but for those who witness it as well.

Jessica Collett
professor
Department of Sociology
Dec. 10

DormBooks strikes again

The following viewpoint discusses an e-mail sent out to the student body on Sunday night by Jeff Tarrato regarding DormBooks.com:

First of all, someone definitely screwed up making an e-mail to get through to the entire student body and it caused some laughter to emanate throughout my quad. However, more importantly, it’s good that DormBooks is yet again finding some way to promote themselves even as Notre Dame has failed to stop the group. It strikes me as somewhat disgusting that Notre Dame has failed to facilitate such a smart and scalable business plan. Notre Dame holds business plan competitions and is constantly encouraging entrepreneurial efforts with a top ranked business program in the field, but the school fails to see the benefits of a business like DormBooks.

Immediately, it provides cheaper books to a student body that struggles to meet tuition needs, and the ancillary benefits are also numerous. If the creator of DormBooks could scale this business to campuses across the United States with the help of Notre Dame, I have no doubt that some of the money from this business will come back to Notre Dame in the form of ROI (return on investment) and/or donations back to the school from a grateful student and entrepreneur. Instead, this business has been met on campus with adversity.

If I were Notre Dame, I’d change my mentality quick because in the long run, DormBooks is going to end up taking all the textbook business from the bookstore any way.

Mike Matheson
junior
Alumni Hall
Dec. 14
Scene's list of 2009’s out with

“The Matrix”
“Twilight”
Harry Potter
Vampires, werewolves and humans
“Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel”
Brangelina
Embellished hats
Black nail polish
Kanye West
“The Hills”
“High School Musical”
“Gossip Girl”
“The Office”
Fame-whore reality TV couples
“ Arrested Development” reruns on Hulu
State of the Union address
Senators’ scandals
Michael Phelps
Pete Carroll
Charlie Weis
Golden Tate and Jimmy Clausen
“Avatar”
“Beastly”
Percy Jackson
Aliens and humans
“Toy Story 3”
Russell Brand and Katy Perry
Embellished earmuffs
Metallic nail polish
Taylor Swift
“Jersey Shore”
“Glee”
“Vampire Diaries”
“Parks and Recreation”
Psychotherapy reality TV
“Arrested Development” movie
“Lost” season premiere
Tiger’s “transgressions”
Apollo Anton Ohno
NCAA sanctions
Brian Kelly
Taylor Swift’s little brother
Remorseful McGwire admits to steroid use

NEW YORK — Finally willing to talk about the past, Mark McGwire sobbed and said, giving the missing — and unsurprising — answer to the steroids question.

Ending more than a decade of denials and evasion, McGwire acknowledged Monday afternoon that steroids and human growth hormone helped make him a home run king.

“The toughest thing is my wife, my parents, my sisters, my friends, my kids have never known it,” he said. “It’s a very private thing that I’ve never really talked about. I kept it to myself. I wish I was never in that era,” he said.

The news is hardly overwhelming. Had we not seen McGwire’s home run swing that made fans swoon in the 1990s, he might be lauded as a baseball icon — Big Mac, with a Paul Bunyan posture and a home run swing that made fans out to the ballpark early to watch batting practice. He hit 583 home runs, tied for eighth on the career list, and finished with 66. More than a year to admit using illegal drugs but has been praised McGwire, saying, “I admire him for doing it.”

He started by issuing a statement addressed to his fans. “I did this for health purposes,” he said.

“We have no idea that I hid it from them all this time,” he said. “I’m not here to talk about that.”

McGwire father, Edward, expressed his disappointment.

“Where his brother had been, I wanted to move on,” he said. “You can’t always do the right thing.”

McGwire had mostly disappeared since his infamous testimony before a congressional committee in March 2005, when he repeatedly said, “I’m not here to talk about that.”

Once he was hired by the Cardinals in October to be their hitting coach, he knew he had to say something about the start of spring training in February.

“I knew he knew he was going to come out,” said former Rep. Tom Davis, the Virginia Republican who chaired the hearing. “I don’t think anybody’s surprised by this. This is part of the landscape of players who used steroids during this time. This was so widespread, he hasn’t held these hearings and put the fear of God into baseball, it would still be going on.”

Before a carefully rolled out series of radio interviews, McGwire sat down for a telephone interview that he said was his first since being told steroids were under investigation.

“I had a moment of clarity,” he said.

He started by issuing a statement and calling the AP.

“It was a wrong thing what I did. I totally regret it. I just wish I was not involved in that,” he said.

McGwire even understands why the Maris family now believes that Maris’ 61 home runs in 1961 should be considered the authentic record.

“arad about was protecting my family and myself. And I was willing to take the hit.”

Bierbower told the AP in a telephone interview that he had instructed McGwire not to make any admissions before Congress.

He also had a situation where his brother had been giving him steroids and he didn’t want to create a risk for his brother, either, Bierbower said.

“John: Hey, what’s your New Year’s Resolution for 2013? Brian: I’m going to work out at the gym 5 days a week. Tip: When is a letter resolution. Brian: So, what about yourself? John: I am going to maintain a 4.0 the whole year. Tip: Don’t eat too much. Brian: If you need to eat a meal, just eat a salad and think once again about your body. John: Having fun in the snow? Learn to make snowangels, snowmen, and sleds online today. Brian: Life is hard. Highness, anyone who tells you differently is eating something wrong.”

Boy: “I was nervous. Maybe I should have called someone” but that’s not the same thing.

Narrator: “One day, she found out what he said. ‘As you wish.’”

Mr. McGwire: “Yes, my name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die.”

Be a useful human being. Learn how to be a useful human being.
Around the Nation

NFL

Pete Carroll speaks during his introductory press conference as Seahawks head coach on Tuesday. Carroll was previously the head coach at the University of Southern California.

Carroll introduced as Seahawks coach

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Pete Carroll pumped his fist. He talked excitedly and forcefully. He clipped the air with his hands, commanding his new audience — which exactly why he’s in Seattle now instead of Southern California.

The charismatic Carroll took over as the new coach and executive vice president of the Seahawks on Tuesday, enthusiastically vowing to restore its dynasty.

“They have embraced my approach ... in a manner in which they want to wipe the path clear and give me the clearest opportunity to bring everything that I have to offer. That’s really what I was looking for, the trust and belief from the top of the organization,” Carroll said a day after his public farewell from USC.

“They don’t have an agenda of how they want their football played. They want me to do that. That’s exactly and precisely what I was looking for.”

After lugging current Seahawk and former USC defensive end Lawrence Jackson in the back of the auditorium, the 58-year-old Carroll was breathless describing how he snared the exact opportunity he’s always wanted in the NFL — but never thought he’d get after New England fired him following three seasons as coach through 1999.

“I am so fired up to be here today. Right from the beginning, they undersold. This is a tremendous place to come to work.”

Carroll said moments after Seahawks CEO Tod Leiweke led him on a tour of the Seahawks’ luxurious head-quarters for the first time.

Absorbing the scene and what the riches of Seahawks owner and Microsoft Corp. tycoon Paul Allen are affording him, Carroll said: “It’s really almost dreamed line for.”

The coach who went 97-19 with two national championships and seven consecutive Pac-10 titles while at USC wore a dark blue suit and paisley tie patterned in Seahawks green and blue.

The look was new. The Seahawks promise his role will be familiar.

“As guys get other jobs around the league, there isn’t always that level of trust and communication from the top down, and there isn’t always that willingness to let you do exactly what you feel and how you should do it. That’s what I’ve been given here — and I can’t tell you how excited I am about that.” Carroll said.

“That is what I had at USC, and is when I’ve had my best success.”

Crennel and Weis may be reunited with Chiefs

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Former Cleveland Browns coach Romeo Crennel has spoken to the New York Giants by telephone about their vacant defensive coordinator’s job but is giving the Kansas City Chiefs the first shot at hiring him.

Crennel’s agent, Joe Linta, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Tuesday that Crennel talked to the Giants on Monday.

Linta said Crennel is focused on becoming the Chiefs’ defensive coordinator.

Chiefs coach Todd Haley has yet to clarify the status of current defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast, who is still on the staff.

Last week, the Chiefs hired former Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis as offensive coordinator. Weis previously was the offensive coordinator in New England under Bill Belichick at the same time Crennel coordinated the defense.

Goalie Curtis Joseph retires from hockey

TORONTO — Goaltender Curtis Joseph has retired, ending a nineteen-year career in the NHL, in which he was number four on the career victory list.

The 42-year-old Joseph is the winningest goalie to have never won the Stanley Cup. He had 454 victories, trailing only Martin Brodeur (585), Patrick Roy (551) and Ed Belfour (484).

He said Tuesday he had a “great career” and “didn’t leave anything on the table.” He spoke at a news conference in Toronto, where he ended his career with the Maple Leafs.

Joseph entered the league as an undrafted free agent. In addition to the Maple Leafs, he also played for the Saint Louis Blues, Edmonton Oilers, Detroit Red Wings, Phoenix Coyotes, and Calgary Flames.

F1 driver Piquet Jr to join NASCAR in 2010

MADRID — Former Renault Formula One driver Nelson Piquet Jr., who last year triggered a scandal by revealing he deliberately crashed his car to help a teammate, is moving to NASCAR in 2010.

Piquet Jr. said Tuesday on his Web site that his “first 18 months in F1 did not go as planned. I have decided to focus on something different and have chosen to take a route in America.”

Piquet Jr. hasn’t raced since being fired by Renault in August after 28 races in which his best finish was second at the 2008 German GP. He did not reveal which team he would race for but says more details will come soon.

The 24-year-old Brazilian driver, the son of three-time F1 champion Nelson Piquet, admitted crashing his car at the 2008 Singapore Grand Prix on team orders to help Fernando Alonso win the race.

around the dial

NCAA Basketball
Boston College at Duke
7 p.m., ESPN

Kansas at Nebraska
9 p.m., ESPn2

NCAA Men’s Basketball AP Top 25

1. Texas 2
2. Kentucky 3
3. Kansas 4
4. Villanova 5
5. Syracuse 6
6. Purdue 7
7. Michigan State 8
8. Duke 9
9. Tennessee 10
10. West Virginia 11
11. Georgetown 12
12. North Carolina 13
13. Kansas State 14
14. Wisconsin 15
15. Connecticut 16
16. Pittsburgh 17
17. Baylor 18
18. Brigham Young 19
19. Temple 20
20. Georgia Tech 21
21. Mississippi 22
22. Baylor (Fla.) 23
23. Cincinnati 24

NCAA Men’s Basketball Previous AP Top 25

1. Texas 2
2. Kentucky 3
3. Kansas 4
4. Villanova 5
5. Syracuse 6
6. Duke 7
7. Kentucky 8
8. Kansas State 9
9. Tennessee 10
10. West Virginia 11
11. Georgetown 12
12. North Carolina 13
13. Kansas State 14
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15. Connecticut 16
16. Pittsburgh 17
17. Baylor 18
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21. Mississippi 22
22. Mississippi State 23
23. Cincinnati 24
24. Kentucky 25.

NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball AP Poll

1. Connecticut 1
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NEW YORK — In his own view, Charles Woodson put together his best pro season in 2009. How appropriate, then, that he is The Associated Press 2009 NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

The versatile Woodson tied for the league lead with nine interceptions, returning three for touchdowns, and was a key to the Packers’ turnaround on defense. First in interceptions (30), takeaways (40) and turnover margin (plus-24) earned Woodson 28 votes Tuesday from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL.

“It’s a great honor,” Woodson said in a telephone interview Tuesday. “I felt like I put a lot into the game, mentally and physically — your body’s always beat up — and it’s great to be recognized.”

He doubled the number of votes for New York Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis in becoming the first Green Bay winner since Reggie White in 1998 and just the second Packer in the 36-year history of the award.

Woodson, the 1997 Heisman Trophy recipient, is the first cornerback chosen top defensive player since Deion Sanders in 1994.

After a disappointing performance by the Packers defense in Sunday’s 51-45 overtime playoff loss at Arizona, Woodson is more motivated than ever to pursue the one honor that has eluded him in his career: a Super Bowl victory.

“That’s it,” Woodson said. “Especially now, to get this award, I’ve done everything an individual can do.”

How much longer will he play?

“I’m just going to keep taking shots until I get back to the Super Bowl — and win it,” Woodson said.

“Any time you go out there on the field, you go out there to win the game, of course,” Woodson said, “but you go out there to be consistent and a reliable player. And that’s what that award is. You go out there, you can make plays and can continue to make them through the season and you’re mentioned as far as being Defensive Player of the Year, you know you’re doing some things right.”

The Packers went 11-5 during the season, including winning seven of eight games in the second half of the schedule to secure an NFC wild-card berth. In that span, Green Bay allowed 15.6 points per game. Take away a last-second 37-36 loss to Pittsburgh, and the number becomes a minuscule 11.4.

Woodson had 63 unassisted tackles and 18 assists, according to the Packers, plus 21 passes defended, four forced fumbles and one recovery, two sacks for 18 yards and three quarter back hits.

“I’ve said it before, he’s had two or three games that I can’t imagine any defensive player in the league having better games,” said Capers, who also coached Rod Woodson (1993) and Jason Taylor (2006) when they won the award. “I think it speaks volumes when he was player of the month in September and came back and got player of the month again (in November).”

In his third season, Revis established himself as the league’s premier corner back, taking away such prime threats as Steve Smith, Randy Moss, Andre Johnson, Terrell Owens, Chad Ochocinco and Marques Colston. He had six picks, returning one for a TD.

Jets coach Rex Ryan was upset Revis didn’t win.

“It’s unfortunate in that you can’t get a higher individual award than that award,” Ryan said. “Hopefully, he’s a young, talented player, but you can’t take anything for granted.

“His, in my opinion, was the best year a corner has ever had, the most impact a corner has ever had in the National Football League. That’s my opinion. Apparently, that wasn’t how everybody felt.”

Denver linebacker Elvis Dumervil, who led the league in sacks, and New Orleans safety Darren Sharper, who tied with Woodson for the interceptions lead and also ran back three for scores, each got three votes. Minnesota end Jared Allen received the other two votes.

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Packers CB Woodson named top defender

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Burrows’s accusations to be reviewed by NHL

Associated Press

TORONTO — The NHL is looking into a claim by Vancouver Canucks forward Alexandre Burrows that a referee made payback calls against him, and league officials are in a tough spot of their feudist. Tori O’Brien also lent some sympathy to the inkling that Garret called it "It cost us the game." If you're 6-10, you can get a shot by getting no details about the incident. Asking how much the short-handed practices and distractions helped him, Lane will fill out his staff with other outstanding assistants like them, ones who Trojan players and fans will really like.

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Chapman defected in July at a tournament in the Netherlands, leaving the Cuban national team as the international baseball’s Big Red Machine because of its uniform and its dominance. He established residency in Andorra so he could choose his team as a free agent and not be subject to baseball's draft. The hard-throwing pitcher didn’t see major league games on television in Cuba, so he was unfamiliar with teams and where they were located.

“We took him through a Google map that showed every major league club, and we could zoom in on a state and describe the teams,” Hendricks said.

Chapman gained some notoriety during the World Baseball Classic in March, when he pitched well against Australia and the Netherlands. The fastball occasionally topped 100 mph, getting the attention of major league scouts.

He also attended several workouts for scouts, including one in Houston that got the Reds deeply interested. Once he began working with Hendricks in January, Chapman became interested in them.

Manager Dusty Baker, pitching coach Bryan Price and catcher Ramon Hernandez spoke with Chapman, who was helpful to Chapman, who doesn’t speak English. Also, the Reds have 10 players from Latin America.

“The depth of the transition, we couldn’t look for a better place for someone who came from Cuba to pitch,” Hendricks said.

He agreed to a complicated contract that helps the Reds at the outset. He gets $1.5 million of his signing bonus when his contract is approved by Major League Baseball. $1.5 million each Nov. 1 from 2010 to 2013 and $1.25 million each Nov. 1 from 2014 to 2020.

Chapman gets annual salaries of $1 million this year and next, $1.25 million in 2012 and 2013 and $3 million in 2014. Within five days of the 2014 World Series, he must decide whether to exercise a $5 million player option for 2015.

If Chapman is eligible for salary arbitration after the 2012 season, he would get $5 million converted to a bonus and then be eligible for arbitration. The Reds are expected to try to avoid that next season. If Chapman becomes a free agent, he would get $3 million converted to a bonus and then be eligible for arbitration.

The Reds have Aaron Harang and Bronson Arroyo, another right-hander from Cuba, pitching for them this year. If Chapman signs with Cincinnati, it would be the first time.

“I went to see Leslie and I sat in good faith,” Leiweke said, firmly. “When I went to Minnesota, I was not sure we could get it done with Pete. There were significant issues.”

Carroll joined Leiwke in saying reports he had a preliminary deal with the Seahawks as early as Friday were wrong.

Leiweke said the issues included whom the Seahawks were targeting as their new GM, and who Carroll wanted to bring from USC to his staff in Seattle. Those issues got worked out in a face-to-face meeting in California last month even though Jim Zorn still held the job.

“That is not what the Rooney Rule is supposed to be. (that) you make up your mind and then interview a candidate for it anyway just to satisfy the rule,” said Dungy, who retired from coaching last year.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said Saturday that the Seahawks had complied with the Rooney Rule through Leiwke’s interview of Frazier and certain he is going to be an NFL head coach.
Belles prepare for sixth-ranked Hope
By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer
Saint Mary’s (8-3, 3-1 MIAA) looks to continue its momentum from a strong semester break with a home game tonight against conference rival and sixth-ranked Hope College (12-1, 4-0). Hope has dropped only one game all season—an early-season away game in Alcorn State. The Flying Dutch present the Belles’ toughest test so far.

The team’s break was highlighted by a second-place finish in the Amy Hasbrook Memorial Tournament at DePauw and a road win at Kalamazoo after New Year’s (the win was Belles coach Jennifer Henley’s 50th at the College). Saint Mary’s senior forward Anna Kamrath was named to the all-tournament team, and Henley’s sixth-ranked Hope Murphy were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Hope will pose a challenge to the Belles’ defense, as the Flying Dutch average nearly 80 points a game.

“They have a lot of offensive weapons,” Henley said. “They have a very deep bench and are well respected in our conference. They have been hot over the last several games. We need to contain their passing and their running game.”

Hope is coed this year. The Belles and Hope are coached for 26 years by the identical Verducci as the head coach, leaving his post as Kansas’ offensive coordinator. Warinner has coached for 26 years and in 13 of the last 18 of them have been spent coaching the offensive side of the field.

“Having coached offensive lines in four different systems, I think they do a good job drawing from them,” Henley said. “I think I have worked with a variety of players and so I’ll be able to adjust to whatever the needs are of each individual.”

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...yards per carry last season. Isiah Pead and Jacob Ramsey combine to average 1.425 yards and 13 touchdowns.

“Hello, we are a tireless recruiter and will continue to be well respected in our profession,” Kelly said.

“Timm’s expertise in the running game and pass protections combined with his experience in our offensive system make him the perfect fit for our running backs.”

Former running backs coach Tim Shaw will be the wide receivers coach this season, Kelly also announced.

Former Wisconsin defensive backs coach Curry Cooks will coach the defensive linebackers.

“Cooks said he was excited about the potential that Notre Dame offers.”

Kerry Cooks

Irish linebackers coach

“Notre Dame’s a name that can get you in any household in the country. It’s a name that gets you in any household in the country. It’s a name that can get you in any household in the country.”

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Duncan leads Spurs past Lakers

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan had 25 points and 13 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs showed they can still hang with their Western Conference rivals in a 99-90 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday.

Lakers forward Lamar Odom battled Spurs forward Tim Duncan all night long, their styles at times at odds but for players on both teams. The Lakers were denied their first crack at becoming the only NBA franchise with 3,000 victories tonight.

The Spurs (14-4 since Dec. 9, trailing only Cleveland (15-4) for the best record over that stretch. None of those wins were as satisfying — or as much a relief — as this one.

“Somebody had to win tonight — and we just wanted it to be us,” said Richard Hamilton, who scored 19 points for Detroit. “We knew when we came in tonight, we could take care of business.”

Rodney Stuckey also scored 19 and added a career-high 11 assists for Detroit, which lost by 33 points at Chicago on Monday night. A defeat against Washington would have tied the longest single-season losing streak in franchise history.

Antawn Jamison led the Wizards with 31 points and 10 rebounds, while Randy Foye — who took over at point guard for Arenas — had 20 points and 10 assists. But Washington shot only 4 for 21 and scored a season-low 11 points in the second quarter.

“They talked earlier in the game they don’t want to be the team they beat,” said Washington’s Nick Young, 2 for 9 for the game with eight points, starting at shooting guard for the injured Mike Miller. “But both teams were short-handed, and both teams had something to prove tonight.”

An announced crowd of only 13,444 showed up to watch these struggling teams. The Pistons are now 12-25, and the Wizards are 12-24. In Eastern Conference, only the NBA-worst New Jersey Nets have fewer victories.

Detroit can chalk up its difficulties in Friday’s game to injuries. Key players Hamilton, Tayshaun Prince and Gordon had missed time. While Hamilton is back in the lineup, Prince and Gordon were out Tuesday.

Nearly all traces of Arenas had happened on Saturday at Washington’s arena, including a banner that used to hang across the entrance. The Wizards’ morning shootaround before they were being questioned in the Arenas gun investigation.

The Wizards have been team—involved in the spat that led to Arenas’ taking his guns and team—excused from attending practices or games until there is a resolution to the legal issues.

“It’s been a little chaotic around here for the past couple days,” said Caron Butler, who had only 10 points and two rebounds against Detroit. “That’s something that you don’t want to have to keep revisiting. As a player, you want to focus on basketball and basketball only.”

Notes:

The Piston lost 14 games in a row in the 1979-80 and 1979-80 seasons on disciplining Blatche: “You hope that they understand why. It’s all about dealing with your kids. You have to do things as I tried to explain when I talked to Andray. It’s not against you. It’s against Andray. Andray has to earn it. So it’s nothing against you.” I don’t hold grudges over those type of things. … Miller was out for about six weeks before returning to action Friday, then playing again Sunday, when he aggravated his calf.
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the back of the net again as Notre Dame battled No. 6 North Dakota to a 3-3 tie after overtime. Notre Dame won the shootout, 3-1, and advanced to the quarterfinals in the NCAA Tournament, on goals from senior Dan Kissel and junior Ben Ryan.

“I think it was a big game for our team’s confidence,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “As a team, over the course of a season you are going to have ups and downs and when you have your downs you need to see how your team responds. It was a real positive the way we hung in there and played against a top team in the country.”

All the confidence Notre Dame gained by beating a top 10 team at a neutral site went out the window after losing two games by a combined score of 9-4 against No. 11/12 Ferris State. The Bulldogs scored more goals than any team has against Notre Dame this season in a 5-2 rout Saturday. Freshman goalie Mike Johnson made 26 saves, and the Irish offense, which managed three goals in the second period, was held scoreless in the third.

“Ferris State is a good team, and they played well, like a team on a mission,” Jackson said. “I think they had an advantage as far as depth went, and...we didn’t do a good job of managing the game.”

Senior walk-on Tommy O’Brien started in goal for Notre Dame Sunday and the Ferris State offensive onslaught continued in the 4-2 defeat.

“Tommy started to give Johnson a break,” Jackson said. “Plus Tommy has been practicing well so I thought he deserved another opportunity. Mike wasn’t coming off a great game so I thought it was time to see what Tommy could do.”

O’Brien gave up two third period goals in the loss, and Jackson said Johnson will remain Notre Dame’s top goalie.

Late in the third period Ferris State’s Travis Oullette checked junior defensemen Teddy Ruth from behind, and senior Brett Blatchford came to Ruth’s defense by lashing Oullette. The scuffle resulted in 62 minutes of penalties.

“I always tell the team to have each other’s backs,” Jackson said. “When somebody cheap shots a teammate, that is just one of the golden rules of hockey, to step up for a teammate.”

Notre Dame will try to get back into the CCHA race Friday night against Michigan State.

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7-42 left in the game. However, the Irish outscored the Bulls 19-5 in the last eight minutes to widen the margin.

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“Our conference is a tough one, there are great teams,” Brey said. “It’s nice to come away with the win. We played ourselves into this one.”

Brey was pleased with the nationally televised win.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Simply business

ND gets past USF before major road test

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The Irish weren’t about to get caught looking ahead. Lindsay Schrader made sure of it.

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“I thought overall our veteran team at the end of the game found a way to win,” Irish coach Muffett McGraw said. “I thought we kept our poise down the stretch and did some great things.”

The game was much closer than the final score would indicate. The teams swapped leads five times throughout the contest, and Notre Dame was ahead by just three points with 1:01 left in the second half before senior guard Lindsay Schrader scored a free throw with 38 seconds remaining to push the Irish ahead 72-69.

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HOCKEY

Irish up and down over break

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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Semester break brought Notre Dame both a Shillelagh Tournament title as well as a split to seventh-place in conference standings.

The Irish (9-10-5, 5-7-4-2 CCHA) beat Colgate 2-0 on Jan. 2 to reach the title game of the Tournament at the Comerica Arena in Hoffman Estates, Ill. The five goals set a new high for Notre Dame this season. Sophomore Billy Maday led the Irish with two goals.

“Five goals on the scoreboard was a product of the team’s enthusiasm to be back playing some high-caliber hockey,” Maday said. “It started our drive to the push we want to make for the second half of the season.”

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FOOTBALL

Kelly fills out coaching staff with Cincinnati transplants

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Brian Kelly began to fill out the Notre Dame assistant coaching staff over the winter break, hiring five coaches and retaining one from the previous administration.

Kelly, whom Notre Dame named its new head coach in December, hired three coaches away from Cincinnati, where he previously coached. Kelly hired Bob Diaco as the new defensive coordinator, Charley Molnar as the offensive coordinator and Tim Hinton as the running backs coach. Diaco had to replace 10 starters on Cincinnati’s defense in 2009 but brought the unit into the nation’s top 10 in sacks and tackles for loss.

“Bob implemented an entirely new defense and was a major factor in us winning every game during the regular season,” Kelly said in a statement. “He has played for and learned under some fine defensive coaches and will be a great teacher for our guys.”

Diaco played linebacker at Iowa and was a two-time all-conference selection. He was a finalist for the Butkus Award in 1995. He will be responsible for revamping a defense that showed flashes of promise but struggled to slow opposing offenses.

Molnar worked with Kelly at Cincinnati and Central Michigan and created powerful offenses in both places. Bearcats receiver Mardy Gilyard caught 87 balls for 1,191 yards and 11 touchdowns with Molnar as his receivers coach in 2009.

“Charley and I have coached together the last four years and I have complete confidence in him to lead the offensive staff and players,” Kelly said. “I have seen how he has developed both quarterbacks and wide receivers and tailored a passing attack around the strengths of an offense.”

Molnar must develop quarterback Dayne Crist, who saw some playing time behind an injured Jimmy Clausen but will miss spring practice because he tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) against Washington State. He won’t have the services of Golden Tate, who left for the NFL Draft, but Michael Floyd will be at his disposal.

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Men’s Basketball

Upset highlights five wins

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FOOTBALL

Floyd receives citation for underage drinking

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Irish sophomore receiver Michael Floyd received a citation for underage drinking after his involvement in a fight in Minneapolis on Jan. 8, according to police reports and the Chicago Tribune.

The Tribune reported that Floyd was involved in a “physical altercation” outside of a party. University of Minnesota police said Floyd admitted to doing “a couple of shots” earlier in the night and had blood on his hands, feet and shirt.

The police were responding to a report of about 10 people involved in a “physical dispute in the street.”

Floyd was cited for underage consumption of liquor, a misdemeanor, the Tribune reported, and could face a fine, court appearance or a diversion program.

Floyd missed five complete games last season after suffering a broken collarbone against Michigan State, but he still recorded 44 receptions for 795 yards and nine touchdowns in seven games last season.

Notre Dame officials, including newly-hired Irish coach Brian Kelly, have yet to comment on the situation.