Panel talks center on how to construct a more inclusive atmosphere

By SARAH MERVOSH
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When Saint Mary’s junior Laurel Javors saw a comic implying violence towards the gay community in the Jan. 13 edition of The Observer, she thought of a friend.

“I was in Florence last year, watching my friend Jeff wheeled away in a stretcher,” Javors said. “He was beaten to the point where he lost sight in his eye because we were holding his boyfriend’s hand.

“Those are the realities we face,” Javors, a member of Saint Mary’s Gay and Straight Alliance, said in a panel Thursday evening.

In response to The Observer

AFTLS return the show to its cultural following that often inspires modern twists on Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet,” yet the original version since 1987. Actors from the London Stage (AFTLS) are reviving the British theatre tradition at Notre Dame during this week’s performances of which Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet,” which present the play in its original version, at Washington Hall.

The star-crossed lovers of Verona have spurred an unprecedented cultural following that often inspires modern twists on “Romeo and Juliet,” yet the AFTLS return the show to its Shakespearean roots.

“I would love to see a traditional version since I have never seen the play performed before,” freshman Olivia Lee said.

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Lecture series focuses on changes in business

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

When one thinks of the victims of cancer one often thinks of those who struggle daily with the disease. But cancer takes more victims than just its medical patients, for every cancer victim has a family behind them and these people, particularly children, need help as well.

A group of Notre Dame students have been making sure children who have been affected by a parent who has cancer are not forgotten and get the chance to still be kids despite the maturity burden they have at home.

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By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Anticipating changes in the culture of the business world is a valuable skill in today’s fast-paced world, and to keep pace, the Mendoza School of Business is hosting a series of lectures throughout the spring semester titled “Ten Years Hence.”

Mendoza has hosted a spring lecture series for the last nine years, and for the last six they have all held the common theme of “Ten Years Hence.”

This year’s lecture series is focused on “The Future of Capitalism.”

The series began Jan. 22 with a panel discussion titled “The Ascent of Money,” hosted by Scott Malpas, vice president and chief investment officer at the University of Notre Dame, and Professor Richard Mendenhall. It will conclude April 16 with a lecture by Catherine Mathis, senior vice president of Marketing and Communications for Standard & Poor’s.

There will be a total of seven lectures, and if students attend all seven, they can receive one
The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Molly Madden at mmadden@nd.edu

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INSIDE COLUMN

Fair trade?

Many students currently find themselves in the midst of job hunting or internship search. This will inevitably lead to a discussion about previous jobs and useful skills that were developed during these times of employment.

You want to talk about skills? Since I was 14, my jobs have ranged from working at a pet kennel, a country club, a bridal shop and my most recent foray at Reckers. I’ve got skills alright.

If ever you feel the need to hear an amusing workplace account just ask me to tell you one of my numerous stories spanning from my jobs over the past six years. The overwhelming principle I’ve learned? People on this planet are nuts.

I found out this my first day of work at Petropolis Pet Hotel, or, as the advertisements said, the “Ritz Carlton” of the dog world. Two hours on the job I was asked to come to the help check in a client. I go to reception and see what appeared to be an overweight rat in a red cashmere sweater sitting by a hot-pink duvet with the name “OWAL” embroidered on it.

My manager asked me if I would mind assisting Oscar into her villa. Yes, you read that correctly, the female dog’s name was “Oscar.” Oh, and it turns out she wasn’t a rat but an expensive breeder known as an Italian Greyhound. And that sweater of hers? That was her Tuesday sweater. Her? That was her Tuesday sweater. Poor, poor Charlie Bear.

My three years at Petropolis helped me better prepare for my time as a waitress at a local country club. Because it turns out crazy rich people also frequent country clubs.

So I might not have developed many skills that were developed during these times of employment or internships, but I’ve got skills alright.

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IN BRIEF

A short classical concert titled Barc’s Lunch: A Noontime Concert will take place today at 12:10 p.m. in the Penelope Performers Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free but tickets are required. Call 574-631-2800 for reservations.

A lecture will be given today titled FTT Talks: Steinlin Harjo today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Harjo, a director, will talk about his work. This is a free but ticketed event. Call 574-631-2800 for reservations.

A film titled “End of Poverty?” will be shown Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students, $5 for faculty, and $6 for general admission. Purchase tickets online at performingarts.nd.edu.

McGillins Casino Night will take place Saturday at 10 p.m. at South Dining Hall. Tickets are $10 for faculty and $5 for students. Call 574-631-2800 for tickets.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Dance Marathon hosts fundraisers

Club aims to beat last year’s total with a number of charity events

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

After raising over $91,500 at Dance Marathon 2009, the Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon club continues to raise funds and awareness for Riley Children's Hospital senior Kelly Deranek, the event's president, said. With a variety of events planned, the club hopes to raise funds to benefit the Hospital.

"Any amount of money that we raise is money that the Hospital didn't have," Deranek said. "Anything that we can give them is great. Of course we always love to raise more than we did last year, but we have no set goal.

The club hosted "Give Back Night!" at Five Guys Burgers and Fries this past Wednesday. A portion of the proceeds from the event that were collected will be added to the grand total which will be announced at the Marathon on March 26 and 27. The club has several other events coming up within the next few weeks. Other "Give Back Nights" will be offered, as well as a sale of candy for Valentine's Day. We are going to be doing a sale for Valentine's Day where we will be selling sweets that people can purchase and we'll deliver them," Deranek said.

The candy sale will begin on Feb. 8 and will continue through Feb. 12. Additionally, a Purse Party will be held on Feb. 12, where handbags and accessories will be available for purchase. Another event that Dance Marathon will be hosting is Salon Night, which will coincide with Fannie Mae Candy Sale for Easter on Feb. 22.

The club has a variety of other events, including A Miss-A-Meal where students at the College can give up a meal one night and allow the money that they would have spent on the meal to be donated to the Dance Marathon.

A Charity Denim event and a babysitting night will be hosted as well.

"We will have a babysitting night for Riley families in the area that come to our marathon," Deranek said. "We're going to have a night where we volunteer and watch their kids so they can go out for the evening.

The club plans on hosting the actual Dance Marathon towards the end of the academic year. At the Marathon students come together from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. to raise awareness for the Hospital.

"The purpose of Dance Marathon is to raise financial and emotional awareness for the Children's Miracle Network but specifically at Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis," Deranek said.

Forms are available on the Dance Marathon Web site and will be accepted through the event. "Any amount of money that we raise is encouraged, for all three campuses," Deranek said. "We're going to be at Holy Cross sometime in the next few weeks collecting packets and supporting the event. They had information at Notre Dame Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights to encourage Notre Dame students to come as well."

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**Director of Audience Development Aaron Nichols described the AFTLS as truly unique. The program is in its 35th year and acts as an 'actor-driven tour de force,' according to the company's Web site.**

"The most exciting aspect is that these actors really get down to the meat of Shakespeare's text," Nichols said. "It is fascinating to see a show that has been done more elaborately cut down to its very soul."

The five actors to appear on stage hail from impressive backgrounds and boast resumes that include some of the most prestigious stages in London, Nichols said. These individuals are challenged to divide 20 to 30 parts from the Shakespearean plays and are considered experts on the texts.

"I expect both a strong historical focus and an emphasis on good verse speaking," Department of English research professor John Wilkinson said.

Student interaction is an integral part of the company's tour.

"The classroom workshops are truly an original concept," Nichols said. "The actors in upwards to 20 to 35 classrooms per week."

Wilkinson will host actress Jennifer Higham in a class-room workshop on Friday and was particularly excited about bringing this "particular tradi-tion of English acting" to his students in a personal form.

"As for the performance, I am quite interested to see the nurse," Wilkinson said. "She is a challenging character for a modern actor because she is simultaneously a warm and maternal figure, as well as strongly interested in Juliet's marriage prospects, and also very filthy minded."

The objective of Shakespeare at Notre Dame is to embrace "humanist study and the performing arts in the exploration of drama in a Christian context," as stated on the program Web site. The AFTLS is one branch of this mission to bring the study of Shakespeare to the University setting here in South Bend.

A substantial audience is expected when this renowned play takes the stage of Washington Hall. Nichols said.

"We are expecting large crowds because 'Romeo and Juliet' is one of Shakespeare's most popular, albeit most tragic, romances," he said.

Though the plot of 'Romeo and Juliet' and their doomed romance is well known, this unique company should still bring added flair to the classic show.

"I know what happens in the story, freshman Adam Zebrowski said. "But I am still expecting to be entertained, especially by the more comedic parts with Benvolio and Mercutio."

"Romeo and Juliet' will be performed in Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Contact Megan Doyle at mdoyle11@nd.edu

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Members of the panel listen as an audience member poses a question. The panelists talked about the GLBT experience at Notre Dame and how to achieve a ‘Spirit of Inclusion.’

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Professor James O’Rourke, director of the Eugene D. Fanning Center at Mendoza College, said he believes the “Ten Years Hence” theme holds especially important in today’s financial times.

“I think it is important to not just study history and current events for our lessons, but to look forward in some structured speculation to see what life will be like in 10 years time,” he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mayor to defend gay marriage
MEXICO CITY — Mexico City's mayor says he will defend the capital's gay-marriage law against a challenge that will take effect in March despite an appeal by federal prosecutors.

Mayor Marcelo Ebrard says the federal appeal on constitutional grounds is wrong. He says nothing in the constitution prohibits same-sex marriage or adoption by gay couples.

The city's legal adviser, Leticia Bonifaz, said Thursday the first gay marriages will be performed in early May while the Supreme Court decides whether to take the case.

The federal Attorney General's Office said Wednesday it filed a challenge with the Supreme Court arguing the law violates constitutional provisions on the family and the protection of children.

The law is a first for Latin America.

Sri Lankan president seeks harmony
COLOMBO — Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse pledged to seek reconciliation with minority Tamils after his sweeping re-election, but did not indicate how he plans to deal with the Tamils' demands for greater rights.

Critics said this week's balloting showed the country's ethnic divisions that fueled decades of war were again near breaking point, with many minorities apparently voting for the opposition or staying away from the polls.

NATIONAL NEWS

Official opposition to 9/11 trials
NEW YORK — Opposition to the government's plan to hold the Sept. 11 terrorism trial in New York City intensified Thursday, as federal prosecutors revealed he had changed his mind and now hoped the trial would be held elsewhere.

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Testifying as the lone defense witness, Roeder calmly explained what he admitted publicly Friday — that he killed Tiller to save unborn children.

“Those children were in immediate danger if someone did not stop George Tiller,” Roeder said in the jury watched attentively but without a hint of surprise.

“They were going to continue to die,” he said. “The babies were going to continue to die.”

Roeder pleaded not guilty to murder in the attack at the church where Tiller was an usher. Witnesses have described how Roeder walked into the building's foyer on May 31 shortly after the service, approached Tiller and fired a single shot before fleeing.

After Roeder's testimony, District Judge Warren Wilbert ruled that the jury would not be permitted to consider the manslaughter charge because abortion, including late-term abortion, is legal in Kansas and because Tiller did not pose an imminent threat.

“There is no immediate danger in the back of a church,” the judge said. He also ruled out a second-degree murder conviction, which does not involve premeditation, because it was clear Roeder planned the killing.

“It would be hard for a reasonable fact-finder to find anything other than the defendant formulating his belief and then planning on multiple occasions ... to carry out his intention to kill Dr. Tiller,” Roeder's attorneys had hoped to win a lesser conviction of manslaughter, which requires them to show their client had an unreasonable but honest belief that death was inevitable due to force was justified. The charge carries a considerably lighter sentence than murder.

Roeder testified that he considered elaborate schemes to stop the doctor, including chopping off his hands, crashing a car into him or sneaking into his home to kill him.

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Prosecutors were careful during the first few days of testimony to avoid the subject of abortion and to focus on the specifics of the shooting. The judge said he did not want the trial to become a debate on abortion, but he said he would give Roeder a great deal of “latitude” when discussing his beliefs because they were integral to his defense.

Throughout his questioning, Roeder appeared calm and collected, waiting quite a time before prosecutors objected to something he said about medical procedures or late-term abortions, which the judge for- bade him from testifying about.

LOCAL NEWS

Court to rule on legal mother
INDIANAPOLIS — Infant R’s birth certificate lists her father's name. But the space for her mother’s name is blank.

Roeder, accused of murdering prominent Kansas abortion provider Dr. George Tiller, listens while the judge speaks at his trial on Thursday in Wichita.

The watchdog said it received complaints about the university from David Holland, a retired engineer, in 2007 to 2008, but it has only recently come to light that his requests for data were ignored.

“The e-mails are which now public reveal that Mr. Holland’s requests under the Freedom of Information Act were not dealt with as they should have been under the legislation,” it said in a statement.

The thousands of leaked e-mails — made public on the Internet just before the U.N. summit on global warming in Copenhagen in December — sparked an international debate over whether scientists exaggerated the case for man-made climate change.

Climate skeptics — including Republican lawmakers in the U.S. — claimed that the e-mails showed scientists secretly manipulated climate data and suppressed contrary views about climate change.

One of the e-mails disparaged climate skeptics, and a scientist said “the last thing I need is news articles claiming to question temperature increases.”

Another commented about “getting hassled by a couple of people” to release temperature data that suggests uncertainties about climate change. “Don’t ask any of you three tell anybody that the U.K. has a Freedom of Information Act.”

Phil Jones, the director of climate research unit, wrote in one e-mail.

GREAT BRITAIN

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GreeND president, said. Kelly said this year’s summit, which will be held on Feb. 22, has a different structure than in past years because participants will rotate through tables on four different topics, including climate change and sustainable seafood.

The leaders of the summit are also collaborating with Food Services, which stresses sustainability as part of its mission.

“Through collaboration with Food Services, this event will have both Notre Dame and global focus,” Kelly said. “I imagine that the success of past Green Summits will continue with this year’s Summit, as this event is more interactive, creative and relevant.”

The summit is made possible due to the collaboration of the Office of Sustainability, GreeND, ND for Animals, GlutenFreeND, Student Government and Students for the Environment, Kelly said, and this broad collection of groups allows the message of sustainability to spread to many different students and has contributed greatly to its success.

In addition to educating Notre Dame about food sustainability, GreeND also runs two environmental education programs for local schools and students to further their mission of education, outreach and leadership development.

Last semester, GreeND participated in the first Logger Collegiate Energy Summit, which focused on educating others about energy and sustainability. In response to the summit, GreeND created an educational program in a fourth grade class in Goodfellow’s School.

According to Kelly, GreeND members teach an environmental or energy-related lesson to the students and share a book or activity with the students after each lesson.
Gas pedals warrant recall

Toyota, world's largest automaker, recalls and stops producing millions of top-selling vehicles

Associated Press

DETROIT — Toyota has begun shipping parts to fix the faulty gas pedals in some of its models, a sign that it is working to start an expanding recall and an unprecedented decision to stop selling and building some of its top-selling models, but it still could not say Thursday when millions of its drivers would get their cars fixed.

The world’s largest automaker, bleeding millions of dollars a day in lost sales, also declined to say where the parts are going — to plants so production can start again or to dealers so they can start fixing cars sitting in their showrooms or already on the road.

Amid the uncertainty, the recall grew wider. Toyota expanded the recall around an initial 2.3 million vehicles and said it would recall an untold number in Europe and about 75,000 in China because of bad gas pedals that can become stuck.

The recall even spread beyond Toyota. Ford Motor Co. stopped production of some full-sized commercial vehicles built by a Chinese joint venture because they have accelerators built by the same parts supplier as in the Toyota recall.

Separately, Toyota recalled 1.1 million more vehicles this week because of floor mats that could block the accelerator and hold down the gas pedal system recall included the 2009-2010 RAV4, the 2009-2010 Corolla, the 2009-2010 Matrix, the 2005-2010 Avalon, the 2007-2010 Camry, the 2010 Highlander, the 2007-2010 Tundra and the 2008-2010 Sequoia.

Toyota said the maker of the faulty gas pedal systems, CTS Corp. of Elkhart, Ind., was cranking out replacement parts at three factories, and that some of them already have been shipped to Toyota.

At the same time, Toyota engineers are working to find ways to develop safer systems and to repair, rather than replace, the pedal systems in existing vehicles.

Barbara Lyons, a Toyota spokesman, said there was no estimate for how long it would be until customers can get their cars fixed. The parts are being made at CTS plants, but Toyota has not said where they’re going within its system of plants and dealers.

“We're well past the root cause identification, and we're well past what needs to be done to change the pedal assembly itself,” Lyons said.

House lawmakers, meanwhile, said they intend to hold a Feb. 25 hearing to review the complaints of sudden unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles. “Like many consumers, I am concerned by the seriousness and scope of Toyota’s recent recall announcement,” said House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif. In a statement, Toyota pledged its “full cooperation” with the committee.

The episode has tarnished Toyota’s once-sterling image of reliability. Experts say the longer it goes on, the more Toyota’s competitors will benefit.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said he had no details of how the problems would be fixed but said he had “no criticism of Toyota on this. They followed the law and they’re doing what they’re supposed to do.”

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration officials met with Toyota representatives to discuss the fix on Thursday, but no details were announced.

The automaker does not need regulatory approval to make repairs or replacement parts, but company officials don’t want to proceed with a fix if the government has concerns, said people familiar with the decision who requested anonymity because the meeting was private.

 Asked whether Americans should continue to drive the recalled vehicles, LaHood said he would “encourage them to take their car to the Toyota dealer. That’s what we’re telling people to do. That’s what Toyota is telling people to do. That’s the safest thing to do.”

Toyota models that have been withdrawn for sale are seen at a storage lot for Keyes Toyota in the Van Nuys area of Los Angeles on Thursday.

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Wednesday’s classic bedtime story book, “Where the Wild Things Are,” is still a favorite today even though it was first published in 1963. The movie, with its lovely photography, simple lines and incredible acting by the little boy who plays Max (Max Recordere), caused quite a stir when it came out for the second time recently. It is based on a children’s book and has “monsters” as main characters, this is no movie for kids. The delicate sentimentality that Jonze brought to the adaptation makes it a movie for the generations who read “Where the Wild Things Are” as children, not for the children still reading it. Be sure you’ll feel an unsettling sense of anxiety as you watch Max deal with the Wild Things and all of their naturally chaotic fears, emotions and thoughts. The result is a sometimes dark, sometimes childishly caretaker kind of story that truly characterizes the movie.

“Where the Wild Things Are” will make you laugh and it will make you sad, and when you leave, you will leave thoughtfully reminiscing the old days in which the Wild Things were screaming and crying and telling everyone how much you hate them at one moment, only to giggle, cuddle up and tell that same person how much you love them the next.

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It’s everyone’s favorite ABC sci-fi show. Whether you watch it for the mystery, the philosophical value, the sweet action scenes, the relationships, or just the attractive characters, you can’t look away from the screen. If you thought the first few seasons of “LOST” were weird, what with smoke monsters, the appearance of polar bears on a tropical island and an underground hatch with a button meant to be pressed every 108 minutes, you’re in for a whirlwind of a sixth and final season. So to prepare you for the final 18 episodes of the show that has had millions watching for the past five and a half years, here is a synopsis to keep you up to date on the happenings of everyone’s favorite fictional island.

Season 4 saw the arrival of billionaire Charles Widmore’s research team to the island on the freighter “Kahana,” as well as the escape of the Oceanic Six from the island, shown in flash-forwards. The Oceanic Six consists of Jack, Kate, Sun, Hurley, Sayid and Claire’s baby Aaron. Token evil genius Ben Linus, former leader of the Others, turns an underground dial at the end of Season 4 and as the Oceanic Six leave the island in a helicopter, it dislodges the island from time so that no one in the outside world can possibly find it.

The turn of the dial then causes the remaining survivors of Flight 815 to erratically jump forward and backward through time. Widmore team member, Daniel Faraday, a physics mastermind, explains this fictional scientific phenomenon to the flight survivors and to the viewers at home. At this point, viewers have lost all hope that “LOST” will work within the realm of physics or even some set standard of rules. The producers play it for the mystery, the philosophical value, the sweet action scenes, the relationships or just the attraction to violence and destruction, and desires to kill him, even if Sayid attempts to kill young Ben, he must survive because we already know that he is alive in the 2000s.

This brings us to “The Incident.” We meet the Hostiles who are in need of more of a recap, when Ben is brought to them to heal the gunshot wound inflicted by Sayid. The Hostiles include Richard Alpert (one of the Others who never ages), Eloise Hawking and Charles Widmore, who are all on the island in 1954, when a hydrogen bomb called Jughead is buried underground to keep it from going off for at least 50 years. When Faraday warns the island’s inhabitants in 1977 of an impending catastrophe involving electromagnetic energy at the Swan Station, they remember the bomb buried on the island in the 1950s and decide to detonate it in order to prevent the construction of the Swan and ensure that the plane never crashes on the island in 2004, ignoring the theory of “whatever happened, happened.” Of course, when the bomb is dropped into the Station during the Season 5 finale, it does not immediately go off and some of the energy is released. Juliet accidentally falls into the station with the bomb and sacrificially detonates it during the last second of the show, leaving viewers with a cliffhanger.

Another significant side plot involves the body of Locke, who was killed by Ben off the island in 2007. His body is brought on Ajira Airways Flight 316, but when many of the passengers land on the island in 2007, Locke is found alive and is on a mission to go kill Jacob, the island’s highest authority. However, we learn at the end of the season finale that the man who appears to be Locke is in fact Jacob’s rival and long-time acquaintance, the Man in Black, who dislikes Jacob bringing people to the island, feeling that it leads to violence and destruction, and desires to kill him, with a loophole. In 2007, he manages to kill him by taking on the form of Locke and coercing Ben to kill Jacob in his residence inside the four-torded statue.

Still confused? If you are in need of more of a recap, a special synopsis episode will air on ABC on Tuesday, at 8 p.m. The final season of “LOST” will premiere with a two-hour episode directly following at 9 p.m.

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Andy Murray defeats Cilic, moves on to final

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — The way he was, mouth roaring like a Highlands war-rior in full battle cry in “Braveheart,” the force from Andy Murray’s lunch seemed to add heat to the format of the Open era and knock down the line. The match turned — and — in the fifth set of the second set — and it would not be long before the 22-year-old Scot was on his way to the Australian Open final.

After dropping serve twice in the opening set, Marin Cilic, Murray recovered to win the semifinal 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 and reach his second Grand Slam final.

“It was really important because I don’t want to say the match was slipping away from me, but my mouth was so big,” Murray said. “But that’s also why Murray is happy to be on the other side of the world.

You really don’t feel it that much. Wimbledon is a bit differ-ent — I think it’s a bit bigger. I’m very happy for the New Orleans Saints and, of course, the entire city of New Orleans,” Murray said. “It was a long way for me. You can imagine, all of New Orleans — heck, pretty much any part of the country — will be wishing the worst on their name.

Sorry, Penny, the Saints take precedence in their quest for a first NFL champi-onship.

Manning, whose father played on a Super Bowl-winning team, understands.

“Andy Murray is the first British man to reach the Australian Open final in the Open era and the first to win the semifinal of a Grand Slam final last year, los-ing in Australia to Rafael Nadal in the semifinals. So it can’t be said that Andy Murray is happy to be on the other side of the world.

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The job is not done yet but obviously we’re going to enjoy it when we’ve got to finish it in Miami.”

Can they? If history is an indicator, why not? After all, the Buccaneers had an even better regular-season record than the Saints the last seven years ago, beating out other premier franchises, the Raiders. We know the Saints will attack on offense, and getting in a shootout with the Colts is not such a bad idea. New Orleans led the league with 510 points. The Saints, who forced 39 turnovers, must be a prose-cative defender on defense, they’re not such a bad idea; New Orleans against the league with 510 points. The Saints, who forced 39 turnovers, must be a pro-active defender on defense, they’re not such a bad idea; New Orleans against the Saints is a shootout with the Saints is a shootout with the Colts is not such a bad idea. New Orleans led the league with 510 points. 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Hawks look for fourth win over Celtics

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks are trying to show they belong with the elite teams in the Eastern Conference. A four-game sweep of the Boston Celtics would be an impressive way to make the statement.

The Hawks will try to complete the regular-season sweep of the Celtics on Friday night. They will play another important conference game Saturday at Orlando.

The Hawks, fourth in the Eastern Conference last season, are contending with the Celtics and Magic for second place behind Cleveland.

Joe Johnson and Al Horford were selected as Eastern Conference All-Star reserves on Thursday. Horford, averaging 13.6 points and 9.8 rebounds, will make his first All-Star appearance. He finished third in voting for Eastern Conference centers.

“When you start the season you set goals for yourself,” Horford said. “That’s definitely one of them.”

Johnson, who leads the team with 21.3 points per game, will make his fourth straight appearance.

The Hawks have two All-Star selections for the first time since 1998. They hoped Crawford, second on the team with 17.4 points per game, and Smith also would receive consideration from the Eastern Conference head coaches.

Atlanta had won six of seven before a humbling 105-90 loss at San Antonio on Wednesday night. The Hawks reviewed game film of the loss Thursday but were eager to look ahead to the Celtics.

“I don’t think they look at us as a rivalry yet, but I think that they totally see that they can see us down the line,” Atlanta’s Jamal Crawford said Thursday. “They want to send a message and we want to continue to play well against them.”

The Hawks’ last season sweep of the Celtics came with three wins in 1998-99. Their last 4-0 sweep was in the 1995-96 season.

Crawford said a sweep of the Celtics would help prove the Hawks belong with the top teams in the conference.

“That would be a big statement because everybody had us the fourth-best team but now we’re right there in the mix with the top three,” Crawford said. “It will be interesting to see what happens.”

Josh Smith said the Hawks can’t assume regular-season success will provide any postseason guarantees should they face the Celtics again.

IN BRIEF

Josh Cribbs likely to return to Browns next season

LAUDERHILL, Fla. — Cleveland's Josh Cribbs is feeling more confident that he'll be playing for the Browns next season.

Cribbs, the multi-talented wide receiver and kick returner who'll play for the AFC in Sunday's Pro Bowl, said earlier this month that he thought it was "unlikely" he'll play another game for Cleveland after a $1.4 million contract offer for next season.

But on Thursday, he indicated that new Browns president Mike Holmgren has reached out to him and "wants to get something done soon."

Cribbs says he would "love to play for the Browns" and hopes that his contract situation is worked out.

Dwight Freeney recovers from injury just in time

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney has missed a second straight practice Thursday with a sprained right ankle.

Coach Jim Caldwell said Freeney was "coming along" in his recovery but did not provide details. Team president Bill Polian has maintained Freeney will play in next week's Super Bowl.

Starting cornerback Jerraud Powers sat out with a left foot injury after missing Sunday's AFC championship game with the injury.

Starting safety Melvin Bullitt also was added to the practice report with a knee injury Thursday. He did not practice and the Colts have not said which knee Bullitt hurt.

Two other Indy players — safety Antoine Bethea (back) and backup tight end Jacob Tamme (ankle) — were limited at workouts.

Kansas athletes stick around one more season

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Sherron Collins consulted friends, family and coaches before deciding between the NBA and one more season at Kansas. Cole Aldrich took a similar approach.

Mostly, though, they talked to each other. I’m not going without you, or something along those lines, is what they said.

This was always going to be a package deal.

After a spring-long discussion, the decision was one more year. They wanted another national championship. Together.

“Cole was the one calling, meeting with me and telling me he needed me to come back,” Collins said. “He had a chance to make some money, too, but he wanted to come back. Altogether, it was a good deal.”

Cribbs holds the NFL record for career kickoff return touchdowns with eight.

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MIAMI — For 86 of the NFL’s best players, the season is ending where they wanted: in Miami. Their timing’s off, though.

With a new venue and new slot on the league calendar, the Pro Bowl will be played Sunday as a preliminary to next week’s Super Bowl on the same field.

It definitely feels like a warmup act.

“There’s a bittersweet taste,” said quarterback Tony Romo, a late addition to the NFC roster after his Dallas Cowboys came up two wins shy of a Super Bowl berth. “You’re always hoping to play in the big game.”

The NFL is trying to transform the Pro Bowl into a bigger game by playing it before the Super Bowl for the first time. In a one-year experiment, the league also moved the game from Honolulu, its home since 1980.

The reason:Increased media coverage and the best attendance in 31 years, with a sellout crowd of more than 70,000 expected.

The changes haven’t helped participation, though. Seven Colts and seven Saints are missing because they’re preparing for the Super Bowl, a drawback to playing the Pro Bowl first.

Defections by players citing injuries were high, as usual. More than a dozen pulled out, leaving the all-star teams with only some stars.

“That has been historic,” said Frank Supovitz, the NFL’s senior vice president for events. “That’s nothing new.

And that’s not what the league wanted to fix by changing the date and site of the game, Supovitz said.

“The changes were meant to look at two things. Whether we could create more excitement with the Pro Bowl being the first event of Super Bowl week, and whether it would have an impact on TV ratings,” he said.

Ticket sales show the excitement level is up, Supovitz said. And he’s optimistic about the television audience for the game.

“It’s being shown on a weekend when there’s usually no football and interest in the NFL is at its highest,” he said.

Those tuned in will see established stars such as Ray Lewis, Antonio Gates and DeMarcus Ware, as well as first-time Pro Bowlers such as DeAngelo Williams, Clay Matthews and Matt Schaub.

The TV audience they attract will help the NFL decide where and when to play future Pro Bowls.

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“I’d rather have it after the Super Bowl,” 49ers linebacker Patrick Willis said. “I truly believe next year we’re going to be in the Super Bowl, and I want to play in the Pro Bowl too.”

But Romo said he could see the appeal of putting the Pro Bowl first.

“There’s something to be said for playing the game during the season,” he said. “I think more people are interested.”

By moving the game to the Super Bowl site, the NFL created a bigger spotlight for the Pro Bowl. There are 1,076 credentialed media members this week, compared with 334 in Honolulu a year ago. That’s good for the league, and maybe not so good for the all-stars.

“There’s a lot more media here. That’s for sure,” said eight-time Pro Bowl center Kevin Mawae, addressing a throng of reporters after an AFC practice.

“It’s not as relaxed here. There’s a little more hustle and bustle here than there would be at the resort where we stay in Hawaii.”

Still, practices this week were pretty laid back. AFC offensive linemen ran pass patterns. Browns kick returner Joshua Cribbs took a wildcat snap. Eagles receiver DeSean Jackson threw a pass on an end-around. Bengals returner Chad Ochocinco practiced punting and kicking and said he may boot one in the game.

The primary goal seemed to be having a few laughs, which at the end of a long season was understandable. For players who came up short of the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl can be a consolation prize worth accepting.

“Running back Adrian Peterson decided not to play, then changed his mind two days after his Vikings lost in the NFC championship game,” Romo said. “I’m here, and I’m going to enjoy myself.”

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Write Sports.
Saint Mary’s took first in eight out of 13 events last weekend, and have a chance to build on that success in the final meet of the regular season tonight against Calvin and Alma.

In the past few weeks, each individual swimmer and the team as a whole has progressed, producing season-best times and finishing in the lead. The freshman and senior classes in particular are looking to end the regular season on a high note.

“Calvin is a good team, but I’m sure I’ll see season-best times from many of my teammates at the meet,” senior Meredith Lierz said. Freshman Ellie Watson took first in both the 200-yard individual medley and 500-yard freestyle last week, but now she wants more.

“My goal this weekend is to get a season-best in the 500 freestyle,” Watson said. “It would also be great if I could win both distance events.”

Another powerful freshman, Katie Griffin, has taken first in the 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard backstroke many times in the past and is looking to continue her streak. As this is the final regular season meet for the senior class, seniors Sara Niemann and Lierz hope to finish strong.

After finishing first in the 1,000-yard freestyle and second in the 500-yard freestyle, Niemann said she hopes to end her season with continued success.

Lierz, who just returned from a knee injury last weekend, is looking for big things from herself and her teammates. Last week her return came in the form of a first place finish in the 50-yard freestyle. While her knee has not completely healed, she is ready to tough it out once again.

“The one event I’m looking most forward to is the 400-yard freestyle relay,” Lierz said. “I’m hoping we can drop more time there before we get ready for conference.”

The Belles will travel to Calvin in Grand Rapids, Mich. to take on Calvin and Alma at 6 p.m. tonight.

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MEN’S TENNIS
Notre Dame heads to ITA Regionals in Ohio

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The Irish return to the courts this weekend as they travel to Columbus, Ohio, to face Tulsa in the first round of the Ohio State regional of the ITA National Team Indoor Championships. Tulsa beat us last year 4-2 in a pretty hard-fought match played in Tulsa,” Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. “They have hosted the NCAAs twice in the last five or six years and have put a great deal of resources and support into tennis.”

The other first round match-up will be No. 3 Ohio St. against No. 51 New Mexico. The winners of both matches will then play at 12:30 p.m. Sunday to see who will advance onto the ITA Regionals in Ohio.

The Irish look to advance with Adrian and Olivet. “It’s an opportunity to prove yourself as a team every time you compete — especially the night you compete — especially in the first competition of the year.”

Last season, the Irish met Tulsa at the National Team Indoor Qualifiers, in Tulsa. Then-No. 12 Tulsa defeated the Irish in the opening round of the tournament 4-2, but Notre Dame rebounded on the second day to sweep No. 20 Texas Tech, 4-0. Notre Dame has qualified for the ITA National Team Indoor Championships eight times since 1991. Their best showing came in 1992 when they took third, and made back-to-back appearances in 2007-2008.

The Irish look to advance Saturday as they take on Tulsa at 1 p.m. in Columbus.

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ND MEN’S SWIMMING
Irish host tough competition

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

This weekend, the Irish will square off in their last meet before the Big East Championships next month. The Irish, who are receiving votes in the latest CSCAA Top 25 Poll, will match up against Iowa, Denver and Missouri in the Shamrock Invitational Friday and Saturday at Rolfs Aquatic Center. Missouri and Denver also received votes in the latest poll, but are unranked.

The Irish are hoping that a recent training trip to Puerto Rico will help them in the final month as they prepare for the Big East Championships. They will look to rebound after three consecutive losses dropped them to 4-4 on the season.

They dropped each of their two matches a couple weekends ago, against Michigan State and Louisville, respectively. The Irish won six events against the Spartans but it was not enough in a 179-121 loss. Freshmen Bill Bass and Wesley Mullins, junior Michael Sullivan and senior John Lyle all won individual events. Lyle won both the 200-yard individual medley and the 50-yard free.

The other Irish win came in the 400-yard free relay. Juniors Joshua Nosal and Thomas Van Volkenburg, senior Andrew Hoffmann and Bass all competed in the event for Notre Dame. The disappointing loss was followed by a very close defeat the next day for Irish coach Tim Welsh’s squad. They dropped a competitive 166-134 match to conference rival Louisville. The loss gave the Irish a 1-1 conference record on the season.

Lyle once again was victorious this time in the 100 and 200 free events. Juniors Wesley Villalobos and Nathan Geary and sophomore Petar Petrovic also picked up victories for the Irish.

The Irish need every win they can get right now as they attempt to win their fifth Big East title in six seasons.

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SMC BASKETBALL
Belles hope to break streak at Alma

By TIM SINGLER
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Saint Mary’s travels to Alma Saturday in hopes of ending a three-game conference losing streak that has dropped the Belles into a three-way tie for third place in conference standings with Adrian and Olivet. Despite Alma’s (3-15, 3-15 MIAA) poor record, the Belles (10-8, 5-5 MIAA) will need to concentrate heavily on this game and not overlook it.

“Alma is a good team despite their record,” Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. “At this point in the season, there are no easy games. You have to prove yourself as a team every night you compete — especially in this league.”

Saint Mary’s will need to focus on the frontcourt during the game as the Scots’ two top scorers are both forwards. That means senior Anna Kammrath and company will need to not allow any second chance points inside the paint or allow too many offensive rebounds.

Saint Mary’s will travel to Alma Saturday for a 3 p.m. tip-off.

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Irish head to two-day meet

By KAITLYN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The Irish will travel south to Bloomington, Ind. this weekend to compete in the Indiana Invitational along with 21 other teams. The two-day meet begins Friday. The majority of the first day of competition consists of preliminary rounds of 60-meter sprints and hurdles.

Saturday’s contests will end the meet with invitational races and relays. All field events on Saturday will also be invitational.

The format of the meet will be key for the Irish, as it is the first two-day meet of the season. Big East Championships are less than a month away, and the Indiana Invitational will help the team prepare mentally and physically for grueling two-day competitions. It is also the team’s first away meet of the season.

The team will rely on the consistent and dominating performance of the Schipper brothers, sophomore Kevin and senior Matt, on the field in the pole vault. This duo has finished in first and second, respectively, in the team’s first two meets of the season. The team will also look to senior Jaclyn Espinoza for her leadership and consistent throws in the shot put. Irish throwing coach Adam Beltran praised Espinoza’s work ethic.

“Her ability to focus and stay in the zone never ceases to amaze me” Beltran said.

Espinoza’s stability will be essential to keeping the throwers on track during the taxing two-day meet.

On the track, freshman Nevada Sorenson will look for her third first-place finish of the year in the 60-meter hurdles. Her male counterpart, junior Justin Schneider, is also expected to be a force in the same event. Based on her performances in the first two meets of the season, mid-distance runner senior Joanna Schulz should compete at a high level in both the 400- and 500-meter races.

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Women’s Lacrosse
ND opens in Disney World

Observer Staff Report

Big East reigning champion Notre Dame looks to follow up a spectacular 2009 season by traveling to Florida to take on the U.S. National Team in two traveling to Florida to take on Notre Dame looks to follow up its impressive run from the 2009 season by traveling to Florida to take on the U.S. National Team in two

The Irish will ready for more competition Saturday while fellow freshman James Choy went 9-6 in the men’s saber. The Irish also defeated Kansas State in the Big East competition.

Senior defender Shannon Burke at attack along with star one singles player, sophomore Kristy Frilling, who handled the Hawkeye’s highly touted No. 1 singles player, Krista Tesoro, last weekend. This weekend, the Irish will be losing some crucial talent including the legendarily all-time scoring leader.

2009 national champion Jill Byers at attack along with some new faces on the college scene.

The 2009 Champion Challenge at Disney’s Wide World of Sports was the Champion Challenge was designed to be a competitive start to the NCAA Championships in July. Though the ninth-ranked Irish will be losing some crucial talent including the legendary all-time scoring leader Jill Byers at attack along with defender Shannon Burke at the other end of the field, both of whom graduated last spring, their young roster has its share of veteran leadership.

Senior Gina Sciscia at attack will lead a squad featuring seventeen underclassmen that likely will catch the conference off guard when they begin regular season play in February.

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after great start, Notre Dame readies for more

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

The Irish will take to the piste again this weekend in the Northwestern Duals in Evanston. Despite losing some of their top rivals from the Midwest and elsewhere around the country, the men’s and women’s squads will also have the opportunity to continue what is currently a perfect season following a flawless performance in New York last week.

The Irish trounced top-ranked Penn State in the St. John’s Duals on Sunday, with the men going 16-11 against their top rival while the women claimed a hard-fought 14-13 victory over the Nittany Lions. The men also posted wins against No. 3 Columbia and No. 4 Columbia on Saturday in their sweep of the NYU Invitational. The women matched their success taking down top challengers No. 4 Columbia and No. 5 Northwestern finishing 10-0 after the final race of intercollegiate competition.

“It was a very good tournament, overall,” said coach Janusz Bednarski. “We had a good start, fence the top teams from the nation, among them national champion Penn State and Ohio State. Harvard was also a pretty strong team.” Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said.

“They haven’t [been paying attention to the high-ranking],” Louderback said. “We won against [Ohio State] this weekend but we will have other challengers such as Princeton and North Carolina and matches against Wayne State so we have to watch our rivals after this tournament in New York.” Bednarski said.

The two-day tournament opens Saturday.

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65 Sonja Mohr. Frilling won in straight sets, 6-0, 6-3.

The girls know this weekend presents a whole set of new challenges.

“This weekend, we’ve got tougher matches against some top-40 teams,” Louderback said. “DePaul has a doubles team in the top 10 and North Carolina also has teams ranked ahead of us.”

The Irish are expected to maintain their high ranking to go to their heads either, as senior leadership has helped the girls stay humble and hungry.

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“After great start, Notre Dame readies for more”

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this weekend but we will have
other challengers such as
Princeton and North Carolina
and matches against Wayne
State so we have to watch our
rivals after this tournament
in New York.” Bednarski said.

The two-day tournament opens Saturday.

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concern for the Irish. The team was hampered by injuries all through the fall, and no one was quite sure what to expect.

“The doubles teams really hadn’t played together,” Louderback said.

But if the girls were having any problems adjusting, they certainly didn’t show it last weekend. In particular, Louderback praised the number two doubles team of senior Cosmina Ciobanu and freshman Christi McCalligan, saying he was impressed with their performance.

“I was really happy with num-
ter two doubles,” he said.

Ciobanu and McCalligan won both their matches this weekend, handingly against Wisconsin and pulling out a close one against Iowa. Overall, the doubles teams went an impressive 5-1 over the weekend in doubles, with the only loss coming in the men’s foil, against Wisconsin, losing a close match, 5-6.

Equally impressive was Irish number one singles player, sopho-
mores Kristen Frilling, who handled the Hawkeye’s highly touted No.

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“Michael is not the lone threat. Junior guard Erica Morrow provides support on the wing, while freshman standout Kayla Alexander gives the Syracuse another weapon under the bucket. They’ve added a great post player in Kayla Alexander,” McGraw said. “She’s just a freshman, but now they have the inside-outside that they didn’t have last year.”

Led by junior forward Becca Bruszewski’s 10 points, Notre Dame had its way in the post against Providence Wednesday night. While the Syracuse centers will be a more difficult challenge, McGraw still expects her rotation of Bruszewski, junior forward Devereaux Peters, and senior center Erica Williamson to contribute once again.

“Becca’s come along. She’s had two good games in a row. Erica Williamson is coming off a really good game against Providence, so we expect to use her quite a bit defensively,” McGraw said. “I think the post players are really coming alive right now.”

Tip-off is at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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“Our margin for error is very, very thin,” Brey said. “If we don’t fight, we’re going to get beat by anybody in this league, whether it’s Villanova, Syracuse or somebody else in the standings. We’ve got a heck of a challenge Saturday to see if we can bounce back on the road.”

Notre Dame will look to rebound after falling 90-72 to the Wildcats this week. Despite trailing by just one point at halftime, the Irish were blown out in the second half by senior Scottie Reynolds and Villanova.

Senior forward Luke Harangody scored 21 points and gathered 10 rebounds in the defeat.

“Their depth got to us, and I know we’re frustrated with how we shot free throws again tonight on the road,” Brey said. “You’ve gotta turn it around really quick or you’ll get beat on Saturday.”

Notre Dame missed 11 free throws and committed an uncharacteristic 14 turnovers in the game.

Rutgers may be just the opponent for Notre Dame to solve its recent problems against, having lost all eight Big East games this season by at least nine points. Guard Mike Rosario leads the Scarlet Knights in scoring, averaging 15.4 points per game.

While the Irish defense was exposed by Villanova, Rutgers should pose a much easier challenge. The Scarlet Knights are averaging less than 56 points per game and almost 16 turnovers.

Brey said that he may continue to expand his rotation on Saturday after freshmen Joey Brooks and Jack Cooley saw time in the loss to the Wildcats. Notre Dame had gone just seven or eight players deep in most of its Big East games this season.

“We’re certainly confident in Joey; he’s played some good minutes,” Brey said. “He’s emerged as someone we can use and we want to keep getting him reps.”

The Irish bench also received more minutes because of foul issues against the Wildcats, with junior guard Jon Hunstberg fouling out and Harangody getting called for four.

Tip-off Saturday at the Bradley Center is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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Friday, with junior wing Calle Ridderwall notching his second hat trick of the season in the win. The Irish picked up another point in a shootout loss Saturday night in Munn.

Freshman goalie Mike Johnson kept Notre Dame alive with an outstanding 45 save effort in the 1-1 contest.

“[Johnson] has been the guy since the end of the first half,” Jackson said. “As long he’s playing like he is, he’s gonna keep getting starts.”

Absent in the 1-1 tie was the Irish’s power play, going 0-for-4 as Notre Dame could only muster 27 shots against the Lakers’ 46. The Irish have not converted a power play in their last 10 opportunities.

“Between penalties and injuries, we’ve had a tough time keeping units together,” Jackson said. “There’s been guys playing on the power play who’ve never even practiced it because we’ve had guys who were in the penalty box or guys who were injured. When you take guys that are power play specialists out of the lineup, your continuity changes.”

Notre Dame will struggle with injuries again this weekend, with five players listed on the injury report against Nebraska-Omaha (12-11-5, 8-10-2-1 CCHA). In total, Irish skaters have missed 51 games this season due to injuries.

“I’m really proud of how this team’s played over the last couple of weekends considering,” Jackson said. “The team itself is a wound-up warrior. This team is overcoming all kinds of stuff to compete on a nightly basis, and that’s all that matters right now.”

Notre Dame will play Nebraska-Omaha on Friday and Saturday at the Joyce Center, with the puck-drop at 8:05 p.m. each night.

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**FOOTBALL**

**OT James headlines final official recruiting visits over weekend**

By MATT GAMBER

Irish coach Brian Kelly and his staff will host 13 official visitors, including five Notre Dame verbal commits, this weekend in what will be the final major recruiting push before the National Signing Day on Wednesday.

U.S. Army All-American Matt James, an offensive tackle from St. Xavier H.S. in Cincinnati, Ohio, remains one of the top uncommitted players on Notre Dame’s board Irish recruiting analyst Mike Frank said.

“Matt James is obviously a huge recruit for Notre Dame because they really need another lineman in this class,” said Frank, who runs the ESPN-affiliated Web site irishsportsdaily.com. “[Scouts at the Army All-American Bowl] said Matt James was the best pass protector they saw the entire week down there, and he’s a guy who’s really huge on Notre Dame’s radar, and a guy they really need to land.”

James will choose between Notre Dame and Ohio State on Wednesday, and how he clicks with Irish offensive line coach Ed Warinner could determine his ultimate decision, Frank said. “I was real impressed with [Warinner] and think he’s a really smart, likable guy, so I think he’ll do a good job with Matt this weekend,” Frank said. “When you look across at Notre Dame’s offensive line depth chart, there just isn’t a true left tackle that you can point to. I think with Matt James you can say that. He’s a big kid who moves well and pass protects well.”

Aside from James and the five Irish commits — athlete Austin Collinsworth, quarterback Andrew Hendrix, tackles Christian Lombard and Tate Nichols and wide receiver Daniel Smith — this weekend’s visitors have been recruited almost entirely by the new staff, which, as Kelly has said, searches for “BKGs.” or the right kind of guys.

“I think [the coaches] went out to find guys with a fondness for Notre Dame, and I think this is a group of those BKGs coach Kelly likes to talk about,” Frank said. “You’re not just going to make a visit the last week of the recruiting season if you don’t have a strong interest in a school.”

Those players include running back Brandon Bourbon, defensive ends Bruce Heggie and Kona Schwenke, safety James Ioane, quarterbacks Luke Massa and Derek Roback, and athlete Danny Spond.

It’s a pretty big leap of faith to go visit Notre Dame this weekend,” Frank said. “I think that speaks volumes about how much they’re interested in Notre Dame, and I think that speaks volumes about Notre Dame’s staff and how quickly they were able to get in on some of these kids and get them interested.”

Many of this weekend’s visitors have the athletic ability to fill in at various positions of need should they choose Notre Dame, Frank said.

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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Carrying momentum**

Notre Dame continues into Big East schedule

By CHRIS MASOUD

The advantages of playing in the Big East are obvious: immediate national exposure and special consideration during playoff seeding in March. The not-so-obvious disadvantage: playing the toughest road schedule in the country, a reality the Irish will face this weekend as they travel to Syracuse.

Regardless of team allegiance, the Carrier Dome is widely held as one of the more thrilling environments college basketball has to offer. But for No. 3 Notre Dame (18-1, 5-1 Big East), the home of the Orange should be a downhill Hospitality Saturday afternoon.

“It’s a tough weekend, a tough stretch. This is probably the toughest weekend of the year for us.”

The Irish will try to stop their recent Big East slide Saturday on the road against Rutgers.

Notre Dame, which has dropped three of its past four; will travel to Piscataway, N.J., in a 6-1 road victory over DePaul during Notre Dame’s 87-77 victory on Jan. 23.

Junior forward Becca Bruszewski leads the Irish against Syracuse Saturday night.

**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

Irish host ITA Kickoff Weekend

By JOHN HELMS

After an impressive start to the season against quality Big Ten opponents Iowa and Wisconsin, the No. 6 Irish make their home debut this weekend as they host No. 17 North Carolina, No. 33 Boise State and No. 46 DePaul for the ITA Kickoff Weekend.

Last weekend, Notre Dame knocked off the Hawkeyes, 6-1 and Badgers, 7-0. The Irish will look to ride that momentum into this weekend, particularly in doubles.

“Doubles last weekend was really happy with,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

Going into the season, the doubles performance was the biggest challenge we’ve had because we’ve never been in a situation where we’ve had two doubles teams that could compete with the Big Ten teams.”

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**HOCKEY**

**Home series gives ND a chance to move up**

By MICHAEL BLASCO

Notre Dame hosts conference foe Nebraska-Omaha in a crucial pair of games at the Joyce Center this weekend.

The Irish will need to pick up at least three points to vault into fourth place in the CCHA rankings; the top four seeds receive a bye in the first round of the conference tournament.

“This is an opportunity to tell the [my team], let’s just focus on the game at hand, and that’s what we need to do to get back on track.”

“Last weekend we had a really good performance against the University of Notre Dame,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

“We need to get points every weekend. This team we’re playing is a pretty good hockey team. You look at the [CCHA] standings, there’s six teams in the mix anywhere from first to tenth. We’re going to have to play our best, considering the circumstances.”

The Irish (11-10-7, 7-7-6-2) face the Cornhuskers in a home-and-home series after picking up four points in a 6-1 victory over the Lakers in Superior last weekend.

The sometimes-anemic Notre Dame offense exploded in a 6-1 road victory against the Lakers on Superior State in the CCHA/

By CHUCK caLES

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