Leaders present to Board of Trustees
Schmidt, Weber prioritize initiatives including acceptance of GLBT community members

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Student government is prioritizing seven initiatives for the rest of the year, student body president Grant Schmidt told the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees at a meeting Thursday.

The Notre Dame Forum, the University events calendar, the Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life, pep rallies, the dissolution of the Department of Economics and Policy Studies, the acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community and the selection of the Commencement speaker are “the issues of most pressing concern” for students, Schmidt said.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said the three most important issues are the acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community, the dissolution of Economics and Policy Studies and the pro-life task force.

Acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community

Weber said the University must work to “better accept people of different sexual orientations.”

“Notre Dame has made enormous progress, but there’s still a lot more progress to be made,” Weber said.

Day of Man’ raises money for homeless

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

The thermometer read 32 degrees, but yesterday 180 Siegfried Hall men braced the freezing South Bend weather in shorts, T-shirts and sandals to raise money for the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

The Siegfried Day of Man fundraiser is now in its fourth year — Robbie Bernardin came up with the idea for the fundraiser back in 2007.

“He came up with [the idea] when he ran back to Siegfried from Farley one evening. He felt cold in that short run and wondered how homeless people live with [the cold],” senior Michael Dean, coordinator of this year’s fundraiser, said.

Those involved with the fundraiser began planning the event right after winter break, assigning commissioners to various duties like recruiting Siegfried residents to participate and contacting the media.

[Sophomore] Dan McGuirl’s job was to get the local media involved. He even tried to get us live on the weather in shorts, T-shirts and sandals to raise money for the South Bend Center for the Homeless Thursday.

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ACE to undertake academy program

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

Although the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) is best known for placing Notre Dame graduates in Catholic schools around the nation to help with academics, the program is now expanding with the induction of new ACE Academies.

In schools that are designated as ACE Academies, the ACE program will provide support in every area, including curriculum, instruction, assessment, financial management, school leadership, development, marketing and Catholic identity.

Currently, there are three ACE Academies — all of which are located in Tucson, Ariz.

“There is an enormous, vibrant Catholic community [in Tucson] that is so under-served and so eager for the kind of support that the ACE Program hopes to provide,” Dr. Christian Ballavis, a faculty member who works with ACE, said.

Sarah Greene, Assistant Director for the ACE Program, said the communi-
Thrust of the Chase

I like to think of myself as a writer. It is my pastime, my passion and my profession. (or, at least I hope it will be.) There is nothing like opening a brand new notebook and filling the pages with words.

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Writing challenges me. I like to try to push myself to improve my work. I strive to create something better than I ever have before with each of my compositions.

Words usually flow easily from the tip of my Paper Mate pen onto my crisp, lined notebook paper. Sometimes, however, I face a challenge. It's a classic dilemma, writers' block. I have no topic, no idea and nothing to compose.

These are the moments every writer dreads. The emptiness of being without a topic makes me cringe. A sense of failure and incompetence washes over me. I blame myself. I imagine no one will ever read my work again and I tear it out one word at a time.

And so, I embrace the thrill of the chase.

When trying to chase down a topic, initially I brainstorm. I thin of everything from puppies to food to school to weather, etc. I write down any thought that pops into my head. Nothing is dismissed no matter how crazy it may be. When I run out of random ideas, I look over my list. If anything strikes me, I start writing. If not, I move on.

My next tactic is to just go off on my own and sit in silence. No music or television, just quiet. I go to the library or own and sit in silence. No music or television, just quiet.

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Battery recycling program collects 71 lbs.

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Battery recycling is a small way students can help the environment, Dan Woods, compliance officer and creator of the battery recycling program at Saint Mary’s College, said.

On Feb. 1, students received a campus-wide e-mail detailing the number of batteries that the program had collected throughout the 2009-2010 academic year.

According to Woods, the first shipment of batteries that were sent to Batteries Plus contained 71 pounds, or 902 single-use rechargeable or button batteries.

The Forum will include presentations and a recycling program for alkaline batteries. The forum will be open to all students, faculty and staff members.

The event will be held in the LeMieux Student Center, next to the Student Center Information Desk.

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Marketing club hosts ND alumni

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Notre Dame alumni Kaylea Howley and Dan Hoelscher will return to campus on Feb. 8 to share their experiences in the advertising industry followed by an opportunity for students to ask questions and network.

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Welsh Fam hosts DanceFest

By COURTENAY DEVLIN
News Writer

This Friday and Saturday night, Washington Hall will be brimming with different styles of dance—from hip-hop to Irish stepping—as Windswept Oz Productions presents its annual signature event, DanceFest 2010.

The show, co-directed by Kaitlyn Mahoney and Sarah Grothaus, is bound to be unique and diverse with eight different dance groups performing—The Notre Dame Dance Company, Pom Squad, Ballet Folklorico, Troop ND, Irish Dance Team, Ballroom Dance Club, The Swing Club and The First Class Steppers.

Along with these performances, there will also be seven DanceFest Dances created specifically for the show, with all of the dancers, from hip-hop and ballroom to ballet and Irish, participating.

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have practiced weekly throughout the year. It’s a great opportunity for people who otherwise wouldn’t be able to dance because of their schedules, but who grew up dancing, and still wish to express themselves in that way here at Notre Dame," Grothaus said.

Claire Stephens, who is performing in the "Give It To Me" dance, is really excited to be on stage again.

"I’m thrilled to be dancing again—being a freshman and still figuring things out..." she said. "It was great to get a chance to do what I love again—being a freshman and still figuring things out..."

Windswept Oz, a University of Notre Dame student organization that has put on DanceFest for the past two years, is hosting this year’s event.

"It’s incredible to watch these kids grow and express themselves through theatre," Sarah said. "I learned so much from the kids that I really wanted to support the program."

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ty in Tucson provided the perfect setting for the inception of the first ACE Academies. “It’s an incredible place, a lovely campus setting, with a working farm, a working environment for the ACE Academies, and a great way for them to experience the school which is predominantly Latino,” Greene said. K a t t i l y n O’Leary, a Notre Dame senior who works at one of the ACE Academies in Tucson in Santa Cruz, said

“ACE is a way for the community to come together and provide us with some resources that we are lacking,” Bally said.

Dallavis said theACE Academy idea originated from the extra help the program gave to St. Adalbert’s, a Magnificat school in South Bend that serves a primarily Latino population. “The Notre Dame ACE Academy is an evolution of that academic help we gave to St. Adalbert’s, but the new model will also focus on things like budget, fundraising, and hiring the school leaders,” Dallavis said.

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Choir

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Only a few members of the Saint Mary’s choir will be attending because it wasn’t required and not all of them could fit it into their schedule, Menk said.

The choirs will first perform “Lux Aeterna” by compo-

Carolyn Ping/Shore Magazine

Siegfried

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Regis and Kelly. That didn’t work out,” sophomore Peter Elliott said.

Siegfried men split up the shifts throughout the day, and Mexican identity. The community here has truly embraced me. I am constantly invited to b i r t h d a y p a r t i e s , family parties, etc.”

O’Leary said Tucson provided the perfect site for ACE to try out a new program.

“You’ve got 800 kids in our school and 120 in the choir, so it’s a challenge to have one voice. “It’s kind of nice that it is a multi-generational choir with high school students, college students and adults. It’s a nice mix of people,” Menk said.

In the end, it is the history of the stage and feel she gets walking out onto it that makes real estate. “The signs of these times,” special to The Observer

Praise is comely for the upright, as the Psalmist and anyone on the staff of Notre Dame Magazine will tell you. The University of Notre Dame’s quarterly magazine received a surfeit of praise (from a variety of sources) during the last year, and in expressing his satisfaction, its congenial unassuaging editor, Terry Temple, came as near as he is capable to a boast.

“What’s really pleasing about the recognition is that it comes from different venues,” Temple said. “From our peers in higher education, from the world of Catholic publishing, and from those paying attention to quality writing and website development in contemporary America.”

The magazine was named the top “general interest” magazine of 2009 by the Catholic Press Association (CPA). The CPA judges cited Notre Dame Magazine’s “general excellence” and its “third annual growth that put it from nifty gritty personal news of alumni to national politics as it connects to today’s world.”

The articles are well-written and well-edited, and are contributed by people who exhibit its strong knowledge of their subjects. The magazine is nicely laid out and color reproduction truly is excellent. All in all, the magazine is classy, informative and smart with a mission to adhere to its mission.”

Notre Dame Magazine also won a Silver Medal “for overall excellence” from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The largest international association of education institutions, in 2009 CASE competition. "The Signs of These Times," an essay by Temple in a recent issue of Notre Dame Magazine was cited among the “Notable Essays of 2008” in Houghton Mifflin’s 2009 edition of Best American Essays. A survey of 100 online college and university magazines recently was conducted by GCE, a leading online marketing communications firm. College juniors, seniors and alumni, asked to review online college and university magazines, ranked Notre Dame Magazine in the top five.

Temple seemed particularly pleased to note that more than half the magazine’s production costs are met by voluntary subscriptions. “The financial support and affirmation we get from our readers means we’re succeeding with them as well,” he said.

Notre Dame Magazine reports on University events and trends and campus developments. It also reports on Notre Dame people, history and scholarship. Each edition includes feature articles and essays on current affairs and societal trends, the arts and sciences, business, technology, family concerns and the Catholic Church. Its 150,000 subscribers include the 100,000 Notre Dame alumni.

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Kaitlyn O’Leary ACE teacher

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Notre Dame Mag receives awards

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British toast shatterproof pint glass

LONDON — Soon Britons will be able to get smashed at the pub while their pint glasses won’t.

The shatterproof pint glass was proudly unveiled by the government on Thursday. Officials swore the country would save billions in health care costs by coming up with a glass that doesn’t break like a lethal weapon. But noticeably, no officials were talking about reforming the British binge drinking culture to curb the root of the problem.

There are about 8,000 alcohol-related glass breaks each year, with many resulting in hospital visits, Home Secretary Alan Johnson said as he introduced the two prototype glasses.

Mia Farrow criticizes Haiti adoption

GENEVA — UNICEF goodwill ambassador Mia Farrow has criticized as “deplorable” attempts to take children out of Haiti illegally after last month’s devastating earthquake. Right after last month’s devastating earthquake.

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Cleaning products come clean

New York's Earth Justice pushes to discover ingredients of household products

Associated Press

NEW YORK - It's the mystery under the kitchen sink.

Exactly what's in floor cleaner? What's stain remover made of? And what effects, if any, might they have on human health or the environment?

Environmental advocates want to know. Last week they asked a court Thursday to use a 1976 New York state law to force such manufacturers as Procter & Gamble and Colgate-Palmolive to reveal just what makes up such household staples as Ajax, Ivory soap and Tide.

The Soaper industry recently ramped up voluntary efforts to unveil product ingredients — says that the legal case is unwarranted, and that fears about health risks are misinformed.

But groups including the American Lung Association and the Sierra Club want the public to know more.

Members "want access to the information so they can determine the kind of chemicals that they are introducing into their homes and whether there are any risks associated with them," said Fred Powell, an attorney for the environmental firm Earthjustice, told a state judge at a hearing Thursday.

While two lower three-judge panels have said the case falls within the court's authority and improperly censoring students.

"This holding vests school officials with dangerously broad censorship discretion," Judge Michael Chagares wrote in refusing to uphold the March 2007 suspension of a Mountain Middle School student. "Neither the Supreme Court nor this Court has ever upheld the March 2007 suspension of a Blue Mountain Middle School student.

"We think we've done it in a meaningful way that provides more information than ever before," Soap and Detergent Association spokesman Brian Sansoni said.

Environmental advocates welcome the disclosures but say they are too selective and vague — some components can be listed simply as "fragrance" or "dye," for instance.

"We must be careful about exposures for all household chemicals," said Joseph A. Gardella Jr., a Sierra Club member from Buffalo.

The activists say only regular and full disclosure, and they hope the New York law can serve as a model.

The law and subsequent regulations authorized the state Department of Environmental Conservation to make manufacturers detail household cleaning products' ingredients, as well as any company-led research on the products' health and environmental effects.

Dissolvable tobacco may appeal to kids

Richmond, Va. — The Food and Drug Administration is saying in letters to two tobacco companies that dissolvable tobacco products — that the agency compares with candy and says have a lot of nicotine — could be particularly appealing to kids and young adults.

The FDA's Center for Tobacco Products wrote to R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., maker of Camel cigarettes, and the smaller Star Scientific, based in Petersburg, Va., markets its Ariva and Stonewall cigarettes, and account for a small percentage of sales.

"There is potential accidental nicotine poisoning. Children and adolescents may find dissolvable tobacco products particularly appealing, given the brightly colored packaging, candy-like appearance and easily concealable size of many of these products," Dr. Lawrence Downey, director of the Center for Tobacco Products, told the companies.

Deyton said regulators are worried about the products' nicotine content and rapid dissolution could cause nicotine dependence and addiction and be especially dangerous to children and young adults.

He asked the two best-known makers of dissolvable tobacco products to provide their research and marketing information on how people under age 26 perceive and use the products.

Exercising new power to regulate tobacco that the FDA was granted in June, Downey also requested research on misuse of the products, including potential accidental nicotine poisoning.

Regulators also want a summary of user demographics, including at what age "tobacco-naive consumers" start using the products.

The products are available in few markets and account for a small share of the tobacco industry.

Star Scientific, based in Petersberg, Va., markets its Ariva and Stonewall cigarettes in wintergreen, coffee and other flavors. The first versions appeared about nine years ago.

R.J. Reynolds, which is owned by Reynolds American Inc. in Winston-Salem, N.C., is test-marketing dissolvable tablets, strips and a toothpick shape under the names Camel Orbs, Camel Strips and Camel Sticks in mint and other flavors.

Ford fixes brake problem in hybrids

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. plans to fix 17 models from 2005 to 2008 that use a技师 judge for Consumer Reports magazine.

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Sports Editor

As the countdown marches towards Ash Wednesday, a lonely Friday remains free for practicing Catholics to eat meat before the start of Lent. The longstanding religious ritual prepares the faithful to better focus on the sacrificial meaning of Easter by, in fact, personally sacrificing Countless times during my youth, I watched my father build a huge ham or roast beef sandwich blankets adorned with peppernut slices on Friday evenings around 11:30 p.m. — ultimately biting into his meaty delight well before the midnight deadline. He could rationalize that he hadn’t eaten meat after 11 p.m. for 40 morning commutes alongside their real-life coworkers — attempt to pull the plug on our digital dependences for 40 days.

Recognizing the positives of communicating with BFFs on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and other social networking venues, consider the 40-day break a retreat into the deep sand dunes or at a mountainous monastery. Returning back to the days of personal face-to-face interactions may just be a pleasant surprise, not to mention how it would help one’s skill to actually make new friends or learn how to better speak with people of various back-grounds and experiences. For me, the perfect example existed during my commute to work while waiting at the Washington, D.C. Metro bus stop No. 1393 on 14th Street. More mornings since I first adopted this bus route, nearly everyone — young and old, skilled worker or professional, male and female — at my bus shelter and along the night before, so he fulfilled his obligation to his Lenten season need not be the catalyst to curtail another day to tell him of his resemblance to Biggerstaff. He is an alternative lifestyle any more than those students known as deviant is to deny the reality that homosexuality is no less natural than heterosexual, just as dark skin is no less natural than light skin, blue eyes than brown, red hair than blonde. None of these characteristics has any moral value, and neither does sexuality. As such, for the University to reserve the right to designate our personally individual sacrifices instead of one’s digital addictions in favor of more face-to-face personal interaction, one needs to excuse to adjust one’s behavior merely for a limited period. Regardless of one’s individual universe — the scholastic or real life worlds – every moment offers an opportunity to change a life, including your own. For one new knows when a neighbor may approach a bus stop and open a conversation by saying to him: “But you, Harry, are a seeker!”

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Letter to the Editor

As there is no sensible reason for Notre Dame to not include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination clause, certainly everyone can understand from where the underlying prejudice stems. Until religion gives up its monoply on sexuality, LGBT students at a deeply religious school like Notre Dame (and LGBT persons everywhere) will not receive the respect they deserve. However, together as a university, as thoughtful, intelligent people, we can overcome this antiquated intolerance.

We should not have to consider LGBT students as living an alternative lifestyle any more than those students who eat at North Dining Hall. Whether one thinks it’s a choice or not, it’s something that has no more potential to be right or wrong than where one eats dinner.

Furthermore, someone being LGBT has no more effect on others than someone being heterosexual. While all of us know the potential consequences of sexual indulgence and can expect all people to exercise some sort of self-discipline, the uninvolved should not concern them-
Dr. Ralph McInerny, Notre Dame Professor of Philosophy, scholar, poet, writer, publisher, critic, family man and friend passed away this past Friday at the age of 80. Over a 55-year career at the University, he wrote nearly 150 books, including a New York Times best-seller and a mystery series later adapted for NBC, taught thousands of students, directed more dissertations than any academic in Notre Dame’s history, developed friendships in legon and managed to inspire, offend or impress just about everyone he encountered. He was kind and would continue to be eulogized by his closest friends and fellow academics. One should explore these pieces — the Internet is a good place to start — to learn more of this man imbued with “an angel’s wit and singular learning.”

However, as he last officially taught a course at Notre Dame in the fall of 2006, his influence has thinned among the student population to whom he devoted much of his efforts. Until his death, McInerny was a father figure to many students. He was respected for his wit and singular learning.

Please permit me, then, to share a bit of my own experience with this gracious man. While my interaction with him was limited, three aspects of his person stand out in memory. Ralph was inspiring, he was funny and he knew fully the joys and sorrows of life. He told me a story once about the legendary Notre Dame English Professor Frank O’Malley. 

“He would take some of his students over to the University Club,” Ralph explained, “and would very nearly get them (and himself) drunk. Then, standing up, he would orate forcefully on the outstanding talents of these young men, on the way in which each would go on to make a difference in the world. These boys were not so special, of course, but they stumbled home thinking they were. And, by golly, some of them did something about it.”

This same spirit animated Ralph. By official count, he ranks among the top 10 Professors in the United States for number of Philosophy dissertations directed. He frequently taught Directed Readings courses at the request of students in addition to his regular teaching demands. Always, the emphasis lay on the ability of the student to come to knowledge through the use of his or her own intellect properly oriented towards the Truth. As former student and now Marymount Professor Christopher Kaczor wrote recently, “He called forth the best from us by seeing it in us before we did.”

Ralph was also, to give the simile its literal force, funny as hell. He was concerned primarily for the body of inspired truth given it by St. Thomas Aquinas. The issues to which he devoted his work were thus serious matters indeed, but always, always with an air to the humorous, “the only way to save gravity,” as Aristotle observed. When I asked him once — in those quaint pre-O’hama days — about Fr. Jenkins’ decision regarding the Monologues.

He jumped back without missing a beat. “He turned a pornographic and satanic play into World War III and spent six months trying to solve a problem his play could have figured out in five minutes.”

His life was devoted in love to his wife Connie and their seven children. The loss of his three-year-old first-born, Michael, in 1957 and of his wife, Connie, in 2002 marked the two great tragedies of his own life.

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Son of a Pitch

I had not realized how far we, as an American society, had fallen until I read the responses to the question of the day on Monday, Feb. 1. Reading the responses to the question of “What infomercial product would you be?” was nothing less than disheartening and quite disconcerting. A weight-loss program, a sham Wow! How quickly we have all forgotten the man who could actually make Americans sit there, look at the product being pitched and say, “Wow, I could use this. No, I need this!” But wait, there’s more! The epitome of products that have ever been pitched wasn’t even mentioned: reNewClean! I for one, whenever I hear the word oxygen, am reminded of the awesome power that this detergent harnesses in just one scoop. It makes your whites whiter, your brights brighter! Whenever I see someone wearing a blue-collard shirt, with a full black beard and a smile that would make even my roommate smile (his nickname is Eeyore), I remember and give thanks for having had the privilege to have seen a visage and hear a heart-warming “Hi” while watching TV.

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Thankful for Howard Zinn

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Ten years ago, the word indie meant something. Contrary to popular belief, indie is not a style, sound or genre. Indie meant one thing: Independent label. Today, calling a band “indie” says there are two guitars, some poppy melodies and a thousand other bands that sound exactly like it. Almost all of the “indie” bands you listen to, be it Spoon, the Arctic Monkeys, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, or the latest blogosphere darlings are in some way connected to Warner, EMI, So or Universal. The past magazine’s excellent piece on the rise of Paste magazine darlings are in some way connected to Monkeys, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, or the latest blo-gosphere darlings are in some way connected to Jux and other indie labels couldn’t compete with the labels had bought up much of the industry talent and were pushing for over-commercialized albums. While Jux and other indie labels couldn’t compete with the label profits to fall even as artists’ pockets fatten. PREFIX_meaned one thing: Independent label. Contrary to popular belief, indie is not a style, sound or genre. Indie meant one thing: Independent label.

Yesterday’s announcement was not surprising. Rumors have been circulating for the past year concerning the inevitable death of Jux. In 2008 and 2009, there were a total of two albums released, one from label freshman but industry veteran Del the Funky Homosapien. The press release confirmed the future release of one more album, the late Camu Tao’s “King of Hearts” but gave no more insight into the future of the other artists. Jux’s hiatus will no doubt see the emigration of the majority of its roster. Concept is universal, at some point every one will die, yet it remains up to each individual to make the most of the time they are given. The Buried Life follows four individuals in their mid-20s trying to do just this. Ben, the leader of the group, felt that it was important to give their lives direction. Pretty darn existential for an MTV show. As a team they created a list of 100 things to do collectively and the show simply follows them as they try to accomplish what they want most out of life.

The first episode featured the group attempting to sneak into the Playboy Mansion. Of course they managed to find the most difficult way to go about doing that. Two of the four manage to do this only because they were willing to sit inside of a cake for seven hours dressed as osompa loompas. This may not have been a smart choice for a first episode simply because it would appear that not many women would like to sneak into the Playboy Mansion. In fact women could probably enter dressed as nothing (or in nothing) in particular. This episode may not have showcased the best aspects of the project, but it still gave viewers the general idea.

The Buried Life is not just a show. It is most accurately described as a project. Ben choosing Megan Fox as the girl of his dreams is that he was able to help people they just met is so powerful. While many groups try to accomplish what they want most out of life, few do it with the general reactions of the people they help. As far as MTV shows are concerned, “The Buried Life” goes beyond what may be expected from the network that brought you “The Jersey Shore.” The best part of the entire project is the fact that for once, they considered what people they help. As far as MTV shows are concerned, “The Buried Life” goes beyond what may be expected from the network that brought you “The Jersey Shore.”
Catherine Soler president

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Who They Are
Presidential candidate Soler, a sophomore from Farley Hall, is an accounting major and vice presidential candidate Bell is a sophomore major from Knott Hall. Soler is currently sophomore class president and Bell serves on Student Senate.

In Their Words
 • Top Priority: Soler and Bell plan on creating a rental program for textbooks in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

“We will be able to rent bigger textbooks for $40 instead of buying them for $100 and selling them back for $30,” Soler said.

 • First Priority: The ticket hopes to hold a block party in Eddy Street Commons to unite the outside community, off-campus students and students living on campus.

“We see Eddy Street Commons as the first step off campus,” Bell said.

In Our Words
 • Best Idea: Revamping the Deltartiolo lounge. Although they said a café cannot be added to the building, Soler and Bell hope to refurbish the current lounge near the computer lab to make it more comfortable for students by adding healthier vending options and possibly a coffee machine.

 • Worst Idea: Creating a hall alchool commissioner whose responsibilities is to be an informed resource in the dorm for students to approach about these issues and also to contact in case of an emergency. The Resident Assistants in each dormitory are already trained to do this job, so the creation of a commissioner seems redundant.

 • Most Feasible: Instating a rental textbook program in the Bookstore. Follett already offers this program to 27 colleges and universities, and the ticket has already had discussions on the topic with officials from Follett and the Bookstore. Since the program already exists, the duo’s only challenge is bringing it to Notre Dame.

 • Least Feasible: Instating The Good Samaritan Policy or a medical amnesty policy for students helping others in dangerous situations involving alcohol. Past student government administrations have worked to create a change like The Good Samaritan Policy but have not been successful.

 • Fun Facts: Soler is a proud vegetarian but says she has a weakness for chocolate and Bell is a big fan of attending Drummer’s Circle.

 • Notable Quote: “We have a lot of food initiatives on our platform.”

 — Soler

Bottom Line
Soler and Bell demonstrate well-researched ideas that will benefit the student body. Most are simple enough to achieve, like the Eddy Street Commons block party, but some are broad and vague, such as the work they plan to do with the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education and their hunger initiative. They have also said they will continue the weekend Transpo route — a popular initiative to come out of this year’s administration.

Peter Ledet president

vice president Gabe Alvare

Who They Are
Zahn’s perennial farcical ticket is headed this year by freshmen Peter Ledet and Gabe Alvare. While most of the student body has already written the dynamic duo off, Ledet said he wants people to know that he’s “serial” about student government.

“We want to bring good things to campus,” he said. “Power to the people.”

In Their Words
 • Top Priority: Ledet and Alvare said they would like to create a feudal caste system upon taking office, whereby all Notre Dame students would be divided into four classes — serfs, warriors, nobles and kings. Alvare said he and Ledet would rule over this system as emperor and vice emperor from their royal tree house.

“We need our own little secluded place where we can do things,” Alvare said. “And of course, no girls allowed.”

 • First Priority: Ledet and Alvare said they would like to start a program to get more students involved in extracurricular activities in order to boost morale around campus. Alvare said he would like to use the Golden Dome as the symbolic rallying point for this initiative.

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In Their Words:

- **Top Priority:** A series called "Perspectives," where a professor will lead a discussion with students in his area of expertise about a topic of the week, or topic of the month.
  - We’ll talk about gay marriage, abortion, the death penalty," Noel said. "It helps us to grow as a student community and as individuals.

- **First Priority:** The ticket wants to get the Flex Points system instated at Eddy Street Commons. They have already spoken with the owner of Five Guys and have meetings scheduled with Food Services.

In Our Words:

- **Best Idea:** Hot Grab-and-Go options. Noel wants students to be able to go into the dining hall and fill a box with food. "Two sides, and then main platter," Noel said. "And that would cost maybe five of your seven Grab and Go points and then you’d have two left over for water or a snack or food."

- **Worst Idea:** While allowing flex points to be used in Eddy Street would appeal to students, it is not feasible. But the ticket has cited this platform as a main focus of the campaign.

- **Most Feasible:** The idea for the "Perspectives" series would be most feasible because increasing intellectual debate on campus is already a concern of some administrators and faculty. "Perspectives" would need minimal help from the University to get accomplished, and they shouldn’t have a problem getting the support they need.

- **Least Feasible:** Installing the Flex Points system at Eddy Street Commons is a great idea in theory but coordinating the monetary transfer between the University and the businesses in Eddy Street Commons would be difficult. Past student government administrations have tried this without success.

- **Fun Facts:** Noel was a member of the football team when they won the Hawaii Bowl in 2008.

- **Notable Quote:** "If you see something that needs to be changed and you have the opportunity to change it, then you should take advantage of the opportunity," Noel said, on why he wants to run for student body president.

Bottom Line

Noel and Corona have a grasp of what the student body wants, and what it needs. Flex points at Eddy Street Commons and Hot Grab n’ Go options would be immensely popular if accomplished. Noel and Corona seem to have clear goals and the drive to accomplish these goals, but the lack of experience in student government may hinder them. Also, the duo only has three platforms listed on their site, something they should work to expand.

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**General Elections Schedule**

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The Observer endorses Soler-Bell ticket

After interviewing the three tickets running for student body president and vice president, The Observer Editorial Board endorses sophomores Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell.

The Soler-Bell platform offers the student body several exciting opportunities for improving student life and safety, as well as community relations. Their most feasible initiative, implementing a textbook rental system in the Bookstore, is not original. Follett has piloted such a program at more than 20 other colleges and universities. However, because the rental system functions at other schools, The Observer has high hopes that Soler-Bell can make the program a reality at Notre Dame.

One of the reasons for this rental system, besides saving money, is to "save the environment," Soler told The Observer. This isn’t the only altruistic thing on their platform — Soler-Bell said they would continue the efforts of current student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber to get the student body involved in "something bigger." Soler and Bell’s idea is an initiative to fight global hunger. While this pitch is lofty and vague, it is an admirable effort.

Junior candidates Eras Noel and Julian Corona also have an initiative to unite the student body in a common purpose. Their "Perspectives" proposal will involve student meal plans and food options. They’ve done their research on the possibilities of off-campus discounts, and their idea to solicit and publicize discounts available with a Notre Dame student ID card would provide more student business for local merchants while encouraging students to interact with the community and contribute to the local economy.

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- **Soler-Bell’s experience in student government — Soler is currently sophomore class president and Bell serves on Student Senate — will allow them an easy transition to the offices of student body president and vice president. Their initiatives are thoroughly researched and can make a positive impact on the Notre Dame community.**

- **The duo has vowed to continue the weekend Transpo route to ensure safe transportation off campus and they want to work with the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education to offer students solutions in dangerous situations involving alcohol.**

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By SHANE STEINBERG

A few years back I heard a story about a mysterious occurrence in Japan that was tied to a film once slated for release but immediately banned after only a couple of test screenings. I never learned the name of the film, nor do I know any details about its plot, but what’s important about this particular film is the rather perplexing, or horrifying to be more precise, effect that it had on some members of the few audiences unlucky enough to see it. For you see, as I was told, following the film there happened a string of suicides that were committed largely without clear motives. The individuals who took their own lives were then somehow linked back to being members of that same test audience, which then raised alarms about the film. It’s unclear just how much of an effect the film actually had on those individuals or the others who saw it and then admitted to suffering from depression and/or thoughts of suicide afterwards, and until recently, I always thought it rather foolish that a mere film could have that kind of impact on a person. I don’t know what was in that film that so dramatically scared those individuals and then propelled them to commit the unspeakable acts that they committed, and until recently it never really made any sense.

Lars von Trier’s bare-as-bones, free-fall into the confines of human suffering and madness, “Antichrist,” is the film that finally opened my eyes to the true visceral power of film—it’s naked ability to at once unnerve an audience, abandon it, get under the skin and stay there, and then tear at one’s insides until the mind and soul can’t take it and all that’s left are scars of an ultimately terrifying experience. This is the first film I’ve ever seen that I will not only recommend but near implore you not to see. You either won’t understand it (which is the best-case scenario), walk out in disgust, or worst of all, get sucked into it to the point that you feel it going on in and around you, until, at a certain point, it becomes too much to bare.

For those of you who have seen this film or who’ve heard the rather grand tales, I will caution you right now by saying these words: ejaculated blood and severed clitoris. This is no time to say these words: ejaculated blood and severed clitoris. This is no time to say these words: ejaculated blood and severed clitoris. This is no time to say these words: ejaculated blood and severed clitoris.

So... "Saw," and I don’t think it necessary to explain the obvious reasons why, but at second glance, it’s not the gore that will unnerve you here. From my own experience I might never for the life of me explain what I felt the first time I saw this film in that small cramped theater, and I won’t because I don’t want to revisit it, but I know that some part of me not as a critic but as a human being was left broken by what I saw. “Antichrist” is entirely von Trier’s story. The product of its admittedly then-chronically depressed filmmaker, the film is the tale of a couple, He and She, who tragically lose their son one night when he falls to his death out of an open window as the couple has sex in the other room. It’s the themes of sex, as violent and downright disgusting as it gets, and loss, the landscape on which this film is set, that go on to dictate much of the film’s four chapters which chronicle loss and how we deal with it. But where the film truly takes its dive is at an unnamed, almost unidentifiable point, where suddenly the co-stars (Charlotte Gainsbourg and Willem Dafoe) begin to give their entire selves unto von Trier’s uncompromisingly and unapologetically bleak view of human nature. It’s Gainsbourg though who goes way beyond where any actress should, capturing the true essence of suffering, and it’s through her performance that von Trier pushes forth not only the film’s brilliance but the essence of what makes this trip into Eden so unbearably.

To explain “Antichrist” is to take a trip back to Eden that opens up wounds on the self, better left alone. To understand “Antichrist” is a trip into and of itself, for the film, especially towards its end, takes a turn for the utterly perplexing. To see “Antichrist” — to actually see it and not merely watch it — is an experience better left for only those truly able and brave enough to understand von Trier as he projects himself in this film. For all else, it is an experience best left not experienced.

I once heard someone say that the best way to keep from feeling both the worst and the best of what life throws your way is to “don’t play it for real, until it gets real.” “Antichrist” is a nightmarish vision of a film. It’s the kind of film that crosses over into the very rare and almost uncharted territory of being truly affecting art — art that at once will (if you play it for real) unnerve and bewilder you and, at its end, leave you utterly broken.

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The question to DeMaurice Smith was simple: coming from Cincinnati receiver Chad Ochocino, asking how seriously he viewed the possibility of football not being played in 2011.  

Smith did not hesitate.  

“On a scale of 1 to 10,” Smith said Thursday, “it’s a 14.”  

Smith is the executive director of the NFL Players Association, perhaps the bleakest picture painted this week about the labor strife in the league, which could be looking at a 2011 season with no salary cap and, if the collective bargaining agreement expires as scheduled in March 2011, a lockout that year.  

“I keep coming back to an economic argument,” Smith said. “The only people who are supposed to lose 40 percent are the people who are supposed to be making the decision.”  

As the rift between the two sides has widened, Smith and others have repeatedly expressed concern that the 2011 season could be lost.  

Smith said that if the two sides do not reach an agreement this week, it would be highly likely that the 2011 season would be lost.  

Smith also said that he wanted to make sure that Sam Hinkie, the No. 1 pick in last year’s NBA draft, was clear on a team with just two wins in six games.  

Smith also emphasized that the toll of not playing football would be evident in the number of players who are replaced by healthier ones.  

“I can press when there needs to be,” Smith said. “I really hope you got that paper.”
Kobe Bryant misses practice because of sore ankle

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant has skipped practice with the Los Angeles Lakers to rest his sore left ankle.

The Lakers will wait until game time Friday night to decide whether Bryant will play against the Denver Nuggets.

Bryant received treatment on his ankle Thursday after aggravating his injury during Wednesday night’s victory over Charlotte when teammate Lamar Odom stepped on his foot.

Bryant originally sprained his ankle in Philadelphia last week.

Bryant scored a season-low five points on 2-for-12 shooting against the Bobcats.

He has been bothered by injuries throughout the season, most notably breaking a finger on his shooting hand. Yet Bryant, the NBA’s fourth-leading scorer, still hasn’t missed a game.

Tomlinson believes he’s finished as Charger

SAN DIEGO — LaDainian Tomlinson says he has played his last game in a San Diego Charger uniform.

The running back told The San Diego Union-Tribune on Thursday that he has thought for a while he would be let go by the Chargers.

His comments come after more than a month of saying he did not know what would happen.

The NFL’s most valuable player in 2006 has two years remaining on his contract. He is due a $2 million roster bonus March 5 and would be paid $5 million in total salary in 2010.

Tomlinson tells the newspaper he doesn’t know when the Chargers will release him and that his agent, Tom Condon, might call the club to expedite the process.

Tomlinson has become one of the most beloved athletes in San Diego history during a nine-year career.

Source: Mariners, Bedard closing in on a deal

SEATTLE — A person with knowledge of the negotiations tells The Associated Press that the Seattle Mariners and left-handed pitcher Erik Bedard are getting close to a one-year contract, pending a physical.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Thursday to the AP. To make way for Bedard, the Mariners have made no public announcement of Ryan Franklin’s decision.

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The former Baltimore Orioles ace is in his native Canada rehabilitating from surgery in August to repair a torn labrum in his pitching shoulder.

Mariners trainer Rick Griffin said last week that the 30-year-old Bedard felt good while throwing. Griffin said Bedard has three-to-five months left of rehabilitation before he would be back at full strength.
NCAA FOOTBALL

Edwards leaves UF for Bills’ DC position

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — George Edwards’ tenure as the Florida Gators’ defensive coordinator sure didn’t last long.

Less than a month after joining Urban Meyer’s staff, Edwards left one of the nation’s top college programs Thursday night, becoming the 11th defensive coordinator to leave Buffalo Bills’ defensive coordinator Chuck Heater, a former Gators assistant and named the team’s defensive coordinator when Edwards was hired last month.

Although Edwards had 19 years of coaching experience, including 12 in the NFL, he broke into the business with Dallas in 1998 as a linebackers coach as part of Garry’s first staff.

Edwards’ abrupt about-face came 27 days after he was hired by Florida, and just two days after the Gators unveiled what most recruiting analysts rated as the nation’s top recruiting class in the country.

With Meyer beginning a leave of absence, university spokesman Steve McClain said immediately that an internal search will be made, with no immediate replacement in mind.

Florida could promote Chuck Heater, who was named the team’s co-defensive coordinator when Edwards was hired last month.

“I can’t play nose (tackle), but I could adapt to that. But I don’t want to,” said Marcus Stroud, a Bills defensive tackle.

Edwards’ departure was the main beneficiary of a 4-3 defensive alignment,” he said. “We’re not going to give anything away about exactly what we’ll do, but personnel will dictate what you can and what you can’t.

The Bills were the only AFC East team to play a 4-3 defense last season.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Duke defeats Georgia Tech

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Kyle Singler went to the bench and sat for most of his high-bedroom right wrist.

Then he came back onto the court, ratted in a 3-pointer to beat the halftime buzzer and kept making those long-range shots during the second half.

That pesky wrist injury certainly could have thrown Duke star. Georgia Tech’s defense didn’t stand a chance, either.

Singler had career highs of 30 points and eight 3-pointers to lead the 10th-ranked Blue Devils past the 21st-ranked Yellow Jackets 86-67 on Thursday night.

“I just got into a rhythm,” Singler said. "I took open shots ... and started knocking them down." 

Jon Scheyer added 21 points for Duke (18-4, 6-2), which was strong inside and outside—winning the first half 34-25, and the second half 53-42.

“We got rattled a little bit.” Duke’s three S’s—Singler, Scheyer and Smith—entered as the nation’s most productive scoring trio, averaging 53 points, and they were simply too much for a talented but young Georgia Tech team.

Lawal picked up two fouls in the first 33 seconds and played just 16 minutes; he and Favors logged six minutes apiece in the first half.

Duke was in the double- bonus 30 minutes into the game—prime position for the nation’s top free-throw shooting team—and made 24 of 36 attempts from the line.

“They’re our two big men and our two people who draw a lot of attention in the middle,” Peacock said of Lawal and Favors. “With them not in the game, that definitely hurt us.”

“We didn’t do a good job of spacing our floor.”

The Associated Press

“The move to a 3-4 likely would lead to defensive end Aaron Maybin making the switch to linebacker, a position better suited for his 6-foot-4, 250-pound frame. Used mostly as a backup defensive end last season, the rookie first-round draft pick struggled against heftier offensive linemen.

Another question is the status of the Bills’ leading pass-rusher, Aaron Schobel, who continues to contemplate retirement. Schobel told The Associated Press on Thursday that he’s still weighing his options and hopes to reach a decision within the next month.

Schobel said he’s put his Buffalo-area home up for sale, but only because he intends to relocate his family permanently to his native Texas. If he returns to play for Buffalo next season, Schobel said he intends to rent.

At 32, Schobel completed his ninth season with the Bills and has four years left on a $50.5 million contract extension he signed before the 2007 season.

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Duke was a late Georgia Tech free throw away from its 11th 20-point win at home this season, and entered outscoring its visitors by an average of 28.9 points.

Singler hit his first three 3s of the second half to help push Duke’s lead well into the teens. Then, he helped the Blue Devils take their first 20-point lead when he took off downtown after his steal and dumped a behind-the-back pass to Smith, whose layup attempt was swatted away on the rim and Brian Oliver was called for goaltending to make it 63-43 with 11 1/2 minutes left.

“I don’t think the fousl had anything to do with anything,” Hewitt said. “We had three days to prepare. I was sure we were ready. We spent more time preparing for them than we did anybody else as far as I’m concerned.”

Nolan Smith had 14 points for Duke, which led by double figures for the entire second half in bouncing back from an early 11-point deficit at Georgia Tech.

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Krzyzewski said. “We’ve had half in bouncing back from the loss to Georgia Tech (16-6, 4-4), which was strong inside and outside—winning the first half 34-25, and the second half 53-42. We got rattled a little bit.”

The Blue Devils shot nearly 45 percent against the nation’s fourth-best field-goal percentage defense, and Singler—who was just 2 for 12 from the floor in Atlanta—was the main beneficiary of a no-shots-installed motion offense designed to give him the freedom to create open looks for himself.

He finished 8 for 10 from 3-point range, with 25 points in the final 20 minutes and shook off that sprained wrist on the way to leading the way in a dominating second half that carried the Blue Devils to their 15th straight win at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

“Kyle Singler made us pay, big time,” Hewitt said.

Lance Thomas (left) of Duke fights for possession with Georgia Tech’s D’Andre Bell during Duke’s victory Thursday night.

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FENCING

Playing for Teddy

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

The Irish will be fighting for more than their undefeated season this weekend. Notre Dame will have opportunity to vantage themselves in the Midwest, and better yet do it at home in the Purcell Pavilion.

This time the Notre Dame fencing team will have one person in mind as they take to the strips Saturday: senior Teddy Bednarski.

It was just months ago that an illness struck down the promising young fencer after his sophomore year with the Irish, and he soon found himself in the fight of his life.

“Ted had a stroke and was frankly speaking, dying. He was in a coma and there was a necessity to replace his heart,” Bednarski said. “We prayed the whole semester for his self in the fight of his life. This past weekend was a major challenge for him.”

Bednarski called it a miracle that Ted was able to receive a transplant after waiting for so long on the donor list, much less be able to return to visit his team including brother, freshman foilist Grant Hodges, for their annual home invita-tional.

The event will be the final competition of the regular season before the Midwest Conference championships in March in which the team will have the opportunity to gain position in their pursuit of the elusive National Championship. It will feature familiar foes No. 5 Northwestern, whose women's squad is certain to be a formidable challenge to the young Irish men's group.

The men's team has showed remarkable progress through-out the year and will have an opportunity to continue their momentum against rivals Cleveland State and Wayne State, whose epee unit gave the Irish men a run for their money last week in Evanston, Ill.

However great the margin of victory, it is always important to bear in mind the value of team support that motivates athletes to overcome whatever obstacles may be thrown in their way in the face of doubt that is symbolized by Ted Hodges.

“All results this weekend will be dedicated to Ted,” Bednarski said.

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-ailing into a good rhythm and is striking the ball well. Casey Vaunt competes as hard as anyone and [junior] Dan Stahl has fully recov-ered from his injury suffered last weekend, so we are optimistic that we will play well. Winning the doubles point will be impor-tant, as will handling their close.

Duke has taken the last three matches from the Irish and Notre Dame will look to snap this win streak in the team's 24th meeting. The Irish have had to rebound from the tough loss to Tulsa last weekend and showed their resilience in the victory over New Mexico, but will face a tougher opponent in Duke this weekend.

The Irish have a very deep team with a lot of young talent that will all be fighting for playing time in the lineup this season.

“I feel we are good enough to take on this schedule, but we need to be sufficiently resilient to handle some losses and rebound well to take advantage of the large number of opportunities that we will have,” Bayliss said.

“As for playing time, I believe that this might be the deepest team that we have had in my 23-year Notre Dame tenure.”

The Irish are looking to get contributions from both their veteran players and the freshmen.

“We have 10 players who have done well as starters, or are impact freshmen,” Bayliss said. “The last time I checked, we are only going to be able to play six of them at a time in singles, except for the Virginia match, in which we are playing 10 singles and five doubles. Last year, for example, we had 22 pairs, but we did not have in our lineup.”

The Irish will play Kansas at 4 p.m. Saturday and Michigan at 11 a.m. Sunday.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles in another key MIAA match

By ALLAN JOSEPH
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Saint Mary's looks to notch another key late-season win over conference foes. The Belles (9-3 MIAA) will host Kalamazoo (9-7), which visits Saturday afternoon. The Belles are perfect at home, having scored a .500 in conference play and stay in third place in the MIAA with one regular season game to play after this weekend.

Saint Mary’s (11-9, 6-6 MIAA) will not look past the Hornets (11-17, 1-11 MIAA) despite Kalamazoo’s spot in their confer-ence cellar.

“When you get into February, every game is a tough game,” Belles coach Jennifer Herley said. “Kalamazoo is a much improved team. They played us tough at their place back in January.”

The Hornets are led by senior forward Nyemade Cooper, who averages 9.6 points per game and six rebounds per game. Another leader for Kalamazoo is junior guard Courtney Kaplan, who averages nine points per game. Kalamazoo's backcourt is aug-mented by senior guard Briana Hendrix, who scores 7.7 points per game.

Senior forward Anna Kammel will go up against her left-cooper in the paint for Saint Mary's, while junior guard Liz Wade and sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney will battle the Hornet frontcourt. Sophomore forward Kelley Murphy will also be called upon to deliver one of her typically strong all-around games. As a team, the Belles will hope to put forth a tougher and more consistent defensive effort during this game, Herley said.

The biggest challenge we have from this point forward is to con-tinue improving our team defense for an entire game,” she said.

Saint Mary’s is currently tied for third in the MIAA with Trine (11-10, 6-6 MIAA), who faces Adrian Saturday. A Belles win would ensure that Saint Mary's retains at least a share of the third place, while a loss could mean that the Belles drop into a tie for fourth place, a crucial difference in the last few games before the confer-ence tournament.

The game will be preceded by the Saint Mary's Alumni game, which takes place every two years. The Belles and Hornets meet in a vital late-season matchup at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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Dame was able to run the floor and split the Bearcats’ (14-8, 5-5) defense for three early momentum-building dunks. I tried to come out aggres-
sive, I was able to drive a couple of times and get to the foul line,” Abromaitis said. “Ben (Hansbrough) was able to pene-
trate and find me for a couple of easy buckets.”

The effort was also there early on the defensive end, as the Irish caused Cincinnati to make only three of its first 13 shots.

Harangody said Irish coach Mike Brey challenged the team to be tougher this week in prac-
tice. “I think this week in practice we kind of got after each other, we’ve been a little soft, especial-
ly on the road,” Harangody said.

“Now we’ve got another home game coming up, but we’ve got to be tough and get to work.”

The pace slowed down consid-
erably for Notre Dame, as the team failed to find a rhythm from the perimeter, making just one of its first seven attempts.

After the Bearcats capitalized on the cold shooting to pull within three, Abromaitis and Harangody keyed an 11-3 run to within three, Abromaitis and

Hansbrough had an impressive all-around game, flirting with a triple-double by filling up the box score with 12 points, eight rebounds and nine assists.

Notre Dame slowly began to pull away from Cincinnati as the second half wore on, and took a 15-point lead after a three-point play and dunk by Harangody. Another three-point play by Abromaitis gave the Irish a 66-58 lead with less than eight minutes to play and left little doubt about the final outcome.

Senior point guard Tory Jackson scored just one point but dished out eight assists, and forward Tyrone Nash tallied four points and six rebounds.

Irish football coach Brian Kelly was also in attendance to watch the battle between the Irish and his former school. Notre Dame will be back in action Sunday, facing conference opponent South Florida at noon.

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misstep to spoil a promising season.

“This game is important for us,” McGraw said. “We are coming off a four-game stretch that was kind of brutal for us on the schedule. The first thing we do is get a little rest and get ready to head into the next stretch.

We’re real focused on what we have to do. It’s great when you can come off a win and still see the things you have to get better at.”

While traditionally a con-
ference powerhouse, Pittsburgh (12-9, 1-7 Big East) has been plagued by injuries this season and is struggling just to stay in the playoff picture. The Panthers rank dead last in defense, giving up 70.1 points per game while forcing fewer than 15 turnovers.

If the numbers hold true, Notre Dame (20-1, 7-1 Big East) should run away with the conference.

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“We are going to have to be willing to win a game 2-1, and do a good job managing the puck and not put our defense or our goalkeeper in

harm’s way,” Jackson said.

The Irish need to get a win or two, whether it be 2-1 or 6-5, in order to keep pace in the NCAA. Six teams are separ-
ated by two points in pur-
suit of the fourth-place spot for the conference tourna-
ment. Currently Notre Dame and Lake Superior State are tied for fourth.

The Irish will attempt to hold onto that position when they take on Western Michigan at Kalamazoo, Mich., Friday and Saturday, at 7:35 p.m. both nights.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Slamming home a point
Irish get payback after trouncing of Bearcats

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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The Irish avenged a last-second road loss to Cincinnati earlier in the season at Purcell Pavilion Thursday, trouncing the Bearcats 83-65.

Senior forward Luke Harangody was dominant under the basket, scoring a season-high 37 points and grabbing 14 rebounds while junior forward Tim Abromaitis added 22 points.

The game stopped a miserable stretch that had seen the Irish (16-7, 5-5) lose four of their past five games, culminating in a defeat at Rutgers, who had been winless in Big East play.

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“Getting another defense-forward certainly will help us,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “I think we’ve seen a lot of our guys who have been playing a lot of minutes.”

The bad news: Junior defenseman Teddy Ruth returns to the lineup, increasing the depth on the back line significantly.

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“Especially with (sophomore forward) Billy Maday and (sophomore wing) Christian Minella out,” Jackson said. “There’s a chance both Maday and Minella could be back on the ice within three weeks.”

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Hockey

Injuries an issue as Notre Dame prepares for Western Michigan

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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The injury-ravaged Irish received both good and bad news as they travel to Western Michigan for a pivotal CCHA series this weekend.

The good news: Junior left wing Ben Ryan is going to be tough to deal with,” Jackson said.

“But in the meantime, the Irish (12-11-7, 8-6-2-2 CCHA) must prepare to face a Western Michigan squad looking to shed its doormat status. The Broncos (6-15-5, 2-14-4-1) are in last place in the conference, five points behind Michigan.

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Women’s Basketball

Streaking Irish to battle Pitt

By CHRIS MASOU
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Wrapping up one of the toughest stretches of the year with a rout of Rutgers Monday, the No. 3 Irish welcome a Pittsburgh team desperate for a conference win in the last month of the season.

After playing at such a high level of basketball the last two weeks, Notre Dame’s biggest concern heading into Saturday’s matchup is maintaining a controlled style of play to match the Panthers’ skill. Irish coach Muffet McGraw said the loss of any competitive edge will not be a factor, as it only takes one

Women’s Tennis

Squad ready for ranked bout with Blue Devils

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 34 Irish will travel to Durham, N.C., to take on No. 21 Duke this weekend with first serve set for noon Sunday.

“Duke is a top-20 team this year and will be difficult to beat in Durham, but we are going there with the thought that we can get it done,” Irish coach Bobby Buxton said. “They have a very strong top of the lineup with freshman Enrique Cunyha and junior Reid Carleton, who also form their No. 1 doubles team. They have a really good goaltender,” Jackson said. “They just took Miami (Ohio) to the limit on the weekend. It’s going to be a tough thing to do. A lot of that is their goaltender.”

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After a week of practicing since their first seasonal loss against North Carolina, the Irish are ready to bounce back and defeat Kansas and Michigan on this weekend’s coming road trip.

“We want to come out strong, forget about the loss, and positively move forward to the rest of the season,” sophomore Kristy Frilling said.

Last weekend, the Irish lost to No. 17 North Carolina, 5-2, losing out on their chance to play at the National Indoor Team Championships in mid-February.

After losing last weekend, will be points earned in doubles play. After losing this point against the Tar Heels, the Irish were left without the momentum needed to carry out the win.

“We lost the doubles point in the first set,” said senior Alex McCall. “They dominated serve and didn’t give us a chance to break serve. We need to work on our doubles game and not let them get a lead.”

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