Soler, Bell to lead student body for 2010-11

Election marks first time sophomores take top student gov’t offices

By SARAH MERVOSH
Assistant News Editor

Sophomores Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell became the first all-sophomore ticket to win the election for student body president and vice president when they received 54.6 percent of the vote Monday. Judicial Council president Ian Secviar said.

Soler and Bell defeated juniors Eras Noel and Julian Corona and freshmen Peter Ledet and Gahe Alvar in the election.

"As far as I know, [Soler and Bell] are the first sophomores to win," Secviar said. "Our records show that two sophomores have never won going back to the year 2000."

Secviar also said it was unusual for the ticket to win without a runoff.

Mendoza hosts Ethics Week

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

In an effort to encourage discussion of ethical matters among students and faculty, the Mendoza College of Business launched its 13th annual Ethics Week Monday, focusing this year on the issue of abortion.

This year marks the first time that the week’s events are related to a single theme — an idea that was born out of the controversy surrounding the decision to invite President Barack Obama as the Commencement speaker for 2009, event organizer Ken Milani, a professor of accounting, said.

"What happened in May was confrontation," Milani said. "Then eventually reasonable voices started talking and agreed to disagree respectfully. We wanted to keep the conversation going."

Milani said Ethics Week began as a way to honor Notre Dame management professor John Houck, a strong advocate for business ethics education. Houck died in 1996.

"A number of people involved in ethics at Notre Dame got together to determine what could be done," Milani said. "The first Ethics Week was held two years later."

The series takes place in February each year, a conscious decision by the organizers.

"We do ethics here 24/7, but we specifically schedule around Commencement," Milani said.

Panelists discuss identity issues at the 2009 Edith Stein Conference. This year’s conference takes place this weekend.

Retired ND American Studies professor dies

Christian served as an editorial research officer for the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked for a New York literary agency before joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1976.

When working for the agency Harold Ober Associates, Christian associated with well-known writers such as William Faulkner, Pearl Buck and J.D. Salinger.

Christian read the Salinger’s novel “Catcher in the Rye” when it was still a manuscript.

But her vocation was teaching, so she obtained masters and doctoral degrees from New York University in order to teach at DePauw University and then at Notre Dame.

At the University, she designed and taught a publishing course in which students would seek out manuscripts, sign a contract with the author and go through the steps of editing, producing and selling the books.

She also wrote short stories, novels and poetry. During the 1978 summer Commencement address, she delivered her speech in verse — the only Notre Dame Commencement speaker to do so.

Several of her novels, such as “A Nice Italian Girl” and “Ruined for Life,” are published.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Church in Webster Groves, Mo.

The University is in the process of planning a memorial Mass on campus in honor of Christian.

Contributions in Christian’s honor may be made to Friends of Kids with Cancer at 530 Maryville Centre Drive, Ste. LL5, St. Louis Mo.
Ladies’ love letter

Dear Ladyfriend,

This is probably going to be drifting with sap, so if you don’t want to read, I’ll understand. Also, I just remembered there’s a whole Facebook page dedicated to this, but whatever, The Observer needs some love. OK, here we go.

There is something I have observed during my wisdom-bringing 19 (almost 20!) years of life and it is this: Girls do not value themselves enough. I’m sure guys don’t either, but I’m sorry boys, this one’s for the ladies.

Females don’t take enough time to sit down and evaluate where they are in life (at Notre Dame, learning and having fun), how they got there (through hard work and dedication), the gifts they have (an overabundance of them) and the respect they deserve (a LOT). This lack of self-evaluation can often lead to distractions that hurt rather than help.

Valentine’s Day is right around the corner and the flood of red roses, candy hearts and delicious chocolate will in all likelihood remind you that you’re single and might make you feel just a little unloved. Let’s face it; we all want a little something special from someone special on V-day. But don’t let the thought that you haven’t found “the one” get you down. There’s no reason to be sad. Because guess what: you’re beautiful. And — double bonus — guess what, again! This compliment comes for free. No favors are expected in return and none should be for a statement so obvious. At the risk of sounding Taylor Swiftian, stay beautiful.

Too often for girls, the college mentality becomes “find a man, get a man” or sometimes the girl next door and the flood of red roses, candy hearts and delicious chocolate will in all likelihood remind you that you’re single and might make you feel just a little unloved. Let’s face it: we all want a little something special from someone special on V-day. But don’t let the thought that you haven’t found “the one” get you down. There’s no reason to be sad. Because guess what: you’re beautiful. And — double bonus — guess what, again! This compliment comes for free. No favors are expected in return and none should be for a statement so obvious. At the risk of sounding Taylor Swiftian, stay beautiful.

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The Campus Life Council met with Bill Kirk, associate vice president for Residence Life, Monday to comment on possible revisions of the du Lac student handbook, emphasizing in particular the progression of disciplinary sanctions and the University’s policies for alcohol consumption on campus.

CLC members cited concern for the outline of disciplinary action set forth by the Office of Residence Life after Kirk presented potential reviews of du Lac during last week’s meeting.

“One of our general perceptions about the way that du Lac is currently structured is that there ought to be some type of procedural provision for cases that may not need for a disciplinary record to be opened,” student body vice president Cynthia Weber said. “Can the Office of Residence Life enact educational action without disciplinary action?”

Student body president Grant Schmidt said misunderstandings about the rules in du Lac could deter students from properly reporting an unsafe situation. Cases of medical amnesty and leniency for first-time offenses were brought forward as examples of policies that may need clarification.

“Our whole reason for maintaining disciplinary records is to document a student’s history in case of further offense and to create records if we should have to deal with inquiries from other institutions.” Kirk said.

Kirk said the University has “a whole series of levels of sanctions” in place to regulate the disciplinary process and said that his office could benefit to learn from any research on these issues.

Community service as a sanction for certain behaviors was analyzed during the last meeting, and members of the Council agreed this volunteer time was an appropriate disciplinary response.

“Community service is a way for students who have taken something away from community to give something back.” Zahm Hall rector Corry Colonna said.

“Have we heard the desire on several occasions to see more flexibility in the drinking game policy,” Weber said. “While I am not advocating drinking games, most advocate more social drinking than excess.”

Schmidt questioned whether students are drawn off campus during the weekends because of the stringent policy on drinking games in dorm rooms. He pointed out that students of legal drinking age are not allowed to partake in drinking games on campus.

“I think that the vast majority of the drinking that goes on campus is illegal.” Kirk said. “And frankly, it can be considered sinful to deliberately give up your ability to make good and rational decisions that way.”

Other suggestions for the Office of Residence Life included methods to make students more aware of the policies in the student handbook.

Council member Bridget Bredemann posed the idea of a video for freshman orientation in order to make du Lac regulations more approachable, and she suggested using the off-campus Web site as a “resource to clarify what is relevant for students living off campus.”

The Council will continue discussions of the du Lac revisions with Kirk as the review process continues.

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SMC switches to Active Directory
By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

As a way to make the technology network more efficient, the Information Technology department at Saint Mary’s College has adopted a new program. Active Directory will improve the current networking services that are offered on campus, Jamie Thomason, chief information officer said.

In order to make the switch, students were asked to follow a link provided by the Information Technology department. After typing in their usernames and passwords, students had made the switch. If students did not make the change by Feb. 1, they would be unable to access Bellaire, the wireless network on campus, as well as their hard drive and Zimbra accounts.

Students were asked several times during the past few weeks via e-mail to migrate to Active Directory. Students who were warned they would be unable to get access to Bellaire, Wireless, their Saint Mary’s e-mail or Blackboard if they did not do so, Thomason said. “Despite the warnings, some students still did not do so. The ResNet office in [Haggar College Center] did a brisk business on Monday, Feb. 1 with students who had not migrated.”

Active Directory will allow the Information Technology department to manage the network on their own, Thomason said.

With it now in place, we can communicate or share files with each other will be able to move forward with projects like the Information Technology staff’s current communication atmosphere. “The way in which [the Saint Mary’s College] network is organized is changing since we migrated to Active Directory,” said. “Who are those who are likely to often communicate or share files with each other will be configured so they can do this more efficiently.”

Lecture examines science of autism
By CAROLYN SMITH
News Writer

Guest speaker Joshua Diehl, director of the Notre Dame Center for Children and Families, presented “Solving the Autism Puzzle” Monday evening on Saint Mary’s campus as part of Student Diversity Board’s Disabilities Awareness Week events.

Diehl explained what autism is, what it looks like and what science tells us about autism. Diehl began with a brief history of autism. He said it was once believed that autism was not a biological issue — a theory that has now been discredited.

“The blame for this condition was on cold parents,” Diehl said. “Research has been wrong on this issue for a long time.”

Some research shows autism appears to be on the rise, but Diehl said it is difficult to find solid statistics to show this. “Now that we know more and more about autism, we can buy a single can of food,” Diehl said.

“The majority of cases seem to originate from a complex genetic predisposition,” he said. “The way in which (the Saint Mary’s College) network is organized is changing since we migrated to Active Directory.”

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Joshua Diehl
director Center for Children and Families

Diehl said there have been expanding definitions and increasing awareness about autism and this could lead to the increase of children diagnosed with autism.

“There has been a huge increase in interest about autism and our own awareness. And awareness leads to more diagnoses,” Diehl said. He then spoke on the criticism that autism has been over-diagnosed. He said he believes autism is over-diagnosed but also under-diagnosed.

“Autism may be under-diagnosed in smaller communities due to lack of resources or awareness. But it also may be over-diagnosed in larger communities so children can have increased services. Diehl also examined some causes of autism. He explained the causes of autism are most likely both genetic and environmental. “The majority of cases seem to originate from a complex genetic predisposition,” he said. “Anywhere from three to 10 genes contribute. We do know that it is four times more common in males than it is in females.”

There are some people who believe that vaccines can cause autism. Diehl said but there is no direct evidence or research that can prove or disprove this.

“A small minority of children can have reactions to vaccines that could lead to a neurodevelopmental disorder, although all large scale research studies show no link between autism and vaccines,” Diehl said.

This controversial issue led to a rift between some parents and some members of the medical community. “Even if there is a link between vaccines and autism, it would probably only explain a small number of cases. Not vaccinating a child likely puts them at a greater risk for a neurodevelopmental disorder,” Diehl said.

The best intervention is early intervention. There is no cure for autism but there are multiple treatments such as medications and alternative approaches like special diets and different supplements.

“Treatment must get as much attention as identification and finding the causes and I support parents trying to do all that they can for their children,” Diehl said.

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Saint Mary’s supports South Bend food bank
By BRITTANY VANNESSON
News Writer

In a campus-wide effort to provide food options for the less fortunate, the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) will be collecting canned food for a local project called Neighbors in Need this month.

Saint Mary’s was invited to partake in the by local news station SBT8. Neighbors in Need is a project run by local agencies that place’s help with the drive. The drive runs throughout the month until Feb. 12. The food will then be collected by SBT8-TV studio on Feb. 12.

“The food being collected is for the Northern Indiana Food Bank.”

Carrie Call
director Office for Civic and Social Engagement

Please recycle.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuela declares energy emergency
CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez has decreed a decree declaring an energy emergency in Venezuela to facilitate his government's efforts to ease severe energy shortages. Venezuela imposed electricity and water rationing in December to prevent a collapse of the oil-rich country's grid as severe drought drops water levels behind the Guri Dam to critical lows. The dam supplies most of Venezuela's electricity.

Energy Minister Ali Rodriguez says the government must accelerate plans to reduce energy consumption while boosting production.

Chavez signed the emergency decree Monday.

Commander charged with murder
TORONTO — The commander of Canada's largest Air Force base, who once flew dignitaries around the country, has been charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of two women.

Ontario Provincial Police Det. Insp. Chris Nicholls said Monday that Col. Russell Williams, 46, was arrested Sunday in Ottawa. He was also charged in the sexual assaults of two other women.

The charges left Canada's military in a state of shock.

Williams, a 23-year military veteran, was appointed as the base commander of Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Trenton, Ontario last July. Trenton is Canada's busiest Air Force base and is providing logistical support for Canada's missions in Haiti and Afghanistan.

National News

Abortion activists monitored
MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Authorities looked into allegations by four former anti-abortion activists as part of an expected rally last year, even though they did not pose a threat to national security.

The DHS destroyed or deleted its copies of the assessment after an internal review found it violated intelligence-gathering guidelines by collecting and sharing information about "protest groups which posed no threat to homeland security," according to a department memo written last year.

The DHS was only shared with police in Middleton and with the director of the Wisconsin Statewide Information Center, an intelligence-gathering entity.

The operation was not warned to the department memo in Commerce, which was signed by general counsel Ivan Fong and inspector general Richard Skinner.

Investigation follows fatal explosion
MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Authorities launched an investigation Monday looking for the cause of an explosion that killed five people at a power plant under construction

A powerful explosion blew apart large swaths of the nearly completed 620-megawatt Kewa Energy plant in Haddam, Conn., on site to monitor the construction company O&G Industries Inc. were purging a gas line Sunday morning.

Local News

Spill shuts down major road
ELKHART, Ind. — A fuel spill in a northern Indiana neighborhood has attracted authorities to close a main road while it was cleaned up.

Elkhart police say it took firefighters and hazardous materials crews about two hours to remove all of the gallons of spilled fuel at the Norfolk Southern rail yard on the city's west side.

Authorities closed Old U.S. 33 until early Monday while the work was being done. No injuries were reported. Details of what caused the spill weren't immediately released.

Austria

Iran plans to enrich more uranium

World leaders alarmed and call for restrictions; Iran asserts peaceful intentions

Associated Press

VIENNA — Iran pressed ahead Monday with plans that will increase its ability to make nuclear weapons as it formally informed the U.N. nuclear agency of its intention to enrich uranium to higher levels.

Alarmed world powers questioned the rationale behind the move and warned the country could face more U.N. sanctions if it made good on its intentions.

Iran maintains its nuclear activities are peaceful, and an envoy insisted the move was meant only to provide fuel for Tehran's research reactor. But world powers fearing that Iran's enrichment program might be a cover for a weapons program were critical.

Britain said the Islamic Republic's reason for further enrichment made no sense because it is not technically advanced enough to turn the resulting material into the fuel rods needed for the reactor.

France and the U.S. said the latest Iranian move let no choice but to push harder for a fourth set of U.N. Security Council sanctions to punish Iran's nuclear defiance.

Even a senior parliamentarian from Russia, which traditionally opposes Western ambitions for new U.N. sanctions, suggested the time had now come for such a move.

Konstantin Kosachev, head of the international affairs committee of the State Duma — the lower house of parliament — told the Interfax news agency that the international community should "react to this step with serious measures, including making the regime of economic sanctions more severe."

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had already announced Sunday that his country would significantly enrich at least some of the country's stockpile of uranium to 20 percent. Still, Monday's formal notification was significant, particularly because of Iran's waftling in recent months on the issue.

Western powers blame Iran for rejecting an internationally endorsed plan to take Iranian low enriched uranium, further enriching it and return it in the form of fuel rods for the reactor — and in broader terms for turning down other offers meant to diminish concerns about its nuclear agenda.

Telling The Associated Press that his country now had formally told the International Atomic Energy Agency of its intentions, Iranian envoy Ali Asghar Soltanieh said that AIEA inspectors now over-enriching uranium for Iran for a fourth set of U.N. Security Council sanctions to punish Iran's nuclear defiance.

"Until now, we have not received any response to our positive logical and technical proposal," he said. "We cannot let our enemies and patients desperately waiting for radio isotopes be produced at the Tehran reactor and used in cancer treatment, he added.

The IAEA confirmed receiving formal notification in a restricted note to an agency's 35-nation board made available to The Associated Press.

Iran's atomic energy organization informed the agency that "production of less than 20 percent enriched uranium is being foreseen," said the note. "Less than 20 percent" means enrichment to a tiny fraction below that level in effect 20 percent but formally just below threshold for high enriched uranium.

At the same time, the note indicated that Iran was keeping the agency in the dark about specifics, saying the IAEA "is in the process of seeking clarifications from Iran regarding the starting date of the process for the production of such material and other technical details."

Man breaches security at Detroit airport

Associated Press

ROMELLI, Mich. — A portion of a terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport was evacuated Monday after a man without a boarding pass walked through a passenger screening checkpoint and refused to obey security officers, officials said.

The man failed to stop about 7:45 a.m. at the McNamara terminal, the Transportation Security Administration said. He was subdued by airport police after a stun gun failed to stop him, an FBI agent said.

In a criminal complaint filed with U.S. District Court in Detroit, FBI agent Michael Thomas said the man, identified as Kaylan L. Policherla, walked through the checkpoint and a metal detector with his hands in his jacket pockets.

Transportation Security Administration workers activated an alarm, security doors were lowered at the portion of the terminal between the security checkpoint and terminal concourse, and people were evacuated from that area, airport spokesman Mike Conway said.

A TSA screener followed Policherla until airport police arrived and ordered him to stop, Thomas said. An officer discharged a Taser at Policherla but it had no effect, and officers then wrestled him to the floor and handcuffed him, Thomas said.

Dogs were used to search the portion of the terminal that had been evacuated, but nothing was found, Conway said. Security screening resumed about an hour later, officials said.

The complaint alleges that Policherla violated federal security requirements. Policherla remained in custody Monday evening, but a court appearance was not immediately scheduled, FBI spokeswoman Sandra Berchthold said.

The complaint said Policherla was born in 1982 and his car, a Volkswagen Passat with Ohio license plates, was illegally parked outside the McNamara Terminal before he entered the building. The vehicle was searched and towed.
Kristof examines gender
Journalist shares travel experiences to illustrate inequality

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
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“Women aren’t the problem, they are the solution.” Nicholas Kristof, author and New York Times op-ed columnist, said during a lecture Monday, discussing the importance of women in developing countries. He said women are the greatest and most under-used natural resource. The lecture — held in Saint Mary’s O’Laughlin Auditorium — focused on themes from the book he co-authored with his wife, Sheryl WuDunn, titled “Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide.”

The book tells stories of the women he and his wife have met during their travels and even of some women whose lives Kristof directly affected.

Kristof said he believed the largest problem facing the 21st century is gender inequality. “When you put together this kind of leahl discrimination on top of sex-selective abortion, then you have somewhere between 60 and 100 million females who have been discriminated against to death in the world,” Kristof said.

He used several stories from his own experiences throughout the lecture, including an anecdote from when he was covering a story on human trafficking in Cambodia. He said he went to a brothel to talk to the women, and found one young girl whose mother didn’t have the money to buy her daughter back. Kristof bought two of the girls to free them from the brothel. He said he received receipts for both of the them.

“When you get a written receipt for another human being, that’s just a disgrace to all of mankind,” Kristof said.

Kristof offered ideas to help improve conditions for women in these countries, highlighting education as one of the more important steps to the problem.

“There is no magic bullet to fighting poverty. But, the single thing that is closest, that makes more of a difference than any other, is education.”

Nicholas Kristof op-ed columnist
New York Times

“One of the reasons I really encourage you to go out and spend time in the grassroots is because then you’ll have a better sense of what does work to make that kind of difference,” Kristof said.

He said he recognizes these issues are “depressing” and seem “vast,” but even helping one person is making a difference.

“What is important to know is that you truly can make a deep difference with some people, and that is an incredibly important difference,” Kristof said. “You don’t have to solve the whole problem to make a difference.”

He said he has seen some terrible things in his travels, saying it takes the worst of humanity to bring out the best in it.

“It truly does bring out the best of humanity and they express that humanity with courage, with altruism and it’s very inspiring,” Kristof said.

In closing, Kristof said he did not merely want to educate students on these issues, but also generate action. “I hope you students to have some pillar throughout your life that is about some larger cause, that I think would be a major source of fulfillment for you,” Kristof said.

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The 2010 Edith Stein Project, the conference will examine the relational nature of human beings in terms of a lot of separate issues, such as marriage, the importance of homosociality, sexual violence and eating disorders.

While the conference has focused on women and issues of the past, we decided on a theme that would bring out the human person and human relationships,” Roman said.

This year, over 30 people will present at the conference, she said.

Notable speakers include Mother Dolores Hart, a Benedictine nun from Connecticut and a former Hollywood actress, once starring in a film alongside Elvis. Hart will share thoughts on how relationships played a role in finding her vocation, Roman said.

Sarah Johnson, also a co-chair of the conference, said the Edith Stein Project is especially important in a culture where many problems, like sexual assault and eating disorders, are all associated with identity.

“These issues or problems have deeper theological and philosophical dimensions, which go into the very root of being,” she said. “That is really what the conference is all about.”

Romano and Johnson got involved with the Edith Stein Project early in their college careers.

“A friend had recommended the conference to me during my freshman year. It was the first time her interest piqued, she said and has been attending it ever since.

Romano’s involvement with the conference began when she attended it for the first time during her sophomore year. She said she was inspired by the presentations and the spirit of those working on the conference.

“It spoke to me as an honest and frank effort to reach out to other people, no matter their thoughts or beliefs,” JoAnna Roman co-chair Edith Stein Project

“As a Mass, an interview and discussion with John D’Arcy, former bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese, will be held on Friday, beginning with the Mass at 5:15 p.m.

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LOS ANGELES — Nearly two years ago, a broad coalition of environmental groups celebrated a deal with a Texas oil company that promised to eventually end its drilling operations off California’s Santa Barbara County coast.

Now, a growing number of those former allies are lining up against the plan, in part because no one outside a small circle of supporters was allowed to read the final agreement.

Many also wonder if the 2022 end date for drilling is enforceable and worry the deal with Plains Exploration & Production, known as PXP, could inadvertently end a 40-year moratorium on new offshore drilling in the entire California coast.

About 110 groups have joined the “Oppose PXP Coalition.” Among its members is the Sierra Club, which initially endorsed the deal and was still listed as a supporter on the PXP Web site long after the group changed its position.

The company has used the roster of environmental backers to win public support for the proposal. “It’s very frustrating,” said Michael Endicott of the Sierra Club. “I asked them to do it last year. Stop saying Sierra Club is in support of the project — we’re not.”

The growing opposition comes at a critical time, with politicians eyeing the moratorium for a way to bolster battered waters to Trinquille Reef, a formation in state waters.

Its pact with the three groups also calls for the company to donate 3,900 acres (1,580 hectares) to The Trust for Public Land and make a contribution of $1.5 million to a fund that could be used to purchase hybrid buses.

Such terms initially drew support from environmental groups beyond the three that signed the deal. Others, such as Coastwalk California, took no position.

Criticism hit a new high last month, when the agreement was leaked to the media. Its confidentiality was a major concern for environmentalists and regulators.
Mass of Thanksgiving

TO HONOR THE ARRIVAL OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES TO THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE/SOUTH BEND

Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 5:15 p.m. Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Music to be provided by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir

All are invited to a reception following the Mass in the Rotunda of the Main Building.
Election continued from page 1

In total, 4,177 students voted in the election, making this year’s turnout the second highest voter turn out on record, vice president for elections of the Judicial Council Marcelo Perez said.

Last year holds the record for highest voted turnout with 4,509 votes, he said.

Soler, who will become Notre Dame’s fifth female student body president, said she is grateful to everyone who voted and supported her ticket.

“We’re grateful for the faith that people had in us, (that) they could see our experience, and our passion and commitment, and not use our age as something that would deter them,” she said. “We’re very excited and a little humbled by how much people really cared about the elections here.”

Bell said they plan to begin working on their initiatives prior to their official installation April 1.

“We’re going to be getting started right away to meet with more administrators and establish more contacts to help us move forward,” Bell said.

Once they officially begin leading the student body, Soler said she is excited to officially become president and vice president and get moving on their platforms.

“I think we’re just going to party,” Ledet said.

Soler and Bell said they were excited to officially become president and vice president and get their leaders, but to work with them.”

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Notre Dame to host Brazilian Carnival

Special to The Observer

Vibrant Brazilian dance rhythms will transport revelers from South Bend to the streets of Rio de Janeiro during Notre Dame’s 12th annual celebration of Brazilian Carnival, to be held Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight in South Dining Hall.

The family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

The Brazilian celebration of Mardi Gras. Carnival will feature professional Brazilian dancers performing and teaching dance steps to the authentic axé and samba music of Chicago Samba. Directed by Maacyr Marchini, Chicago Samba features Brazilian musicians who have performed together for almost 20 years.

Carnaval participants include students, area residents, members of the local Brazilian community, and lots of kids. All don their Carnaval heads and dance the night away.

“Carnaval brings everyone together in an event that is different from anything else in South Bend,” said Tatiana Spragins, a Brazilian who is president of the Portuguese Language Club. “It’s a great party. It’s contagious.”

Brazil Club president Valerio Kordzidlo, who grew up in Brazil, agreed.

“Carnaval shows Brazil’s love of music and dancing and the joy that characterizes Brazilians,” she said. “It is a great party, my favorite event of the year.”

Carnaval is sponsored by Notre Dame’s Kellogg Institute for International Studies, which brings together scholars, students and policymakers to study important international problems facing humanity.

Co-sponsors of the event include the Latin American Studies Program, the Institute for Latino Studies, Catering by Design, the Brazil Club, the Portuguese Language Club, the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, and the Department of Transportation Services at Notre Dame; WVPE Radio, Microtel Inn and Suites, and AudioBahn Productions, LLC.
First Amendment vindicated

What the President's critics have labeled shocking breaches of decorum during his State of the Union Address, combined with Justice Samuel Alito's mouthed disapproval while his colleagues sat stone-faced amidst lavish applause from congressional Democrats, set off a flurry of controversy that has drawn even more attention to the Supreme Court's recent ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission.

Why did this case create such a stir? Let's begin with the background. In 2008, a nonprofit conservative group known as Citizens United produced a documentary criticizing then-presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and sought to run commercials for the film. Unfortunately, a little something called the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (also known as McCain-Feingold) stood in its way. The Act makes it illegal for corporations and unions from dipping into their general treasury funds for independent expenditures that are classified as “electioneering communication,” or speech that advocates for or against a candidate running for office 30 days before the primary elections. A district court ruled that the commercial violated the Act despite Citizens United's claim that the documentary was nonpartisan and based solely on facts. The organization appealed to the Supreme Court, and the case was argued two separate times, first in March of 2009 and again last August. Finally, on Jan. 21, the Court delivered its ruling, with the majority finding that McCain-Feingold's restriction on expenditures was an unconstitutional encroachment on the right of corporations to speak freely in political campaigns.

The decision sent chills through the ranks of conservative and libertarian circles and prompted ominous predictions of a “corporate-controlled America” from liberals, including the Commander in Chief: “Last week, the Supreme Court reversed a century of law to open the floodgates for special interests — including foreign corporations — to spend without limit in our elections. Well I don’t think American elections should be bankrolled by America’s most powerful interests, or worse, by foreign entities.” This statement, made during the State of the Union Address, was what elicited the “not true” remark from Justice Alito. And for good reason.

For starters, the charge of overturning “a century of law” is a substantial exaggeration. The Court did reverse its 1990 decision in Austin v. Michigan Chamber of Commerce that upheld a ban on independent political expenditures by corporations, but the 1907 prohibition of direct political contributions remains untouched. In fact, the decision in Citizens United specifically criticizes Austin as “a significant departure from precedent, not Citizen’s United.”

And for good reason. The president was also incorrect in stating that the ruling “opens the floodgates for special interests — including foreign corporations.” Aside from the patent hypocrisy of his attack on special interests when, as a candidate, Obama was positively swimming in special interest donations and decided against public funding of his campaign to avoid spending limits it would have entailed, the allegation itself is a complete misrepresentation of the facts. The section of Federal Election Commission law banning foreign nationals, including corporations, from contributing money to American elections remains on the books. Justice Kennedy even went out of his way to explicitly state, “We need not reach the question whether corporate political speech is protected under the First Amendment because they do not constitute foreign nationals.”

The bottom line is that freedom of speech, especially the political kind, lies at the core of American democracy. Its denial bars one from participating fully in self-government, and its protection has remained a central component of Supreme Court doctrine for centuries. Fortunately, by striking down the limits imposed on corporations by McCain-Feingold, the Court has vindicated the right of all Americans, including those associated through corporations, to full participation in our democratic system.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Have a heart, save a heart

Everybody knows that Feb. 14 is Valentine’s Day, a time to shower your loved ones with flowers and candy in order to show that your heart is in the right place. (Boys with girlfriends — don’t forget!) But what a lot of people don’t know is that the month of February also raises awareness about another type of heart — your actual heart. February is officially American Heart Month. It’s the month where the American Heart Association raises awareness about heart disease and tries to share tips on how to stay heart healthy because, unfortunately, Coronary Heart Disease is the No. 1 killer in America. Think about that.

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Like all great epics, the third Los Campesinos! album, “Romance is Boring,” begins with “In Medias Res.” The choice of title accurately reflects the turn that the band has taken in its follow up to 2008’s “We Are Beautiful, We Are Doomed.”

The quintessentially British band is well-known for their upbeat refrains and cheery melodies, yet the sound of this new album is much more mature than anything Los Campesinos! has done before, yet it retains that unwavering enthusiasm that made the group popular in the first place.

The opening track asks the question, “If you were given the option of dying painlessly in peace at 45 but with a lover at your side after a full and happy life, is this something that would interest you?” While this may not in fact interest you, the rest of the album is sure to hold the attention of listeners, both devoted fans as well as new recruits to the Los Campesinos! camp.

The title track, “Romance is Boring,” fits well considering the rapidly approaching day dedicated to romance alone. It may serve as a much-needed wake up call for the couples who have been disgusting the rest of the campus by publicly displaying their affection in front of the fro-yo machine. “Romance is Boring” is a song that can easily be sung by even the worst of tune carriers which is a perfect example of the group’s mission.

Songs from previous Los Campesinos! albums are mostly songs that are best screamed in a car full of good friends. It is refreshing to hear some of that old excitement brought into this new album. The song immediately following “Romance is Boring,” “We’ve Got Your Back” does a good job of showcasing the general theme of the entire album. Part of the song is toned down, in the best way possible, while the other half is full of upbeat exclamations from the entire band.

Despite the fact that Aleks Campesinos! (Campesinos! of course being the band’s collective surname) left the band to continue her studies, her vocals remain on this album, most notably so in “We’ve Got Your Back.” It’s curious that her part in the song is the more demure of the two, because it seems that the band will be sticking with the toned down image despite her being gone. The best part of the entire song, and the part that will remind listeners most of the earlier work of the band, is the collective scream of, “If your hero told you to go huff a sharpie what would you do? I do not know!” The lyrics are certainly absurd, but the enthusiasm behind them is beyond comparison.

Some of the songs seem to have a completely different feel from the Los Campesinos! that came roaring out of the gate two years ago. “200-102” and “Heart Swells/100-1” are the most notable. They clearly do not fit into the mold that Los Campesinos! created for themselves. They appeared to be so full of energy that they needed to add an “!” at the end of their name because otherwise the idea simply didn’t translate. On those two tracks, however, there is folksier guitar and eerie whispering than a Los Campesinos! fan may be able to handle.

“The Sea is A Good Place to Think of the Future” comes near the end of the album and is yet another sign of the band’s maturation. The lyrics seem so honest and deep, it even seems as though they were ripped straight from someone’s diary. The song itself is great, but the music video is even better. The simplicity of a group of cool people just sitting on the beach is perfect. It would make anyone want to run off to the nearest beach and just sit around for a while.

“Romance is Boring” marks a shift in gears for Los Campesinos! There is almost a tug of war going on between staying young and growing up. This album shows both sides extremely well. It gives fans more of what they loved from previous albums while giving them a taste of what the future may be like for the group.

It also happens to be the perfect album for anyone who recently discovered that they would be spending quite some time in Britain. Word of advice: save the hours you would have spent rereading Harry Potter and just listen to Los Campesinos! instead.

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‘Romance is Boring’
Los Campesinos!

Label: Wichita
Recommended Tracks: “We’ve Got Your Back,” “In Medias Res”
By KATHERINE GREENSPON
Scene Writer

As he studies in the college classroom during the day, he turns into a major-label artist by night. His name is Mike Posner, and it’s not your ordinary newcomer to the music scene.

Mike Posner has mastered the ultimate balancing act as he shows up for classes and gets signed with J Records (RCA/Sony) for his first album release. Mike Posner remains a full-time senior at Duke University as he records new songs for his first album release. So far, 2010 has been a great year for this young artist who hopes to graduate from Duke with a major in sociology, minor in business and is releasing his album by the end of the year.

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Posner has opened for artists like Will.i.am, Akon and 50 Cent. He continues to travel on weekends when he is not hitting the books in the library. He travels to and from L.A. and New York serving up high-energy performances and radio station interviews on one red-eye flight at a time.

Posner started writing his own songs when he was 13 years old and continued to write lyrics for other artists as he grew older. He soon decided that the best person to deliver his musical vision was himself, so he set up his own small recording studio in his college dorm. Having his keyboard and microphone ready he began developing mix tapes that he distributed all over Duke University.

Being a struggling student-musician does have its perks, however. Because Posner was considered a senior colleague he was able to use the university’s iTunes U which is a feature that allows artists to release their music for free. After he shared his mix tapes online record companies started taking notice. J Records

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IN BRIEF

Stallworth released to professional scout
CLEVELAND — Donte’ Stallworth will get the chance to resurrect his NFL career, but it won’t happen in Cleveland.

The Browns released the troubled wide receiver on Monday, waiving little time after NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Friday that Stallworth would be reinstated following the Super Bowl.

Stallworth was suspended for the 2009 season by Goodell after he pleaded guilty to killing a pedestrian while driving drunk in Florida. He spent 24 days in jail.

“I think he’s in a better place than he was,” Goodell said on Friday, adding that he met with Stallworth about a month ago. “I think he recognizes what he did and the horrific nature and the unfortunate outcome, and I think he’s prepared himself to get back in and play.”

Mets hire Bob Melvin as professional scout
NEW YORK — Former major league manager Bob Melvin has been hired as a professional scout by the New York Mets, who also brought back Mookie Wilson as their minor league outfield and base running coordinator.

Melvin was the NL Manager of the Year in 2007 with Arizona. He managed the Seattle Mariners from 2003-04 and then the Diamondbacks from 2005 until he was fired last May 8 and replaced by A.J. Hinch.

Wilson, a member of the Mets’ 1986 World Series championship team, was their first base coach from 1997-02 and a minor league manager for New York at Kingsport (2003-04) and Brooklyn (2005).

Guy Conti was replaced as rehabilitation pitching coordinator by Frank Fulitz, and Conti becomes a senior adviser in the minor league department. Fulitz was pitching coach for the Gulf Coast Mets last year.

White Sox retire number for Vizquel
CHICAGO — Omar Vizquel will wear the No. 11 of former White Sox shortstop and fellow Venezuelan Luis Aparicio this season.

The White Sox say they have unreired Aparicio’s No. 11 for the 2010 season, with his blessing. Aparicio said Vizquel is the one player he’d like to see don his number.

The 42-year-old Vizquel signed with the White Sox this offseason. He is a three-time AL All-Star and is considered one of best fielding shortstops of all time.

Aparicio was named American League Rookie of the Year as a member of the White Sox in 1956 and the 10-time All-Star played 10 seasons with Chicago. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1984, the same year the team retired his uniform number.
One day with a knee injury and torn meniscus.

They extended their own NFL mark of consecutive 12-win seasons. They set the league mark for fewest sacks allowed (26) in a single season. Manning could have his deepest and most impressive accomplishments this season.

"We played well in our first playoff game, played well the second game and, at times, made some plays against the Saints. We just didn't play well enough to win."

Peyton Manning
Colts quarterback

"Then it'll be up to us to sustain it after that, but the ballpark itself I think can sustain it for a long time."

In a question-and-answer session with reporters in a conference room overlooking a snow-covered Target Field, Pohlad dismissed the notion that the team has been trying to disprove a taint reputation.

"We're not trying to show people, "he said. "We're trying to do what we said we were going to do."" Pohlad declined to discuss specifics about negotiations with Mauer on a new deal, citing a pledge to the catcher and his agent to keep the details private. He said he's "absolutely not active at all" in the process, but reiterated the team's desire to keep the homegrown star around for good.

Pohlad said the Twins aren't interested in the possibility of deferred compensation as a way to make a long-term contract contract like Mauer's work.

"They make you feel real good at the time, and then later on you wish you hadn't done that," he said. He added, "I think the open- ness to signing Mauer for nine or 10 years, if that's what it would take. First baseman Justin Morneau's six-year contract signed two years ago is the current Twins record.

"I don't think six is a magic number," Pohlad said, adding, "Total value is what drives it. We do not have a term policy."

"I think it was time," Pohlad said. "It's a sustainable development."

"We're not going to spend the money just to spend the money," Pohlad said, adding: "We're going to try to put the best team on the field in the most prudent financial way, and I think we accomplished that this year."" Pohlad quipped, "I think it was time for his review."" Pohlad also reiterated the family's philosophy of trust- ing the front office to take care of the roster and not meddling or micromanaging in the day-to-day operations of the organization. The family has a small empire of business interests, and the Twins take up between 20 percent and 30 percent of Pohlad's time.

They're right up about this year's months, as they always are.

"We may be characterized as a relatively disciplined ownership group, but we do care about winning and los- ing," Pohlad said. "There may be one or two down years, but even during those years we're going to care and we're going to want to do better. I've said this a million times and my bro- thers are the same. We're fans."
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The Nielsen estimate also drew some congratulations from Alan Alda, the star of "M*A*S*H," and the slugger whose record was beaten.

"If the "M*A*S*H" audience was eclipsed, it was probably due in large part to the fact that the whole country is rooting for New Orleans to triumph in every way possible," Alda said. "I am, too, and I couldn't be happier for them. I love that city. There are more American homes with television sets now (114.9 million) than there were in 1983 (83.3 million). An estimated 77 percent of homes with TVs on were watching "M*A*S*H" in 1983, compared with the audience share of 68 for the Super Bowl.

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Clearly exhausted from a late night of post-Super Bowl celebrations, Sean Payton leaned on a podium Monday morning, clutching the Vince Lombardi trophy in his right hand.

"You can't get enough of this," the Saints' head coach said at a news conference at the Fort Lauderdale convention center. "This thing lay in my bed next to me last night, rolled over it a couple times. I probably drooled on it. But man, there's nothing like it."

Certainly, the New Orleans Saints never experienced anything like it.

Before this one, the Saints had only right winning seasons — and two playoff victories — in their previous 42 years combined. New Orleans had to win three postseason games over three great quarterbacks — Kurt Warner, Brett Favre and Peyton Manning — to win the title this season.

"Our victory last night was the culmination of four years of hard work, fighting through a lot of adversity, ups and downs and more importantly than that, representing a city that has been through so much," Brees said.

"Along the way, people have asked me so many times, 'Do you look at it as a burden or extra pressure? Do you feel like you're carrying the weight of the city on your teams' shoulders? I said, 'No, not at all. We look at it as a responsibility.'"

"Our city, our fans, gave us strength and we owe this to our city on your teams' shoulders. You're carrying the weight of the city and more importantly than that, representing a city that has been through so much, representing a city that needs widespread rebuilding after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. That was easier said than done. But in their fourth season together, they did it. Brees was chosen the Super Bowl MVP after Sunday night's 31-17 victory over the Indianapolis Colts. After that, his only remaining challenge was believing he'd actually pulled it off.

"I had to wake up this morning and turn to my wife and say, 'Did yesterday really happen?"' Brees said.

"When we got into coaching or playing, we got into it for certain reasons and yet the reasons in New Orleans far exceeded what we ever expected," Payton said.

"I keep thinking of the word 'magical,'" he said. "When you think about the relationship between the Saints and the Gulf Coast and the city of New Orleans, it was more than just a football game and more than just a football team. The hopes, the dreams and the struggles of that community were all reflected in that football team. It was a great night for the people in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region."

Throughout the past week, Brees used the Super Bowl as a platform to promote New Orleans' recovery and express his adoration for the distinctive and historic city. After the Saints' Super Bowl triumph, Brees agreed to appear on the Late Show with David Letterman on Monday night.

"We're going to enjoy this for a while. I think New Orleans is enjoying it right this second, still," Brees said. "We don't expect anybody to go to work today in New Orleans, or maybe for the next two weeks considering Mardi Gras is next week."

"We know what it's like to build something from the ground up and just to feel like this is our time. I think what's going to be fun is using the term 'repeat' all next year."
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The Who's Pete Townshend, right, does one of his signature windmills during the Super Bowl XLIV halftime show.

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So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long live this, and this gives life to thee.```
— from Sonnet 18 by William Shakespeare

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Pete Townshend is used to playing in front of stadiums filled with rabid fans who know every note of The Who’s songs. He didn’t get that at the band’s Super Bowl halftime performance, but he’s OK with that too.

Townshend and bandmate Roger Daltrey performed a medley of some of their most famous songs on entertainment's biggest stage Sunday, including “Won’t Get Fooled Again” during a 12-minute set that included a laser light show and plenty of fireworks.

While the crowd was involved, and some held up their cell phones to illuminate the night as instructed by the stadium announcers, they were somewhat subdued, and was clear it was not a Who event.

Backstage after their show, Townshend laughed and said: “You know, you could kind of tell from the stage the crowd is really subdued, and was clear it was not a Who event. It was the first football game I’ve been to.”

It was nice to feel a part of something and not having it all to be about us,” he added. When it was mentioned the biggest rock stars want everything to revolve around them, he joked and said: “We’re too far gone to care I think.”

It was the first football game Townshend and Daltrey, both Brits, ever saw (Daltrey went after the performance to watch the game, which the New Orleans Saints won over the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17). Townshend said he was moved by the spectacle, and the sheer work of putting together the event.

“It’s extraordinary,” said Townshend. “You forget how big sport is and how every week it happens ... I’m not trying to be humble but we felt like a very small piece of a huge team.”

The Super Bowl also saw the debut of a new remix of “My Generation” by will.i.am and Slash. It is available for sale on Amazon.com, will.i.am’s digital.com and the Who’s Web site, and proceeds will go to aid Haiti.

Townshend said he was impressed with the remix: “It’s actually very elegant, it’s not gangsta,” he said of will.i.am’s rap on the song.

Townshend called his entire Super Bowl experience a success, despite protests by some children’s rights advocates about his appearance on stage. He was required to register as a sex offender, despite being cleared. Townshend said he has been a children’s advocate for years and was abused himself as a child.

“We've worked our whole lives for this,” she said. If the conditions are not perfect, “It's not going to be. No, I'm not going to do it.”
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Reynolds’ burst carries ‘Nova past Mountaineers

Pittsburgh uses mid-game surge to remain unbeaten against Robert Morris, ends Colonials five-game winning streak

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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Scottie Reynolds didn’t have any memorable games against West Virginia — until he got hot against the Mountaineers in the second half Monday night.

The Wildcats guard scored 19 of his 21 points in the final 13 minutes and No. 4 Villanova held off No. 5 West Virginia 82-75.

In the season’s first matchup of teams ranked in the top five, the Wildcats (21-2, 10-1) rebounded from a blowout loss at No. 7 Georgetown on Saturday to pull into first place with No. 2 Syracuse in the Big East.

“You have guys asking where the toughest place to play is, and hands down for me, it’s West Virginia,” said Reynolds, who had averaged nine points in three previous games against the Mountaineers, including two losses in Morgantown.

“I remember a lot of years here,” he said. “It feels good to get one under our belt. It feels good and to do it the way we did it, it feels even better.”

Villanova shot 57 percent (29 of 51) from the field and its guards-oriented lineup outrebounded the Mountaineers 38-30.

West Virginia coach Bob Huggins points every game and carries us,” Reynolds said. “I think that’s what he does, to really run a young team, and to do it the way we did it, it feels even better.”

Villanova, which had its worst performance in a Mountaineers win, was ranked 20th in the country and just five days before the game was 19th in the Big East.

“Every time West Virginia was poised to make a run, the 6-foot-2 Reynolds was there to answer the challenge,” Villanova coach Jay Wright said. “Reggie Risdon didn’t get a specific pep talk or instructions from Wright about taking over. The opportunities just came to him.

“He wanted everyone to continue to be aggressive,” Reynolds said. “‘All the guys need to be aggressive’ so we couldn’t play on one person or two.

Limited to two points in the first half, Reynolds hit a 3-pointer and converted two three-point plays over a 3-minute span to push Villanova’s lead to 58-47 with 19:28 remaining.

Casey Mitchell gave West Virginia its first lead of the game on a jumper with 15:12 left and Villanova added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Colonials.

West Virginia did little on offense to get going.

Villanova held West Virginia under 50 percent shooting from the field for the 11th straight game. West Virginia was just 7 of 27 from 3-point range and shot poorly from the free-throw line, finishing 18 of 22.

“We really played as a unit defensively,” Wright said. “We really covered for each other and played unselfishly. When we had to switch, we switched. We got down against Georgetown and lost our composure and started scrambling. Tonight, we really kept good composure defensively.”

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Villanova forward Antonio Pena dunks over West Virginia’s Deniz Kilicli during the first half of the Wildcats’ victory Monday night.
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need to work on but it was excellent preparation for the opener against Hofstra.
Coyne, entering her 14th season as head coach, has been with the team since they entered Division I in 1997 and has raised the program from the club level to one of the most feared in the country.
With nine juniors and seniors in the starting lineup, experience at the collegiate level is in no shortage on the veteran squad. There is confidence that the senior leadership will help develop the younger players into stronger athletes and more adept "laxers."
"I think we have some younger players that blend in really nicely so we've got good balance," Coyne said. "They've adapted to the game so far."
The Irish will travel to Long Island to take on Hofstra in their season opener on Feb. 3. The last two meetings between the teams have been decided by a one goal margin, but this year there is hope that the tournament in January has given Notre Dame the edge they need for a decisive win.
"It's always been a close game with them, coming off this weekend I think we can bring a better game than we have in the past," senior captain Maggie Zentgraf said.
In any case, it is shaping up to be an interesting year for the Irish, and for the returning players another opportunity to make a run for the National Championship.
"We're not satisfied with last season and you're always inspired by the other teams here to do your best," Coyne said.
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recruiting ranking for three consecutive years. The only school that we are the only school with three consecutive recruiting classes, but that is something we should be very proud of," Irish head coach Bobby Bayliss said.
Most of the credit should go to [associate head coach] Ryan Smith and Kevin Andrews who has recruited to even more junior events than I and has really developed a strong rapport with many of the coaches of the top junior programs, especially in the country.
Notre Dame also signed more new players than any of these other schools.
Each player signed National Letters of Intent in November to continue their careers under Bayliss and Sachire.
Among the other top five recruiting leaders are Duke, which defeated the Irish 7-0 this last weekend. UCLA, Michigan, the Irish's next opponent, and Georgia. UCLA currently stands at No. 4 while Duke is at No. 21. Notre Dame stands at No. 5.
National tournament directors at each of the six men's and various junior tennis experts vote in the recruiting rankings on tenrecruiting.net.
Each voter ranked the top 25 recruiting classes, giving schools 25 points for each first-place vote, 10 points for each second-place vote and down to one point for each of the 25 place votes.
The Irish received a total of 379 points, compared to 404 for Georgia in fourth place and 445 for Duke in first place.
Bayliss said he values certain characteristics in the recruitment process. "Seeing them play as often as possible is important because you want to know how they will handle stress and adversity as much as how they handle success," Bayliss said. "I like to see how they interact with their peers and their parents. If they are close to their parents they will likely be the same with their teammates, going to spend four years of my life with someone it is important that we know them well."
In order to land these players, Notre Dame needed to recruit less heavily in the class competition. Andrews, No. 11 on the top recruiting list, was also highly interested in Michigan and had a bit of competition before signing with the Irish. Pecor, No. 22 for recruiting, had a bit of an easier recruitment, with several teams signing early in September to play for the Irish.
"I don't believe in bringing in anyone who cannot eventually play in our lineup and each of these guys have shown that potential," Bayliss said. "We currently have a couple of guys who are clearly better in doubles and it will be interesting to see how each of these players handle success. Certainly we will be among the deepest teams in the country with someone it is important that we know them well."
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Roubidoux was one rebound of a triple-double and finished with a line of 19 points, nine rebounds and 10 assists.
Guard Shareesha Grant led 23 points.
Cincinnati has four players with an average double figure total and could put pressure on a Notre Dame defense that gave up 76 points Saturday.
"Diggins averaged 18.5 points in games we have a good double-figure player," McGraw said.
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second in the 3-meter diving event with 367.15 points. Geary finished fifth with 324.00 points and Koter eighth with 323.75.
"They dive as a team and that is something we have been able to do for years," Walsh said. "They are a unified group and that has had some great performances."
In last year's NCAA Zone Meet, Geary posted a combined score of 564.20 and Villalor ended with a score of 239.50. Villalor closed out last sea- son with posted scores of 324.00 and 323.75 against Northwestern and at the Big East Championships, respec- tively. His career best for the 3-meter is 326.70 at the 2007 Shamrock Invitational. Geary also came up big at this time of the year last sea- son. He scored a 313.65 at Northwestern in his career best for the 1-meter. This year, he will be the first Big East Champion in Koter's career, having participated in, but not the rigorous schedule the Irish have had should be enough to prepare for this weekend. Walsh credited coach
Caching Xie with the success of the diving team.
"We depend on Caching a lot," Walsh said. "When he says what he wants the swimmers to do, then they are ready to go because he really is a superb coach."
This is Xie's 15th season as head coach of the Irish. He coached 2008 All-American Michael Boffin and was named the Irish's Women's Diving Coach of the Year each year from 2005-2007. In 2006, Notre Dame's male divers have posted the top seven scores in 1-meter diving, and eight of the top ten scores in 3-meter diving.
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