Sexual Assault Awareness Week kicks off

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

Sexual assaults are among the most terrible of human experiences, and people of all communities have a moral obligation to work to prevent them from happening, said Elizabeth Moriarty, assistant director for the Gender Relations Center.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which began yesterday, is an opportunity for survivors and communities to work towards healing and to bring people together to pray about this issue on campus and worldwide, but it also serves to bring people together to work towards healing and change.

Moriarty said one in four women will be a survivor of an attempted or completed sexual assault by the time they finish college.

“Take Back the Night” student organizer, Laura Lauck, a “Take Back the Night” student organizer, said, “The week’s purpose is to bring about awareness of this issue on campus and worldwide, but it also serves to bring people together to work towards healing and change.”

“Take Back the Night” is unique for us because we start with a prayer service, something not every college or university can do,” Moriarty said. “We start the march around campus at the Log Chapel this year, and we’re able as a religious institution to ask publicly questions about how to pray about this.”

JPW allows parents to experience campus life

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Notre Dame juniors spent the past three days with their parents experiencing everything that the University has to offer during the annual Junior Parents Weekend.

Now that the weekend of food, events and bonding has concluded, juniors can sit back and reflect on the experiences and memories that they shared with their parents over the course of the weekend.

“Junior Parents Weekend was nice because there was a lot of stuff to do,” junior Ryan Bahnki said. “Everyone seemed to really participate in the events and were really excited about it.”

The weekend had several events for the juniors and their parents to attend, including the Opening Gala Friday, the President’s Dinner Saturday and various dorm and college events where parents could have a more personal experience with the University of Notre Dame and with their children.

“Junior Parents Weekend is really organized and is better than your parents just coming up on a random weekend,” junior Michael Bohrner said. “I was able to show my parents what I’ve done and my accomplishments in a more personal way than just telling them.

Green Summit to focus on food

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Today’s third annual Green Summit will highlight the sustainable efforts made on Notre Dame’s campus, offering participants the chance to host roundtable discussion.

The event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Monogram Room in the Joyce Center.

“The Summit is a great opportunity to bring together undergraduates, graduate students, staff and faculty to develop a shared vision of how we can make Notre Dame a more sustainable campus,” Education and Outreach Coordinator from the Office of Sustainability Rachel Novick said.

The theme this year is the Footprint of Food. Novick said. The theme will be represented in the roundtable discussion portion of the Summit.

“This year there will be a twist,” she said. “Participants will have 15 minutes to discuss a topic at their table, then we’ll ring a bell and it will be time to switch tables and topics.”

The four topics in the rotation are food and climate, local food, sustainable seafood and food waste.

Senior Colleen Kelly, intern with the Office of Sustainability and President of GreeND, said the event Art exhibit analyzes Eric Gill’s work

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

Three students brought a British artist’s work across the pond to the Library Special Collections Room. The exhibit, which opens today, was organized under the direction of Professor John Sherman, who taught a special class last semester to analyze works from the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections’ Eric Gill Collection.

Sherman said Gill was responsible for designing the Gill San font type and sculpting the Stations of the Cross at Westminster Cathedral in addition to other artistic pursuits.

Senior Juliana Hoffelder and sophomores Micahlyn Allen and Kelly Fallon gathered materials from the collection for the exhibit, titled "Art exhibit analyzes Eric Gill’s work."
INSIDE COLUMN

Speaking of JPW

At the Junior Parents’ Weekend Mass Saturday, Fr. Tom Eckert said in his homily that we should enjoy all of the meaningful conversations that the weekend would bring.

That comment struck me, because over JPW I did indeed have some fascinating conversations with friends, family and faculty members. And when I say fascinating, I mean awkward, inappropriate or overall just mortifying. And I’m leaving out the one where my dad and I discussed certain medical procedures I may or may not need.

Some examples, in chronological order:

• On the phone with my mom Friday afternoon:
  Mom: “So are you going to drink margaritas with us at the Mexican restaurant?”
  Me: “No, those things are pure sugar.”
  Mom: “So are you going to drink margaritas with us at the Mexican restaurant?”

• At a reception for theology majors Saturday, talking with a theology professor whom I had just met:
  Professor: “What are you planning to do after you graduate?”
  Me: “Well, I work for The Observer, and if I can find a job in journalism I would love to do that.”
  Professor: “That’s a great way to be poor for the rest of your life.”

• Still at the theology reception:
  Me: “There is nothing in this life I can get with a 4.0 that I can’t get with a 3.5.”
  Dad: “How about on the Dean’s List?”
  Me: “There is nothing in this life I can get with a 4.0 that I can’t get with a 3.5.”

• At Mass, towards the end of the Sign of Peace:
  My mom leans past me towards a junior to my right:
  Mom: “What are you doing?”
  Me: “I wanted to shake his hand. He’s cute.”

• At the President’s Dinner:
  A friend from high school runs into my roommate:
  Friend: “I found your Dad in the bathroom.”

• In a way, conversations like this are at the core of JPW in a quest to be discovered just what their kids are up to. For most of us, the Notre Dame experience involves being watched (legally and responsibly, of course), obsessing over grades and careers, convincing loners that our birthday really was 21 years ago and attempting to pick up cute co-eds at the bar:

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Laura Myers at lmyers@nd.edu

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IN BRIEF

The third annual campus-wide sustainability planning session for students, staff and faculty, Green Summit III, “The Footprint of Food,” will take place today from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Room in the Joyce Center.

A lecture entitled “National Socialism in Philosophy: Being, History, Technology and Extermination in Heidegger’s Work” will be given today by Emmanuel Faye. It will take place from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Eck Visitors Center Auditorium.

A lecture, “Computation, Aesthetics, and the Contemporary Baroque,” will take place today from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall.

The children’s book, “A Color of His Own,” by Leo Lionni, will be read at the Notre Dame Bookstore tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

A seminar, “Prospects for Peace in Israel-Palestine,” will take place tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Dooley Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

A lecture entitled “A War on Terror by Any Other Name: What Has Obama Changed?” will take place tomorrow from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in Room C103 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD BE ANY DISNEY CHARACTER, WHO WOULD YOU BE?

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Laura Myers
Assistant Sports Editor

“Winnie the Pooh... oh, bother.”

“The Little Mermaid. Have you seen Prince Eric?”

“Meg from ‘Hercules,’ because she’s got attitude and a backbone.”

“Cinderella. She’s a blonde bombshell, just like me.”

“Mulan. Gentle as a forest, but a fire, within.”

“Jasmine because I love adventures.”

Students bless their parents at the Junior Parents Weekend brunch. The blessing was led by University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh. The brunch was one of many events that juniors and their parents attended this weekend.

Nepal’s shortest man in search of world record

KATHMANDU, Nepal — A man who is only 22 inches (56 centimeters) tall left his home country of Nepal on Sunday in a quest to be recognized as the world’s shortest man. Khagendra Thapa Magar is traveling to Europe to campaign for the Guinness World Record title. He applied to London-based group for a place in the record book in October. Soon after turning 18, but said he has not received any response.

Magar’s family initially filed a claim when he was 14, but it was rejected because he was not an adult and there was a chance he might grow.

They say doctors in Nepal have not been able to explain why Magar is so small.

Magar had his buttocks branded with symbols from his fraternity, and a sorority branded on his back.

Police say student willingly participated in the act willingly.

Still at the theology reception:

Professor read: “That’s a great way to be poor for the rest of your life.”

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NIGHTLY WEATHER REPORT

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Conference to discuss human development

By AMANDA GRAY

The second annual Human Development Conference will bring students from all over the country and world together to discuss the best ways to address global development and aid.

The conference’s theme will be “People, Power and Pragmatism: The Future of Development in Our Changing World” and will take place on Feb. 26 and 27.

“We all really have a passion to bring change to the world, to make a difference,” senior and co-chair of the conference Barbara Vi Ho said. “I remem-ber...someone saying, ‘It’s not enough to have a heart. You have to have a heart that sees.' We have to understand the con-texts of the situations that we’re entering, the people and the culture that we’re trying to work with.

“I think the conference is the center of that,” she said.

The conference will feature research from 43 different countries, Jeremy Tamargo, senior and publicity manager for the conference, said.

“It’s a student-led conference, with a committee of student members,” Tamargo said.

The conference is in tune with the mission of the University, Andrew Seelaus, senior and co-chair for the conference, said.

“If you look at the mission of the University, it’s totally in line with the conference,” Seelaus said. “There’s definitely an interest on campus.

In addition to there being interest on campus, Tamargo said the conference fills a need.

“Catholic social tradition teaches us that solidarity and preferential option for the poor,” he said. “As long as there’s a need for development, there’s a need for this conference and the need to keep students engaged.

“They shouldn’t just be in the classroom, but taking that scholarship out of the classroom and applying it with action, creating social change.”

The conference’s focus is broad enough to incorporate students from every major, Ho said.

“Because it is a multi-discipli-ney conference, it provides a venue for people of all different disciplines to present how they think they can make a change in the world,” Seelaus said.

With the broad focus, Ho said she hopes students will begin to see development in a different light.

“I would hope that it would open their eyes to seeing human development as involving so many different fields,” Ho said.

Tamargo said big organiza-tions should not be the only ones doing development work.

“It starts with your own agency and taking action,” Tamargo said. “That’s the start-ing point.”

Seelaus said he hopes the conference will be an opportu-nity to show that students are taking action.

“[University President Fr. John] Jenkins talks about making Notre Dame a preeminent research institution in the country, and I think this is just another great venue for us to showcase that, both graduate and undergraduate student research,” Seelaus said.

Lacey Haussamen, advisor from one of the conference’s sponsors, the Ford Family Program, said she sees the conference as an opportunity for students to participate in an academic forum.

“One thing I think is so special about this conference is that it gives students a chance to really participate in an academic conference,” Haussamen said.

“It gives them an opportunity to present their research, particu-larly undergraduates who haven’t had that experience before.”

Tony Pohlen, also an advisor from the Ford Program, said the different viewpoints offered at the conference help breed ingenuity in thinking.

“Maybe one third of the pre-senters are Notre Dame stu-dents, but the others come from universities from across the country and internationally,” Pohlen said. “It brings together students that have had these amazing experiences around the world to present their work, but also to discuss their view-points.”

The conference will involve students from other universities as well, Seelaus said.

“We’ve got people coming in from various colleges, and if those people have a slightly dif-ferent perspective to human development that maybe is bet-ter in one realm while we are better in another realm, if we can put that together, we can make things happen,” Seelaus said.

“This is one event that the Ford Program is sponsoring that really allows students to be engaged in that discussion of development,” Pohlen said.

“It’s not just faculty giving lec-tures. It’s not simple courses that we’re introducing. It’s students really engaged in development issues con-tributing to the thinking and the solving of those problems that affect people around the world.”

Registration ends tonight and can be completed at online at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies Web site, but people are invited to attend even if they do not register.

The event will be held at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, with the reception and dinner in the Monogram Room of the Joyce Center.

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By AMANDA GRAY

The Observer • CAMPUS NEWS
SMC puts on ‘CSI: Live' show for children

By ALICIA SMITH
Sports Writer

Complete with a smoke machine and special effects lighting, children were drawn to a hands-on learning experience with CSI Live.

The show was recommended for children ages 10 and over and was presented Friday in the O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College. The show offered kids an experience where they could solve crimes in a fascinating world of crime scene investigation through an exciting, interactive journey led by DCI team, according to promotional fliers.

The show led the audience through the investigation of a crime scene. Actresses Theresa Noon and Bear Schaal played the two crime scene investigators, Sydney Mathis and David Hart.

In the crime: A magician picks an audience member to participate in a trick that results in food play. Mathis and Hart are asked to investigate the scene, and ask the young audience to help.

“I think the kids enjoyed the show. They really got into it. When they asked for volunteers they were jumping up and down on seats,” sophomore Jordan Bartrom, who performed the role of the suspect, said. Hart and Mathis gave helpful pointers for solving crimes and uncovering clues within a crime scene.

“A witness statement is one of the most important elements in finding suspects,” Mathis said during the performance.

Though only some members of the audience were called on stage, the entire cast of kids on stage were given special gloves and CSI coats so they appeared to be part of the investigative team.

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The class included a weeklong trip to London where students grasped Eric’s Gill influence on art, design and catholic social teachings.

According to the exhibit’s catalog, Gill began his career in London. In 1907, he moved to Ditchling, England, where he helped establish the Guild of Saint Joseph and Saint Dominic, a Catholic community of sculptors, writers and other artists. Gill’s work extended into multiple fields. In addition to designing fonts and sculpting Statues of the Cross, he constructed war memorials. The Catholic Worker Movement later used his drawings and images in publications, according to the catalog.

They are writing their own take and forming opinions themselves. For some students, that’s a different experience. You are actually trying to learn what somebody else thinks.”

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Catholicism at the Crossroads: How the Laity Can Save the Church

Paul Lalaland
Professor, Religious Studies
Chair, Catholic Studies
Fairfield University

Tuesday, April 23, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Stapleton Lounge
Le Mans Hall

The idea is that this isn’t just a women’s issue, this affects our whole community, it’s something we need to realize it or not. Many people do in fact know someone who has been touched by this, they just don’t realize it,” she said.

Moriarty emphasized that student concerns are a top priority. The student schedule was made flexible to reflect what students are looking for at that time.

Other events throughout the week include a screening of “The Accused,” co-sponsored by the Athletic department, as well as various resource tables with information and petitions, all in an effort to promote solidarity and reject sexual violence.

The week culminates in what Moriarty called, “our biggest event,” which is the “Time to Heal” dinner at Legends during Earth Week. Last year’s dinner drew 220 attendees, Moriarty said.

“We realized that Notre Dame is small enough to create an awareness week that affects the whole campus, not just a section of it,” she said.

“When we’re made aware of an injustice we are obliged to object to it. When you see people within the community really rallying around those who have been directly affected, it’s a powerful experience. Not only does the individual become transformed, but the community as well.”

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CATHOLICISM AT THE CROSSROADS: HOW THE LAITY CAN SAVE THE CHURCH

Paul Lalaland Professor, Religious Studies Chair, Catholic Studies Fairfield University Tuesday April 23, 2010 7:30 p.m. Stapleton Lounge Le Mans Hall
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Paraguayan leader visits soccer star

MEXICO CITY — Paraguayan President Fernando Lugo was a soccer star Salvador Cabanas is hopeful, talking and exercising.

The Paraguayan striker, who plays for Mexico’s Club America, is recovering after being shot in the head Jan. 25 at a Mexico City bar. Lugo was found near the venue andavit" of hope" during their talk at the hospital Sunday. "It was an emotional moment in the life of a national team player." Lugo showed off the statue in the nearby park in December. Cabanas had been expected to lead Paraguay to national team at the World Cup in South Africa this summer.

Obama statue returns to public view

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A statue of Barack Obama as a boy was placed late Sunday night at the Jakarta elementary school the U.S. president once attended, after its display in a public park prompted backlash in the Indonesia capital.

The replacement of the bronze statue a week after it disappeared ahead of a visit by Obama was a low-key event officiated by the school’s principal. Scores of proud students had been among the crowd of 500 watching when Jakarta’s mayor unveiled the statue in the nearby park in December.

The likelihood based on a childhood photograph grew after a 10-year-old Obama smiling at a butterfly perched on his outstretched thumb.

NATIONAL NEWS

Archaeologists find octagonal house

Lynchburg, Va., and is considered to be the first octagonal house in the United States.

Archaeologists believe they might have unearthed the ruins of a 19th-century Octagon House in a 61-year-old Linda Nickle and 24-year-old Elizabeth Newcomer were found around 5 p.m. in an Indianapolis home.

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ATF charges 2 men in church fire

TYLER, Texas — Federal agents say two men were charged with setting an east Texas church on fire and are suspected in a string of similar blazes this year.

The 900-square-foot house was built about 1790. Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest. That house was built in the 1820s near Lynchburg, Va., and is considered to be the first octagonal house in the United States.

The ruins were found last fall on the banks of 250,000, of a Portuguese archipelago of the same name in the Atlantic Ocean just over 300 miles off the west coast of Africa.

The flash floods were so powerful they carved paths down mountains and ripped through the city, churning under some bridges and tearing others down. Residents struggled to get to the front of Water towers, which had been destroyed, damaged, full of torn clung to railings to avoid being swept away. Cars were tossed about by the force of the water, the battered shells of overturned vehicles littering the streets.

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Gov't develops Great Lakes rescue plan

Announcing the Year 2010 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2010 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduates and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student’s degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1) an explanation of the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame;
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
5) two letters of recommendation
6) a transcript showing all grades and courses completed
7) a list of other sources of funding (being sought or confirmed) for the same project (i.e. Office of International Studies, Nanovic Institute, etc.)

Application Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2010
Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship Program in Italian Studies 343 O’Shaughnessy Hall University of Notre Dame
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**GAS PRICES DROP ACROSS NATION**

In California, the average price for a gallon of regular was $2.87.

**MARKET RECAP**

**Leaders consider recovery plans**

U.S.-backed expansion of garment industry could help rebuild nation’s economy

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**Haiti**

Lufthansa seeks to avoid strike

**In Brief**

Lufthansa avoids a strike

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**Oil services company buys competitor**

Associated Press

**HOU STON — Schlumberger Ltd., the world’s biggest oilfield services company, has agreed to purchase fellow oilfield player Smith International Inc. for about $11 billion in stock in a move to diversify its product offerings and weather a slowdown in drilling operations around the world.**

**The deal, announced Sunday, boosts Schlumberger’s portfolio just as business is beginning to recover. Smith, based in Houston, makes drilling tools, bits and other products for the oil and gas industries.**

**Schlumberger, which has main offices in Paris, Houston and the Hague, Netherlands, slumped during the global recession that weakened energy demand and discouraged drilling operations around the world. But prices have since rebounded and the company said in its most recent earnings report in January that its business will benefit as recovering countries burn more fuel.**

**Under terms of the transaction, Smith stockholders will receive 0.6966 of a Schlumberger share for each share held. Based on Schlumberger’s closing stock price Friday of $63.90, that values Smith shares at $44.51 each. Based on Smith’s 247.4 million shares outstanding, the all-stock purchase is worth $11.01 billion.**

**The deal values Smith shares at a 25 percent premium to their closing price Thursday before reports of the companies’ merger talks sent Smith’s shares soaring. Smith CEO John Warrillow said the acquisition, which has been unanimously approved by both compa- nies’ boards, is good for shareholders.**

**BM0 Capital Markets analyst Alan Laws said the purchase would fill in the few gaps Schlumberger has in its portfolio by adding Smith’s leading positions in fluids and drill bit technol- ogy. In a note to clients Friday as spec- ulation about a possible deal swirled, Laws said the acquisition would boost Schlumberger’s domestic U.S. opera- tions with “mainstream services that are in high demand.” He expects Smith’s Wilson distribution business will be spun out after the deal closes.**
I would like to tender my apology to the entire junior class who attended the JPW brunch this weekend. Through a misunderstanding on my part, I arrived too late to offer the invocation that I had been invited to give. I consider it a great honor to have been invited. It was an injustice to those who left too late, for which I apologize to Assistant Dean and JPW faculty.Zach Silber worked early in the morning to expedite the JPW brunch and the lunch a delightful, successful event. I am pleased that my presence was not felt by the brunch attendees.

Letters to the Editor

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Feb. 4

réality check

Thank you, Mr. Easley (“Words of wisdom,” Feb. 18) for your enlightening insights to the facts of life. While you shed some light on the value of hard work, you have missed some very important points. Yeah, life is hard. The difficulties of day-to-day life can’t be ignored. And, unfortunately, some people have it tougher than others. At the same time, don’t we, as members of the human population, have a responsibility to do what we can to improve this world, thus making life easier for our fellow humans? Human civilization is marked by a continuous struggle for existence and survival. This is why, as you mentioned, many people have family members helping them out through tough situations. This isn’t always enough, though, and I’m surprised anyone can be so naive as to think such help is always sufficient. Shouldn’t this university, one of the least hard-hit by the recession and one of the richest in the nation, allocate some of its vast resources to better the lives of some of its hardest-working employees?

Oh, but wait, you say this is a University “handout”! You argue that people could go to night school or community college, making a personal sacrifice, to get ahead in life. But what if they can’t afford tuition? What if they are already working as much as they can, letting students like you enjoy the life we have on campus, and can’t afford to make any more sacrifices like this job? So, why is it that some people actually like to go home and spend time with their spouses or family members? A raise in building and food service workers’ wages isn’t a handout; it’s just fair compensation for the job they are doing.

I am, in no way judging the lives of the fine workers at this university. I have known many of them and their families, and I would hope that someone who has worked at a place for more than a decade should make “a bit more than $9”? Only a bit? I would hope that someone who has worked at a place for more than a decade would receive a substantial amount more after a decade of service than when they first started.

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Colleen Lowry
junior
LeMans Hall
Feb. 18

Welcome to capitalism

Dear Mr. Nowak (“Words of social jus- tice,” Feb. 19) and Mr. McClell (’No words of wisdom,” Feb. 19):

University employees are not coerced into accepting jobs. If their services were more valuable than their current wages indicate, then they would work elsewhere in favor of more lucrative salaries elsewhere.

The University has no legal or moral obligation to pay employees any more than market price. To suggest that it is immoral to refrain from overpaying one’s employees is akin to condemning one who does not offer charitable pay- ment to a seller beyond their asking price, as this would seem an equivalent gesture of generosity. Surely, this is a ridiculous proposition, as is any proposi- tion that holds the government respon- sible for the welfare of the lower class, or any individual responsible for the welfare of another, for that matter. This is not an issue of Catholic virtue or right vs. left philosophy, but simply the realities of capitalism, to which we are all subject. If you would personally like to donate money to University employees out of your own pocket then I’m sure you will have no trouble find- ing takers. You may then petition your own employer for higher wages to fund your other philanthropic pursuits and see the reaction with which your request is met. However, such projects are not to be demanded of the University or anyone else, even with ill- conceived appeals to morality.

Alex Andre
freshman
Stanford Hall
Feb. 19

Get some real experience

To Mark Easley (“Words of wisdom,” Feb. 18):

As a holder of a four-year degree from a prestigious (I hope) university, I completely disagree with your “advice” to working people. I don’t know how much experience you have in a 9-to-5, but especially now, it’s a struggle to get by even with a degree and a good job. It’s even harder when your job involves cleaning up after spoiled col- lege kids and holds no appeal whatever.

To quote you, “It is very preten- tious to think you know what is best for others.” I hope you get a good wordly wisdom before you criticize peo- ple who are working hard for a living.

John-Paul Witt
alumnus
Class of 2009
Feb. 18

ND workers always behind the Joneses

First of all, thank you Mr. Easley for your “Words of wisdom” (Feb. 18), but I would have expected a lit- tle more wisdom and a little less ignorance from a student that comes into contact with building and food service employees daily. Allow me to explain a few things about life you may have missed.

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Scene had a chance to interview the actors and director behind the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s most recent student production, “Natural Selection.” Scene was fortunate enough to pick the brains of the thespians behind the play, including director, Tim Hardy, a visiting professor who’s been here before as part of the Actors From The London Stage, Eddie Velasquez, a senior theatre major who plays Zhao, and Kevin Barsaloux, a sophomore theatre major who plays Henry Carson.

What’s the most exciting part of “Natural Selection?”

**Tim Hardy:** It’s entertaining. It’s a comedy. It’s America in the future, where we’re totally dependent upon gizmos and nothing is real anymore. It’s what happens when we go too far in that direction.

**Kevin Barsaloux:** The most exciting part for me has been working with so many talented people. Everyone involved has been fantastic and every aspect of the show is coming together in a great way. Also, Eric Coble, the playwright, is coming to the Friday performance, so that’s really exciting.

What kind of show is it?

**Tim Hardy:** I am from Britain, and this is a totally American piece, but comedy is international and I’ve loved it because it has entirely American rhythms, which I think we’ve found. It is very un-English, in the writing and delivery of it.

**Kevin Barsaloux:** To demonstrate that, my character is a wimpy nerdy guy who’s really into Native American history and legend which is why he has his job: head of the Native American Tribal Pavilion at Wonder World’s Culture Fiesta.

What challenges have you faced?

**Kevin Barsaloux:** One of the challenges has been getting used to the clothes of the future and doing quick changes taking the clothes from my belt, which is like a 360-degree fanny pack. Yes the costumes are awesome, and I totally hope this is where fashion trends are going because you never really know when you’ll need a safari jacket.

**Eddie Velasquez:** The first time we tried using the food [on stage], we were all extremely nervous about how the scene would play out, and we ended up making a mess but having a blast.

What’s the most interesting aspect of this performance?

**Tim Hardy:** I’ve just enjoyed getting nine terrific actors and letting them lose.

**Eddie Velasquez:** There are many extremely ridiculous moments onstage, as the whole play is an absolute riot. Perhaps the most ridiculous involves eating, but I don’t want to give the scene away.

**Kevin Barsaloux:** Two words: Sloppy Joes.

What do you want to audience to go away thinking?

**Eddie Velasquez:** Mmmm, the guy who played Henry Carson, I wonder if he’s single—really though, I think it’s kind of epitomized by what the character Zhao says during the play. The main point I guess would be, ‘Study the past. Move toward the future.’

**Kevin Barsaloux:** I would like the audience to leave with a sense of enjoyment but also with a realization of the strong messages of the show. Eric Coble has written the play as a commentary on current American ideals, and the audience stands to gain positively from the moral of the play.

What would you tell people interested in seeing the show?  

**Tim Hardy:** (kidding): It’s about sex, drugs and rock and roll.

**Kevin Barsaloux:** Anything I could say here is overshadowed by the sheer hilarity of the show, which is why everyone should come see it.

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Premiering this Tuesday at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, “Natural Selection,” by playwright Eric Coble is an absurdist play, which is guaranteed to make the audience laugh, and reflect on their modern lives.

Performed by Notre Dame students and directed by Tim Hardy, “Natural Selection” takes place in the future where everyone eats microwave food, posts on blogs instead of engaging in actual conversation, wears tight sparkly leggings and has an entire wardrobe in their fanny packs. In this time setting, there is the Cultural Fiesta Theme Park where all things “cultural” are displayed — including Native Americans. When their Native American “stock” begins to run low, however, curator Henry Carson (sophomore Kevin Barsaloux) decides to go into the desert and bring back another specimen of this rare breed. Unfortunately, his precious find turns out to be part Nicaraguan with Chino-Brazilian ancestry. Paid to pretend to be a genuine Navajo, the adventures begin as the world starts to seemingly revolt against the technological taming which has been overruling nature. And so “natural selection” begins ... and may the fittest survive.

The absurdity of the scenario we are presented with, complemented by the costumes and the dialogue, draws the viewer into a reality not so far from our own — but given an extra satirical twist. Nowadays, many families already eat only microwave food and to some people, blogging is the new in-person conversation. When the main character’s child is at a virtual school, playing the clarinet in his virtual band, we might feel a sneaking suspicion that in a not too distant future this might be our family. It’s a realization that gives us no other option than to laugh. And indeed, “Natural Selection” is a highly comical play that has a plot that is sure to make the audience toss their heads back in laughter, if not feel a touch of sadness or even concern for the path our lives seem to be taking.

Scenes such as the interaction of Carson with his wife, or his family with the half-native he captures, are interesting to watch as Coble adapts our current modern life with what is, to a certain extent, a prediction of the future. “Natural Selection” is reminiscent of Aldous Huxley’s classic “Brave New World,” having the same comic appeal rooted in the fear for a lonely future, where robotic attitudes compromise intrapersonal interactions and “culture parks” are presented as a wild form of entertainment, although the number of authentic “indigenous peoples” is now scarce. What is frightening to realize, and what “Natural Selection” highlights, is that these people, who are more and more rare to encounter, are the ones who carry our culture — thus being placed in a Cultural Theme Park. Technology is overriding our lives and our culture, leaving us cultureless. What happens when this lifestyle culminates is what the play doubles in and what makes it such a success.

The play will be performed in the Regis Philbin Studio Theatre, a black box theatre, where the ceiling, the walls and the chairs are black, highlighting the contrast with the white minimalist scenario. The only props are a couple of tables, chairs and futuristic laptops. The characters change clothes on stage, adding or removing a jacket, tie or apron from their handy fanny packs. Extensively rehearsed and anxiously anticipated, “Natural Selection” is not to be missed.

“Natural Selection,” presented by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, will premiere tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and run through Sunday. Tickets are available online and at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center box office. They are $10 for students, $12 for faculty and staff, and $15 for the general public.

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PITTSBURGH — No. 19 Pittsburgh controlled the tempo and the offensive rebounding to hand No. 3 Villanova its second consecutive loss.

Ashton Gibbs scored 21 points, Gilbert Brown added 16 and Gary McGhee’s 10 rebounds led the Panthers to the upset of the Wildcats 70-65 on Sunday.

The first meeting between the two teams since Villanova’s dramatic NCAA tournament win last year turned out to be another typical, physical Big East matchup. Last season, star guard Scottie Reynolds’ last-second basket gave the Wildcats a 76-74 win to send them to the Final Four. No last-second heroics on Sunday for Reynolds, who finished with 20 points.

“I wanted to win that game for the players that left last year,” said Pitt guard Jermaine Dixon, one of only two seniors on this year’s squad, who felt bad for losing.

Dixon and the Panthers had lost three of their last four games coming into Sunday.

“Last year, we put it past us and that’s just a step to us getting the Big East regular season title,” Jermaine Dixon said.

Dixon scored 21 points to lead the Panthers (21-6, 10-4 Big East) to a six-point lead.

Wisconsin 70, Northwestern 63

With some shaky free throw shooting down the stretch, Jon Leuer showed that he still isn’t all the way back from a broken wrist that caused him to miss a big chunk of the Big Ten season.

But his critical blocked shot in the closing seconds of Sunday’s narrow victory over Northwestern shows how important the big man can be for No. 14 Wisconsin.

The Badgers leading by three, Leuer jumped to block a layup attempt by the Wildcats’ Michael Thompson with 11 seconds remaining. Jason Bohannon and Trevor Hughes each sank a pair of free throws from there, allowing Wisconsin to escape with a win.

“The block was just trying to make up for all those free throws I missed,” Leuer said.

“I don’t think I was thinking there.”

Bohannon scored 17 points to lead the Badgers (20-7, 10-5 Big Ten), who were coming off a loss at Minnesota and had lost two of their last three games coming into Sunday.

John Shurna scored 26 for the Wildcats (17-10, 6-9), who narrowly missed a chance at an automatic five game road win and had lost three of their last four.

“I think we came together,” Shurna said. “It’s kind of tough to say after a loss we did well. I think it shows the character of our team. I think we could’ve just laid an egg like how we’ve been doing lately, but I think we stayed strong.”

Ohio State 74, Michigan State 67

Ohio State’s Evan Turner was dealing with a cold, flu-like symptoms when he arrived at Michigan State for a crucial Big Ten road game.

He left town feeling much better after the Buckeyes earned a victory Sunday.

Turner had a second half surge with 20 points and 10 rebounds to tighten the conference standings. The No. 9 Buckeyes (21-6, 11-4) and No. 11 Spartans (21-7, 10-4) are tied for second place in the Big Ten. It’s a half-game behind Purdue.

Turner rested in the first half before the rest of the Buckeyes took shooting practice Saturday night. Turner got a plateful of food —then didn’t eat it — Sunday morning.

“He did a tremendous job of building up through it.” Ohio State coach Thad Matta said of his star, who leads the Big Ten in scoring and rebounding.

“You have to give him a lot of credit for how he played. I thought he was a little bit off there at the beginning. We got some great looks. But there were no legs.

Turner scored 16 points in the second half.

William Buford had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Buckeyes, who squandered a 14-point second-half lead before rallying for the victory.

Durrell Summers scored 16 points for Michigan State, including seven straight to give the Spartans a 62-61 lead with 4:05 remaining.

Buford hit two free throws to put the Buckeyes back on top 63-62. Turner’s jumper gave Ohio State a 65-62 lead with 2:55 left.

John Diebler hit a three-pointer with 1:45 left to put the Buckeyes ahead 68-62. Michigan State couldn’t rallied back, dropping a home game that leaves it needing a strong finish to repeat as conference champions.

“Disappointed would be a foolish word,” said Michigan State coach Tom Izzo. “I said it’s more than that.”

Michigan State’s Kalin Lucas went 6 for 5 from the floor and scored just one point in the first half before finishing with nine points in the game.

Raymar Morgan had nine points and 14 rebounds.

The Buckeyes stayed in the Big Ten race by winning on the road against a much deeper team. Ohio State used just six players Sunday.

The Buckeyes quieted the Breslin Center crowd with a big run midway through the first half to grab a 23-12 lead. Buford had nine points in the first 12 minutes, while Dallas Lauderdale had three dunks off half-court sets.

Turner made only one of his first eight shots and scored just one point in the first half. But his teammates helped out and the Buckeyes took a 39-26 halftime lead.

“It showed we can score,” Turner said of the solid team effort. “It’s not just me. It’s all the guys. They made a lot of good plays.”

Ohio State outrebounded Michigan State 41-38.

The Spartans made just 9 of 27 shots in the first half, while committing nine turnovers. Michigan State protected the ball better and shot better in the second half. Michigan State also outrebounded the Spartans 30-22.

“We fought back, but it’s the same story,” said Michigan State’s Draymond Green, who finished with 11 points. “They were just stronger and we didn’t get the dammage done.

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Ohio State, which has the week off before traveling to Purdue for a Feb. 28 matchup. That game was going to be huge for Michigan State’s title hopes regardless of what happened against the Buckeyes.

“Our situation was really good to be the Buckeyes,” Izzo said. “We have to beat Purdue down there, either way.”

Ohio State plays at Penn State and then hosts Michigan later this week.
Around the Nation

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Tiger Woods publicly apologizes for his infidelity in a press conference Friday. It was the golfer’s first public appearance since he became the source of controversy in late November. The golfer spoke for more than 3 minutes to the media.

Woods’ public apology draws mixed reviews

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Across the media landscape, time stopped for 13 1/2 minutes Friday as Tiger Woods emerged from the shadows with a much-awaited, tightly packed video apology for his sexual escapades.

Dozens of broadcast networks, cable news outlets and online streams carried his scripted statement live, allowing a global audience to see and hear from Woods for the first time since his public image went into free fall nearly three months ago.

Viewers by the millions paused to watch and listen as the golf great spoke from the clubhouse at the TPC Sawgrass, home of the PGA Tour, in Ponte Vedra, Fla. Meanwhile, news anchors, TV pundits and morning show hosts sat ready to pounce with their reviews.

ABC’s George Stephanopoulos called the speech “one of the most remarkable public apologies ever by a public figure.”

He (Tiger) left nothing on the table,” Stephanopoulos said. “This is a man who has thought a lot about what he did.”

Rick Ceron, former New York Yankees public relations director, disagreed.

“What I saw was arrogance,” he said on CNN. “I think he was very genuine in his responses and his statement,” Debert Cook, publisher of African American Golfer’s Digest, said on BBC, News 24 television in London. “I think we are entering a whole new era spiritually and emotionally for Tiger Woods. There’s always going to be the doubters out there but I think we have to take him at his word and watch his actions.”

CBS’ David Feherty, who covered Woods on the circuit, said, “I have never seen him appear so vulnerable, ... I was very impressed with what he said.”

“The vast number of people just want their Tiger Woods back,” Feherty said. “Covering Woods’ appearance were networks as far-flung as the Golf Channel and business network CNBC (which had a digital countdown clock on the screen beforehand and dubbed Woods’ remarks his ‘Media Calypso’). It was unusual for such a broad swath of TV outlets to hand several minutes of precious airtime to any public figure with a message to peddle, no questions asked.

On the other hand, Woods’ message was short, dramatic and — no matter if you bought his remorse or not — gripping when he declared, “I was unfaithful, I had affairs. I cheated. What I did is not acceptable, and I am the only person to blame.”

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IN BRIEF

Damon completes physical, prepares to join Tigers

LAKELAND, Fla. — A person familiar with the negotiations says Johnny Damon has completed his physical with the Detroit Tigers, clearing the way for the team to finalize a one-year contract with the outfielder.

The person spoke Sunday to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal hadn’t been announced.

Another person familiar with the situation said Saturday night that the Tigers and Damon agreed on an $8 million, one-year deal, subject to a physical.

The 36-year-old Damon would bring another left-handed bat to the Tigers’ lineup besides switch-hitter Carlos Guillen. Guillen and Damon would likely alternate between left field and designated hitter, but manager Jim Leyland says Guillen would be his everyday hitter out of the No. 5 slot. Leyland said he told Guillen last fall that he would be the full-time left fielder.

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FORT MYERS, Fla. — American League MVP Joe Mauer reported to spring training for the Minnesota Twins on Sunday without a contract extension in place.

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Miller makes comeback for Olympic victory

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia — Bode Miller finally won his elusive silver medal, using a blistering slalom run Sunday to complete one of the most unlikely Olympic comebacks ever.

Four years after bombing out amid lofty expectations at the Turin Games and a year after practically walking away from the sport, Miller won the super-combined for his third medal in as many events at Vancouver.

Seventh after the morning downhill run, Miller skied the third-fastest afternoon slalom leg for a two-run time of 2 minutes, 49.92 seconds — a comfortable 0.33 ahead of Ivica Kostelic of Croatia, who matched his silver medal at Turin. Silvan Zurbriggen of Switzerland claimed bronze, 0.40 back.

For a guy who has insisted that medals aren't important, this one clearly was special.

"The way I executed, the way I skied, is something I'll be proud of for the rest of my life," Miller said.

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U.S. gold medalist skier Bode Miller celebrates his olympic victory in the super-combined event in Whistler, B.C., Sunday

Miller has also won a silver and a bronze at the Vancouver Games — a sharp contrast from his no-medal performance in Turin.

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The last of Miller's five World Cup slalom wins came more than five years ago, and he has been searching since then to redesign his form in the discipline.

This run should satisfy him.

Miller let out a big smile upon crossing the finish line and stuck out his tongue while the crowd roared its approval.

"Slalom in my mind is the toughest event," Miller said. "When you ski slalom well, it's the best event there is. When you ski it poorly, it's the worst event there is."

What's more, Miller managed to survive a slalom course set by Kostelic's father and coach, Ante, who is known for his tricky sets.

"I think slalom skiers for sure wouldn't have a great chance if the slalom course was simple," Ivica Kostelic said. "The setting was quite demanding, but not as demanding as it could be. But demanding enough so that the slalom skiers could make up time."

Along with his father, Kostelic shared the moment with older sister Janica, who won the combined at the past two Olympics, then retired.

"We've been together all of our lives," Ivica Kostelic said. "I think it's fair that we share this moment together as well. Dad's course certainly helped."

Carlo Janka of Switzerland finished fourth and Ted Ligety, the American who won the traditional slalom, finished fifth despite posting the fastest slalom run. He has skied slalom well, it's the best event there is. When you ski it poorly, it's the worst event there is."

Still, Ligety was pleased to have Miller replace him as Olympic champion — adding to his four world championship golds in four different disciplines.

"It's been really motivated," Ligety said. "It's cool to really see him win an Olympic gold. That's what's been missing from his resume.

Theres an appointed time for everything, a time to heal

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;

A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew;

A time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Friday, February 26

“A Time To Heal” Dinner with Speakers

5:30–7:00 pm Legends

John Cavadini, Department Chair and Associate Professor of Theology
Susan St. Ville, Associate Director of Academic Programs, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
Tim Latham, President of Men Against Violence
Sheila McCarthy, Ph.D. Candidate in Theology

Survivor stories will be read by an emcee.

All are welcome and dinner is free, but you need to RSVP by February 24 to grc@unf.edu or 631.9840.
**ND TRACK & FIELD**

**Men win Indoor Big East championship**

By MATT ROBISON  Sports Writer

With five individual titles and 15 all-Big East selections, the Irish men claimed the 2010 Indoor Big East championship this weekend for the fourth time in eight seasons. The women’s squad also made an impressive showing, finishing sixth.

In a dominating performance on the men’s side, sophomore Johnathan Shawel won the 1,000-meter run, senior Eric Quick won the triple jump, sophomore Jack Howard won the 800 meters, junior Justin Schneider won the heptathlon and senior Matt Schipper won the pole vault. The Irish earned 146.50 points, finishing 42.50 points ahead of second-place Connecticut.

For the women, senior Joanna Schultz earned all-Big East accolades and won the 400-meter dash. Three other East Big East honors.

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**Men’s Tennis**

**ND loses one-point match**

By KATE GRABAREK  Sports Writer

The Irish dropped a tough match Saturday against No. 25 Washington by a score of 4-3.

The Huskies were the seventh ranked team the Irish have faced in eight dual matches this season. It was the fourth match this season decided by a one-point margin.

“Our match with Washington was a disappointment in that we had hoped we were capable of going out there and winning,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “We got strong efforts from Dan Stahl, David Anderson and Sam Keeton in their singles wins, but fell short in the other two. Our best chance to win came at No. 2 singles as Stephen Havens lost a tie-breaker to drop the first set and lost some momentum after that.”

The Irish fell behind early after being swept in doubles. Junior Tyler Davis and sophomore Case Carey lost the No. 1 doubles match for the Irish and fell by a score of 8-1 to Kyle McMorrow and Jeevan Nedunchezhian.

Junior Stephen Havens and sophomore Niall Fitzgerald fell at No. 3 doubles by a score of 8-3. “The disappointment for me has been our doubles play lately,” Bayliss said. “We started the season strongly there, but have not been very effective recently. We are really going to look at some changes this week to see if some adjustments are necessary.”

No. 51 Nedunchezhian was able to defeat Watt at No. 1 singles to give Washington a 2-0 lead early in the match.

No. 101 Stahl was able to cut the lead in half with a win over Drabble at No. 3 singles.

No. 165 Irish freshman Blas Moros was defeated at No. 5 singles by Tobi Obarunye by a score of 6-3, 7-6.

The winning point came from McMorrow for Washington as he won over No. 123 Havens at No. 2 singles 7-6 (2), 6-3.

Anderson came through after the match was decided at No. 4 singles to improve his record to 4-1 in dual matches this season for the Irish.

“David Anderson has come on strong for us as the season has progressed,” Bayliss said. “He has added good all court skills and can finish at the net, something that we were not as penetrat- ing for him as a freshman. He has a big first serve, penetrating ground strokes and coun- ters better than he did even a couple of years ago. He has a real presence on the court and great determina- tion.”

Sophomore Sam Keeton clinched the team victory for the Irish at No. 6 singles over Alex Rosinski in three sets to give the Irish their third victory on the day.

The Irish will return home this weekend to host three matches at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, beginning with Michigan State University on Saturday at 3 p.m. The Irish will then host a dual against Wisconsin and Toledo.

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**MLB**

**Pujols ready for new season**

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — For the first time in a couple of years, Albert Pujols has peace of mind. Reconstructive elbow surgery no longer hangs over him.

Last year’s unanimous NL MVP had a half-dozen bone spurs removed from his chronically troublesome right elbow during off-season surgery. When he awoke, doctors told him it was likely he’ll never have to undergo another reconstructive surgery. That had been a possibility since 2003.

Pre- and postoperative consultation with Dr. James Andrews and Dr. George Paletta, the team physician, eased any worries: “I told Dr. Andrews and Dr. Pujols if you go in there and you see something different from the test, go ahead and get it done,” Pujols said Sunday. “They didn’t. It’s good news to hear Dr. Andrews tell us we probably will never have to worry about having the Tommy John surgery.”

The three-time MVP, however, is getting tired talking about a contract extension.

Pujols has a year remaining on a seven-year, $110 million contract, but the Cardinals have an option for 2013. It’s possible the Irish have consistently said there’s no hurry for a new deal.

“When it’s getting to the point that it’s getting irritating to talk about my contract, Pujols said. “Let’s wait until something happens, and then we’re going to have all the time in the world to throw every question you want.”

“As of right now, man, I don’t want to talk about my contract. I’m so sick and tired of everybody talking about my contract or writing about my contract every time he’s talking,” Pujols said. “He’s not about to walk into the offices of chairmen Bill DeWitt Jr. or general manage- r of baseball John Mozeliak and ask for a contract. It’s his decision why I have my agent, and things are going to work out,” Pujols said.

Pujols and Matt Holliday both hit the field for the first time on Sunday, two days ahead of the first full-squad workout. That’s peace of mind for manager Tony La Russa, who joked, “We got better today, didn’t we?”

Pujols brought his family, including two-week-old son Ezra, anxious to swap snowy St. Louis for mid-70s temperatures at the team’s spring training complex in south Florida.

Holliday showed up not to knock off rust but to hit the ground running.

“I come in ready to get after it,” Holliday said. “The first at- bat of the first game has no bearing on the expecting results. It’s probably not a good idea but I’m here to compete.”

Both players had sessions with new hitting instructor Mark McGwire, whose career spanned two stints with Big Mac in Austin, Texas, last month.

Pujols was a rookie in 2001, McGwire’s last season, and said he might have been too shy or too resistant to invade the veter- ans’ space that year.
S M C  B A S K E T B A L L

Belles earn No. 3 seed with victory

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s defeated conference foe Albion 62-47 for the first time since February 2007 and did so by a comfortable margin as the Belles closed out their regular season with a road victory clinching the third seed in the conference tournament.

The Britons jumped out to an early 11-3 advantage due to Saint Mary’s poor shooting from the field early in the game. However, about five minutes into the game, the Belles hit their first field goal and reeled off a 10-0 run to take the lead. Albion tied the score again, but Belles sophomore guard Maggie Ronan scored two of her eight points, putting the Belles in front — where they would stay the rest of the game. Saint Mary’s stretched its lead to as much as 10, but the Britons continued to fight back, cutting the lead at the intermission to 26-23.

Coming out of the break, Saint Mary’s methodically but quickly built up the lead with a 9-2 run out of the gate, regaining a 10-point lead and keeping at least that margin for the rest of the game.

The offensive production was spread widely across the Belles’ players. Sophomore forward Jessica Centa had a solid all-around performance, posting a stat line of 16 points, eight rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot. Sophomore forward Kelley Murphy had 10 points, while senior forward Anna Kammrath had nine points and led all rebounders with 14 boards. Sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney chipped in nine points as well.

Albion shot only 30 percent from the field after its hot start thanks to the Belles’ stifling defense. With the victory, Saint Mary’s earned the third spot in the MIAA tournament. The Belles will host a rematch of this game when Albion visits Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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M E N ’ S  S W I M M I N G

Irish fall at conference meet to Louisville

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The Cardinals bounced back from a tough defeat in the Fighting Irish.”

“I am very pleased with how the guys raced,” Welsh said. “There were a lot of excellent performances. Team leader and junior John Lytle finished second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 43.56 seconds, losing to Cincinnati’s Josh Schneider, who put together a phenomenal meet that saw him set multiple Big East records. Freshman Bill Bass added a key swim in the 200-yard individual medley on Thursday, setting a Notre Dame record of 1:44.44 en route to a second-place finish. The opening relay of the meet saw seniors Lyle, Andrew Hoffmann, MacKenzie LeBlanc and junior Steven Brus take home a first-place finish in the 800 freestyle relay, narrowly missing the school record with a time of 6:28.48. “Bill Bass’s race was excellent, and John Lytle posted one of the fastest times in the nation in his event,” Welsh said. “Our relay in the 800 freestyle was also one of the fastest times in the nation this year.”

With the championships behind them, the Irish will now look forward to the rest of the swim schedule. “The Big East meet is over, but the competitive season is not finished,” Welsh said. “Primarily, we will look for a chance to compete in the National championships. Not everyone will get a chance to do that, but the people with the best times will compete.”

The Irish will be back in action on March 4 at the Austin Grand Prix in Texas.

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end for us,” Schrage said. “But when you have a veteran lineup, offensively, you usually come out swinging the bats pretty well early on because that is all you do in practice, hit in the cage.”

Ironically, the Irish did use a single home run in the biggest rout of the weekend, the 19-3 onslaught Sunday. Martin had four RBIs off of two hits, and freshman outfielder Charlie Markson knocked in three more runs, also off of two hits.

“The biggest thing was we executed a lot of our game plan as far as moving runners, doing hit-and-runs, and hitting fly balls with guys on third, doing a really nice job in situations,” Schrage said of Sunday’s offensive outburst.

After barely missing the NCAA Tournament last season, winning these first three games was crucial to the Irish, but Schrage said the team never focuses on more than one game.

“(Winning the first three) is a lot as far as momentum for us,” he said. “The biggest thing we’ve been focused on is taking one game each day. I know it is a cliché, but we’ve talked about it with our guys. They took each day separately, and there wasn’t any carryover.”

Schrage said Notre Dame hopes that some of the momentum from this weekend will carry over for its upcoming games in Florida against Illinois and Ohio State.

“It was real important for us to get off to a good start,” Schrage said. “Next weekend we have a big challenge against Ohio State, a team that is top-20.”

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish break losing streak with three quick wins

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Though the bad weather forced a cancellation of its last game, it didn’t hinder Notre Dame’s ability to win games this weekend and end the team’s four-game losing streak at the Mizuno Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss.

“We played really well together as a team, offensively and defensively, and it was nice to see the potential that we do have,” Irish assistant coach Kris Ganell said. “We weren’t perfect but we played well enough to get the wins, and ultimately, that’s what’s most important.”

The Irish began the weekend Saturday with a 1-0 victory over Louisiana Tech.

The one Notre Dame run of the game came in the third inning when junior infielder Katie Fleuriey’s hard shot brought junior Sadie Pfitzenberger around from second base. Starting pitcher junior Jody Valdivia shut out Tech while striking out 13.

“The pitching really stepped up this weekend,” Ganell said. “Valdivia set the tone for us.”

Saturday night, the Irish handed Southern Mississippi (6-1) its first loss of the season with the bases loaded, no outs, and the winning run on third which they made, and we ultimately, that’s what’s most important.”

Valdivia’s final two strikeouts were against the left-handed pitcher before they were able to. We were able to put runs up early and put the other girls on their toes.”

The Irish started off strong in the first three innings, going up 7-0, but gave up six runs in the fourth inning. Luckily, the Irish were able to hold off the Golden Eagles.

“The difference between this weekend and last weekend was we weren’t in a must score position,” Ganell said. “We were able to put runs up before they were able to. We really focused this weekend, looking forward, not backwards.

Sunday, the Irish beat Stephen F. Austin State 3-0 for the team’s and Valdivia’s third win of the three total games Notre Dame played this weekend.

Senior infielder Christine Lux had a two-run home run in the top of the sixth inning. The Irish scored again soon when senior catcher Alexi Clay hit a triple, then went home on a wild throw from Stephen F. Austin State’s pitcher.

“Offensively, we were struggling against the left-handed pitcher that kept mixing up her pitches,” Ganell said. “But right before the sixth inning, we figured out our plan and we told the team what we expected in order to make an adjustment which they made, and we could score runs right away.”

The Irish got into a tight spot at the end of the seventh inning with the bases loaded, no outs, and the winning run on the plate. After one Ladyjacks foul out, and Valdivia’s final two strikeouts of the game, the Irish were able to win for the third and final time at the Mizuno Classic.

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“I’m really happy for our guys and it’s a terrific accomplishment,” he said. “But let’s see where Duke finishes and where we finish. It’s the first game of the year, all it means is that we’re 1-0 and we’re thrilled to be 1-0.”

The Irish will face Penn State next Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Loftus Sports Center, looking to continue a regular-season winning streak dating back to an April 5, 2008 one-goal loss to Denver.

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Of sophomore Kristy Frilling and senior Kali Kriek. Partners Shannon Mathews and freshman wing Kyle Palmieri, senior wing Ryan Thang and junior defenseman Joe Lavin.

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cited his squad’s exhaustive list of injuries as the prime reason Notre Dame has laded as the CCHA season draws to a close.

“I think part of it is still a depth issue,” Jackson said. “We lost [senior center] Kevin Deeth early in Friday night, our best faceoff guy, and it leads to fatigue when we’re playing a short bench. I think that hurt us Saturday night.”

The Irish sprinted to a 3-1 lead over the Falcons at BGSU Ice Arena Friday on goals from freshman wing Kyle Palmieri, senior wing Ryan Thang and junior defenseman Joe Lavin.

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of sophomore Kristy Frilling and senior Kali Kriek. Partners Shannon Mathews and freshman wing Kyle Palmieri, senior wing Ryan Thang and junior defenseman Joe Lavin.

“Devereux did not have her best game, so I decided to play someone else, and Becka was in foul trouble,” McGraw said.

With the lack of production from the frontcourt, the Irish gave up 19 offensive rebounds to the Hoyas (22-4, 11-2) in comparison to only eight of their own.

The bright spot in the game was senior center Erica Barlow, who

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ded the team with 21 points, eight rebounds and three assists, long with Barlow. McGraw was pleased with the game senior center Erica Williamson gave her. Williamson played a career-high 20 minutes and had four rebounds, but McGraw considered that great production based on the amount of time she was on the floor.

“I was really happy with Erica Williamson, that was more minutes than she usually plays,” McGraw said. “She played the best. She was able to score, and she had four rebounds, and in 16 minutes that is pretty good.”

The turnover differential was also an area of concern for Notre Dame, as it lost that battle 21-10. This stat was of particular concern to McGraw, as she prides her team’s ability to control the ball.

“We didn’t take care of the ball as we could have against the Hoyas,” McGraw said. “Their transition baskets off of our turnovers were a big difference in the game.”

When asked about her team’s inability to cause turnovers, McGraw was at a loss.

“I don’t know what happened in that regard. I was disappointed in that too,” McGraw said. “We played pretty good half-court defense, but we weren’t able to force any turnovers.”

Looking to the future, McGraw hopes the team will be able to bounce back against Marquette (14-12, 5-8).

“It will just be good to be home,” McGraw said. “We need to have our home crowd back, we really do. The Irish tip off against Marquette at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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Amtrak Awareness Week

February 22-28

2/21-2/28 “Giving a Voice” Poster Campaign

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Speak Out; 9:00 pm; Co-Mo Lounge

2/24-25 Resource Tables; 11:30 am-1:30 pm; LaFortune and Dining Halls

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**The Observer ★ SPORTS**

Monday, February 22, 2010
Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ellie Page, 29; Jennifer Love Hewitt, 31; Kelsey Grammer, 55; True Daly, 49.

Happy Birthday! Focus on partnerships and bringing out the best in everyone with whom you come in contact professionally and personally. Opportunities may present itself if you aren’t willing to take action, you may not see that full potential. Apply a little force if needs be, not that you need it. Your numbers are 5, 12, 20, 26, 34, 41.

ARIES (March 21–April 19): Take stock of your finances and set a budget that will allow you greater freedom in the future. A bit too low cut expenditure during the coming hours will bring about some interesting financial changes for the future.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): Your values will come into focus and your services should be offered in effect. Focus on April 20–26. You will be prepared for a major challenge later this week, you will make successful contacts for future projects. A change of plans will affect an important relationship for the better.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): Do anything that will lead to future business or create your long-gone possibilities. Misfortune now will be difficult to recover from. Focus on what you have, and make it better.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): Relaxing or starting up relationships will lead to positive results. Added knowledge and the kind of experience that can only come by yourself and it will be very satisfactory.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): Doing more with less loved ones, children or any group to which you belong will result in advancement and an atmosphere that you shouldn’t touch. Fixing up a workspace will eventually lead to extra income.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): You will not be able to start over with what you did in the past. It is not easy to get past where you feel your foundation. Even in the future and your opportunities will determine whether you will end up with a change. A bit of hard work will take you in front.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): A new look, a little pepping up or getting out and enjoying the company of others or an entertaining event should be scheduled. A bit may be compelled due to your insight, clarity and an area you promote. Prospects look good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): You may be tempted to keep the wrong emotions. Don’t keep personal information too private to handle and take action. Focus on your love and empathetic you’re very close to others for a period.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Accept the new or evolving, deeply meaningful outside, most of all, avoid anything that tells you to take a step. Meditation will be important if you want to see a pattern in the void.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): For you, its up to you in everything you’ve got to the changes you need to make. Your numbers are 5, 12, 20, 26, 34, 41. Let your emotions speak as others know exactly what you feel.

Aquarius (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Release your strategy before it’s too late. You are not in a winning mood that needs to be addressed and properly dealt with before moving forward. Ask for help but don’t take advantage.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): When you wake up, or getting involved in a new or existing relationship will affect some of the old ideas and goals. Reaching the money you bring about a deeper relationship rather than one you may enjoy and another.

TODAY’s Birthday Sayings: You are imaginative and know how to handle the demanding. You are up against a leader and you believe in your own potential.

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in her. You know what I mean?

Yeah totally. She is
in herself.

Oh great! Here they are. Act natural.

Hey girl! What
have you been up

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THAT SCRABBLED WORD GAME
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ND Women’s Basketball

A different kind of streak

Irish drop their second in a row on the road

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

With a 76-66 loss at Georgetown Saturday, Notre Dame’s second defeat in a row, the No. 4 Irish fell to fourth in the Big East, behind the No. 14 Hoyas.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she saw a perfect storm of circumstances coming together last week to cause to the Irish to stumble for one of the few times this season.

“The combination of things—we are playing good teams, we are going on the road and we don’t have our go-to player,” McGraw said. “But we still could have won both games, but these are certainly not the best circumstances for us in a tough week.”

McGraw attributed much of the team’s recent losses to the absence of senior guard Lindsay Schrader, who missed her second game of the season due to a knee injury.

Despite the offensive production from the Irish, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he was most impressed by the defensive efforts.

“We were playing without Sam Barnes defensively, but all three [of the defenders playing] did a great job,” Corrigan said. “Our short stick defensive midfielders were also really good, and our goalie played terrific.”

Senior goalie Scott Rodgers had a 15-save performance.

ND Women’s Tennis

ND upsets top-ranked Wildcats

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

For the first time in program history, Notre Dame beat the top-ranked team in the country. No. 17 Notre Dame followed a 5-2 upset victory over Illinois Saturday with a 5-2 upset of No. 1 Northwestern Sunday.

The Wildcats won the ITA National Kick-off Tournament last weekend, an event for which the Irish failed to qualify.

“When we were preparing for this weekend, the kids were up in their ranking, not qualifying for the National Indoor Tournament and they felt like they needed to make up for their respect back,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “The kids came back and fought hard.”

Against the Illini, the Irish first won the doubles point with the help of the No. 8 doubles pairing of DiDomenico and Connolly also sent balls over the fence.

Hockey

Notre Dame drops two more

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Irish must be thinking they’re trapped in the movie “Groundhog Day,” because they keep playing the same game again and again.

Notre Dame tallied a loss and a shootout loss in a weekend series against Bowling Green, with the Irish letting late leads slip away in each game. The rough weekend drops Notre Dame to 12-14-7 overall and 8-11-6-2 in the CCHA, 10th in the conference.

An inability to hold onto late leads has been a repeated theme for Notre Dame that led to the team’s futility in the CCHA erosion. Irish coach Jeff Jackson said, “That is always important early on. The strength of our club is the depth of our pitching staff.”

While the pitching was stallwart in all three games, Notre Dame’s offense faltered. The team’s lack of production in its offensive firepower is still an issue.

Senior first baseman Casey Martin hit seven doubles on the weekend, with a home run in each of the first two games. Martin opened his season with a 4-for-5 performance Friday, and fellow seniors Byne Inlkefdir and left fielder Ryan Connolly also sent balls over the fence.

“Casey had a great week-