University looks to revise du Lac

Student government proposes changes to Notre Dame's student conduct guidebook

By MADELINE BUCKLEY and SARAH MERVOSH
News Writers

Editor's note: This is the second and final installment of a two-part series examining the policies and possible revisions of du Lac, the student handbook.

Senior John Saulitis has been on both sides of the University's disciplinary process. He faced the consequences of ResLife himself and used that experience to assist others as a peer advisor.

One thing Saulitis has learned is that students who are ResLifed at Notre Dame are not "criminals."

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By SARA FELSENSTEIN
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A popular campus beverage vendor is under new ownership.

Dorm Drinks, the Notre Dame beverage supplier, changed hands in January, new Chief Executive Officer Marc Anthony Rosa said.

"We took over in January, so it's a relatively new thing for us," Rosa said.

Rosa, a sophomore, works with two colleagues — Chief Financial Officer Richard Gonzalez and Marketing Director John Paxton — to lead the company.

"Even during our lulls we're still seeing growth, so it's a really exciting time to be a part of it," Rosa said.

Rosa, Gonzalez and Paxton found out earlier this year that the previous owners, seniors Adam Heisman and Jack Jeffery, were selling the company.

"Dorm Drinks was created in 2007 essentially out of need," Rosa said. "They and their buddies wanted drinks. They started delivering drinks to their friends and it turned out to be a very profitable company that worked out well."

The new owners have seen positive results, Rosa said.

"It's been extremely profitable," Rosa said. "It’s profitable because we entered South Dining Hall."

Students appreciate card swipers

Friendly dining hall workers help greet patrons with smiles

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

If you’ve ever been to South Dining Hall on “wing night,” John Ritschard will be sure to greet you at the door with his dancing chicken and a friendly reminder that delicious wings wait inside.

Ritschard, who swipes cards during dinner, said he spotted the dancing chicken at a garage sale and just knew it would be perfect.

"At the last wing night [John] had a stand in front of his card swiping station so that his dancing chicken could
INSIDE COLUMN

"We’re like a family"

I don’t think there’s any way I can really sum up this past year in a column. Serving as Editor-in-Chief of The Observer has been the most challenging and the most rewarding experience of my life. The paper has so shaped my time at Notre Dame; I’ve sacrificed school work, times with friends and much-needed sleep, but, looking back, those things were small compared to the great sense of accomplishment I received by leading a newspaper through easy, and also very difficult, times.

I’m very proud of my work at The Observer, and more importantly, I’m very proud of my staff. They’ve consistently amazed me with their work ethic, ability and dedication. I will be forever grateful for having the chance to work with such wonderful people.

The thing I’ll miss the most about The Observer is the office itself. The windowless rooms in the basement of South Dining Hall are cluttered time capsules. I’ve found something new every time I’ve been down there. I’ve also found a friend who knows more about The Observer than I can even imagine.

I can’t claim to be the first person to have the pleasure of working with Shirley Grauel. Our office manager for three decades, Shirley has been a constant presence at The Observer, providing us with much-needed chocolate and a smile every time we pass her desk.

Shirley calls me “boss” sometimes, a title I find completely inappropriate to describe our relationship. Though we work together, I’ve come to consider her one of my closest friends. Someone I can turn to for a hug when times are tough, someone I can confide in, someone I can trust.

Paul Editors gave me different bits of advice when I took over as Editor-in-Chief, but all were sure to include variations of the same message: Take care of Shirley. Talk to Shirley. Go see Shirley as much as you can.

Shirley has shaped their lives as much as my own. She’s the glue that holds The Observer’s past and present together. And it’s for her that generations of Observer alumni will travel to South Bend in a few weeks.

I can’t wait to meet these people who are currently faceless names to me, to hear their stories, to share our memories of the newspaper and the office that connect us. But more importantly, I can’t wait to have the opportunity to celebrate Shirley’s retirement. I am honored to have worked with her during her final year at The Observer, and only wish future Editors would be able to meet this amazing individual.

As I take my nameplate off the door and clear my office of photographs and file folders, I feel content. Though I’ve removed all personal touches, I hope that my work will leave a mark on the paper and the office of Editor-in-Chief that it will have shaped The Observer into a better publication than it was the year before. I hope that next year’s staff will build upon this year’s accomplishments and continue to strive for journalistic excellence.

My mark, however, will be minuscule compared to that left by Shirley Grauel. The paper will not be the same without her, and it would not be where it is today if she didn’t take that job 30 years ago.

When I look back on my time here at Notre Dame, my most important memories will be about The Observer. Seeing my first byline on the front page freshman year, running the News department, interviewing University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, leading the paper during President Obama’s controversial Commencement appearance…most all of them, however, will be about the people I worked with — thank you for your friendship and support.

On behalf of all Editors and staff before me, I’d especially like to thank Shirley. You have changed all of our lives for the better, and we are so grateful for knowing you.

Shirley said it best when talking about the indescribable bond shared by those who have worked at The Observer: “It’s hard to explain … we’re like a family.”

Though it’s hard to leave the family behind, it’s time for a change. The thing about family, though, is that they’re always hard to explain … we’re like a family.”

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IN BRIEF

The Ten Years Hence Screen Series presents The Evolving Media and Its Consequences for American Society” today from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at Mendoza College of Business. The event is free and open to the public.

An Anniversay Celebration for the Robinson Community Learning Center will take place tonight from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Robinson Community Learning Center and is open to the public.

The play “Natural Selection” will be performed tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Phiblin Studio Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available by calling 631-2800.

The film “The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover” will show tonight in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students, $4 for seniors and $6 for general admission and are available by calling 631-2800.

An Organ Recital will take place Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $5 for students, $10 for faculty and staff and $15 for general admission. Tickets are available by calling 631-2800.

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ND Collegiate Jazz Festival set to begin

By SARA FELSENSTEIN

The 52nd annual University of Notre Dame Jazz Festival (CFJ), the longest-running college jazz event in the nation, will be held at 7 p.m. this Friday and Saturday at Washington Hall.

Nine bands in total will participate in CFJ, including Notre Dame’s own. The book will be available at the LaFortune Box Office.

Nerenberg’s CAREER project, “Dynamic Structure and Function of Biofilms for Wastewater Treatment” is an example of research platform combining microscopic-based tagging with an anaerobic fluorescent protein — and confocal laser scanning microscopy, to determine the dynamic behavior of bacterial biofilms. The new platform will be used to study the effects of biofilm detachment and re-growth, as well as sudden shifts in nutrient concentrations, on the biofilm microbial community structure, activity and composition.

“Jazz is very much alive on college campuses and we’re proud of Notre Dame’s tradition of showcasing collegiate jazz talent across the nation,” Rodio said.

Notre Dame’s Office of Information Technologies (OIT), in collaboration with its Office of Public Affairs and Communications (OPAC), recently released a mobile Web platform that allows users to browse videos on Notre Dame’s YouTube channel, and NDPayerCast, which delivers Notre Dame content such as information about Basilica masses and campus events.

Students are enthusiastic about this new site and the opportunity to immediately answer questions and book time.

“I really like the ‘Find an Open Lab’ feature,” Freshman Joe Mackel said. “It keeps you from wasting time waiting in line for a computer.”

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We are continuing to develop ND Mobile Web, said Grundy. “In the future, we hope to add more features such as an online map, calendars, tools, events and more.”

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ND Mobile Web Arrives

By CASEY KENNY

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ND prof wins CAREER award

Special to the Observer

Robert Nerenberg, assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Geophysics and graduate student in the University of Notre Dame, has been named a 2010 National Science Foundation (NSF) Early Career Development (CAREER) Award recipient. The CAREER program, established by the NSF in 1995, is the highest honor given by the U.S. government to young faculty in engineering and science.

A faculty member since 2006, Nerenberg’s research focuses on biofilm processes in environmental engineering, specifically for water and wastewater treatment. For example, he and his research team have developed a novel wastewater treatment process, the Hybrid Membrane-Biofilm Process (HMBP), that satisfies energy requirements by up to 50 percent and minimizes emissions of nitrogen gas (N2O), a potent greenhouse gas.

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Several educational components were included in this CAREER project. For example, students work with Hispanic students in local schools, encourage them to pursue careers in engineering and science. He is well suited for this task, given his 14 years of experience in Argentina, where he obtained his secondary and undergraduate education. He attended a train local high school whose curriculum includes molecular tools and help them develop teaching modules for their students. In addition, a pilot undergraduate research exchange program with the Pontificia Universidad Catolica in Chile will be initiated as a means to provide collaborative international research experiences for undergraduate and graduate students.

Nerenberg is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society for Microbiology, American Water Works Association, International Collaboration on Water Environment, and more.

Nerenberg received his doctorate in civil and environmental engineering from Northwestern University in 2003 and his bachelor’s in civil engineering from the University of Buenos Aires in 1990.
Du Lac

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Lac is reviewed every six to eight years, and he characterized this process as a "major" review.

The University is evaluating all student life policies for "their effectiveness, consistency and appropriateness with [the University's] mission," Kirk said.

Schmidt said the most important recommendation for the resident director of a medical amnesty policy, which was recently passed in Student Senate.

If adopted by the University, the policy would prevent a student seeking medical treatment for a friend from getting in trouble over the friend's drinking. The policy would also allow ORLH staff to educate the student, through alcohol classes for example, but the incident would not go on the student's disciplinary record, Schmidt said.

Saulitis agreed that student safety should come before the rules of Du Lac.

"Maybe that person falls and hurts themselves and there's particular problem. You can't sit there until the morning if they've broken an arm or something like that," Saulitis said. "Student safety should always come before the rules at Notre Dame."

Kirk said his Office has not yet been informed of the recommendation, but "the student government's suggestion for a medical amnesty policy... is something we do value," he said.

Schmidt said student government members don't think that discipline be handled at the most localized level possible. In particular, Schmidt asked that first offenses be handled at the discretion of the rectors.

"If you get in trouble in Fisher, don't you think if it's your first incidence of intoxication, the rector of Fisher should probably call your rector?" Schmidt said.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said, "Our mentality is that problems should be dealt with at the most localized level. Things that can be handled in dorm often should be handled in dorms."

Breen Phillips Hall rector Rachel Seidman said many Du Lac first-time offenses are handled in the residence halls, and she thinks students are often unaware of this as ORLH, and rectors are concerned about privacy issues.

"There are a lot of first-time issues that get dealt with in hall that I think a lot of people don't see," Kellogg said. Schmidt recognized that many rectors already communicate with each other before taking the discipline to a higher level, but said this policy would make it clearer that a student's rector be given the choice to deal with the incident in the dorm.

Junior Zach Reuvers has been Reuvers said he was Reuvers said that his experience playing beer pong — a drinking game involving shooting five-ounce cups of beer into the halls' common areas — "Drinking games are virtually always associated with drinking alcohol to excess and with the intention of becoming intoxicated... I can't see a change in our rules or regulations that would appropriately moderate the University's disapproval of such behavior," he said.

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The Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Irish Dance team poses with the trophy they won this past weekend at a competition in Killarney, Ireland.

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"We all went to different dance schools and competed against each other when we were younger, and it was awesome for all of us to compete on the same team years later in Ireland," O'Brien said.

Kirk said this is the first Du Lac to allow drinking games.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Heavy rain hits quake-ravaged capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The first heavy rain since the earthquake doused Haiti’s capital Thursday night, soaking hundreds of thousands of homeless in a city where barren hillsides and weakened buildings are threatening to give way.

The unusually wet weather caught officials changed tack on dealing with quake survivors, delaying plans to build big, relocation camps outside Port-au-Prince. Instead, they want the homeless to pack up their tents and tarps and relocate to neighborhoods.

People dashed for shelter down streets streaming with runoff from the driving tropical rain. The downpour swept trash along stream with runoff from the driving tropical rain.

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Mommy” when the victim wasn’t looking.

According to a police report, a 24-year-old woman faces a theft charge for allegedly coaxing her daughter to steal the purse Feb. 14 at a Chuck E. Cheese restaurant.

Esther,” one of five fasts on the Jewish calendar that prohibits eating or drinking anything until nightfall.

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 schizophrenia. The embattled governor said he will be speaking to key New York Democrats about his political future but for now he’s continuing his campaign to be elected governor.

Paterson said he will cooperate fully with a state attorney general’s investigation into his campaign to be elected governor.

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Drinks
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we offer really low costs and people respond well to it." Students place orders through dormdrinks.com and deliveries arrive on Wednesdays and Sundays, Rosa said.
"They work by you to your dorm and you want a snack, and you have it right there at your door," Rosa said.
Rosa said dormdrinks.com, the group's Web site, will soon be redone.
"We're going to make it easier," Rosa said. "We want as few steps as possible for you to get your stuff.
"The new Web site is slated for release sometime next week, Rosa said.
Besides a new Web site, the company will also experience a new management style.
"We found for what they did, it worked very well for them," Rosa said. "It worked for now, but it's not going to work in the future. For future plans we're just going to have to change several aspects.
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have more room to move," sophomore Theresa Hall said.
Ritschard will also make sure to let students know what he recommends they bring to the job.
"If you ask him how he is, he's not worth it.'"
"Her 'If this is over a fella, I'm girl crying once and I told him. "I'm as fine a frog's hair' or 'I'm sometimes replies with 'I'm just going to have to change it worked very well for them," Rosa said.
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"Student clubs want to have events where they offer beverages with competitive prices, grid that's something we should do more of," Rosa said. 
Rosa said the most popular items is Nestle Pure Life bottled water.
"Something that people don't know is that we have snacks, blue chips and I also," Rosa said. "Soon we'll be offering macaroni and cheese and other meal products.

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break. They also offer candy bars on students' birthdays.
We check for birthdays on students' ID cards," Lila said. "If it's their birthday, we give them a candy bar. Usually they're surprised and don't know how we knew it was their birthday. It's a simple little thing we do, but people love it because they're far away from home.
Ada Bradley also swipes cards at South Dining Hall during dinner. She has been working on the Notre Dame campus for 20 years. She was first involved with the catering services and then did some bartending before leaving to see her son. She swipes cards at South Dining Hall.
"The students keep us young," Bradley said. "I'm still in touch with some students.
Bradley said she always tries to raise students' spirits 'spirits if they're tired or overwhelmed with schoolwork.'
"[Students] are down sometimes and you have to build them up every time they come in. There's something good at the home style or carving station. He is always comment-ing on how he and his wife enjoy the students and bring to the job.
"But his attitude toward the job has turned into two and before I turned into two and before I heard from him. "That's what this new job will be about to help refine our engagement so that we really do have an impact," Caponigro said.
"One strong indicator of the need to expand service enti-ties like the Robinson Center is the community's changing attitude toward the University. Caponigro said when he was first appointed RCLC director, he often heard the criticism that Notre Dame wasn't involved in the community.
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great team that really cares a lot about what was going on in the neighborhood," he said.
A primary goal of ours has been to build relationships with Notre Dame and the community.

While the Robinson Center will celebrate its ninth anniversary at a ceremony this Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Caponigro will be pro-moted to director of commu-nity engagement, effective March 1.
"The University built a lot of trust over the past nine years from a lot of different initiatives and because of that it has created more opportunities for us to col-laborate with more partners in the community," he said. "That's what the new position takes off into.

According to Caponigro, the University's desire to increase collaboration between Notre Dame and the community led to the cre-a-tion of his new position.
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| 5-YEAR NOTE   | -0.93 | +0.22 | 2.34 |

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**In Brief**

**Insurers subpoenaed for documents**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California Attorney General Jerry Brown subpoenaed financial records from the state's seven largest health insurance companies Thursday, saying he's concerned companies are unjustly raising premiums.

The subpoenas include Anthem Blue Cross, the state's largest for-profit health insurer, which has come under fire recently for a proposed rate hike of up to 39 percent.

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**Old Navy boosts Gap's earnings**

NEW YORK — After posting a 45 percent profit increase in the fourth quarter powered by its low-price Old Navy chain, Gap Inc. is seeking growth opportunities overseas.

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And now the brand is likely no more. General Motors Co. said Wednesday its bid to sell Hummer to a Chinese heavy equipment manufacturer had collapsed. Government regulators in Beijing failed to approve the sale and GM said it would have no choice but to let the brand die, 18 years after its first and most enormous model started lumbering off the assembly line.

"Finally," said Ann Mesnikoff, director of the green transportation campaign at the Sierra Club in Washington. "The Hummer was the epitome of gas guzzling."

Schwarzenegger, who was instrumental in popularizing the vehicle, had a much different reaction two decades ago when he first saw the Hummer's direct military ancestor. Then a bodybuilder turned movie star, he was on his way to the set of "Kindergarten Cop" in Oregon when an Army convoy passed with Humvees thundered past.

"I put the brakes on," Schwarzenegger said at the 1992 ceremony. "And General, besieged by requests, held to start production of civilian Humvees. "Someone smashed into the back of me, but I just stared. 'Oh my god, there's a real vehicle,' I said. And from then on, I was possessd." Hummer's earliest predecessor was the jeep, the boxy multipurpose vehicle built in large numbers for the Army in World War II. The jeep evolved into the Humvee, which saw heavy action — and entered Americans' consciousness — during the Gulf War.

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**Montana billionaire stands ground in trial**

MISSOULA, Mont. — Yellowstone Club founder Tim Blixseth stayed on the attack Thursday as lawyers and accounting professionals debated over who knew what — and when — during the financial collapse of the ultra-exclusive Alpine getaway that's Prichard and famous.

It's the company, which also operates the Gap and Banana Republic chains, forecast brighter days for fiscal 2011.

Its shares rose more than two percent, or 41 cents, to $20.80 in after-hours trading after the numbers were released. They had closed up 49 cents to $20.30 on Thursday.

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Popular military-inspired SUV done in by high gas prices and bad economic times

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Robert Thompson, professor of popular culture at Syracuse University, said that just as the Hummer had cemented an image of military might combined with off-road brown, changes in public sentiment turned SUVs "into tantamount to the creation of the devil himself."

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**California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger poses with a 2001 concept Hummer H2 at the utility vehicle's unveiling in New York's Times Square in April 2001.**
**SeaWorld keeps whale despite trainer’s death**

**Associated Press**

**ORLANDO, Fla. —** Despite calls to free or destroy the animal, SeaWorld said Thursday it will keep Tilikum, a 22-foot killer whale that drowned its trainer, but will suspend whale shows while it decides whether to change the way handlers work with the behemoths.

Also, VIP visitors who occasionally were invited to pet the killer whales will no longer be allowed to do so.

“Tilikum was trained to make any changes we have to do this doesn’t happen again,” said Fred Stolle, director of animal training at SeaWorld parks, said after a 12,000-pound killer whale known as Tilikum dragged a trainer into its pool and thrashed the woman to death as audience members watched in horror.

Talk-radio callers, bloggers and animal activists said Tilikum, which was involved in the deaths of two other people — one of them was the late Rep. John Larson, D-Conn. — should be released into the ocean or put to death like a dangerous criminal.

Tilikum, who had already been blamed in the 1991 death of animal trainer Dawn Brancheau, who was dangled and dragged into the water with the animal, and the 2005 death of trainer Pat Tompkins, is one of three orcas blamed for killing a trainer in 1991 after the woman lost her balance and fell into a pool at a SeaWorld theme park near Victoria, British Columbia.

In 1999, the body of a naked man was found draped over a partially submerged deck. Tompkins, who was found with cut and bruised hands, said he was attacked by Tilikum, which he described as “wild and rogue.” The three SeaWorld trainers died after being pulled into the water.

But SeaWorld’s vice president of marine mammal programs, Toddy Jacobs, said Thursday that Tilikum's behavior is not an option either, because it is an important part of the show. Tilikum is one of the seven other whales there.

But Toddilum's capture and killing of an old veteran trainer who adored whales, was rubbing Tilikum close to the whale, and trainers had stayed in the park after getting treatment. Brancheau, who was found he died of hypothermia. An autopsy had stay in the park after getting proper nutrition and veterinary care. One of Tilikum's most popular performances was a piece called “The Show,” which features Tilikum diving, Broadway-style, through feeding trays accidentally dropped into an exhibit.

**Panel finds Rangel guilty**

**WASHINGTON —** Rep. Charles Rangel, the most powerful tax-writing lawmaker in Congress and a 40-year veteran of Capitol Hill, acknowledged Thursday that an ethics panel has accused him of accepting corporate money for Caribbean trips in violation of House rules.

The panel exonerated five other members of the Congressional Black Caucus who also were on the 2007 and 2008 trips to Antigua and St. Martin but told them they will have to pay for the trips.

The panel’s findings are certain to raise questions of whether Rangel, a New York Democrat, can continue as Ways and Means Committee chairman in an election year. Democrats took over the House in 2006 on a campaign promise to “end a culture of corruption” in Congress that they blamed on 12 years of Republican rule.

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A trip to SeaWorld at age 9 instilled a desire in her to work with marine animals. She attended the University of South Carolina and majored in psychology, but got a job at a New Jersey marine park as a graduate student, working with dolphins and other marine animals. She was hired at SeaWorld in Orlando in 1994.

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Rangel was first elected to the House in 1970 and served as House Ways and Means Committee chairman in an election year. Democrats took over the House in 2006 on a campaign promise to “end a culture of corruption” in Congress that they blamed on 12 years of Republican rule.

However, it’s not the end of his ethics problems.

The panel, formally the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, is still investigat- ing Rangel’s use of official stationery to raise money for a college center and did not determine whether Rangel’s aides told him about it.

Those who did not know about the corporate financ- ing, according to the committee, were Reps. Bennie Thompson of Mississippi, V. Thomas Davis III of Virginia, Donald Payne of New Jersey, Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick of Michigan and Donna Christensen, the nonvoting delegate from the Virgin Islands.

The defense of Tilikum, who is not an option either, because it is an important part of the show.
NEW YORK — Gigi Jordan quit a high-powered job as a pharmaceutical company executive and abandoned her social life to devote all her time to her severely autistic son.

For most of his tortured life, Jude Michael Mirra repeatedly banged his head on the floor, screaming and unable to speak, writhing in pain. His mother, trained as a nurse, went to exhaustive lengths to help the 8-year-old, desperate for a cure. But nothing worked. Her only child is dead now — by her own hands, according to police.

After years of struggling — with his autism and her inability to help him — Gigi Jordan gave up. To those who knew her, she was a loving, overprotective single mother who snapped under incredible strain. To prosecutors, she was a killer.

Jordan, 49, twice-divorced and living in New York, brought her only child to the Peninsula Hotel on Manhattan’s Fifth Avenue on Feb. 1. She paid cash for two nights in a $2,300-a-night suite. After posting a “Do Not Disturb” sign on the door, she double-locked it and jammed it with a chair.

Inside, prosecutors say she fed Jude a fatal overdose of prescription drugs and took pills herself. Two days later, police alerted by a concerned relative burst in and found her semiconscious on the floor, “babbling incoherently,” with a faint pulse. Her son lay dead in his pajamas, face up on the bed. Hundreds of prescription pills were strewn all around the bedroom, police said.

In what was meant to be a suicide note, Jordan suggested she was driven by murder. Jude was “in constant pain,” she wrote. “I hope Jude is in a better place.” A person familiar with the investigation who wasn’t authorized to release the note publicly spoke of it to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

As an ambulance rushed to an emergency room, she asked for an attorney. From the jail ward of a Queens hospital, Jordan was arraigned via video link on Feb. 16 on charges of second-degree murder. She pleaded not guilty.

Her attorney, Gerald Shargel, told the court there was a “very viable psychiatric defense” for Jordan, saying she shouldn’t be held criminally responsible for her son’s death because of her mental state. He declined to elaborate.

“This is one of the saddest cases I’ve ever seen,” Shargel said outside the courthouse.

Assistant District Attorney Kerry O’Connell argued that Jude’s death “was completely premeditated.” She cited Jordan’s “articulate” written explanation for what she did, a document which “took her obviously a long time.”

A dermatologist and long-time friend, Dr. Marcus Conant, said Jordan confided in him as she tried desperately to fight Jude’s autism.

Her life became “an obsession with her inability to help the child she loved. It literally drove her crazy,” said Conant, who couldn’t imagine her ever harming the child. She was “brilliant.” Conant said, going to “incredible ends,” studying the latest medical literature and consulting with leading experts.

That obsession with finding a cure even drove her to Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago, where Jude underwent a rare umbilical cord blood stem-cell transplant on April 30, 2007. It didn’t work. Jude’s pain and screams persisted.

About one in 110 U.S. children have autism, a spectrum of neurological disorders that affect communication and social interaction. While there are no medications that can cure autism, studies show that early identification and intervention can improve long-term outcomes.

With her wealth, Jordan could have hired expert care for the boy but “we had no nannies,” Jude’s father, Emil Tzekov, told the New York Daily News. “She could afford them, but she wanted to do everything herself. She made sure all his food was perfect, that he was sleeping so many hours. Everything.”

At one point, she considered sending him to a school for autistic children in California.

Instead, Jordan moved. Conant said:

“Perhaps she was overprotective,” he added, “not fully entrusting her son to any other.”

“She was looking for a cure, for a miracle,” said Conant.

Jordan was convicted two years ago that members of a devil-worshipping cult were violently abusing her son. She sought out a Wyoming prison inmate who claims he saw on television, Flint Waters, and brought the child to see him — even though Wyoming authorities had discouraged her visit.

Cheyenne police detective Tom Hood said authorities placed her in emergency detention there for a psychiatric evaluation “to make sure she was not a danger to her son, herself or other people.” When she was determined to be no threat, Hood said, she was reunited with her son.

Autistic children often “cannot express pain or discomfort through speech,” says Dr. Timothy Buie, an autism expert at Harvard Medical School, who works at Boston’s Massachusetts General Hospital for Children. Many suffer a sensory processing disorder, Buie said, so that even an earache or an upset stomach “is profoundly magnified.”

They communicate distress by screaming, head-banging, even harming themselves, he said.

“Some people can’t stand a child who cries for an hour,” said Conant. “Can you imagine living with a child who can’t stop screaming for eight years?”

Some parents of autistic children who try everything and still fail to improve their child’s condition reach a breaking point, said Cammie Mc Govern, an aging member of the RAM Group and other health care ventures. Jordan and Mirra, whom she married in 1998, amassed a fortune running their companies.

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**NYC mother accused of killing autistic son**

**"Eye Contact" examines the relationship between a love and an autistic son.**

“You are driven to the loneliest place on earth, facing what feels like a failure,” she wrote in a note to the child. “You and I have believed with all your heart that if you worked hard enough you could,” said McGovern.

Conant, who said he never thought Jordan could hurt Jude, believes her obsession was “a control issue, the feeling that she would be the one to save that child, almost a salvation quest.”

He said he met Jordan 15 years ago through pharmaceutical industry mogul Raymond A. Mirra Jr., managing member of the RAM Capital Group and other health care ventures. Jordan and Mirra, whom she married in 1998, amassed a fortune running their companies.

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Revisions to du Lac will benefit student body

According to du Lac, the Notre Dame student handbook, the punishment for breaking parietals can range from receiving a disciplinary conference to expulsion from the University.

Yet Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk said expulsion is rarely used as a punishment for a parietals violation. There are several sanctions listed in du Lac that do not accurately reflect the way that such violations of rules have been addressed in the past. Kirk said, referencing expulsion as the punishment for breaking parietals as one of these sanctions.

Changing the punishment for a parietals violation is one area the University is looking at in the du Lac revision process — a task the University has undertaken to make sure the policies in du Lac are up-to-date with student needs. Many of the statements under examination are related to the University’s alcohol and disciplinary policies.

Revising du Lac is long overdue, as the parietals example shows that some policies are out of date and inconsistently enforced.

Kirk said it is likely the wording on the parietals violation punishment will change to more accurately reflect the Office of Residence Life and Housing’s (ORLH) course of action when students are caught.

This is an important change. Making du Lac more accurate and accessible to students is crucial, as many disciplinary policies described in du Lac are vague and leave room for discrepancies in enforcing University rules.

The University has reached out to student government for input in the du Lac revision process, and the administration should seriously consider implementing some of student government’s suggestions.

In particular, Student Senate recently passed a resolution to instate a medical amnesty policy in du Lac that would offer a student immunity from punishment if helping another student whose health or safety is at risk.

A medical amnesty policy would be a valuable addition to the handbook because it offers students the commitment that the University values their safety as its first priority.

Additionally, student government is recommending that first-time offenses be handled in dorm whenever possible. This would give rectors discretion in handing out punishments, and a one-time offense would not go on a student’s permanent record. Rectors know the student in a personal way that is impossible for the ORLH staff, putting them in a better position to hand out punishments and offer the student any guidance they may need.

The University has taken the initiative in revising du Lac, a necessary step that shows that the faculty and staff are looking to create the best system possible to manage the student body. The administration has indicated they want student input, and it should put into practice several of the suggestions put forth by the student body through student government.

Revisions to the punishment for parietals violation and an addition of a medical amnesty policy, among other changes, will benefit the student body by making du Lac more accessible, fair and consistent.
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A Heavenly note on why the Notre Dame family matters

As a Notre Dame alumna, it doesn’t take long to learn how much the Notre Dame family means. Some of us were blessed to have had friendships and mentors of faculty members who had a heavy presence in our lives for four years at the Golden Dome. One of those friends and mentors to me was and many other students, the late Dr. Gail Walton, Director of Music at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

On Wednesday, Gail’s battle with illness ended and she joined our Notre Dame family in heaven. I share with you Gail’s impact on my life as a reminder of why the Notre Dame family matters.

I came to Notre Dame raised on Christian values but as a non-Catholic. When I auditioned for choir my freshman year in 2000, I wasn’t sure I would feel comfortable in a choir that sang at masses weekly. Gail Walton and Andrew McShane selected me to sing for the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir and I did so for four years. Gail had the biggest influence on my life beyond music. Singing at the mass at the Basilica weekly, I was exposed to the Catholic faith. Gail provided an extraordinary example to me of what it meant to be a faithful Catholic through the respect she trained us to have for our service in the liturgy and the way she personally conducted herself with class. I was baptized after graduating from Notre Dame during my first year of law school. I was touched by a stunning bouquet of flowers sent to me by Gail Walton and Andrew McShane on that special day of my entrance into the Catholic Church.

Gail Walton gave so much more to us students at Notre Dame than training and excellence in music. She brought us closer to God and made us better people. The Notre Dame family matters because of people like Dr. Gail Walton who helped us grow beyond our years at Notre Dame.

Thank you Gail, we love you and will miss your presence terribly in the Notre Dame community.

Laura Hoffmann
Class of ’04
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Something Obama is not

A year into Barack Obama’s presidency, critics continually attempt to define him as a soft-selling, tax-hiking, big-government, deficit-spending Socialist. Throughout the year, conservative commentator Glenn Beck entered the president as a racist. Last week, conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh characterized health care initiatives as reparations, invoking coded racist language that appeals to certain haters in our American society. The Fox network’s cable program are peppered with insinuations and outright charges that Obama is a socialist whose goal is to end the free market way of life as we know it. Yet, upon closer examination, the president has a more measured and reasoned style of governing than his senate voting record.

While this column was written while the president is on television and hour transparent health care summit with congressional leaders, astute political observers could have predicted Obama’s approach. The Obama style of governing is not liberal. In fact, the Liberal wing of the Democratic Party, Obama’s core support against Hillary Clinton in the 2008 presidential primary season, remains disappointed in Obama’s increase of troops in Afghanistan. They are disgruntled because the Guantánamo Bay prison facility has yet to be closed. They see that at Obama’s casualness regarding the health care public option, along with his unwillingness to back bipartisan support rather than to steamroll the legislation like George W. Bush and a Republican controlled congress did for their legislative agenda.

Obama’s call for deficit reduction, now hypocratically and disingenuously opposed by seven Republican congressmen and cosponsors in the senate while Obama’s election had made deficit reduction a Republican mantra, is not traditionally a liberal initiative. Regardless of how we define attacks on our homeland — terrorism or criminal violations — Obama’s policy has resulted in capturing more high-level operatives in a more compressed timeline in Afghanistan than Bush policy. Also in one year, Obama policy matches Bush policy in those areas that had attacking our homeland and as well as obtaining actionable intelligence from those criminals, albeit illegally. Enhanced interrogation techniques, War and security have never been more traditional liberal strengths Obama — until Obama.

In 1994, the Public Broadcasting System aired an American Experience program, a five hour biographical documentary examining Franklin D. Roosevelt’s life. Last week’s re-airing of the documentary included a 1934 essay Roosevelt wrote in the Department of Homeland Security and was a legislative and public affairs director in President Clinton’s administration. His column appears every other Friday. He can be contacted at GaryCaruso@alumni.nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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British soul sweetheart Corinne Bailey Rae blew us all away with her 2006 summery single, “Put Your Records On,” off her self-titled debut album, a jazzy take on the pop R&B genre. Now, after a long hiatus, her sophomore album, “The Sea,” has a more mature sound, with less pop and more soul.

Following the commercial and critical success of her debut album, Rae began work on songs for her second musical endeavor in late 2009. But she was forced to take a tragic break from her music after her husband, Scottish saxophonist Jason Rae, died of an accidental overdose in March 2008.

After a period of grief and isolation, Rae revisited material for “The Sea” in 2009, when she began album recording sessions at Limefield Studios in Manchester. According to an interview with Rae in the UK’s Observer, she implemented a live band in the album’s recording, something that was not done on her debut LP. “On the first album, it was me and a producer in a basement going through hundreds of snare drum sounds to find the right one,” Rae said. “With a live band, you can stretch out more and try new things out without feeling you’re having to undo this meticulously built-up track.”

“The Sea” comprises songs both written before and after her husband’s death, and many of the songs carry personal themes for Rae. For example, opener “Are You Here” is about pure, irrevocable emotion and that’s clear from the song’s first line, “He’s a real live wire,” and the quiet carefully plucked guitar chords that Rae plays along with dream-like vocals.

Lead single “I’d Do It All Again” has a more jazzy sound and portrays the influences of classic R&B musicians including Curtis Mayfield, Sly & the Family Stone, Nina Simone and Leonard Cohen, to whom she was listening at the time of recording. The song was written almost immediately after an argument with Jason and describes commitment to a relationship even during difficult moments, Rae said. “Almost as he was leaving the room, I just sat down and wrote it,” she told the UK’s Observer. “It’s just about how I felt about him at that time. Even now, in the middle of the worst times, I remember thinking that I would choose this exact life again, that I would do it all again.”

Personal favorite “Feels Like The First Time” gives insight into the emotional influence of Jason’s death on Rae with the lyrics, “I could pretend that I was okay / I wind around the parties, drink in hand / I could pretend that you went away / That I had changed and I no longer hear the band.”

“Blackest Lily” is sprinkled with faint modern rock and electronic influences, while “Closer” has more of that rhythm and bluesy feel that we’ve all come to know and love from Rae. “Love’s On Its Way” is also a softer jazzier piece but climaxes with a loud chorus towards the end.

The catchiest tune on the album, “Paris Nights / New York Mornings” is an upbeat throwback to Corinne’s summery jazzy pop days, while “Paper Dolls” is a somewhat out-of-place rock song with lyrics, “All my life all my life / I said it’s not right / Nobody told me I could do something / Nobody told me I could be something.”

Overall, “The Sea” is not perfect but it is a solid effort and has a much more mature sound than Rae’s debut album. The dichotomy between the sense of commitment in the songs written before Jason Rae’s death and the deep sense of loss in the songs written after gives the album more emotional depth than most of today’s albums.

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**Corinne Bailey Rae**

**Recording Session**

**Owner**

**Genre**

**Optional**

**Additional**

**Music**

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By taking over the north dome of the JACC and going for a flatter course — the hockey rink, to be specific — the event at that time would tie into the Flamingo’s signature event, the bobsled race for its signature event this year? But some on campus were hoping to capitalize on the current interest in icy sports.

“We liked the idea of being on ice, because no other dorm really does that,” said junior Jess Shaffer, Farley Hall president and current Observer Scene Editor. The “bobsled” race is just one part of the Flamingo’s signature event, the bobsled race for its signature event this year?

**Farley’s Finest Frosty Winter Carnival for Literacy**

By JORDAN GAMBLE

Associate Scene Editor

Hills are hard to come by in South Bend, and there certainly aren’t any local sliding centers like the one in Whistler, British Columbia. So how is Farley Hall hosting a bobsled race for its signature event this year?

By taking over the north dome of the JACC and going for a flatter course — the hockey rink, to be specific. From 7 to 10 p.m., teams will compete in a bracket tournament. The rules? Four team members drag a sled holding the fifth person down the length of the ice rink and back again. For $25, students can either register their five-person teams at studentshop.nd.edu or register their five-person teams at studentshop.nd.edu or register their five-person teams at studentshop.nd.edu or register their five-person teams at studentshop.nd.edu or register their five-person teams at studentshop.nd.edu or register their five-person teams at studentshop.nd.edu or register their five-person teams at studentshop.nd.edu or register their five-person teams at studentshop.nd.edu or register their five-person teams at studentshop.nd.edu. Other attractions include carnival food, various carnival-style games and a raffle. The prizes include a Nintendo Wii and books signed by University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh — Farley’s first rector in 1942 — and Farley’s first female rector, Sister Jean Lenz.

Each of Farley Hall’s floors also assembled gift baskets for the raffle. At least one basket will include an iPod, while others have themes like “Notre Dame Fan’s Starter Kit,” which is filled with various items from the bookstore.

Like all dorm signature events, the Farley Fiasco has always had close ties with auditing company KPMG. “KPMG seems really excited about having a long relationship with Farley, too,” Gill said.

The event has been in the works for nearly two years, and Farley’s hall council is excited to finally get it on the ground. Enthusiastic residents have volunteered their time to supervise the event or paint it in the dining halls, helping them along. Seventy-five residents helped tie-dye the shirts (to go along with the “Cool Runnings” theme) that will be on sale for $5 at the event.

Participation and hall spirit have long been a tradition in Farley Hall, from hallway decorating contests to creative costumes at pep rallies.

“We have a pretty large hall council. From our freshman reps to senior commissioners, we’re super involved. Just the fact that it’s a ‘come-one-come-all’ atmosphere helps, too,” said hall council member Kate Hunger, a junior.

Come one, come all, to the first annual Farley Fiasco in the North dome of the JACC. The races and activities start at 7 p.m.

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Bengali natives pose with four members of Bengal Bouts during their Summer Service Learning Project in Bangladesh this summer.

By LAURA MYERS
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Every time one of the 18 boxers in this year’s Bengal Bouts throws a punch, there is an impact.

Bengal Bouts senior co-president Cugliari and Pat Burns and Bouts’ five senior captains have spent countless hours teaching others the best ways to make an impact, both in and out of the ring.

This aspect of their jobs became a little easier after the November on-campus debut of “Strong Bodies Fight,” a documentary produced by Bengal Bouts alumni Mark Weber and Pat Ryan and Notre Dame film professor Bill Donaruma.

The film documents the history of the Bengal Bouts and its partnership with the Holy Cross Mission of Tanzania. It contains footage of the Bengal people and countryside shot when Weber, Ryan and three others visited the country in May 2008.

The 2010 Bengal Bouts were the first to benefit from the additional exposure.

“We’ve got a great relationship with the current captains and the guys who are fighting now,” said Ryan. “They’ve had the opportunity of getting to see things right now that we’ve been hearing from them, guys have been telling us how much of an inspiration it has been, especially in preparing for the fight. Before this big picture is as they get ready for the fights. It’s really exciting and it gets us fired up for them.

“Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut” showed three screenings at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Nov. 6 and 7. The producers collected feedback from the audiences in order to make changes and come out with a final version.

“The reaction was fantastic,” Ryan said. “We had three shows on that weekend and we had three standing ovations… People enjoy hearing the story. It’s what we hoped for from the outset. The Bengal Bouts is such a unique story and people got to see that in a really dynamic way.

This year’s captains arranged a screening of the film for the boxers prior to the first night of fighting.

“Showing the movie to everyone involved in the program was great. It was really helpful for our relationship with these missions and the people that we’re helping. We’re just throwing money at a problem; we have a tangible, personal relationship,” senior captain John Maier said.

Senior captain John Maier and junior Bobby Powers, two of the four students to go on Notre Dame’s first International Summer Service Learning Project in Bangladesh this summer.

In order to make the film, Burns said, “I hadn’t really worked out or anything. I was out of shape until the third round, when they might face that same problem. They stopped and they’ve gone on to make a lot more progress.”

“Wright’s great,” Burns focused on the administration issues while Cugliari’s 10-credit business investigation came out, now we have four guys a year going over for six weeks. For eighty guys we didn’t do anything really personal like that, and now we’re going there for six weeks. That started with the documentary.”

The four boxers even began a new tradition for the team.

“This year we brought back two words we would say after practice,” Maier said. “All the captains would yell ‘Shokhi,’ which is Bengali for strength, and then everyone else yells ‘Shahosh,’ which means courage in Bengali.”

Cugliari said the movie has been very inspirational to this year’s fighters.

“We’ve seen people become more enthusiastic during the tournament, going out and trying to get donations from people, tell people about this cause,” he said.

“Now all of our boxers, they know what’s it’s about.”

“It’s just kind of been one constant reminder throughout the tournament,” he added. “It’s obviously going to be on the back of everyone’s minds as you step into the ring.”

But the movie’s reach extended beyond the boxers themselves.

“We saw an impact on the community and for the current and former boxers,” Ryan said.

“We’re really excited to get them something they’ll be proud of and to share it with the whole world.”

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By BILL BRINK
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Sometimes the “science” in “sweet science” goes out the window and chance takes over.

That’s what happened to Pat Burns in last year’s championship bout against Benford Begay. Begay threw out his right shoulder in the first round, relegating his right arm to dead weight. But when he started throwing his right later in the fight, he caught Burns off guard.

Burns said he was coming over the top of his left hand with that right hand and that’s why I eventually lost the fight,” Burns said.

Burns, a senior captain and co-president of the Bengal Bouts, has made it to the final bout in each of the last three years but has not won a title. And he likes to remind himself of that by watching DVDs of each of his championship losses before his fights.

“I just watch it for the motivation. I know that if you don’t come out with 100 percent, trying as hard as you can, going to the final bell this is what could happen,” Burns said. “I watch it with that kind of mindset.”

The Michigan City, Ind., native’s path to three straight finals appearances began quietly. His sister Meredith attended Notre Dame and competed in Baraka Bouts, then witnessed the Bengal Bouts spectacle. She recommended he try it when he got here, and he took her up on it.

Burns played soccer and baseball in high school and played Interhall football in the fall of his freshman year, but said he was out of shape when he started Bouts.

“I hadn’t really worked out after high school so it was sort of a perfect thing,” he said.

Burns said he liked the way the Bengal Bouts turned an individual sport into a team effort, and he found it funny that the boxers helped each other get better when they might face that same person in the tournament.

“Draging gave me sore body to practice every day was tough, he said, but as he got better it became easier.

“I’m sure there were times on Fridays when I decided not to go in but as I kept going more and more I got more and more motivation to do it and get better,” he said.

The first time he stepped in the ring gave him the biggest adrenaline rush he’s ever felt, he said. The nerves disappeared, however, once he got hit.

“Got hit in the face once, and everything goes away and you take body over,” he said. “My first fight wasn’t pretty, it was a brawl, but after that first fight I knew it was something I wanted to keep doing.”

After his sophomore year, Bengal Bouts president Hunter Land named him and senior Chris Cugliari to be junior captains, something Burns said he was proud of. The new responsibilities of teaching the novices took time away from Burns’ workout, but he said he found quick workouts to do at high intensity to strengthen.

As a mechanical engineering major taking 16 credits, Burns said being co-president takes good time management skills. He and Cugliari joked separate-ly about the juxtaposition of Cugliari’s 10-credit business course load and Burns’ 16 credits, and Burns said that as a result Cugliari handles more of the administration issues while Burns focuses on training the younger boxers.

When he finally does get in the ring after his duties and class work, his style reflects his personality — calm and level-headed.

“I try to keep control of the fight, I don’t get out and brawl with people,” he said. “Everything is slow and controlled I feel most comfortable.”

It’s a routine Burns has done in numerous occasions where it would seem that Pat’s in a very close fight. It’s almost as if Pat Burns had been around. Cugliari said. “And then all of a sudden you throw one punch and the fight’s over. They stopped and they’ve gone one on one and he’s shocked and his eyelid’s pointing one way or something like that.”

“I think that’s what happened Tuesday in the semifinals against Jason Healy, which Burns won with patience and well-timed aggression. He waited until the third round, when he saw Healy drop his left hand after a jab, then unleashed a flurry of punches that chased Healy around the ring and sealed his victory.”

“I told my cornermen I had to throw a billion punches and that’s the only way I was going to win,” he said after the fight.

Burns faces John Traboulsi, one of his best friends, in the final Saturday.

“If I’ll be one of those things where we’re messing around with each other right up until we get in the ring,” he said, “and then after the fight it’ll be all over.”

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Motivation and patience drive Burns’ fourth trip to finals

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Senior co-president Pat Burns heads to his fourth straight finals Saturday. Burns has yet to emerge from the finals victorious.
Co-president hopes to leave legacy from time in Bouts

By JARED JEDICK
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For co-president Chris Cugliari, the Bengal Bouts are all about passion for boxing, vision into the future and the development of young men beyond even their own expectations. Nothing is more satisfying to Cugliari than to watch a fighter change from a scared youngFreshman, full of doubts, into a confident young man ready to face the challenges of life.

“I have seen a lot of people come down here in their first couple of days and be very nervous, but I have never seen someone step out of the ring at the end of the process without a smile on his face,” Cugliari said.
The Bouts are about teaching, and that is the common thread which drives Cugliari in every thing he does for the program, from researching new techniques and training methods to passing on life lessons.

You have 18- to 22-year-old kids come in here, and some of them might have self-doubts, or things about themselves that they are unsure about,” Cugliari said. “And they come down here and they have the huge challenge of going through a rigorous training program and stepping through the ropes in front of hundreds of people. It’s a big part of the line. And that says a lot about their growth and character development throughout the process.”

Cugliari first got involved in the Bouts when he heard about it from his cousin, Michael Kane. Cugliari ended up joining the program as a freshman in 2007 and excelled beyond even his own expectations, making it to the final round and being named Freshman Boxer of the Year.

“That is what really got me hooked,” Cugliari said. “I found a sport here at Notre Dame that I not only really enjoyed doing and training for, but it was something I picked up on pretty quickly and was successful at.”

Hailing from Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Cugliari played football throughout his high school career. Finding a sport that he could excel at became important to the untrained Cugliari, who did not have the physical build to play football at the college level. In boxing, Cugliari was able to find his niche.

“I wanted something that could fulfill my competitive drive, something I could spend time on, and just compete here at Notre Dame,” Cugliari said.

And compete he did, rising quickly through the ranks of the Bengal Bouts hierarchy, becoming one of two junior captains last year, along with current co-president Pat Burns. Cugliari said he believed it was a great opportunity to get some leadership experience and to learn how to teach boxing.

As co-president this year, Cugliari made it his mission to push the Bouts to take a step up in terms of the technical boxing aspect.

“I really wanted us to step it up a notch in terms of what we were teaching, how we were training,” he said. "Not to say that in the past it was bad, but the sport had moved a lot. But I wanted the Bengal Bouts to take a step up.”

To achieve this goal, Cugliari wanted everything from a training standpoint to be done with the primary purpose of developing the fighters into better boxers. You did not condition simply to condition, Cugliari reasoned, but to improve your performance in the ring.

He wanted to bring fresh new ideas into the program, Cugliari made it clear that he wanted to "teach all they could about the sport of boxing.

"I wanted everyone to go out and learn as much as possible, to bring it back to the participants and share it with the entire program," Cugliari said. "A lot of stuff you just take effect right now, but hopefully in a couple years it will sink in." Two boxing mentors shaped Cugliari’s experience. Cugliari and training partner Mike Lee and personal trainer Paul Sciana.

Lee, a 2009 captain and three-year champion who has since established a professional boxing contract, provided Cugliari with an insight into what it means to be a professional fighter.

“I just think that Mike and I just had a great relationship, and so when I was able to work out with him this summer, it was a great experience for me all year being able to expose me to his,” Cugliari said.

Another Bengal Bout’s personal boxing coach for seven years, Ponzio said that his secondhand effect on the Bengal Bouts has been subtle.

But Cugliari said his greatest influences in his life are his older brother and sister. Meghan. Cugliari defines his role as their older brother as setting an example of responsibility and kindness for them to follow.

No greater example can be found, he said, than in the Bengal Bouts.

"I just think that Mike and I both brought that dedication to supporting the Holy Cross mission in Bangladesh,” Cugliari said. “This is not a fight between the boxers, this is a fight between two countries trying to end poverty.”

Ponzio called it an experience without compare.

“I don’t really remember much of my first fight because the adrenaline was pumping so much, but it was an incredible feeling,” Ponzio said.

"It’s an experience like nothing else. When everyone is watching you and the lights are on you, it’s pretty hard to emulate.”

Nick Ponzio’s four years as a boxer have taught him what a fighter does outside a ring matters a lot more than what he does inside it.

“I’ve always kind of looked at the fighters who box outside of the ring, and the way that they give back to the community and the people of Bangladesh,” Cugliari said.

If Cugliari could leave only one thing behind, it would be that he helped people succeed.

“I hope that my legacy would be that there are a handful of guys in the program right now who will be able to look back a few years from now and say to themselves, ‘I’ve seen myself grow as a person, and I have seen myself overcome these challenges, and I can thank someone like Chris Cugliari as someone who showed me that I can overcome the boundaries in my life,’” he said.

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Ponzio’s experience about more than fights

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Nick Ponzio’s four years as a boxer have taught him that what a fighter does outside of the ring matters a lot more than what he does inside it.

The senior from Dallas, Texas, made living that message known as a Bengal Bouts captain.

“I want to pass on a passion for the sport. Boxing is something you can’t really half-ass,” Ponzio said. “You have to be committed to it. You have to train five months and be in the ring for four and a half minutes, so you really have to look at the larger goal of our efforts here and realize that the boxing is only part of this event.”

The finance major formerly of Keenan Hall acknowledges that it was hard for him as a young fighter to realize the scope of the Bouts’ mission. “Creating a lifelong experience for the students and captains for teaching them about the importance of helping others, the sense of tradition and social mission in the boxers he now leads,” Ponzio said.

Some people look at it as just a boxing match you train for the months for, but it’s really so much more than that,” Ponzio said. “It’s a way to give back. It’s a way to support the mission of the Bouts. It’s a way to give back. It’s a way to support the mission of the Bouts.”

Ponzio said that the mission has been around for 80 years, but is pretty amazing to be a part of it, and see how much it’s grown in terms of what we do for them [in Bangladesh]. Eighty years ago, we were donating just so that people could eat, and now we’re sending enough money over there to help build infrastructure and build schools.”

Ponzio, who has reached the career milestone of four years as a fighter, said he signed a professional-connection with boxing as a freshman.

“I started originally playing Interallop football, and a couple of the guys on the team said I should try boxing, I should try boxing,” Ponzio said. “I immedi ately said, ‘What?’ I absolutely love my time doing it. Even though it can be a tough sport, it’s the best sport that I’ve ever been a part of.”

While his mother was not thrilled with the idea of Ponzio boxing, his father understood the impact and significance of the Bengal Bouts as a Notre Dame alum

“When they came up to see me fight, they got to chance to see the impact that we have,” Ponzio said. “They understand it’s not just a boxing tournament. It’s an experience about more than fights.”

Looking back over his time as a fighter and captain for the Bouts, Ponzio cited his first fight as his favorite moment. Like most who take up the first time, Ponzio called it an experience without compare.

“I don’t really remember much of my first fight because the adrenaline was pumping so much, but it was an incredible feeling,” Ponzio said.

“Through these four years as a boxer, we were always watching you and the lights are on you, it’s pretty hard to emulate.”

Nick Ponzio, senior captain

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Senior co-captain Chris Cugliari raises his fists during his semifinal fight Tuesday against Brian Robillard.

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124 pounds
Jack Lally vs. Steven Rivera

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: LALLY
When Chris Cugliari says a fighter is advanced for their age, that means something, especially when he has sparred with said fighter. Lally's left hand will likely catch the lighter Rivera off guard early, and he'll hold onto that safe right hand to thank. Along with years of experience, Rivera will need to keep face intact and utilize a strong final round to leave his opponent hurting.

Myers: RIVERA
Hey Steven, I could give you 50 reasons ... why you’re going to win this fight. Of the senior lightweights, Rivera has the nicest balanced technique with punishing punches for a lower weight class. He’s very calm in the ring, and fights with good defense. He closes the distance well.

144 pounds
Michael Johnston vs. Albert Toscano

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: TOSCANO
While Johnston throws more punches than possible in short rounds, Toscano works the body. He uses his opponent’s weaknesses against him and utilizes a strong final round to leave his opponent hurting.

Myers: JOHNSTON
Johnston will look to claim his first title on the strength of his ability to throw many punches in a short period of time. Even as he throws one punch, he moves into position for the next.

151 pounds
Tim Thayer vs. Bobby Powers

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: THAYER
In a fight that cannot be over-hyped, two defending champions meet. The two have never been in the same class, and after a tough fight, Thayer will pre- ference the third.

Myers: THAYER
In every generation there is a chosen one, destined to fight the Powers of evil. The "Slayer" will deliver strong punches and witty remarks on the way to victory.

160 pounds
John Maier vs. Alex Oloriz

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: MAIER
Last year Maier lost to Rodgers, and Oloriz bears some resemblance to Rodgers, but Maier’s experience should overcome youth. Let’s go with a full round, Maier will come out with his title.

Myers: MAIER
I’m picking Maier on the condition that he never grants an interview to Playbo.

The freshman Oloriz throws accurate and lethal punches that turn into combinations with out pause. He will need to use such to get under Maier’s long reach.

133 pounds
Chris Cugliari vs. Michael Sayles

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: SAYLES
In the lower weight classes, speed generally breaks power. Thus, Sayles beats Cugliari.

Myers: CUGLIARI
interviewed Cugliari Monday, he was wearing a Cavs shirt. So when I interviewed Chris Cugliari, he literally had, “Be the undisputed favorite but choke at the last second” written all over him. But if anyone can erase some of Cleveland’s woes, it’s him.

147 pounds
Kieran Bulger vs. Kevin Ortenzio

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: BULGER
In the semifinals, Bulger showed a tremendous right hook. If he connects with Ortenzio’s chin more than once, Ortenzio may not fully recover for a week or two.

Myers: ORTENZIO
Bulger’s hometown is Schaghticoke, N.Y., which I can neither locate nor pronounce. But anyone who is from there is probably tough and awesome.

155 pounds
Ryan Slaney vs. Adam Cowden

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: SLANEY
"Dayman" Slaney started slow in his semifinal matchup, but before the fight was over, he bloodyied his opponent’s nose twice. Obviously, he packs power, but his defense could use work.

Myers: HOPKE
When I interviewed Slaney, the sophomore was the undisputed favorite but choked at the last second, so he just needs to keep his nose from bleeding too much.

163 pounds
Jordan Bucci vs. Matt Hopke

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: BUCCI
If the housemates and former Alumni residents want until Saturday to ease the title tension, expect Bucci’s experience and focus to top Hopke in the most emotional fight of the night.

Myers: HOPKE
Both earn points for being proud Davos. Hopke gains the edge because his sister lives in Canawaug.
166 pounds

Jason Miller vs. Gregory Bennett

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: BENNETT
This one will likely end in a split decision. Miller packs a solid right punch, but Bennett is quick enough to avoid it throughout three rounds. At each punch, some rowdy fan support could prove to be the difference.

Myers: BENNETT
Miller in hopes that he could hook me up with a test, but Doran will stay at 140, but props have to go to Bennett for claiming Massie as his coach.

180 pounds

Mike Doran vs. Dominic Golab

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: DORAN
Doran is a tough fighter, there is no way around that. Last year he put up a tough fight against the Bouts legend Mike Lee, and this year Doran’s experience has made him a much smarter fighter. Golab will be great, but Doran will stay at this weight, and use his length to claim his first title.

Myers: DORAN
Bennett answers the first bell with an explosion of intense energy. He goes on the offensive from the beginning of every round in an attempt to put his opponent on the back foot. Expect a large contingent of Zahn supporters to provide energy for the sophomore late in the bout.

189 pounds

Bernardo Garcia vs. Tim Wallace

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: GARCIA
Garcia was literally knocked out of the ring in his semifinal match, but the junior has been in the ring before, and after a loss last year down at 175 lbs, he seems to have bulked up this year. He will use that bulk as well as his reach to put Wallace’s first round. Garcia stays on the outside of the ring and picks his spots well, waits for the attack to make a mistake, and capitalizes.

Myers: GARCIA
The ‘Warsaw War Hammer’ wanted senior captain Nick Ponzio in the semifinals. He does not have Doran’s length advantage. Golab should catch up well with Doran, as his physical style could reduce Doran’s length advantage. Golab did leave himself open to take shots from Ponzio.

205 pounds

Pat Burns vs. John Tchoula

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: TCHOUILA
In the fight of the night, Burns enters his fourth final, seeking his first title, but he is about to run into a brick wall in Tchoula. Tchoula’s only weakness is the past two times he has been fighting against length. Unfortunately for “Paul”, Burns is a bit shorter than he is, and Tchoula is holding off Tchoula’s powerful, repeated jabs.

Myers: TIE
Just look at these guys pictures. Two winners right there.

Heavyweight

Will Burroughs vs. Kevin Crepeau

STAFF PICKS
Farmer: BURROUGHS
These two meet up in the final for the third time in three years. Burroughs has once again, been the dominant fighter. He will need to keep his opponent on the ropes to set up a left hook to take down the large southpaw. Tchoula has bulked up this year. He will use that bulk as well as his reach to put Wallace’s first round. Garcia stays on the outside of the ring and picks his spots well, waits for the attack to make a mistake, and capitalizes.

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Myers: CREPEAU
What do we have, “Blue”? A pair of gloves, a towel, and a referee’s shirt? Let me go to my thinking chair… looks like you have a boxing title!
### Law student seeks third title to conclude challenge

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

The former Division I varsity football player now weighs in at 275 pounds, standing 6-foot-5, and ended his semifinal bout 20 seconds into the first round. Yet despite his size advantage and proven potent punch, Burroughs still sees Bengal Bouts as a welcome challenge.

"It's a thrill. A challenge. My first semester here at Notre Dame, it was a tough adjustment," the 2005 Brown graduate said. "I heard about [Bengal Bouts], and one of my classmates did it when he was an undergrad. It was a tough adjustment, it was a tough adjustment, it was a tough adjustment. But then, on the next challenge once more Saturday night. He'll most likely get hit a few more times as well, and he could win this third championship, in only three years.

And then, on to the next challenge.

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### Hardest hits have taught undefeated Thayer the most

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Assoc. Sport Editor

For a fighter who is a perfect 10-0 in three years of Bengal Bouts, senior captain Tim Thayer has taken some hard punches in his career. The Lake Placid, N.Y., native will be looking to win his third straight heavyweight championship Saturday. Not quite.

"My first time sparring I went against a kid who knew what he was doing, and you don't see every punch you could see because you get hit," Thayer said. "He knew how to throw an overhand right, and just choked me a couple times. It's the hardest I've ever been hit, and it was a wake-up call there was a lot to learn." Thayer began his Bouts career as a sophomore, attracted to the sport as a former hockey player.

"I spent my whole life playing hockey and was never allowed to fight," Thayer said. "The training was grueling at first, but the bonds built through hard work and painful training helped Thayer through the toughest of fights.

"After the first week you are watching your body down with how hard you push yourself. You keep going because even around school doing the same thing, the whole brotherhood thing really pushes you to the end. You can't let this spirit down," Thayer said.

While Thayer has been active in sparring sessions and learning the sport during his novice season, soon it will be Thayer doing the punishing in the ring.

"My first fight only lasted 23 seconds," Thayer said. "I knew I had a decent chance against him, but that was the first time I realized I had power. I never realized I could knock someone out." He cruised to the tournament finals, where he won his first title in the junior division over Mark Costanzo. This year, Thayer is a senior, and now has a shot at several veteran fighters in the tournament in winning his novice year.

"This year I'm more experienced than ever," Thayer said. "I thought about how the entire thing has been worth it, even if I have taken the ring it had been an amazing experience." Thayer said. "And it has been a lot of fun." Thayer said. "I was just icing on the cake." It was when I fell in love with boxing in particular — before I loved the Bengal Bouts, but I loved the college experience. Then when I fell in love with the sport.

After winning the tournament after his novice season, Thayer continued training throughout the spring with a mentor he met in the program, Fr. Brian Daley, who began working with the sophomore as he learned the sport.

"His love for the sport was infectious and something he passed on to me," Thayer said. "We began working together quite a bit and he tuned me physically and psychologically to be ready for the bouts."

While studying abroad during the fall semester of his junior year in Dublin, Thayer continued fighting and developing his skills. He joined the University of Dublin’s boxing club, and right away had to prove himself to another group while sparring.

"We got into the ring to spar and realized neither of us had on headgear, but neither of us wanted to be the one to say something," Thayer said. "He just nailed me with a left hook square on the jaw and I couldn't chew for two weeks.

While fighting abroad Thayer suffered the only loss of his amateur career, losing in the finals of an Irish college championship tournament. Still undefeated on American soil, Thayer returned for his junior year a trained and polished fighter.

"I knew I should go just out there and there was nothing in my way," Thayer said. Now a veteran, Thayer defeated his title in 2009, defeating then-senior Matt Poulsen by unanimous decision in the 150-pound division. Whether he wins his third championship boxing program, the senior captain is a sport he loves and enjoys for life.

Fr. Daley is a silent pillar of the program, and he's become a very close friend and mentor," Thayer said. "There hasn't been a fight where he hasn't been in my corner, and sometimes it doesn't feel fair — my opponent is in that ring alone, and he has to fight two men. Fr. Daley has impacted my life far beyond the ring and I know we will be friends for a long time."

Thayer plans on attending medical school after his senior year, but doesn't plan on letting go of boxing anytime soon.

"I enjoy the irony that I'm going to med school next year, and sometimes it doesn't feel fair — my opponent is in that ring alone, and he has to fight two men. Fr. Daley has impacted my life far beyond the ring and I know we will be friends for a long time."

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Sayles battles back from injury to reach second title fight

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Months after Mike Sayles broke his rhula, thigh and ankle less than three weeks before the start of Bengal Bouts during his sophomore year, he still felt a lingering pain that went far beyond his right leg.

"Missing the fights changes your perspective on everything because there's so much more to motivate you, especially by the time you step into the ring," Sayles said. "Having it taken away from me after training for as long as I did was really the motivator. I put in all that hard work and I was feeling really good heading into the fights, so that feeling is now always in the back of my mind, always there."

And it will be again Saturday night when Sayles squares off against fellow senior captain Chris Cugliari in the finals of the 133-pound weight division.

For Sayles, who demolished his right leg playing snow foot- ball on a Sorin Hall practice, Saturday's finals represents his last opportunity to accomplish a goal he began to work toward after winning one fight as a freshman. It's been a long road to return that required Sayles to work at the simplest of tasks as a freshman.

"The worst part was that I couldn't get into my loft, so I couldn't sleep in my bed for a month and a half," Sayles said. "I ended up sleeping on a futon for the first half of the semester until after spring break when I could get myself up the ladder again.

"I wanted to be a leader in every way that I could, especially in the Kumite portion of the program. I kept doing it for four years," Maier said. "And then from that day on I just loved the training and the experience of it."

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Motivated Maier moves forward after finals loss

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

John Maier has already amazed plenty of hardware from his four years participating in Bengal Bouts. All he needs now is a championship trophy to add to his shelf.

As a sophomore, Maier faltered in his first fight and later received the Bill Seech Award, given to the best boxer not to make it out of the preliminaries. A year ago, Maier lost in the championship fight to then-senior captain Dan Rodgers, Maier was named Most Improved Boxer. This year, the announcer even declared his nickname ("My Body is a Wonderland") as the best one.

But Maier isn't quite satisfied just yet.

"I lost in a close fight and it just pushed me to come back even harder the next year," Maier said of his 2009 championship bout. "It's not to say that I had won I wouldn't have come back stronger, wanting to win it again, but it just pushed me that now I want to go in and win it all."

He will have a chance to do so Saturday when he takes on freshman Alex Oloriz in the finals of the 160-pound weight class.

"I think every fighter that I'm going to fight is going to be a challenge, and I'm going to try to be the best that I've trained," Maier said.

This summer, Maier learned firsthand that all of his training was about more than just a championship when he participated in Notre Dame's first Evergreen Project in Bangladesh. During the six-week service trip, Maier and fellow boxers Bobby Powers, Sean Pennino and Jim Woods, all juniors, taught English at the Holy Cross Missions.

"I just recently experienced Bangladesh and our missions and what our training goes for," Maier said.

That experience, it just made everything that we do with boxing and trying to promote it as a leader that much more important. More boxers and more people staying and fighting it just means more money for Bangladesh.

"Traveling to Bangladesh[ ]made everything that we do with boxing and trying to promote it as a leader that much more important."

John Maier senior captain

"Just coming in as a freshman, not really being involved in anything, I just saw it as something that could really structure my life here in college," Maier said.

"And then from that day on I just loved the training and loved the fight itself, and just kept doing it for four years."

Accepting the award as a senior was a natural progression, Maier said, that he had looked forward to since he joined.

"Ever since I'd gotten into boxing as a freshman I wanted to be a captain," he said. "I wanted to be a leader in the program. I just thought it was something that I could be good at, and I wanted to help people I really like helping people with boxing."

Though his four years with Bengal Bouts have been marked with achievements from every aspect of the program, Maier still has one goal left to accomplish.

"I made it to the finals last year, and now it was the goal and determination to keep on training for the championship," he said. "I think it's just always pushing myself to do something better than I did last year."
The Bengal Bouts semifinals Tuesday night consisted of drama, pain, elation and relief — all within 26 fights. The fights, in 13 weight divisions, were simply the prelude to Saturday’s finals, which begin at 7 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

For more photos, check out the photo gallery at ndsmcobserver.com
Love them or hate them, catty villains — to put the term nicely — are almost always the best characters on television. While they are portrayed as the villain to the main character, often I find myself rooting for them instead. Their acid tongues speak the truth (albeit in a nasty, sneaky way), making them the voice of reason amid the delusions that seem to live on TV.

They exist in both reality and scripted shows, but they are always best on reality shows when they offer their own scathing commentary. Do not get me wrong, I would not want to come across them in real life, but there is no doubt that these catty villains make for the best entertainment. They can be men or women, but either way, they will do and say anything to get what they want.

It is easiest to spot them on reality shows, where casting directors search for who will antagonize the house and talk about fellow contestants during their confessions. Each cycle of “America’s Next Top Model” has a new one, but the best from ANTM’s history has to be Jade from cycle six. She preyed on the weaknesses of other model-wannabe Gina, made arrogant statements like “My look is in a different realm that people can’t handle,” and left the audience with a heat poem when she was eliminated. Sometimes scary but always entertaining, Jade could stand up with the best of these catty villains.

“Project Runway” also has a clearly defined villain on each season. There was Santino Rice in Season 2, Jeffrey Sebelia in Season 3, and Irina Shahyeva in Season 6, to name a few. These insensitive designers may talk badly about other designs, but they usually have the most talent and end up either winning or coming quite close. They just say what we are thinking at home when we see some of those hideous designs.

These villains do not only exist on reality reruns though. Bravo seems to specialize in giving them their own television shows, making it one of the most guilty pleasure television networks. Each “Real Housewives” location is catty in its own right, but “Real Housewives of New York City” takes it to another level. On the outside, these women have successful careers and families. They describe themselves as classy and having etiquette. Yet after watching one episode, it becomes evident that the majority of their time is spent flitting from one cast member to another, talking about the awful behavior of the person they were just talking to. The third season starts March 4.

Bravo adds more bitchiness with its new series “Kell on Earth.” It follows the life of Kelly Cutrone, head of fashion PR firm People’s Revolution and former boss on “The City.” Cutrone was always the best character of MTV’s scripted reality shows, as she justifiably cut down blond bimbo employees left and right. After watching “Kell on Earth,” you feel bad for her employees who actually do work hard, and realize that she is a horrible boss. However, that in no way means that we want her to be nicer. Instead, I find myself waiting for her to yell at someone, which luckily happens quite often. Kell on Earth airs on Mondays at 10 p.m.

My favorite reality villain? Hands down, comedienne Kathy Griffin. Griffin rightfully has her own reality show, also on Bravo, “Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List.” The more fame Griffin has received from her Emmy-award-winning show, the more opportunities she has had to interact with other celebrities, which pays off in hilarious material for her fans. Griffin holds back on no one as she details these encounters that show everyone how ridiculous celebrities and Hollywood culture can be. Many think she is overly cruel, but you can see from the show that she has a good heart. Most celebrities deserve it, anyway. “Life on the D-List” is currently filming new episodes.

So thank you, television — and especially you, Bravo — for giving us what we want: more catty villains. Even though they may not be nice, they are something better: truthful and entertaining. After all, who wants to watch a bunch of people be nice to each other? If I did, I would watch Extreme Makeover Home Edition, which just for the record, lost two years in a row at the Emmys to My Life on the D-List.

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WHISTLER, British Columbia — They swore that none of them would win gold to become America’s first Olympic champions in the Nordic combined.

Anyone who watched, knew it.

Bill Demong skied to victory, and with it Olympic gold for the United States in the Nordic combined, the final race of the Winter Games.

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LaRussa scoffs at new McGwire book

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa has no plans to read a new book that suggests Mark McGwire knew steroids would boost his power at the plate.

The book, to be released Monday, is by McGwire’s estranged brother, Jay McGwire. He says Big Mac knew he became a better hitter because steroids enhanced his size and strength.

Last month, McGwire admitted taking steroids and human growth hormone during the 1990s, but said he only did so to recover from injuries — not to improve his performance. He hasn’t commented on the book as he works with hitters at the Cardinals’ spring training facility in his new job as batting coach.

La Russa told reporters Thursday that the allegations sound familiar. He said someone he knew read an advance copy and it doesn’t sound as though the book includes “first-page-to-last-page damning stuff about Mark.”

The manager said he doesn’t plan to read it.

“What’s the point?” La Russa said. “It’s stuff that’s already been gone over a bunch of times. I don’t know what it’s going to change.”

Estranged from his brother for eight years because of a family dispute, Jay McGwire has gone public in “Mark and Me: Mark McGwire and the Truth Behind Baseball’s Worst-Kept Secret,” which is scheduled for publication Monday by TriumphBooks.

Jay McGwire says in the book that he persuaded his brother to start using steroids regularly in 1994 and set him up with a supplier. He says Mark regularly used an array of drugs through 1996 that included Deca-Durabolin, human growth hormone, Dianabol, Winstrol and Primobolan. McGwire later used anrostenedione, a steroid precursor that wasn’t banned by baseball until 2004, when it became a controlled substance.

Jay McGwire, a former bodybuilder who turns 40 on May 5, said he was introduced to steroids by friends in 1989, beginning with pills of Anavar. He says his brother only gave in to using steroids after an injury-filled 1993 season.

La Russa, who managed Mark in Oakland before the pair reunited in St. Louis, recalled seeing Jay McGwire in the Athletics clubhouse, but said he didn’t think Jay was taking steroids. Mark McGwire hit 70 homers for the Cardinals in 1998, shattering Roger Maris’ record of 61 set in 1961.

### In Brief

**Concussions get more emphasis at Combine**

INDIANAPOLIS — NFL draft hopefuls are undergoing more thorough exams for head injuries at this week’s annual scouting combine.

All 329 invited players will be given a baseline brain activity exam — called the ImPACT test — and will likely face more grilling than previous classes did about their concussion histories. Those implementing the changes call it smart football.

In past years, it was up to individual teams to conduct such tests. By examining everyone at the combine, the league will have a more standardized way of evaluating players and potentially collecting data about repeated hits to the head. It’s another step toward making the game safer as awareness increases about the long-term dangers of concussions.

**Fight breaks out after high school game**

GREENVILLE, S.C. — A boys’ high school basketball playoff game in South Carolina finished with a brawl after the buzzer.

Multiple media outlets reported the fight broke out Wednesday night as players gathered to shake hands following Southside’s 61-55 win over Abbeville in the Class 2A playoffs.

Fans from both schools rushed out of the stands to join the fight, overwhelming the three police officers on the scene.

**Greenville County sheriff’s deputies rushed to the gym as coach es got the teams off the court. Sheriff’s Lt. Tim Ridgeway says no arrests were made because officers were most concerned with clearing the building.

Southside coach B.J. Jackson says he’s worried some of his players will be suspended for the semifinal game Saturday against Keenan.

**Wizards buy out Ilgauskas, contract buyout**

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards bought out the contract of center Zydrunas Ilgauskas and waived him, the team announced on Thursday.

The 7-foot-3 Ilgauskas, who was acquired from Cleveland on Feb. 17 as part of the three-team trade that sent Antawn Jamison to the Cavaliers, didn’t play for Washington. He reported on Feb. 19, took a physical and immediately returned to Cleveland.

The 34-year-old is averaging 7.5 points and 5.3 rebounds this season.

“We agreed to terms with Zydrunas on a contract buyout, giving us further financial flexibility and allowing our young big men to continue to develop over the remainder of the season,” Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld said.

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around the dial
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Celtics were unable to take charge early against the Lakers, but they did wear them down.

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Olympics

Vonn to ski despite injury

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia — It will take more than a broken pinkie to stop Lindsey Vonn’s pursuit of Olympic glory.

The two-time World Cup overall champion from Vail, Colo., will put a plastic brace on her injured finger. Wear a mitten over it instead of a ski glove — even tape the ski pole to her hand if she has to — and climb into the starting gate as scheduled for Friday’s slalom.

Did you expect anything less? It’s the last woman’s Alpine event of the Vancouver Games, and Vonn is trying to become the first American woman to medal in three of them in the same Olympics.

Vonn cracked the base of her right little finger and tweaked her shin back and when she crashed during the first run of Wednesday’s giant slalom. She tested the finger in a series of practice runs Thursday and was satisfied that she can race.

Training was OK,” Vonn said on her Facebook page. “I still felt pretty beat up after my crash in GS yesterday. I was able to modify one of my gloves and make a brace for my right hand. It seemed to work with out too much pain, so I will try and race tomorrow.”

Her husband, Thomas Vonn, said in an interview with The Associated Press that she’s “a ball of hurt right now,” but the pain is “manageable.”

“After taking a fall like that, you’re always going to wake up sore,” he said. “You never know how your body is going to adapt the next day. You could wake up fine or ‘Whoa, I can’t move.’ She was just sore.”

Lindsey Vonn, shown speaking before the Olympics, will attempt to win a second medal with a newly injured finger.

The Associated Press

Nike stands by Woods despite sullied image

Associated Press

LONDON — Nike will continue to support Tiger Woods even though the world’s best player has taken an indefinite leave from golf to deal with personal issues.

Nike brand president Charlie Denson said Thursday he does not want Woods back on the course until he sorts out his private life, which has been in the public spotlight since a bizarre car crash outside his Florida home last November revealed allegations of marital infidelity.

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“He’s got issues he needs to get out of his system and he’s dealing with them. We are looking forward to him getting back on the golf course.”

Nike was last week said that it is planning to re-examine its sponsorship of Woods and he planned to seek additional therapy. He did not say when he would return to the course.

“We’ve been in touch with his camp,” Denson told The Associated Press. “He’s quite comfortable with where he’s at, how he’s dealing with it and we’re looking forward to his return.”

Canadian celebration out of line, says IOC

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA — The IOC will investigate the behavior of Canadian women’s hockey players who celebrated their gold medal by swigging beer and champagne on the ice.

Players came back onto the ice more than half an hour after the 2-0 victory over the United States. Still in their uniforms and with gold medals draped around their necks, they swigged from bottles of champagne and cans of beer and smoked cigars.

Gilbert Felli, the IOC’s executive director of the Olympic Games, said he was unaware of the incidents until informed by an Associated Press reporter.

“If that’s the case, that is not good,” Felli said. “It’s not what we want to see. I don’t think it’s a good promotion of sport values. If they celebrate in the changing room, that’s one thing, but not in public. We will investigate what happened.”

The Associated Press

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SNC TMC

Belles prepare for first road match

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

The Belles take on North Central College Sunday in their first away match and final tune-up before their annual spring break trip. “We don’t have a lot of history against this team, so we have to plan on them getting up for us,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “Also, playing at their place, we could be playing on a fast, fast ice surface, which we have not played on yet this year. We will potentially have to make adjustments to handle the different pace.”

Only a week after suffering a tough loss to non-conference opponent Case Western to begin its season, South Miami faced a daunting task as No. 24 Olivet Nazarene came to town last weekend. But the Belles (1-0-0) were up to the task, scoring a signature victory in just their second match of the season, topping the Tigers by a score of 5-0.

The Belles came back from an early 3-1 deficit to claim their first victory of the season, getting key victories at the No. 4 and No. 5 singles spots to record the victory. In one aspect, it helps in figuring out what aspects of our game we’re going to focus on.”

“The first game revealed some of those aspects that we’ve been talking about. As he tried to plant with 7:11 left in the half, Hummel drove to the lane and felt his right leg give slightly as he tried to plant with 7.11 left in the half. "Obviously, we missed him, because we had a good start to the game." Painter said. "But he does bring for us offensively and defensively that balances our team."
The Irish hope to extend their three-game win streak by challenging No. 14 Georgia Tech and No. 13 Tennessee this weekend in home matches.

"(Georgia Tech and Tennessee) are in the top 15, had wins at the national indoor [championships] and both teams are known for their competitors," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "We have had good matches with both in the past.

The Irish (8-1) beat then-No. 1 Northwestern Sunday in a win that caused them to move up 10 spots in the rankings to No. 7.

Coming off last weekend’s upset over the Wildcats and a mid-week sweep of No. 17 Ohio State, motivation and high spirits are widespread throughout the Irish lineup, but Louderback said a dose of humility is needed for playing teams right now and having to be prepared for each match.

"We are going through a tough stretch of teams right now and have to be prepared for each match," Louderback said.

The lineup and doubles teams should remain the same for the Irish going into this weekend’s matches. "Our lineup has been working out pretty well, so we’re going to keep it the same for this weekend," said sophomore Kristy Frilling, Notre Dame’s No. 1 singles player. Last weekend, the Irish switched their doubles teams around, which helped them win the point in both matches against Northwestern and Illinois.

"We have gone 9-0 since we changed our No. 2 and No. 3 doubles pairings," Louderback said. "I have been very happy with how they have played as teams.

Frilling is still undefeated in nine matches into the season and is ranked No. 23 in the NCAA. She will be facing the toughest competition she has seen so far this season Saturday in Georgia Tech’s Irina Falconi, the top-ranked women’s player in the country.

"She is a crafty player so I’ll have to play a bit," Frilling said. "She’s a crafty player so I’ll have to be really smart on Saturday.

After facing Falconi, Frilling will play No. 7 Caitlin Whoriskey from Tennessee. "Whoriskey has a big game and is very aggressive," Frilling said. "I think for both of these matches I have to be smart and consistent, but still aggressive.

Last season, the Irish lost to the Yellow Jackets 4-3. "I think we’re definitely looking to get some revenge on Saturday," Frilling said. "In practice the Irish have been working on maintaining the success they have had recently.

"Since we’ve been playing so many matches in a short amount of time we’re really just working on staying in shape and making sure our bodies are fit and healthy for every match," Frilling said.

The Irish will play Georgia Tech Saturday at 11 a.m. and Tennessee Sunday at 10 a.m. at Notre Dame’s Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Ranked teams visit Irish

The Observer ◆ SPORTS

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Team to face three opponents

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

No. 31 Notre Dame will have a busy weekend, as the Irish host Michigan State Saturday before a home doubleheader with Wisconsin and Toledo Sunday.

"Each of these opponents bring something special to the table," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

The Irish (3-5) return to their home courts this weekend after playing their last five matches on the road. Notre Dame was most recently defeated 4-3 by No. 26 Washington in Seattle on Feb. 20. The Huskies were Notre Dame's seventh ranked opponent in eight matches — four of which were decided by one point.

"We are really excited to have the opportunity to compete at home this weekend," Bayliss said. "It will be a challenge to play three matches in two days, but we feel that we are ready and want to show how much we have improved in several areas."

Washington gained an early lead by winning all three of the doubles matches and the points at singles Nos. 1, 4 and 5. The Irish got on the board at Nos. 2, 3 and 6 singles.

This weekend, the Irish will look to continue their series leads over the Spartans, Badgers and Rockets.

The Irish lead the all-time series and hold a 24-2 edge on the Rockets. Michigan State graduated their top two players from last year's team, but have landed a terrific freshman in Dennis Bogatov from Chicago, someone we recruited last year," Bayliss said. "He gives them punch in the mid-lineup and is a talented shot-maker and the Illinois state high school champion from last year. Ronnie Hufnitz plays at No. 1 and is a tough out. He makes very few mistakes. Austin Brooks is at No. 2 and features a strong forehand and great quickness."

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SMC BASKETBALL

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We did this last year down there, and right now we just want to beat Illinois and we'll move on from there. We've set a benchmark with how we played against Mississippi Valley. Now we're going against better competition, we have to get here.

The Irish offense erupted to the tune of 29 runs in three games against the Delta Devils, a promising sign for a lineup that has been limited to hitting in the batting cages for the better part of the off-season. Senior first baseman Casey Martin was named Big East Player of the Week after batting .500 with two home runs and seven RBIs over the weekend.

"He's a senior and I think he plays with a lot of confidence," Schrage said. "It's kind of funny, out of all our hitters hitting in the cage live, he was probably struggling the most. Sometimes you get outside and the ball looks bigger. He'll tell you, his first hit was a swinging bunt, but it's a base hit, and as a hitter that gives you confidence."

Like Schrage, Martin attributes the team's offensive success to playing outdoors for the first time all season. Although the Big Ten pitching staffs will be bringing more heat, Martin said he expects a solid plate approach to lead to the same results.

"I'm glad I could contribute and help the team win a few games down there. I think everybody on the team was a little bit more aggressive to get outside and see some pitches live," Martin said. "Obviously there will be small adjustments because of the new pitching staff, we're looking at everybody's having good at bats, and I think we'll be fine."

While the offense appears to be operating in mid-season form, Schrage said the pitchers will still be running on a pitch count this early in the season. Irish ace junior Cole Johnson will take the rubber for Game 1, followed by junior Brian Dupra and senior Eric Maust in Games 2 and 3, respectively.

We got some tough lineups to face," Schrage said. "Illinois returns five really good hitters in their lineup. Ohio State, one through nine, is a veteran club. This weekend, we're going to have to be a little bit more finesse. We're facing some really good fast-ball hitting teams, so it's imperative for Cole and Brian to get their changeups and breaking balls over."

The Irish take the field in Illinois on Friday at 4:30 p.m., against Ohio State on Saturday at 4 p.m. and against Penn State on Sunday at 10 a.m.
The whole team got a nice shot of confidence.

The win marked the return of senior guard Lindsay Schrader, who had been out due to a sprained left ankle. She made her presence felt immediately, scoring 17 points and grabbing six rebounds in 20 minutes of play. McGraw said Schrader's playing time will still be limited Saturday.

"She's going to be playing more I think," she said. "I haven't spoken with the trainer, I don't know how many minutes she's allowed. I'm hoping for more. I think she'll play at least as much."

Seton Hall has lost its last five games and has just one conference victory, a Jan. 30 win over Villanova. The Pirates are led by guard Ebonie Williams and forward Kandice Green, who each average 13 points per game.

Notre Dame is currently fourth in the Big East standings and could move up with a win this weekend. They have already clinched a two-round bye for the Big East tournament, which begins March 8.

"Heading into the last two games we're trying to position ourselves for not just the Big East tournament but for the NCAA Tournament," McGraw said. "We've done a great job all year of taking care of what we need to do and now we're coming down the stretch."

The Irish will tip off against Seton Hall at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Walsh Gymnasium in South Orange, N.J.

Note:
Senior captain Ashley Barlow is one of 30 midseason candidates for the 2010 Naismith Trophy award, the Atlanta Tipoff Club announced Thursday. The Trophy is given to the women's basketball player of the year and will be awarded in April at the NCAA Final Four in San Antonio.

Barlow averages 11.7 points, 5.3 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 2.5 steals per game. Her 67 steals this season make her just the third Irish player to grab 60 steals in each of her four seasons. The other two were Irish assistant coach Niele Ivey (1997-2001) and current Penn State head coach Coquese Washington (1988-93).

"She's done so many great things for us. I think all year long, we need a big play, Ashley Barlow's going to make it," McGraw said. "It's a great honor for her to be mentioned as one of the top players in the country."

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There is an appointed time for everything, a time to heal

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

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
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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@nd.edu or 631.9340.
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**Schad & Freude**

**Jumble**

**Crossword**

ACROSS

1. Paid proctor
2. Name in many suit cases
3. Cry before a disappointment
4. Saturn’s wife
5. Something that’s just too cool!
6. Recharging aid
7. Musician who was a trailblazing Republican
8. European wine owner
10. Small part of an archipelago
11. Ben Franklin
12. behemoth of the deities
13. Cry upon being fleeced?
14. Grateful Dead bassist Phil
15. One exploring deeply?

DOWN

1. There are 746 in a horse power
2. Can’t stomach
3. Bunt hit
4. Up producer of some dishes
5. Muscle strengthening in rowing
6. Opinion opener
7. Skedaddles
8. “Uh huh”
9. Work that marked the start of musical Romanicus
10. Admitted probably
12. “St. Mark” artist
13. Like a monstrosity
14. Make out
15. Finally tempered blades
16. Neighbor of a sailing bow
17. Dances Roy
18. E.T’s pal
19. Opposite of clearly
20. The Ponte alle Grazie span it
21. Many work out its kinks
22. Common crash site?

35. Longtime name in auto parts
36. Harem brand
38. It’s a slippery substance
39. Free
40. Classic record label for the Bee Gees and Cream
41. M., in Milan
42. Monitor setting, briefly
43. Nickname in pioneering jazz piano
45. 38: Access varies
46. Gray Anatomy
47. Hobo
48. Mother of the Gods
49. Big name in flooring?
50. So-called “baby” busters
51. Pronoun in 26: Across

**Will Shortz**

**Horoscope**

**Jumbled Words**

**T. I. N. D.**

So did you know it was Sexual Harassment Awareness Week?

Well did you know it was Eating Disorder Awareness Week?

I thought it was

**Eugenia Last**

**Celebrities Born on This Day:**

San Amaro, 19; Tea Leoni, 44; Tom Cruise, 73; Sally Field, 71.

Happy Birthday:

Make this year a memorable one! Tired of business or pleasure should be remembered with maximizing your social circle of friends and making or seeking partners in business or leisure. There is plenty you can do to make your coming potential, know who you are, and be yourself.

You will make progress smoothly but, with effort, you can do very well better. Your numbers are 9, 11, 17, 25, 33, 41.

**April 30:**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Do what you can to fix up your domestic environment. A change of place feels more appropriate and necessary than any improvement you have ever attempted.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Keep busy, especially when you are around home and dealing with family or friends. Snuggles will allow you to see a different perspective when facing up to what you are doing for the Fe Corbin. More, more. More.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21):** A season offering the view of the day that you feel and what you intend to do will enable you to make your problem for the day into a positive experience. Don’t let anyone take advantage of your kindness, generosity or your skills.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22):** You can make some serious changes that will alter your life forever. An uninsured opportunity may not be good for fear of failure. A surprising order is involved in a way that you are willing to try something new.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You will acquire others to support your efforts. Money, adventure and need are all on a grand agreement for new friendships and the possibility of financial gains. A love relationship will grow if you act on it.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** What you have to offer will limit on all sorts of benefits – business, emotional and financial. Opportunities are involved with people you respect are apparent and will not say until you view your long time goals. Love is up to you.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Expect to deal with all sorts of changes where work, friendships and your lifestyle are concerned. You cannot skip a test or you will miss out on an immoral and frightening experience.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You’ll be torn between the good and the bad. Don’t let the bad overcome what you do. Nothing will define the purpose and sense of your life on an increasing opportunity that change your life. Find on the phone.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may have to pull all sides and make a move if you want to realize your talent. Don’t expect liquids or demand in order to get what you want. Make mistakes based on facts, figures and what will never get lost.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Look at the people you have associated with in the past. You should think about how they can make your job much easier. An old friend will help you to make a good choice.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Today is the threshold of each other. You will have a feeling that will make you do your best. To make your family experience a diagnosis as a family by15 beneficial partnership or yourself. You must be patient to push you to greater heights.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your instinct and goal and your ability to attract attention will serve you personal and professional interest. Enjoy the time you spend with friends, eat, laugh and your career. Each will offer you great support.

**Birthday Slay:** You have turned the number. You can run and become whatever you put your mind to. It’s your time. Your focus must not prevent you from your purpose.

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**ND Softball**

Team looks to pick up more wins at Cavalier Invitational

By MEGAN FINNERAN  
Sports Writer

Last weekend the Irish swept the Southern Miss Minnow Classic, and this weekend they are looking to do the exact same thing at Virginia’s Cavalier Invitational.

“Obviously this weekend in Virginia our team is looking to pick up four more wins. This season our focus has been to take each game one at a time and approach it as if it is the most crucial game of the season,” junior pitcher Jody Valdivia said. “We are looking to take Notre Dame softball further than it has ever gotten in the past and our approach is to take it game by game.

The Irish (4-4) look to Valdivia, whose contribution to the tournament secured her the title of Big East Pitcher of the Week, to add leadership from the mound. Leading the team at the plate are Notre Dame’s three seniors: catcher Alexa Clay, infielder Heather Johnson and first baseman Christine Lux.

“We just need to put the ball hard on the ground to make things happen,” Johnson said.

“This year, as opposed to the past, I feel the entire team has gotten in the past and our softball further than it has ever happened,” Johnson said.

Losing five seniors at the end of the 2009 season forced the Irish to make some alterations, but a strong group of freshmen filled in the ranks. Although this team is a young one, it does not lack skill or unity.

“This year, as opposed to the past, I feel the entire team has bonded together more so than individual people,” Valdivia said.

With two tournaments already under their belt, the Irish will have the experience advantage over opponents George Washington, who will play for the first time this weekend, and Virginia (2-5).

“I think this weekend we are striving to get that game where we are running on all cylinders. We need to have pitching, defense and hitting to all,” Johnson said.

This weekend’s tournament was initially planned for Charlottesville, Va., but weather caused a transfer to Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va.

The Irish face George Washington at 11:30 a.m. and Virginia at 2 p.m. Friday, followed by George Washington at 10 a.m. and Virginia at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Depending on these outcomes, the Ireland may play one or two games Sunday.

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**Baseball**

Big Ten to provide challenge

By CHRIS MASOUD  
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Notre Dame rose to the occasion in its first test of the season, routing Mississippi Valley State for the first season-opening three-game road sweep in program history. The competition will suddenly get stronger, though, as the Irish travel to Florida for the Big Ten/Big East Challenge.

Notre Dame (3-0) will face three of the Big Ten’s best in Illinois, Ohio State (3-0) and Penn State in the three-day tournament. Irish coach Dave Schrage says his team will have to play to the higher competition if they hope to maintain their success on the road.

“It’s a great challenge for us,” Schrage said. “Right now we’re just focusing on Illinois.

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**ND Women’s Basketball**

Last, then first

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

No. 7 Notre Dame will travel to South Orange, N.J., to take on Seton Hall Saturday in the team’s final regular-season road game.

The game against the Pirates (9-18, 1-13 Big East), who are currently last in the conference, comes two days before the Irish face No. 1 Connecticut at home.

“It’s all the same for us in terms of every game is important,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “We’ve really got to come in with a lot of focus and be ready for whatever Seton Hall throws at us.”

Notre Dame has lost its last two road games, against then-No. 22 St. John’s and then-No. 12 Georgetown, but is coming off of an 82-67 home win Tuesday over Marquette.

“It was great to get us back on track,” McGraw said. “I think we needed to get a win and it helped us a lot.”

The Irish ended their recent 10-game losing streak on the road Saturday at No. 13 Georgetown.

Notre Dame has lost three straight and seven of its last 10 games before the 68-53 win over the Panthers. Against the Hoyas, the Irish will be looking for their first road win since a one-point victory at South Florida on Jan. 5.

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**Men’s Basketball**

Road skid next big hurdle

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Sports Writer

The Irish ended their recent skid Wednesday with a big win over No. 16 Pittsburgh but will have to break another losing streak on the road Saturday at No. 11 Georgetown.

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**Hockey**

ND opens series with shutout loss on road

The Irish fell to Michigan 4-0 Thursday night in the first of a two-game series.

Notre Dame managed 20 shots on goal, but Wolverine goalkeepers turned all 20 away.

Irish freshman goalie Mike Johnson saved 23 shots, but Michigan (19-16-1, 14-12-1 CCHA) sent two pucks into the back of the net in each of the first and third periods.

Wolverines Matt Rust and Chad Langlais scored in the first period, and Brian Lebler and Chris Summers cemented the game with a goal apiece in the third. On the defensive end for Michigan, goaltender Shawn Hunwick stopped 14 shots, and