every day was special'
Observer office manager Shirley Grauel retires after 30 years as a 'second mother' to many

By Jenn Metz
Senior Staff Writer

In the summer of 1980, Shirley Grauel turned down a job working in a basement of a building, “she said on her second-to-last day as The Observer office manager. Known for her hugs, her candy bowl and her daily line-up of daytime television, Shirley has been a constant presence at The Observer, and staffers over the years have come to know her as their second mother.

“I love interacting with everybody every day. They stay the same age, but I keep getting older, but I never felt the gap,” she said. “I respected the students, and it just worked out so well.”

Shirley’s time at The Observer has not only shaped her own life, but her family’s as well. Her daughter, Jill O’Hara, said her earliest memories of her mom were of her working at The Observer. When she was very young, Shirley would bring her to work in the LaFortune offices when she was too sick for school and she would watch “The Price is Right” with the students working.

“It took me a long time to understand what my mom meant when I’d hear her tell people that she could sell her job because it’s so great,” Jill said.

As a student at Notre Dame in the 1990s, Jill said she was touched by how much her mother was loved on campus.

“When students who I didn’t even know would approach me and tell me how wonderful she is … I would smile and agree with them, and then wonder if it was odd that my mom was more popular on campus than I was,” she said.

Jill said Shirley’s love for her job and for the students who work at The Observer “is genuine and deep.”

“I don’t think she realizes the hearts she’s touched over the years … but I do. She is 100 percent the person she appears to be: loving, committed, loyal, nurturing,” she said. “I am incredibly proud that this mom to so many actually is my mom.”

Though 30 years in one position might seem like an eternity to many, it didn’t feel that way to Shirley.

“Every day was special,” she said. “Where else would you get hugs everyday, and students walking up to say ‘I love you?’ I could have a bad day, but I don’t ever leave here in a bad mood.”

During her time at The Observer, Shirley has collected many memories and stories to share about the students she worked with — her second family.

She recalled one staffer ever calling her from the recovery room after delivering her first baby.

“The weddings I’ve been invited to, the e-mails I get that they’re having tailgates or the notes that are left on my desk every Saturday during the football season … I feel like I can go anywhere and I can find one of the former people,” she said.

After about 10 years on the job, Shirley realized she had a lucky feeling.

“I realized not once had I gotten up in the morning and said, ‘Oh man, I’ve got to go to work.’ It was always, ‘I get to go to work,’” she said. “I wish everyone could experience that.”

Observer alumni will reunite

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Honorary ND degree recipients announced

By Sarah Mervosh
News Editor

Notre Dame will award eight honorary degrees at this year’s Commencement in addition to the honorary degree it will give Commencement speaker Brian Williams, the University announced Tuesday.

Williams, anchor of NBC Nightly News, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree.

The additional recipients come from a variety of backgrounds, such as education, engineering, law, philanthropy and the arts.

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Student government changes hands

Schmidt and Weber reflect on term, give advice to new staff

By Joseph Mcmahon
Associate News Editor

When outgoing student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber entered office a year ago, the duo was determined to enact initiatives to make student government relevant to the student body.

“We didn’t take on personal preferences,” Schmidt said. “Students were constantly giving us feedback. It made our jobs a lot easier.”

The administration soon found the best way to find out what students cared about was not through formal student

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Soler, Bell take office Thursday; look forward to goals for 2010-2011

By Sarah Mervosh
News Editor

As sophomore Catherine Soler looks forward to her term as student body president, which will begin Thursday, she said community relations would be a priority for her administration.

“A main goal of ours is for students to feel compelled to go out into the community, feel safe while they’re there and also give a lot to South Bend, but also get a lot out of being an active member of the community,” Soler said.

Student body vice president-elect Andrew Bell said strengthening relations between the University and the community will be important.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Thanks, Shirley

Today is our beloved Shirley Grauel's last official day as The Observer office manager. You make a lot of friends working in the same place for 30 years, and when I asked former staff members to share their memories for a special column to commemorate Shirley's years at The Observer, I received an overwhelming response. All of those who e-mailed me shared the same message: Shirley is generous, kind, loving and a second mother to all who have bad the honor of working with her.

David Dziedzic, Editor-in-Chief, 1983-84
It was a tremendous comfort knowing that she would be there, every day, taking care of everything. And the one semester that she wasn’t there (Craig took a job assignment in San Diego and the family went with him) was the worst semester of my four years. Personally, I don’t know what I would have done without her. She was like a “guardian mother” placed on campus to keep me straight and focused.

Michael Ortmann, staff member, 1978-82
I’ve stayed in touch with Shirley over the years. In the fall of 2006, my then-20-year-old son Patrick had applied to transfer to Notre Dame. I made sure we stopped by The Observer so he could meet Shirley. I told him since mom wouldn’t be moving with him to South Bend, that if he ever needed a mom, whether he worked at The Observer or not, Shirley was it.

Patrick Peters, Ad Sales/Operations, 1999-2002
Over the years I spent with Shirley, I learned patience, understanding, the art of listening and how to look at issues from another perspective. As we would work with Shirley in close proximity, often we’d discuss the news of the day. Shirley’s take was always genuine, compassionate, caring and open to other ideas. I miss Shirley all the time. She’s truly one-of-a-kind and deserving of all of the accolades she will receive as she heads towards retirement.

John Lucas, Editor-in-Chief, 1995-96
Shirley blended being a top-notch office manager with roles as our counselor, confidant and second mother. Everyone who knows her feels exactly the same way. The office will never be the same without her — we wish her all of the best with Craig in retirement.

Chris Hine, Editor-in-Chief, 2008-09
If I ever had a question about how to handle a certain situation, she was always the first person I called. Everybody has their favorite Shirley moments. Whenever I talk with fellow Observer alumni, we always share our favorite memories of Shirley. She is so beloved and deservedly so. She was there to comfort you and make you laugh on your worst days on the job, there to celebrate on your best days.

Mike Gillion, Editor-in-Chief, 2006-07
Shirley was a constant presence for so many students. No matter what else was going on at the time, we knew that Shirley would have chocolate at her desk and The Price is Right on TV. She treated all of us like her own kids. She will be missed.

These are just six of the dozens of Observer staffers who wrote to me about Shirley. I’m sure she’ll get lots of flowers, hugs and phone calls today. I agree with all of the staffers that wrote to me for this piece: Shirley, you truly are one of the best people I have ever met, and I would not have been able to get through my time at The Observer without you. I only hope that the person who takes over your position will have as many wonderful memories as you do.

So, from all of us, have a happy retirement, Shirley. You deserve it after 30 years. Know that everyone you have ever worked with loves you and thanks you for everything you’ve done.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Jenn Metz at jmetz@nd.edu

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WERE YOU AFRAID OF WHEN YOU WERE A LITTLE KID?

OFFBEAT

Robbers tunnel into Parisian bank
PARIS — Robbers tunneled into the vault of a Parisian bank at the weekend and removed almost 200m worth of valuables, police said.

The gangsters tied up the security guard at a Credit Lyonnais branch on Paris’s Avenue de l’Opéra on Saturday night, before digging through a series of cellars to reach the vault, police said late on Monday.

They spent several hours opening the safes and set the place on fire as they left. The value of the stolen goods is still being estimated, police said.

Taiwan mafia boss leaves millions to charity
TAIPEI — The family of a late Taiwanese mafia boss has donated 60 million Taiwanese dollars (1.9 million US) to charities to fulfill the gang leader’s dying wish, the authorities said Tuesday.

Lee Chao-hsun, an influential triad leader in central Taiwan, died of liver cancer on March 11 aged 73, local media said.

His son donated the money in his name to disabled people and low-income families as well as four major religious organisations, the Taichung city government said in a statement.

About 1,000 people, including several gang bosses, attended a ceremony on Monday to set up a make-shift shrine for Lee, known as the “mafia arbitrator,” the Apple Daily said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press

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Drowning.

“Mermaids.”

“Maybe my little sister.”

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

IN BRIEF

“All Art is Propaganda” will be held in the special Collections Room 102 of Hesburgh Library. The exhibit will open at 8 a.m.

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. today in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Creative Writing Program will sponsor a conference titled “The Open Light: A Celebration of Notre Dame Poets” today at 3 p.m. All readings will be held in Seminar Room 100-104 of McKenna Hall.

A lecture on “On the Sociology of Exile and Identity: The Creation and Maintenance of the Cuban Exile Ideology” will open at 210-214 of McKenna Hall at 4 p.m. today.

A Romero Days film screening of MONSEÑOR (Monseñor, the Last Journey of Oscar Romero) will be held in the Montgomery Auditorium of LaFortune Student Center at 6:45 p.m. tonight.

The Catholic Culture Film Series titled “Close to Catholic: A Celebration of Kindred Spirits” will present a screening of the film “Big Fish” at 7 p.m. tonight in the Andrews Auditorium in Geddes Hall.

The Mundza College of Business will host Tommy Hilfiger at 12 p.m. on April 7 in the Eck Visitors Center Auditorium.

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

CORRECTIONS

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Lecture explores non-profits

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Those who choose to work for non-profit organizations look for a purpose and not just a paycheck, Notre Dame graduate Raymond C. Offenheiser said Tuesday evening.

Offenheiser, president of Oxfam America, a non-profit international development and relief agency, delivered the keynote address at the eighth annual Making a Living, Making a Difference program, held in the Andrews Auditorium of Geddes Hall.

The event, co-sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns and the Career Center, offers students information about the non-profit sector and an opportunity to explore career paths in public service.

“You can make a good living and a good life in non-profit service,” he said. “Non-profit organizations span the political spectrum and seek employees with all kinds of talents.”

According to Offenheiser, working for a non-profit means working in a world where learning never stops.

“Social change happens right before your eyes and there is a constant stream of new issues,” he said. “You can never get bored at a non-profit organization.”

Offenheiser said it is rewarding to know you are making a difference in someone else’s life.

“Working for a non-profit is intellectually stimulating and will fill your life with meaning, purpose and satisfaction,” he said.

Although salaries tend to be lower in the public sector, there are more generous social benefits than in the private sector and you are able to receive more responsibility earlier, Offenheiser said.

“The greatest thing about non-profit work is that it puts social teaching and social values at the core,” he said. “You engage in direct service and are driven by a certain mission.”

Offenheiser’s agency, Oxfam America, an affiliate of Oxfam International, works to fight poverty and injustice around the world.

“In practice, we are frontline responders to natural disasters and work with other organizations that seek to address poverty,” he said.

“Working for a non-profit has given me a chance to bond with some of the most amazing people I have ever met,” Offenheiser said. “My colleagues make me want to get up in the morning. The quality of people working in the non-profit sector is amazing.”

The evening concluded with an information fair, featuring representatives from various non-profit organizations and a fireside chat with Offenheiser.

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SMC team competes in service competition

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary’s Editor

Combining their knowledge of communication and their desire to serve, Saint Mary’s juniors Katrina Mesina and Claire Yancy are competing in a contest to win scholarships as well as a matching donation to an organization of their choice.

The two are entered in the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation’s (NABEF) Collegiate Call to Service. Mesina and Yancy make up one of seven teams declared finalists for the prizes.

Mesina and Yancy worked with the South Bend Center for the Homeless during the Fall 2009 semester in a public communication class.

“Our professor, Terri Russ, heard about the scholarship and really encouraged us to do it,” Mesina said. “We were a little uneasy about it because we felt that we might not fit into the criteria for the competition, but one short phone call to NABEF ensured that we should apply.”

The two have created a program for the Center called “One Hour.” The program was designed to allow women at the Center to practice public speaking skills, as well as to bond and create confidence.

“Next year, we will meet once a week for an hour to discuss topics such as family relationships, women’s history and body image,” Mesina said. “We’ve been meeting with a focus group, staff and professors and students at Saint Mary’s College to ensure that we’ve done the proper research to run a program like this.”

In order to win the scholarship and donation, Mesina said the two have to write a blog about their project with the Center. They were responsible to blog about 45 days of service.

“They will be judging based on our efforts to help our community. In addition, they are judging our creativity and use of media in our blogging,” Mesina said.

Mesina said she and Yancy worked together, though she credits the basic idea for the project to Yancy.

“I owe a great deal to Claire for envisioning this project,” Mesina said. “It was her idea and form there, we’ve really made it blossom. We still have a long way to go, though, and a huge responsibility to the Center.”

Mesina said she enjoys working at the Center.

“I love working at the Center,” she said. “It’s very easy to lose yourself in activities and school, but giving back to the community should always be a priority. The people at the Center are there because they want to make their lives better. It takes courage to want that for yourself and to work for it. It is an honor to be a part of their journey.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Swiss aim to explain the Big Bang

GENEVA — The world’s largest atom smasher in Geneva aims to put the future of minuscule particles racing at unheard of speeds in conditions simulating those just after the Big Bang — a success that kick-started a mega-billion dollar experiment that could one day explain how the cosmos began.

Scientists cheered Tuesday’s historic crash of two proton beams, producing three times more data than the races that researchers had created before and marking a milestone for the $10 billion Large Hadron Collider.

This is a huge step toward unraveling Genesis Chapter 1, Verse 1 — what happened when nothing but empty space existed.

The Holy See is trying to fend off the first U.S. case to reach the stage of determining whether victims actually have a claim against the Vatican itself for negligence for allegedly failing to alert police or the public about Roman Catholic priests who molested children.

The case was filed in 2004 in Kentucky by three men who claim they were abused by priests and claim negligence by the Vatican. Their attorney, William McConnell, is seeking class-action status for the case, saying there are at least 1,000 victims across the country.

Pope Benedict XVI faces a potential lawsuit from Kentucky men who allege that the Vatican failed to alert police or the public about cases of molestation.
COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Council approves new positions

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) approved several official positions in student government organizations at its meeting Tuesday. It was the final COR meeting overseen by outgoing student body president Grant Schmidt, vice president Cynthia Weber and chief of staff Ryan Bell who were sworn into office this week.

Junior Marcelo Perez was unanimously approved by COR to be the Judicial Council President for the 2010-2011 academic year. Perez has served as the Judicial Council vice president for two years and said he plans to bring his past experience to his new position.

“I’ve learned you need to be totally neutral when planning the elections,” Perez said. “You’ve had to learn to be balanced for everybody and not just for a single group.”

Perez has always been ethical and professional when handling the elections,” Weber said. “He will be a great Judicial Council president.”

Soler presented her choice for her chief of staff, junior Nick Runf, who was unanimously approved by COR members. He is the ideal candidate and has a ton of experience,” Soler said. “He is going to do a great job.”

Two candidates were present for the positions of assistant student union treasurers. Sophomore Carl Brophy and freshman Eric Biro were both approved by COR for the 2010-2011 academic year.

After the approvals had concluded, Schmidt opened the floor to the members to provide any advice they had for Soler in her new position as student body president.

Members recommended more collaboration with other groups, more speakers when appropriate in order to better inform COR members about University policy and encouragement for COR members to bring suggestions from their specific councils and groups get different perspectives from the entire council.

COR members discussed what a great year they had with student government, and Weber commended Schmidt’s role.

“If someone should get thanks it should be Grant,” she said. “It’s been a great year for COR, and we really have Grant to thank for that.”

Schmidt likewise thanked the members for their service to the University as members of student government for the 2009-2010 year and wished Soler luck in her future endeavors as president.

“It’s been an awesome year,” she said. “And we’ve gotten a lot done.”

Soler said, “I think Catherine and Andrew are going to tear it up next year.”

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surveys, but just by talking to students. “A lot of it is informal,” Weber said. “If you want to get the real opinions of students, you just need to be a real student.”

From large programs ranging from the restructuring of commencement and the introduction of Transpo Route 7A to small things like having buckets of mint outside the dining halls, Schmidt and Weber said they attempted to focus their agenda on improving everyday student life at the University.

“The student body at Notre Dame is on its toes,” Weber said. “They care about every aspect of their lives.”

Weber said by taking care of the everyday essentials of student life, student government was able to boost its credibility in tackling worldwide social justice issues through programs such as the Global Water Initiative.

“Things like Transpo, which did get a lot of exposure, allowed us to use the support for other programs,” Schmidt said.

Schmidt, who described his administrative style as “Responsive,” said he was forced to tackle issues that arose at the last minute, such as improving off-campus safety after two Holy Cross students were abducted in September and sponsoring aid initiatives following the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile.

Another goal of the Schmidt-Weber administration was to improve student government’s relations with the University administration.

“Student government is right now and hopefully will be consultative before every major decision,” he said.

Soler and Andrew Bell, Schmidt, who described his administration as “Responsive,” said he was forced to tackle issues.

Schmidt said there were not any major initiatives his administration could have tackled, although he said he wished the changes in du Lac, the student handbook, had been enacted during his term and the University had not chosen to move the pep rallies to Irish Green.

In addition, Weber said student government needed to become more involved in the academic side of the University in the long term.

“You are in a position to lead the student body to make changes and affect the University,” Schmidt said.

When asked what advice they had for the incoming administration of sophomores Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell, Schmidt and Weber said the focus needs to be on the students.

“Be present and energetic, and love the honor of serving the students at Notre Dame,” Weber said.

Furthermore, Weber said the pair should continue their close ties with the administration and also stand up for what is needed.

“The ability to respectfully disagree is key,” she said.

Schmidt said the pair should also be aware of the complex dynamics of community relations in the city of South Bend.

“We currently have a very good footing with the city of South Bend,” he said. “But community relations are something that just stops.”

Nonetheless, Schmidt and Weber feel their time in student government has been productive and personally fulfilling.

“We wanted to be present throughout Notre Dame,” Schmidt said. “And we feel we positively changed the brand of student government.”

Schmidt, who is a senior, plans to attend law school next year, while Weber, a junior, said she wants to focus on her studies and become “informally involved in the community.”

“It really has been a privilege to serve in student government, especially at Notre Dame,” Schmidt said.

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IN BRIEF

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Fernando Valley. “They’re losing bids on December. And real estate agents say there’s a Shiller 20-city home price index released January on a seasonally adjusted basis, May 2006 peak. 2009, but still almost 30 percent below the their homes this spring. Prices are now up rebound in California’s real estate market "groomed them for success." over women by giving them bigger bonuses by two former Bank of America financial "second-class citizens" by purposely giving their male counterparts opportunities to make more money, according to a gender discrimini- mation lawsuit filed Tuesday. The suit brought in federal court in Brooklyn by two former Bank of America financial advisers and one current Merrill Lynch broker accuses upper management of favoring men when expensing business employees sue Bank of America suits. The complaint says. female financial advisers as second-class citi- zens,” the complaint says. about the inequalities. One claims that after "second-class citizens" by purposely giving them bigger bonuses and “plum business opportunities” that "groomed them for success." The women allege that the companies sought to punish them when they complained about the inequalities. One claims that after she protested, she was yelled at and ordered to seek pre-approval when expensing business travel.

Beneath the veneer of a world-class financial institution, the defendants treat their female financial advisers as second-class citi- zens,” the complaint says.

Nissan to sell lower-priced electric car

Los Angeles — Nissan Motor Co. said Tuesday its new electric car will cost just over $25,000 in the U.S., a move that could force rivals to lower prices on similar vehicles. The Leaf, a four-door hatchback due in showrooms late this year, will have a base price of $32,780, but buyers can get a $7,500 federal tax credit, Nissan said.

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Nissan’s Leaf will go on sale next year in Europe. But even so, it will face tough competition from other automakers that are looking to introduce similar vehicles in the coming months.

But GM executives have said they will want to sell more of them in that market. The Volt and Leaf are the first two electric cars to go on sale that will appeal to mass market. Orders in the U.S. start April 20 and in Canada, Brazil and France, the most recent markets to switch from a single iPhone carrier to multiple, unit sales took off multiple, unit sales took off in the next generation iPhone this summer. "It’s not certain that Apple and Verizon could agree on terms for an iPhone that runs on CDMA networks. CDMA capability could also be used to get the iPhone onto the net- works of China Telecom Ltd. and South Korea’s SK Telecom.

Apple shares hit an all-time high Tuesday as it appears the iPhone could find a new sales outlet through Verizon Wireless.

Several analysts said it appears AT&T will still be the only iPhone carrier in the U.S. at least through 2010. Marshall believes Apple extended the deal until 2011 in exchange for a flexible data plan for the iPad. Apple’s new tablet device. People who buy iPads with cellular data connections can pay AT&T $30 a month for service, instead of having to sign a contract, and choose a $15 or $30 monthly plan based on data consumption.

Apple shares rose as high as $237.48 on Tuesday, an all-time peak, before pulling back to $235.85, a 1.5 percent gain for the day. Apple’s stock has jumped about 13 percent this month in anticipation of the iPad launch, which begins Saturday.

Shares of Verizon Communications Inc., which owns a majority of Verizon Wireless, rose 2.6 percent Tuesday, while the stock of its partner, Vodafone Group PLC, edged up 0.8 percent. AT&T dropped 2.1 percent. Also hurt were shares of Palm Inc. and Research In Motion Ltd., two makers of smart phones that rival the iPhone and are available through Verizon Wireless. Palm shares lost 3.6 percent and RIM fell 1 percent.

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The University of Notre Dame Nonprofit Professional Development Program recently announced a new agreement with YMCA of the USA to provide executive education to the service organization’s leaders. The program is aimed at executives at the vice president level.

“The University of Notre Dame is committed to helping others as an outgrowth of our Christian faith,” said Mary Hardy, director of Nonprofit Executive Programs at the Mendoza College of Business. “We understand the importance of having excellent leadership, and dispersed all of its students after Hurricane Katrina flooded the university’s facilities. He also created a plan to compile donations and student applications to help managers make the transition to a larger leader.

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Shirley
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game for a retirement party for Shirley, an event she is very excited about.
"I can’t wait to see everyone," she said.
Preparing to return to campus for the reunion party, Observer alumni shared memories of Shirley.
Bruce Oakley, Class of 1980, returned to campus looking for a job after graduation and started working with Shirley at The Observer after serving as a copy editor his senior year.
He’ll be coming back again for the party, and told stories of those early years: installing typesetting machines, listening to Blonde, babysitting for Shirley’s children.
"Shirley proudly shared her life with us," he said. "She has strength enough for a family that has been growing for 30 years.
My message to Shirley: ‘Mom, the kids are all right. And we’re coming home.’"
Though it hasn’t always been smooth sailing in The Observer office, the staff was always able to rely on Shirley, said John Lucas, a member of the Class of 1996, who served as Editor-in-Chief from 1995-96.
"Shirley always was a tremendous, steady force: calm, fun, and kind. She was in the eye of the hurricane, with the chaos that is The Observer swirling all around her," he said.
The current staff, including Editor-in-Chief Matt Gamber, isn’t quite ready to Shirley go.
"I’ve been incredibly blessed to have known Shirley for the past three years, and I can’t thank her enough for the countless smiles and hugs that have brightened long nights and early mornings in the office," Gamber said. "It will be a challenge to move forward without her, both from a personal and a professional standpoint, but on behalf of the entire staff, Shirley, I wish you nothing but the best as you enjoy your retirement. We will miss you."
Now that her time at The Observer has come to a close, Shirley said she is "going to become a traveler and a full-time grand-ma."
Shirley has plans for an Alaskan cruise this June with her husband Craig, an ex-retired, and the Grauels are renting a condo in Florida for four weeks next spring.
"If Craig wasn’t at home, I probably wouldn’t be retired... but things happen for a reason, and it’s time," she said. "Thirty years... that’s enough."
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As sophomore Catherine Soler looks forward to her term as student body president, which will begin Thursday, she said community relations would be a priority for her administration.
"A main goal of ours is for students to feel compelled to go into the community, feel safe while they’re there and also give a lot to South Bend, but also get a lot out of being an active member of the community," Soler said.
Student body vice president-elect Andrew Bell said strengthening relations between the University and the community will be a mutually beneficial relationship.
"Not only will we benefit from a positive relationship with the community, but it’s better for both sides if we work together," he said. "They are the people that surround us. No one wants to stay on campus and the community members don’t want to avoid students."
To fulfill this goal, Soler said she would work for the continuation of Transpo and hopes to get a traffic light installed at the intersection of Twyckenham Drive and Vaness Street, which is highly traveled by students.
"We are also looking forward to continuing the focus on students taking care of themselves when they are out in the community, being respectful and also being aware of their surroundings," Soler said. "We’ve seen a lot of success in terms of off-campus safety and we want to continue along that line."
Bell said they have also explored the idea of obtaining class credit through involvement in the community.
For example, a one-credit class could involve going to the monthly Northeast Neighborhood Council meetings, he said.
"You will advance your education while becoming directly immersed in the community," he said. "We think that’s a really great way to become involved."
For the remainder of the current school year, Soler said she would also pursue a textbook rental system, which was part of her platform.
"We really are pushing for the rental textbook system to come about in the fall," she said. "We’re working with the bookstore as well as business operations. We’re in the beginning stages."
Soler also said she plans to host April Awareness Month, a new campaign in which student government will raise awareness for various charities, fundraisers and service opportunities.
April Awareness Month will be a way to combine their passion for service and student government, Soler said.
Events will include a Community Service Day, a student government Relay for Life team and The Bald and The Beautiful, an event where students will cut their hair to benefit childhood cancer research.
"We’re both participating," said Soler, who will cut eight inches off her hair, while Bell will shave his head.
Bell said April Awareness Month is also a way to connect with the student body.
"It’s reflective of the fact that we represent a very service-oriented student body," he said. "We are entering into a climate where service is very important so this is just a result of that."
Soler and Bell said they are grateful for the opportunity to serve the student body and look forward to working with students to enhance the Notre Dame experience.
"We’re more energized than ever," Soler said.
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Precious: Based on the Novel “Push” by Sapphire (2009)
Rated R; 110 minutes
A vibrant, honest and resoundingly hopeful film about the human capacity to grow and overcome

Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
A student and administrator panel will discuss the film following the 6:30 p.m. screening.

Friday, April 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
A faculty panel will discuss the film following the 6:30 p.m. screening.

Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
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When I was entering seventh grade, I decided that I wanted to be a good basketball player. When I let my aspirations known to my parents, my dad said that he was happy for me, but he then proceeded to tell me exactly how it was going to happen. Over the summer, I was to run for a mile and shoot 100 free throws every day. In hindsight, that may not seem like a whole lot of work, but for a 12-year-old that would have been perfectly content eating candy and playing video games every day all summer, it was like a death sentence. So each day, begrudgingly, I rolled out of bed and worked out, usually after an hour of bickering with my mom about it. Not surprisingly, I became a pretty good player and even won a few free throw shooting contests in middle school.

My blooming basketball career, though, is not the point of the story (my career was doomed after I grew another inch beyond sixth grade). The point is that my dad instilled a routine in me, where I could count on doing the same thing day after day and, naturally, would become used to it. And that was the case.

After a few weeks, running a mile and shooting 100 free throws really didn’t seem so bad, it just became a part of life.

We all came to Notre Dame looking for an extraordinary experience. Notre Dame is different, it’s true, but we, and for many of us, that extra mystique is what drew us to this place. However, once you have spent a few years here, you pretty much have things figured out. You know the shortest route from your room to all of your classrooms, you know when to avoid the rush at the dining hall, and you have your favorite, already tried, mostly good lunch spots picked out. For me, earlier this semester, there was probably a two week stretch where I followed the exact same routine every day. Wake up, eat, go to class, eat dinner and then go finish schoolwork. You would really only eat, go to class, eat dinner and then go finish schoolwork. You would really only

Andy Zicarelli

Rejecting the routine

Dellartolo, South Dining Hall or on the first floor of the library, because that was the most efficient way to go about it. It was like being Bill Murray’s character, Phil, in the movie “Groundhog Day,” where he keeps waking up and living the exact same day over and over and ever again. One day, as I passed the same person in the blue hat (who I’ve never met, but still recognize), at the same place and the same time on my way to class for the third Wednesday in a row, like clockwork, it struck me. Notre Dame had become ordinary. Instead of responding to “How are you?” with a positive, upbeat response, I found myself giving answers like “getting by” and “surviving.” What had become of my experience? I decided that I needed to give myself a shot in the arm.

It started with little things. I decided that I was going to mix up my routine and walk to Dellartolo from Dillon along South Quad, not under the Law School Arch, if for no other reason than a change of pace. As it turned out, the very first time I did that, I ran into a good friend of mine whom I hadn’t seen in a few weeks and we found a time to meet up for dinner. Obviously, not every walk down the quad ends up in a dinner date, but I would have never seen her had I chosen to walk to class along my regular path. In addition, I made it a goal to eat lunch at every dining establishment on campus before the end of the semester. As we all know, the dining hall can get repetitive, especially if that is the only place you eat for weeks at a time. This turned out to be an worthwhile goal, because now I have discovered awesome places to eat like Café Poché in Bond Hall, Greensfelder and, my personal favorite, Devlin Commons, all places that I had never set foot in during my first five semesters on campus.

But beyond just going new places, I still felt like I needed to do more. With that in mind, I decided to sign up and attend the Notre Dame Encounter No. 105 retreat this past weekend. I will say this: it was one of the best decisions I have ever made. NDE was one of my favorite weekend during my entire three years here at Notre Dame. It wasn’t specifically any one activity that we did on the retreat (though I enjoyed everything) that made the weekend and it wasn’t just the fact that my small group’s theme was based on the movie “Space Jam” (though that certainly helped); it was the people. Having been at Notre Dame, we sometimes forget that what makes this university great is the truly special student body that chose to attend school here. And on an NDE, you are placed in contact with 55 other amazing people, most of whom you have never spoken to before, in a setting where you can really learn their stories. And, to shamelessly steal a phrase from my small group leader, I love to hear other people’s stories, something that I had lost sight of during my day-to-day monotony. At one point near the end of the weekend, I was in a group of four people talking: one freshman, one sophomore, one junior and one senior, in all four different majors. We had been complete strangers no more than 36 hours beforehand. In spite of all that, though, we carried on all the way until we could no longer stay awake, and it was at that point, as I headed to bed, that I realized just how many truly amazing people there are here that I had yet to encounter. What if I chose not to sign up for the retreat and we never had the chance to meet another interesting experience.

Amazing personalities are all around you here. You walk by them every day without even giving them a second glance. We all do. Hopefully, though, you can make the most of it, and not let your experiences here on campus pass you by without making the most of it. I know I certainly intend to from here on out.

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Not standing strong

Why I do care

That said, remember that just because you are Catholic does not mean you own the school. This is just as much my school as it is yours. As such, I have just as much right to discuss and criticize the shortcomings of my school. In the same light, this is just as much my world as it is yours. Accordingly, I have the same rights to discuss and criticize the shortcomings of the world. An organization that covers up the sexual abuse is something I perceive as a shortcoming.

Just because I am not part of the group, does not mean I cannot criticize the organization. I am not part of many groups, but I can still criticize them. The Catholic Church is one of these groups. If I am part of the group, like in the case of the university community, I not only have the right to criticize the organization, I have the duty in order to make it better both for myself and my peers. So next time you think twice before criticizing, this doesn’t concern me, and I should therefore stay silent. I ask you politely to remember that the Catholic Church is a powerful organization whose policies do affect me even though I don’t believe.

Andy Hills

Zahm Hall
March 29
By TATIANA SPRAGINS
Scene Writer

Featuring two actors you would never imagine working together in a combination of what each one does best, comedy and action, "Cop Out" is definitely not bound to feed your intellectual appetite. But it might be fun just to sit back and enjoy the jokes or watch Bruce Willis’ hilariously bad attempt at comedy.

Tracy Morgan and Bruce Willis play the roles of two cops that have worked together for nine years and, due to a failed attempt at catching a Latin gang, are suspended for 90 days. On top of this, Paul (Morgan) thinks his wife is cheating and Jimmy (Willis) can’t afford to pay for his daughter’s wedding. Jimmy then decides to sell a baseball card he’s had since he was little to pay for the wedding. The card had been kept in perfect condition, and could therefore be worth up to $80,000 — except, when he’s selling the card to a mugger, the card turns out to be a fake. Not to mention, he hasn’t been involved in any good projects lately — for a while, actually. Not since "The Sixth Sense" has Willis had the opportunity to stand out in a role, and "Cop Out" won’t be of any help. Out of his element and in a relatively weak movie, Willis continues to shine on his search for the next big thing in his career. On the other hand, Morgan shines in "30 Rock" but should be working on getting roles in better movies if he wants to see his career continue to rise. In "Cop Out" Morgan sometimes tries too hard to be funny, and it can be quite disorienting to try this really quickly. The first scene makes this very clear, but the rest of the movie keeps up a good pace and doesn’t overdo the jokes. "Cop Out" also counts on the appearance of Adam Brody and Seann William Scott, the latter being one of the main leads of "The O.C." Scott also does a hilarious job as a hyperactive drug addict that robs houses to sustain his habit. His participation accounts for some of the funniest scenes. The combination of different characters and the way they interact with one another, each in their own very unique style, adds a lot of fun to the movie.

Definitely more of a "dude movie," "Cop Out" combines inappropriate jokes, foul language and violence in a police-versus-drug dealer setting. The results are mixed but contribute by adding a touch of ridiculousness to the overall plot. Not even close to being the best movie of the year, "Cop Out" is an unintelligent comedy with predictable jokes. However, if you feel like letting your brain rest (and if you’re a dude), grab a beer, sit back and enjoy.

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"Cop Out"
Walter Bros.

Directed by: Kevin Smith
Starring: Bruce Willis, Tracy Morgan and Seann William Scott

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Author’s Note: This story was originally a recap of Wrestlemania XVI, which took place on Sunday night. After writing my first draft, I realized the potential audience of that story was only slightly bigger than the group of four guys with whom I regularly watch World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). Instead, the piece transformed into a defense of professional wrestling as an entertaining sport. Professional wrestling is fake — but so is pretty much every show, movie and commercial on television. Even professional wrestling’s audience is often made up of fans of "Nascar" demographics, it is by no means because they are addicted to the action on the screen. Instead, just like any other fiction fans, they are drawn in by the story lines and athleticism. However, just because all the matches are predetermined doesn’t mean wrestling is entirely faked. The wrestlers spend most of the year on the road in cramped quarters with a small group of fellow performers. Bad blood is bound to arise.

One of the most famous examples of real world animosity spilling into wrestling storylines was the "Montreal Screw job" in 1997. Bret Hart, the reigning world champion and one of the most popular performers in the business, was supposed to win his last pay-per-view match before leaving the WWE because of WWE’s financial troubles. Vince McMahon, the CEO of WWE, as well as a frequent performer, arranged for Hart to win the match before resigning and handing over the title. McMahon later decided to change the outcome of the match without informing Hart. Under McMahon’s orders, the ref called the match early. McMahon’s betrayal was real, as was Hart’s exclusion from the WWE. By the time Hart was introduced into the wrestling Hall of Fame in 2006, the personal feud between the two had ended. Earlier this year, Hart made his professional return in the ring with old wounds fresh in his mind. After several weeks of build up, Hart spent Sunday night helping McMahon the heat down he deserved over a decade ago. The excellent mesh of real and scripted emotion provided the WWE with one of the best story lines in recent memory as well as a great match at Wrestlemania.

Professional wrestling is at a unique moment in its history. Two decades ago, wrestling was in its heyday. Superstars embodied by Hulk Hogan had transcended the sport and spilled over into family movies and Sunday morning cartoons. It was family entertainment even if it was lower class. As big names defected to rival wrestling company WCW, the influence of wrestling in popular culture as a sporting organization accounted for some of the most popular performers in the business, was supposed to win his last pay-per-view match before leaving the WWE because of WWE’s financial troubles. Vince McMahon, the CEO of WWE, as well as a frequent performer, arranged for Hart to win the match before resigning and handing over the title. McMahon later decided to change the outcome of the match without informing Hart. Under McMahon’s orders, the ref called the match early. McMahon’s betrayal was real, as was Hart’s exclusion from the WWE. By the time Hart was introduced into the wrestling Hall of Fame in 2006, the personal feud between the two had ended. Earlier this year, Hart made his professional return in the ring with old wounds fresh in his mind. After several weeks of build up, Hart spent Sunday night helping McMahon the heat down he deserved over a decade ago. The excellent mesh of real and scripted emotion provided the WWE with one of the best story lines in recent memory as well as a great match at Wrestlemania.

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FCC bans Revue from America

Organizers say they plan to relocate show to Canada

By SUBWAY JARED
Perusal Opinion

After weeks of internal meetings and wild specula-
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Communications Commission (FCC) has taken the
bold step of banning the Keenan Revue from the
United States.
The CMS said they no longer believe the Keenan
Revue to be in line with the nation's mission.

“We could just no longer stand by while those hooli-
gans from Keenan Hall presented caricatures of what
United States citizens are like,” FCC commissioner
Giulius Menachowski said.

The only way we will ever be able to promote virtuous
citizens is to completely ignore the way they act and
bury our heads in the sand,” Former Keenan
Revue directors Film Fleet and
Stanny Zeeland, surprised by the government’s deci-
sion, vowed to continue the fight to keep the Revue in
the country.

The two promised to appeal the decision all the
way to the Supreme Court.

“Really?” Fleet said.

“Really?” Zeeland echoed his state-
ment, wondering why the FCC even cared.

“All we did was have a few

sketches about how some Americans are fat and lazy,”
Zeeland said. “I did not real-
ize that it would be such a
big deal.”

The CMS claimed its actions were not reactionary
and that they had been plan-
ing this change for years.

“The Commission finds the
unpatriotic nature of the skits as well as the inappro-
priate references to fatness of American citizens to be
incongruent with the United
State’s mission and values,”
Menachowski said. “Our government strives to treat
all individuals as if they are incapable of committing
embarrassing, amusing or

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RV Hall of Fame follows chicken chain to Atlanta

Administrators say that move is unrelated
to College Football Hall of Fame’s relocation

By KARL BERSTEIN
More of a Legend than an Actual Employee

The RV and Motor Home Hall of
Fame announced they will move
from Elkhart to Atlanta, effective
July 1.

The move follows the College
Football Hall of Fame’s move to
the Georgia capital, but the
moves are unrelated, according
to motor home guru “Cousin” Sal
Chesterson.

“Our employees and visitors at
the RV Hall of Fame need us
some Chick-fil-A,” Chesterson
said. “Atlanta said they’d give us
a year supply if we moved South.

Guests at the Hall of Fame
Tuesday were unconcerned by
the move.

“I’d walk 500 miles, and I
would walk 500 more to get to
the RV Hall of Fame,” visitor
Gomer Pyle said.

Pyle’s wife reminded him he
wouldn’t need to walk because
they could take their RV.

The Hall of Fame expects the
move will net them an additional
200 visitors a day, Chesterson
said.

“The thing about us RVers is
that we love us our chicken,”
Chesterson said.

Chesterson said he hopes the
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convinced Hoosiers to pursue
RVing as a way of life.

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The RV Hall of Fame is loading up the trailers for a move to Atlanta. Hall of Fame administrators say they
want to be closer to the Chick-fil-A headquarters.

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Female suspected of breaking rules

NDSP reports school’s first parietals violation

Absurder Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police
(NDSP) has released a sketch of a
female fugitive alleged to have
violated parietals in Zahm Hall
the morning of March 30.

If the allegations prove true, it
would mark the first parietals vio-
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**INSIDE COLUMN**

Bravo, Tiger!

You all are just jealous. You go home to your slightly overweight spouses and your omnious children who constantly force you to question your decision to procreate. Tiger goes home to blonde bombshell Elin, and when he doesn't, he has the pick of the litter of gorgeous women at his beck and call.

You and your buddies golf on Saturday afternoons, backing from bunker to bunker and carding a gentle man's 118. Tiger drops a 3-wood with the accuracy of a cruise missile a foot from the pin on national television and wins at the husky brunette near the 14th green, knowing that after he wins the tournament he'll put Elin and the kids to bed and then skedaddle on over to her place.

You are affected by the recession. He isn't. You don't get free Nike gear and Buicks. He does. He got to visit the troops and hit golf balls off the deck of the U.S.S. George Washington. You didn't.

You wish you were him. He's probably in his hotel at Augusta right now with a pile of tabloids and gossip magazines in front of him, and every time he reads about himself he grins.

"Check." "Count it." "She was sooooo worth it."

Don't tell me for one second you don't want to have an affair with a dozen-plus porn stars and cocktail waitresses. That's a dozen-plus chances to use the built-in pick-up lines inherent in being a golfer.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** NERVOUS ABOUT JOB SECURITY IN THIS ECONOMY?

Sean Junkins  
Billionaire Mogul, C.S.C.  
I'm tenured.

Gnarlie Rice  
Former Irish Football Coach  
Budget cutbacks cost me my job.

Bike Pray  
Former Irish Basketball Coach  
My postseason performances speak for themselves.

Kelli Bryan  
Freshman Knott Hall  
I have a second job at Reckers just in case.

Mac Swartick  
Has really hot daughters  
Again, I have really hot daughters. So no.

CENSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF PREVENTION OF THE VIEWING OF NAKED BODIES

In crystal clear detail, University President Fr. Sean Junkins is captured streaking through campus, part of a so-called 'bun run' with his dorm.

**USELESS THINGS MAYBE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN, MAYBE NOT**

Cristal to begin production on canned wine  
The South of France — Cristal, the official French champagne of aristocrats and rappers alike, has announced a new line of canned wine set for an early 2011 domestic release.

"The bottle was just getting cumbrous, particularly for some our consumers who often require free hands to easily grab weapons and grape females," producer Louis Roederer said.

The can will also allow for Cristal to easily be consumed in mass quantities.

A 30-pack of 12-oz cans is expected to retail for $64,000, and will be available exclusively through Belmont Beverage.

NBC to renew 'MILF Island' for a second season  
NEW YORK — NBC Sheinheart Universal Vice President Jack Donaghy has announced that the critically acclaimed and award winning reality television show featuring sexy moms, teenage boys and no rules, will be back for a second season. But this time, the game will change, and the MILFs will have to adjust. In addition to the first season's 15 MILFs and 50 eighth grade boys, 5 DILFs and 25 tweens will be added into the mix.

The season, which will film over the next three years in Cambodia, is scheduled to premiere during sweeps in 2011.

Sorry about so many 30 Rock references, but it's hard to try to write jokes for this. Especially when most people at The Absurder aren't funny. I hope you understand.

**LITTLE BITS OF NEWS**

Former Tonight Show host Conan O'Brien has signed a contract to host NDTV's Late Night Nd in the Legends Restaurant for the next two years. Try to stop by some time, unless you have homework.

If anyone could find out if I'm still banned for life from The Backer, I'd really appreciate it. It's not that I want to go or anything, I just need to know that I could if I wanted to.

The password for Club Fever this Thursday is ‘fidelio’. Get there before eleven, and be sure to bring a mask.

Apparently there's some God Debate coming up. Like everyone else I don't really know anything about it, but man am I opiniomatized!

The weather is going to be nice this weekend. Fitting, since you're leaving town for Easter Break.

If you're interested in actual things that are happening on campus, just read the real paper.

**DRINKING FORECAST**

**TODAY**

HIGH

LOW

-72

-49

**TOMORROW**

HIGH

LOW

-74

-53

**FRIDAY**

HIGH

LOW

-74

-51

**SATURDAY**

HIGH

LOW

-73

-51

**EASTER**

HIGH

LOW

-69

-41

Seriously. The weather's going to be sweet this week. Listen to the Sun in the Wayfarers.

**SHOUTOUTS**

Hi mom, dad and Alex!
RVs continued from page 1

because of the Hall of Fame. “I could have retired to Florida, but I bought an RV so now I’ve retired to the world,” Hoffman said.

Although the move is not expected to affect Notre Dame, University President Fr. Sean Junkins expressed his personal disappointment with the situation. “I like nothing more than road-tripping in my RV,” he said. Junkins is rumored to travel in an extra-wide RV trailer that is furnished with imported Italian marble floors. He was hoping that his motor home would be nominated for the Hall of Fame after it retired.

Now, however, Junkins is concerned that supporting the Hall of Fame would send the wrong message to the Northern Indiana community.

“We don’t want to support an institution that betrayed Michiana,” Junkins said.

Now that the two hall of fame landmarks will look for an escape route, observers are concerned that other local landmarks will look for an escape route.

Junkins was quick to dissuade fears that Notre Dame will be the next to move. “We love Northern Indiana, and we’re not going anywhere,” he said.

He followed his statement by donating $10 million to the cities of South Bend, Elkhart and Mishawaka.

Saint Mary’s College president Carrie Mindy refused to comment if her institution of higher learning is looking for a new location.

Mindy is seeking a cash donation from Junkins to stay in the South Bend area, according to a source within her administration.

“She needs someone to pay for our sidewalks to be shoveled,” the source said.

The College currently does not shovel its sidewalks after snowstorms because it claims that the retired Holy Cross nuns who live on campus are responsible for grooming the grounds.

“If we join the hall of fame in Atlanta, we won’t need to shovel our sidewalks,” the source in Mindy’s office said.

A spokesman for the city of South Bend said the city will not fight to keep Saint Mary’s in the region. “If they get a football team, we’ll support their institution,” the spokesman said.

Contact Karl Bernstein through Deep Throat.

GOP: President Baraka Rama is anti-Christ

Terri Randyl protests, claiming commander-in-chief is ‘only Satan’; student government tries to put itself at center of story

Devils News Service

Nearly a quarter of registered Republicans believe that United States president Baraka Rama is the anti-Christ, according to a poll released last week.

The poll’s findings came as no surprise to many Republican leaders.

“I’ve been saying he’s the anti-Christ for years,” conservative talk show host Brash Bimbahaugh said.

Democrats retort that Rama’s morals prove he isn’t the anti-Christ. “If anyone’s the anti-Christ, it would be (Republican South Carolina governor) Sark Manford,” one Democratic strategist said.

Not all voters are convinced that a political figure is the anti-Christ. “Rama can’t be the anti-Christ because it’s always been my dream to be the anti-Christ,” Chicago resident Lucifer Beelzebub said. “These people are trying to kill my dreams.”

It is unclear how the results of the poll will affect November’s midterm elections, but some political analysts think that Satan worshippers will now be more likely to vote for Democrats.

If Rama is the anti-Christ, each party will have a figure with ties to the dark side, according to Harry Potter Web site founder H.P. Sparks.

“Republicans are for Voldemort, and now Democrats are for Rama,” Sparks said, citing the long-standing rumor that former vice president Mick Churley is the Dark Lord.

Conservative talk show host Beno Deck supported the results of the poll on his Fox News show last night. “I’ve always known that Rama is 24 percent anti-Christ, and now this is our proof,” Deck said.

The poll found a quarter of protests on the campus of Notre Dame, where Rama spoke at the 2009 Commencement ceremony.

Terri Randyl, who led the 2009 protests at Notre Dame, is boycotting the current protests because he thinks University president Fr. Sean Junkins is the true anti-Christ. “Rama is Satan, but Junkins is the anti-Christ,” Randyl said.

University spokesman Denny Blue said Notre Dame does not endorse the coming of the anti-Christ, but stands by Rama as president. “Fr. Sean and the officers of the University are anti-anti-Christ,” Blue said.

But the University respects President Rama’s status as a world leader, and doesn’t believe that he’s the anti-Christ.

Not all voters are convinced that a political figure is the anti-Christ. “Rama is the anti-Christ, according to a poll at Monday’s meeting of the Campus Life Council (CLC). Council members approved of the task force in principle, but ultimately tabled the issue until next week’s meeting because the student leaders couldn’t agree on a name for the committee.

“I want to use a semicolon in the name of the task force,” CLC member Katie McKeaterson said. “We can’t create a task force without a semicolon in the name.”

After initially supporting the task force, Dotcom is now hesitant. “I’m going to bring it up in the Council of Representatives meeting tomorrow, and urge members to ask their constituency groups what we should do,” Dotcom said.

Not all students plan to vote in the mock election. “I don’t even know who Bob&Grant Dotcom is,” one student, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he might have worked on a group project with Dotcom last semester, said.

A 5-year-old’s alternative uses for

1. Killing flies
2. Toilet paper
3. Napkins
4. Making spitballs
The fight against health care

During the founding of this country, doctors would slice open arteries and let the blood flow to cure fever and rub screw bots from dead smallpox vic-tims in open wounds to prevent the spread of the disease. They did it with out ever raising premiums or running a deficit. Let us return to a time of health-care simplicity, where a Band-Aid and a shot of Johnnie Walker can cure most maladies.

A recent Harris poll showed that 24 percent of Americans believe Rama is the anti-Christian God we cannot believe the number is not higher. The prophe-cies are coming true, one by one, and Americans are now beginning to realize it. In 1 John 2:18, the Bible warns, "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that anti-Christ shall come . . . from Chicago by way of Hawaii, to the capital of this Republic, by way of Kenya, how can we allow this monster to be in charge of our physical well-being?"

So stand up for yourselves. Don’t toss your teeth, eat too much cholesterol and continue having unprotected sex with morally questionable people. It’s all in the name of lighting the good fight — the fight against health care.

Mary Kate Donahue

Brians is a disgrace

As Catholics and scholars, we at Notre Dame already know a few surefire ways to sentence ourselves to eternal damnation: the consumption of steak sandwiches on Lenten Fridays, the engagement in premartial sex and of course the support of socialist dictators. One gray area about which many a seemingly religious Catholic student is apparent-ly confused, however, is the violation of that popular Friday student hang-out, Brians’, also known as the Carney Stone.

A simple observation of this sinful spectacle reveals sweaty young men and women gyrating to Satan’s song, drinking a vile mixture of potent energy drinks and liquor and, worst of all, dancing atop the counter from which the wicked beverage is provided.

Brians is a disgrace and additional mailing offices.

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To the Editor:

I’m writing in protest of Our Lady’s University’s latest dis-grace. Some of the things I’ve heard about William Brians are contrary to the way I feel about major issues. As a result, he should not be allowed on these hallowed grounds, let alone receive an honorary degree from this University I am not in any way affiliated with this university, I don’t have any qualms about my actions affecting it negative-ly. Since I have no affiliation with this university, I don’t have any qualms about my actions affecting it negative-ly.

Please sign a protest and visit my several Web sites. I get 5 cents a hit, so if you have the time, just keep refreshing.

Terri Randyl

Submit a Letter to the Editor at GiveASchmidt.com

“Brians is a disgrace”

Mary Kate Donahue

FRA: Most of the time.

Vote by paper ballot in the University president’s office.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We’re Notre Dame, and people don’t have water.”

Grynthia student body vice president
The Absurder hates the environment.
Please just throw us on the quad, along with any other aluminum, plastic or garbage you may find.
Balls
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The 100th inaugural games were attended by thousands of fans spon-
torship of liquor abuse by various countries throughout the event. “Programming is a serious, sorely needed issue, and the physically attractive. “The University’s always looking for new blood to solicit hefty donations from, and these new uniforms are opening our product up to entirely new fanbases.”

Junk
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uniforms will allow the Notre Dame brand to penetrate into several lucrative new demographics: MILFs, cougars, tweens who are mature for their age, and the physically attractive.

Snitch
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for his practice of vampirism and was forced to live the rest of his 900 years in the guise of a pious French Catholic. Storin’s story was thought to be a pious French Catholic.

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Raiders organization. Blausen impressed scouts at the combine, completing the 40-yard water-bucket pull in 11.36 seconds. “He’s a valuable addition to our staff,” Raiders coach Dom Table said. “But if he doesn’t pan out, I’ll treat him like every member of my staff. I’ll beat him senseless.”

Talk smack about CJ’s water, suffer the consequences: Blausen sports a shiner after refusing a drink.

For those unfamiliar with the traditional rules, each Quidditch team normally consists of seven players: three Chasers, two Beaters, one Keeper and one Seeker. Full explanation of the rules can be found in J.K. Rowling’s “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone.”

The battle between good and evil will take place in complete darkness and the exact location will not be disclosed, Swartrick said.

Contact Elin at Finny’s while taking shots of liquid cocaine.
Taking a page from the ever-successful event put on annually by student group La Alianza, the priests of Notre Dame are launching their own annual event celebrating Catholic culture and the resurrection of Christ, titled Lenten Expressions, which takes place this Sunday night at the Grotto.

“We were looking for a new way to get students excited about salvation and the Lenten season that unites us Catholics, and what better way to do that than an evening showcasing the best of Catholicism at Notre Dame?” said show director and Basilica rector Fr. Paul Socka.

The event features 12 different acts. Performers will include members of a variety of student groups, faculty from the theology department and numerous Holy Cross Priests.

“This probably will be the highlight of the year, better than that time we had cupcakes after dorm Mass.”

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“I heard a rumor they got Christopher Hitchens to play Satan in one number. I’m sure it’ll be awesome. I’ve been waiting for this event for 40 days!” another said.

It’s been speculated that Lenten Expressions is also similar to its Latino counterpart in that it may function as a recruiting tool for young Catholics.

“Notre Dame’s Catholic reputation has been hit hard in the past few years, so it’s not a huge surprise they’re trying to lure people in with a big event like this,” one cynical student said. “But don’t be fooled — this place isn’t nearly as ‘Catholic’ as Lenten Expressions might make you think.

“Seriously, who can overlook the Baraka Rama controversy or the Vagina Monologues flap? Don’t think a show like this makes up for that kind of thing.”

Socka denied that there were any ulterior motives behind the show, but said he did hope it “paints a positive picture of a vibrant Catholic culture at Notre Dame” in the minds of everyone, including prospective students.

The show will be emceed by guests from the local diocese, Bishop James F’Artsy and Bishop Keith Toads, Socka said.

“’This probably will be the highlight of the year, better than that time we had cupcakes after dorm Mass,’ one said.

“Don’t miss this event — it promises to be a highlight of the year.”

Contact Good Catholic in the Basilica or at the Grotto
FOOTBALL

Irish unveil new uniforms

Team drops trou to lift revenue, jersey sales

By CALVIN KLEIN
Senior Undergraduate Correspondent

When the Irish take to the gridiron in 2010, a $2.25 increase in Stadium nacho prices won’t be the only dramatic change awaiting fans. In a sexy, Absurder exclusive fashion show in the Loftus Sports Center Tuesday, the Athletic Department showed off the team’s skimpy new digs for the upcoming season.

A departure from the college football staple of jerseys, pads and pants, the new uniforms utilize high-tech nanotechnology to shrink the entire cumbersome football ensemble into one tight, revealing piece.

“I have a true passion for water and cannot wait to supply the team’s replacement staff,” Blausen, a three-year water boy with the eighth pick of the 2010 NFL Draft, said from New York City. “I’m thrilled with the selection.

“Thank God my vow of poverty doesn’t apply to yachts,” added Fr. Junkins. "The Spirit of Notre Dame [the recent, $1.5 billion fund-raising campaign] let me christen my second yacht out in Cannes last spring ... I’m really hoping the profits from these new uniforms will get me my third.”

Economics Department chair Jane Garlic said that the new uniforms will allow the Notre Dame football program in years, "to win football games that we’ve forgotten about the only reason we have a football program in the first place: to make absurd amounts of money for (University President) Fr. Jenkins and myself.”

"Notre Dame football has really strayed from its roots over the years," Director of Athletics Mac Swartrick said. "We’ve been so focused on unsuccessfully trying to win football games that we’ve forgotten about the only reason we have a football program in the first place: to make absurd amounts of money for (University President) Fr. Jenkins and myself.”

“Move over, Bobby Boucher,” said former Irish quarterback Jake Daniels. "It’s such a special honor," said Daniels. "The kid made 72 percent of his shots in high school, we haven’t seen that kind of talent in years," said United States captain Ryan O’Reilly. "We thought it was a steal when he fell to our spot and we could take him last year.”

Daniels credited his strict training regiment for his strong performance in his first Beer Olympics.

"I was a little nervous, but I’ve been doing three or four 40s of Magnum every Friday in quarters, Civil War and the wheelbarrow race.

While Jamaica managed to take an early lead in the Spring Olympics after a gold medal performance in the ice luge, the Americans quickly established their dominance on the second day of competition with medals in quarters, Civil War and the wheelbarrow race.

The early U.S. victories were marred by accusations of doping, primarily fueled by Chinese accusations of tequila and grain-alcohol injections by Americans in illegal training techniques that were investigat ed by the International Beer Committee over the first week of contests.

FOOTBALL

FOOSEBALL

Move over, Bobby Boucher

Raiders draft Blausen as water boy in 1st rd.

By ELIN — NOW SINGLE
Call Me :)
In 1993, a boy met the world and emboldened himself so deeply into American teen and pre-teen culture that to this day, 10 years after his television series came to a close, college kids across America still find themselves quoting and re-watching episodes from "Boy Meets World." Because The Observer is so attuned to what the typical college kid yearns for, the Scene writers have decided to address your needs and tell you exactly what is going on in the lives of Cory, Topanga, Shawn, Eric and the rest of the crew from "Where are the 'Where Are They Now?' special edition: He finally finished the gang made it big and made Feeny proud!

Cory Matthews (Ben Savage)

Ben Savage captured the hearts of viewers as charming prankster Cory Matthews. He navigated the tough years of adolescence, bringing worldly wisdom and amusing jokes to his trials and tribulations. Since the show ended in 2000, Savage has graduated from Stanford University with a degree in Political Science. He took a three-year break from acting in which he and his father spent a summer following Bruce Springsteen on a U.S. tour. Afterwards, he appeared in television shows such as "Swimming Upstream" and "Making It Legal." He has also made guest appearances in TV shows like "Fame of the Future," "The Office," and "The Bill," but that love boat left him stranded long ago. The last time he made news in a major magazine was in 2002 when he told "People" he was considering a more exciting note, he did date Brittany Murphy. Currently, he is filming "Don't Tread on Ender!" a dramedy that was supposed to premiere in 2009.

Shawn Hunter ( Rider Strong)

Rider Strong’s Shawn Hunter was the deadpan who tackled the toughest problems on the show, most likely stemming from his tough family life. But with his best friend Cory’s help, Shawn managed to avoid any serious trouble. In 2004, Strong graduated Magna Cum Laude from Columbia University with a degree in English. He finished his Master of Fine Arts degree in 2005 at Bennington College. After "Boy Meets World," Strong has appeared on the big screen in indie horror film "Cabin Fever" and recently came in its sequel, "Cabin Fever 2: Spring Fever." He also returned to television with a regular role in "Pepper Dennis" on the WB in 2006. Recently he expressed an interest in expanding his writing and directing career after his film, "Irish andWild," won some awards at film festivals. He then appeared in television shows including "The Bill," "The Bill," "The Bill," and "The Bill." Currently he is working on a major project in television shows, including "The Bill," "The Bill," "The Bill," and "The Bill." He also expressed an interest in expanding his writing and directing career after his film, "Irish and Wild," won some awards at film festivals.

Topanga Lawrence (Danielle Fishel)

Danielle Fishel played the role of Topanga Lawrence, Cory’s long-time girlfriend and eventual wife on “Boy Meets World.” She is now the host of Style Network’s “The Dish,” a TV talk show that discusses the most pop culture trends in television, movies, magazines and celebrities, much like her sister network E! does on “The Soup.” She also appeared as a guest on “The Tyra Banks Show” in 2006 and discussed her dramatic weight loss on the Naomi Camp Diet. After the appearance, Fishel became a spokesperson for Nutrisystem, as well as a special correspondent for “The Tyra Banks Show.” She has also appeared in a few movies, including “Longshot,” “National Lampoon's Dorm Daze” and its sequel “Gianethe.” Fishel dated a couple of her “Boy Meets World” cast members, including her co-star Ben Savage. Her relationship with Matthew Lawrence. She also briefly dated rapper Michael Barber and former child star Lance Ruse, who was her date to her high school prom.

Eric Matthews (Will Friedle)

You may know him best as the voice of Ron Stoppable from “Kim Possible” (just kidding) but for those of you who grew up listening to the shrieks of "FEEEENNNNYYYY," Will Friedle will never be more famous than for his role as Eric on “Boy Meets World.” Since his turn as the lovable and kind of stupid Eric Matthews, Friedle has focused on providing his voice for multiple cartoon characters such as Blue Beetle in “Batman: The Brave and the Bold.” On a more exciting note, he did date Jennifer Love Hewitt in 1997, but the two went their separate ways on shore long ago. The last time he made news in a major magazine was in 2001 when he told “People” he was contemplating attending culinary school, but so far nothing seems have waned from his kitchen. Hopefully that means he’s busily concocting the perfect recipe for revitalizing his acting career!

George Feeny (William Daniels)

Mr. Feeny appeared in almost every episode of "Boy Meets World." His character had multiple sides—the strict teacher tending his beloved garden, the strict principal trying to lay down the law, the warm-hearted mentor guiding Cory and friends through the trials of life and the college professor who just could not get enough of his favorite students. While the majority of "Boy Meets World," Daniels, now 82, has been consistently playing minor film and television roles on popular shows such as "Boston Legal," "The King of Queens" and "Scubs" and movies including "Blades of Glory" and "The Benchwarmers." Though he is well-known for his part in the classic film "The Graduate," and has been employed since the end of "Boy Meets World," the children of the eighties and nineties only think one thing when they see his face: "Feynny!"

Alan and Amy Matthews (William Russ and Baby Rosemary)

Cory’s parents, Alan and Amy, were the best. They were understanding to Cory’s adolescent problems while not so ridiculous as to think that Cory and Topanga getting married was the right move. Since the show came to a close, college years in 1998. Rachel was the tall, wispy, patriotic and artistic, and she and Shawn began dating after he finds a purse she had lost and discovers their shared interests based on the bag’s contents. They dated on and off. In 2004, when she decided to go to spend a year in Europe with her father, while Mcgee was best known for her role in "Boy Meets World," she has also guest starred on a few television shows, including "Family Matters." Since the finale of Boy Meets World, she now spends most of her time with her family. Mcgee was previously married to Courtland Davis and they have two children together. She is now currently in a relationship with actor Marcello Thedford ("Dangerous Minds") and lives in CA. Meanwhile, Randle, who had a myriad of roles before playing the lovable Mrs. Matthews, returned acting after her last role on the series “Charmed” in 2004. She now lives with her husband and children in California.

Angela Moore (Trina McGee)

McGee portrayed Angela Moore, Shawn’s major love interest throughout the latter half of the series. Witty, passionate and artistic, she and Shawn begin dating after he finds a purse she had lost and discovers their shared interests based on the bag’s contents. They dated on and off. In 2004, when she decided to go to spend a year in Europe with her father, while Mcgee was best known for her role in "Boy Meets World," she has also guest starred on a few television shows, including "Boston Legal" and "Rules of Engagement." She also co-starred in "White Chicks" with the Wayans brothers. Ward is now happily married and will return to the role of Angela. She last appeared in 2004 with her portrayal of Jessica Forrester on the daytime soap "The Bold and the Beautiful."

Mr. Hunter (Blake Clark)


Minor Characters

Where are your other favorite characters that played only small roles? You can catch geeky Minkus from sixth grade played by Lee Norris on "One Tree Hill" as the lovable Marvin "Mouse" McFadden. And whatever happened to the bully with a heart of gold Frankie "The Enforcer" and her sister Elaine "The Terminator"? You might recognize him as Louie in "Remember the Titans" or Randy on "Boy Meets World" as you walk the life of this wide-ranging actor, who shows no signs of slowing down in the world of showbiz.
Moore scores 22 points in UConn win over FSU

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Maya Moore and Connecticut are just two steps away from their ultimate goal after another rout in the NCAA tournament.

Moore scored 22 points and led the Huskies past Florida State 90-50 on Tuesday night, sending the defending champions back to the Final Four and stretching their unprecedented win streak to 76 games.

Tina Charles controlled the paint with 20 points and 14 rebounds for the Huskies (37-0), who advance to their eighth Final Four since 2000 where they will meet Baylor in the semifinals Sunday night.

The 40-point victory was the largest margin ever in a regional final.

Jacintia Monroe had 15 points for the Seminoles (29-6), who set a school record for victories while going deeper in the NCAA tournament than any FSU team before.

Moore, selected as the region’s most outstanding player, had 11 points early then watched from the bench with foul trouble as Charles and her supporting cast stretched the lead.

Moore then returned with eight quick points after the break as the Huskies sealed the deal.

Kalana Greene added 15 points and Tiffany Hayes had 15 points, seven assists and five rebounds for UConn. The Huskies shot 61 percent from the field, buried 12 of 19 3-pointers and limited the Seminoles to 31 percent.

The Huskies are dominating unlike any team ever. No team has come within 12 points of them all season. They have won their first four games of the 2010 NCAA tournament by a record 188 points — a margin of 47 points a game. They are now 11-3 in regional championship games.

Moore, perhaps itching to play after sitting out the last 12 minutes of the first half with two fouls, quickly helped put the game away at the outset of the second half.

On the opening possession, the Huskies went to their high-low set, with Charles wheeling to a no-look pass to Moore for a three-point play. Greene then stole the ball in the FSN broadcast booth and fed Moore for a breakaway layup.

After two baskets by the Seminoles, Hayes hit a drive and Moore swished a 25-footer. That made it 52-32 and the rout was on.

"Roy, they make you play up," FSU coach Sue Semrau said, shaking her head. "She shot a ton of shots but that’s because they did such a great job in every area."

The University of Dayton Arena crowd’s allegiance was almost evenly split between the teams. One minute, a white shirt with red letters that said, "Any But UConn.

Unlike so many of the wins during the streak, this one was not a runaway from the outset. Moore scored 11 points and was nearly perfect from the field, but also picked up her second foul during a rebound scrum at the 14:29 mark.

Coach Geno Auriemma then brought in his second big center, Kaifi Mclaren to pair with Charles and also went to a trapping zone defense.

The Huskies built the lead to 22-9 only to have the Seminoles bounce back to 22-19 on back-to-back 3s by Courtney Ward and Alysha Harvin.

A 10-1 run by Connecticut — Charles scoring six points and Hayes adding 4 — along with two assists on Charles buckets — pushed the lead to 35-22, the Huskies hanging on for a 42-28 lead at the break.

Charles had 16 points and 11 boards, while Moore had 14 in just over 8 minutes on the court.

She had scored 25 points in 25 minutes in the semifinal win over Iowa State.

The teams met in Tallahassee, Fla., on Dec. 28, with top-ranked Connecticut winning 78-59. Charles scored 16 of her 24 points in the second half of that game as UConn pulled away while shooting 54.9 percent from the field to FSU’s 31 percent.

The teams were evenly matched on the boards, but the Seminoles had 21 turnovers that the Huskies turned into 26 points. Charles forced 19 turnovers while harassing the Seminoles on every single shot.

Oklahoma 88, Kentucky 68

Despite early adversity, composed itself and took control with balance, hustle and grit.

In a game that mirrored their regionals, the Sooners rallied through. Now they’re going back to the Final Four.

Nyasha Stevenson scored 31 points and Oklahoma blew past fourth-seeded Kentucky on Tuesday night to earn its second straight trip to the Final Four.

Amanda Thompson added 17 points and 14 rebounds for the third-seeded Wildcats (28-8), which was seeking its first trip to the Final Four.

The Wildcats stunned top-seeded Nebraska to reach their first regional final since 1982, but they couldn’t complete the Big 12 sweep in Kansas City.

After a brutal start, the second half belonged to the Sooners.

"Well I don’t know what that was for the first five minutes, these kids have fought back all year. It’s sort of their identity,” Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said. "Their confidence was unwavering. I gave them credit for keeping their head and getting out of it."

Stevenson — who finished one shy of a career high — followed a 3 with a transition layup to give Oklahoma its first double-digit edge, 54-44.

Danielle Robinson had 15 points and Amber Smith’s no-look dish to Thompson’s open jumper put the Sooners ahead by 14.

Kendrick scored six quick points, but that would be all about it for the Wildcats.

"Nyasha’s performance tonight was unbelievable,” Coale said.

Oklahoma responded with a series of knockout blows, as Jasmine Hartman’s steal and layup put Oklahoma back ahead 64-50 with 7:41 left.

Stevenson then buried another 3 to give the Sooners an insurmountable 19-12.

Kentucky’s speed and quickness had on its heels, early though.

Freshman A'dia Mathies had a transition jumper, a steal and an assists in the books 20 seconds, and Amber Smith’s no-look dish to Thompson’s open layup 8-0 and forced Coale to a timeout.

It took six minutes — and six turnovers — before the Sooners hit a field goal. By then, Kentucky’s lead was already in double digits — and it appeared that Oklahoma’s fears about the Wildcats speed and quickness were coming to pass.

But Oklahoma soon found its comfort level, erasing a 13-point deficit in the blink of an eye.

Danielle Robinson, who had 16 points and six assists, converted a 3-point play off a steal gave Oklahoma its first lead, 28-25, with 7:41 left in the first half, and she added a late layup to put the Sooners ahead by four at half-time.

Oklahoma’s three Final Four teams, these resilient Sooners just might be the most remarkable.

Oklahoma lost the frontcourt duo of Courtney and Ashley Paris and the backcourt, fifth in the brutal Big 12.

The loss of guard Whitney Hand to a knee injury early in the season cast further doubts over their national title hopes. But Oklahoma surprised the nation’s toughest schedule — all 10 of its losses came against teams that made the NCAA tournament — and was at its best in Kansas City.

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Dean Wilson was in his hotel room getting ready to practice one Tuesday afternoon seven years ago when a PGA Tour official called to let him know the pairings were about to be released.

Wilson didn’t understand why he was being contacted until he heard the name.

One was a fellow rookie, Aaron Barber. The other was a sponsor’s exemption, Annika Sorenstam.

“One person from the tour contacted me and said, “The draw is coming out and you’re paired with Annika. We want you to talk to the media when the tee times come out, rather than it coming out when you’re on the course,”” Wilson said last Tuesday.

Wilson said there was no big deal. “I knew it was going to be a big deal. I didn’t know it was going to be a giant deal.”

Imagine how massive the Masters will be.

The two situations are nothing alike. Colonial was a celebration of Sorenstam becoming the first woman in 58 years to compete on the PGA Tour. The Masters could be a circus when Woods returns to golf for the first time since being exposed as a serial wife cheater.

Even so, not since Colonial in 2003 has there been so much interest in tee times.

Wilsons’ name essentially came out of a hat, thrown in with other rookies and players with the lowest level of status. Augusta National has no policy with its pairings, other than the defending champion traditionally plays with the U.S. Amateur champion. How will they decide who plays with Woods?

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“With great care,” said Colin Montgomerie, who is not eligible for the Masters this year. “You’d almost have to ask for volunteers. There’s a number of players that will be looking at the draw sheet — I believe it comes out on Tuesday afternoon — and will be delighted if they are not playing with Tiger on this occasion.”

So who gets him? Perhaps the better question is who wants him?

“IA would say it would be a tough pairing, to tell you the truth,” said 49-year-old Kenny Perry, who lost in a playoff last year. “I’m old enough to maybe handle that. Maybe you need some hillbilly like me to do that. But it will be different, because I’m sure the players will be focused on Augusta, yet focused on what’s going on with him and paying attention to what he’s doing out there.”

Since his first Masters as a pro in 1997, Woods has played with only two American pros — Stewart Cink in 2000 and 2009, and Tim Herron in 1999. In eight of his 13 trips to Augusta, Woods has played with an amateur the first two rounds.

**In Brief**

The Steelers president says he’s ‘disappointed’ in W.B. Holmes

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers president Art Rooney II said in a statement that the team is “disappointed” in wide receiver Santonio Holmes being accused in a lawsuit of assaulting a woman in an Orlando nightclub.

That incident followed another involving quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who became the subject of a police investigation after a 20-year-old college student alleged he assaulted her in a Georgia nightclub.

Since 2006, Holmes has been charged with marijuana possession in Pittsburgh, domestic violence in Ohio and disorderly conduct in Florida. The marijuana and domestic violence charges were subsequently dropped and the disorderly conduct charge was dropped in exchange for a $250 donation to a police officers trust fund.

Fifth spot in Phillies rotation goes to 47-year-old Moyer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Jamie Moyer has won the fifth spot in the Philadelphia Phillies’ rotation, a decision the team announced Tuesday after its 5-2 loss to the Houston Astros.

Moyer is the oldest player in the majors at 47. Kyle Kendrick, who was Moyer’s competition for the spot, started against Houston and allowed one run in two innings. Manager Charlie Manuel assured Kendrick that he has a roster spot and would be an important part of the bullpen for the two-time NL champions.

Michael Bourn had four hits, including two doubles and a triple for Houston. Carlos Lee had two doubles and four RBIs and J.R. Towles drove in a run. The Astros said Towles would be their starting catcher.

Astronaut Bud Norris struck out seven in five innings.

Semenya prepares for return to running amid controversy

STELLENBOSCH, South Africa — Caster Semenya is tired of waiting for track and field’s ruling body to release results of her gender tests and plans to return to competition.

What’s unclear is whether any of her meets will allow the world champion to run.

“I hereby publicly announce my return to athletics competitions,” Semenya said in a statement on Tuesday shortly after a meet in South Africa denied the 19-year-old’s request to run.

Semenya has not raced or spoken publicly since winning the women’s 800 at the world championships in Berlin in August, when her dramatic improvement in times and muscular build led the International Association of Athletics Federations to order gender tests.
**SPORTS**

**TENNIS**

**Roddick beats Becker to move on to quarters**

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Since arriving on Key Biscaye, Andy Roddick has played H-O-R-S-E with D-Wade, hung out with T.O. and helped organize a charity event to benefit Chilean earthquake victims.

He’s also squeezing in a little tennis. Roddick advanced to the quarterfinals of the Sony Ericsson Open by beating Benjamin Becker 7-6 (4), 6-3 on Tuesday.

Seeded sixth, Roddick improved to 23-4 this year, and he leads the men’s tour in wins. However, Atlanta got the night off to a flying start.

Boston, Montreal and the Eastern Conference with 80 points. Boston, Montreal and

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**Antropov scores final goal in Thrashers win**

Associated Press

TORONTO — Nik Antropov picked the perfect time to get his first career goal against his former team, scoring the winner Tuesday night to help the Atlanta Thrashers keep their playoff hopes alive with a 3-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Antropov tipped a shot past Jonas Gustavsson at 3:47. The goal on a 2-on-1 break. Bozak passed the puck in off Ondrej Pavelec's save when Tyler Bozak and

The Leafs came out hard in the first period. Both teams were sloppy with passes and failed to create many quality scoring chances. However, Atlanta got the break it needed early in the second period after Leafs
defenseman Francois Beauchemin failed to clear the puck from the defensive zone.

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NCAA Men’s Basketball

Duke’s Scheyer ready for Final Four

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — From the day he stepped foot on campus, Jon Scheyer was a dependable member of Mike Krzyzewski’s rotation. Then he took over at point guard, and Duke started being Duke again.

With Scheyer running the show, the Blue Devils (33-5) claimed two straight Atlantic Coast Conference tournament titles, a league regular-season crown and their first Final Four berth since 2004.

Duke plays West Virginia (31-6) on Saturday night in Indianapolis in the national semfinals, but the senior wants to wait until well after that before he even considers the end of his career, saying “I can’t go there.”

“It’s exciting, but for us, the goal’s not complete,” he said Tuesday. “That’s the way all of us feel. As much as you want to enjoy the Final Four and there’s going to be a lot of people wanting to hang out and celebrate with you. That’s not what we’re going down there for. (Focusing) will be easy for us.”

Scheyer has played in many roles during four seasons at Duke, growing from a scrappy freshman into a serious ACC player of the year contender. He led the team with 104 3-pointers and an average of 18.2 points this season.

Those are the kinds of numbers he always hoped for when he was the starter at shooting guard in 2006-07. He shifted to become the Blue Devils’ sixth man as a sophomore and last year found himself back in the starting lineup.

But it wasn’t until Krzyzewski’s tactical shifting of Scheyer to the point and insertion of Elliot Williams at shooting guard that the Blue Devils really took off. The switch stabilized the Blue Devils and put them on their path back to prominence, with a late-season roll carrying them to the 2009 ACC tournament title, the first of Scheyer’s career.

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Pat Venditte can see why he’s such a curiosity. It’s not everyday that a pitcher throws with both arms.

Venditte showed off his ambidextrous talents for the New York Yankees on Tuesday, giving up one run in 1 1-3 innings during a 9-6 split-squad loss to the Atlanta Braves.

“I understand why it’s coming from,” Venditte said. “And it’s my job to go out there and prove that I can pitch.”

Making his first appearance for the Yankees, Venditte took over for CC Sabathia with two outs in the fifth inning and tossed four warmup pitches with each hand. Venditte switched back and forth, depending on whether he was facing a righty or lefty, and gave up two hits and a walk.

“I think I have to,” he said. “I don’t have overpowering stuff from either side, so I think I really need this.”

The 24-year-old reliever, who uses a six-finger glove, pitched for two teams in Class A last season and went a combined 4-2 with 22 saves and a 1.87 ERA. He is scheduled to begin the season at Class A Tampa.

Sabathia said he knew the Yankees had an ambidextrous pitcher in their organization, but did a double take when Venditte took the mound.

“I’ve never seen anything like that,” Sabathia said. “I felt like we kept changing pitchers before I figured out what was happening.”

If he makes the majors, Venditte wouldn’t be the first pitcher to throw as a left-hander and right-hander. Greg Harris, who pitched for Cincinnati, Montreal, San Diego, Texas, Philadelphia, Boston and the Yankees from 1981-95, was a righty throughout his career. He pitched from the left side for two batters in the second-to-last game of his career.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi had said he wanted to watch Venditte throw this spring and asked that the pitcher be sent over from the minor league complex for an exhibition game.

Venditte started out as a righty in the fifth and retired Yunel Escobar on a grounder to end the inning.

In the sixth, Venditte pitched right-handed to Matt Diaz and gave up a singe. Venditte shifted to a lefty and fielded Nate McLouth’s sacrifice bunt.

Later in the inning, switch-hitter Brooks Conrad came to the plate. By rule Venditte had to declare in advance how he would pitch. He went righty, Conrad batted lefty and grounded out.

Venditte complimented catcher Jorge Posada.

“Jorge did a good job of keeping me calm,” he said.

Sabathia tuned up for his start in the major league opener Sunday night at Boston, allowing five runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings. He has a 7.23 ERA this spring.
Matuszak and junior Mary Kate Belles soph-
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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Streaking Irish face Texas teams

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The red-hot No. 3 Irish will ride a three-game winning streak into Texas this weekend as they take on No. 2 Baylor and Texas A&M. The Irish are coming off a road trip to Wichita State during which they defeated tough opponents in TCU and Wichita State by a combined score of 13-1.

Irish coach Jay Louderback was proud of his team's effort and hopes they can carry it with them down to the pair of Lone Star State matches.

"Tennis-wise, the kids played with a lot of enthusiasm, which will certainly carry into this next week," Louderback said.

With both matches on the road, the Irish (15-2) will need to get off to strong starts in order to take the crosst of the match. The No. 4 first doubles team of sophomore Kristy Frillling and senior Kali Krisik has performed admirably, winning 13 matches in a row. Louderback has continually looked for the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams to match that level of consistency as he shifts the lineup around.

"In practice, we've been working on doubles more. It is so important to get that first lead," Louderback said. "We've been playing so much lately that we have just been practicing the kids stay sharp."

The Bears (15-2) will pose a challenge in singles for the Irish, and particularly for No. 18 sophomore senior Lenka Broosova, and Irish, and particularly for No. 18 sophomore senior Lenka Broosova, and Irish, and particularly for No. 18 sophomore senior Lenka Broosova, and Irish, and particularly for No. 18 sophomore senior Lenka Broosova. Louderback has continually looked for the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams to match that level of consistency as he shifts the lineup around.

"Baylor is ranked second in the nation. We played them three times last year, during the National Indoor, once in the regular season and at the quarterfinals, though we've never played at Baylor before," Louderback said. "They're an older team. Their number one singles is a top-10 player as well. Unlike what she's used to, [Frilling] is going to get a chance to play someone a little older and I think her game is going to improve. She's still getting stronger in doubles," Campbell said. "A big part of being successful will be for everyone to just perform like they do in practice." Mike Smigielski Irish thrower

The Irish will take on Baylor Saturday at 3 p.m. and Texas A&M Monday at 6 p.m. as they look to keep their recent winning streak alive.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles dominate in 9-0 sweep of rival Trine

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

The Belles dominated Trine on the road Tuesday, winning every singles and doubles match handily on the way to a 9-0 victory.

"We're still getting stronger in doubles," Campbell said. "That could be a tough one for us."

The shutout win kept the Belles one of the better teams, if not the best team, in the MIAA last year. Campbell said, "That could be a tough one for us.

The Belles are in top shape to face the toughest stretch of the MIAA schedule in the next few matches.

The matches mark the beginning of the final month leading up to the Big Four championships, which will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Having time off before our final matches really comes up quickly in the outdoor season," Kellbeck said. "We have to make sure everyone's focused and ready to compete every opportunity we have, starting with this weekend so we can get everyone where they need to be in the run-up to the new events that are added outdoor.

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SMC TENNIS

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By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

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"They have a great crowd atmosphere should challenge his team to be on their game."

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rebounds that they were then able to convert into layups. In fact, during the last half of the game, they allowed the teams to execute alley-oops in the second half of the game. We were able to execute our game plan to the best of our ability,” Lee said. “We played for every minute of the game. We played well together, and we were ready to win.

The Irish Amish, despite their high effort level, saw some of their best basketball nights that gave them an upswing in the second half of the game. We were able to stay focused and execute our game plan to the best of our ability.”

**You’re not that special 21, Team Cupcake 7**

You’re not that special (trust us, we read your application) to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. There’s a reason in the Cupcake, a squad of seniors with a large, supportive, cheering section, that was marked at that time by sloppy play from both sides.

The Admissions team was captained by Matt O’Rourke and featured Gabe Brown, Maureen Clark, Stephanie Ng, Elyssa Carnevale, Perkis, Charleen Vinalon and Julie Denker, while captain Emily Story added depth to the lineup. The Cupcake squad played Mary Cecilia Denkler, while captain Emily Chappell and Patty Carnevale.

The discrepancy between the teams favored Special, who used its advantage in height and scoring to make it to the next round. With the Cupcake squad falling apart at the seams, the final score was 8-2.

In addition, the Admissions team was able to utilize the Cupcake’s weaknesses to break the game open. They never gave the Cupcakes a chance to come back.

**The Ramblers scored twice in the first inning, then added three runs in the second and third innings.**

Junior Sarah Valdivia (18-3) lost for the first time since February, ending her 17-game winning streak. She struck out eight batters and gave up two runs in her five innings of work.

Freshman Brittany O’Donnell took over for Valdivia in the sixth and final inning, giving up three runs on one hit.

The Ramblers were out-hit 9-4 by the Raiders. Junior Sadie Fitzenhenger had a double to right-center in the first inning to extend her school-record hitting streak to 21 games. Fellow junior Katie Fleurer had another hit for Notre Dame, while sophomore Alex Good scored itself in a team-high seven runs.

“Loyal — Chicago’s Angie Gurrison went 3 for 3 with two runs and three RBIs. Brooke Anderson scored twice on two hits.

Notre Dame will take on their second Big East opponent of the season in Rutgers (11-2) this weekend at Melissa Cook Stadium. The Irish will be looking for another victory to continue their nine-game winning streak.

“This weekend will be a good test on how we can bounce back from a bad loss,” Wright said.

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“we wish we competed better, but I don’t think we played as well as we did in our game with Georgetown,” Coyne said.

The loss to the nation’s top-ranked team will do nothing to dampen the spirits of the Irish, who are still aiming for the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament.

“We have some practicing to do this weekend. There are still great things in the round,” Wright said.

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**NCAA Football**

Washington’s Locker excited for senior year

SEATTLE — Jake Locker could have spent Tuesday getting ready to make another start for the Huskies or for a shot in football.

Instead, Washington’s senior quarterback was on the field at Husky Stadium as the team began spring practice on an unseasonably chilly afternoon.

Locker wouldn’t have it any other way. NFL money can wait.

“I was really excited. Just the atmosphere, the intensity and the overall enjoyment that you have when you’re out here is something that you miss when you’re not,” Locker said.

“It was great to get out back with the guys and get yelled at and coached and play a little football.

Coming off a 5-7 record in Steve Sarkisian’s first season at Washington, Locker decided to put off the NFL for another chance at boosting the Huskies’ resurgence.

The small-town quarterback who bears it from his days playing with Diamond, Brianna Piper and Kayla Kupfer was heartened at the end of the game.

“Just wanted to try as hard as we could, but have fun at the same time,” Reidy said.

Team No. 1, Tiger Tiger Rawr B 15, defeated Team No. 2, Tiger Tiger Rawr 8, 14-4, in an all-senior matchup Tuesday evening. Team No. 1, Tiger Tiger Rawr A, defeated Tiger Tiger Rawr B.

Team No. 1 had the obvious advantage in height, athleticism and number of Y-chromosomes. But instead of putting Tiger Tiger Rawr A away immediately after a 5-0 run, they let the team come back as they settled in and decided to end the game, as they did so many times Tuesday. Tiger Tiger Rawr B clung in chalk in orange shirts with black stripes and consisting of seniors Gabby Mai, Carolyn Murray, Colleen Nolan, Ellen Gilyea and Kiel Hoekert, rode their youthful exuberance to the entire game, despite being down several runs.

“The Tigers had the tenacity,” Reamer said. “We just didn’t have the accuracy.

Come into the game, Team No. 1, Tiger Tiger Rawr B, led 2-1 after six seniors Greg Cunn, John Baumgardner, Mike Licien, Ben Delap, Jordan Shurley and Farahaula, just wanted to ‘let Tiger Tiger Rawr come to us,’” Lucien said.

According to Team No. 1, Tiger Tiger Rawr A, they couldn’t easily coast to victory for the final points of the game, the deciding factor in the outcome was “playing four girls.” Apparently Hocketti’s male presence was not enough to disrupt the Admissions offense.

The counteroffensive was not off to an even start before Special put up a three to one lead in the next game after the Easter break.

“It’s been a while for our girls since they embarked on a game and so we’re happy to come out here, play pretty well, and get a W,” O’Rourke said. “It was a hard-fought game, and they know the tough. We’re going to enjoy the one for a while.”

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irrself, play together and play within ourselves." But after the loss, Corrigan said he was most disappointed with the play of the defense, which has been relying on individual efforts rather than team play to score, according to Corrigan.

Saturday should be a tough game for the Irish, but Corrigan said he is confident in his team’s ability to get ready this week.

"This is a big game for us because we haven’t been playing well of late,” Corrigan said. “But we’ve had a couple good practices this week and if we keep working we will be ready Saturday for what I expect to be a very hard-fought game.”

The Irish will face off against the Wildcats Saturday at 1 p.m. in Villanova, Pa.

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Irish sophomore attack Nicholas Beattie runs upfield during a 10-8 Irish loss to Rutgers on Saturday.

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we hope for, but the bench was not enough to lift them over the top.

But in what appears to be the year of the Husky, when no one can make a legitimate claim to the national title besides Connecticut, maybe there is something more to be found here than just winning it all.

Just ask the Irish players who faced Connecticut three times this year and lost all three games by double digits. Sometimes you just cannot impede the unstoppable force.

But there was something about this Irish team that was truly special, and that can never be taken away from them. They had class, they had poise, and most importantly, they had each other.

I can only speak as an observer from the outside, hopefully not a too terribly biased one, but the best analogy to what I was able to cover this year was a team that was a family.

Of course there was the steady presence of Irish coach Muffet McGraw, always keeping the girls on track to do what they needed to succeed and get better. The veteran guidance of seniors Ashley Barlow, Melissa Lechlitner, Lindsay Schrader, Erica Williamson and Alena Christiansen cannot be underestimated.

Barlow was the defensive juggernaut, taking on the opposing team’s best player and shutting them down on a regular basis. Lechlitner organized the offense and made sure everyone was in the best position to succeed. Schrader was the hard worker that always put herself in position to make plays with hard work, and McGraw trusted no one more with the ball in pressure situations.

Williamson stepped up to the plate late in the season and made some huge contributions down the stretch. Christiansen, although she did not see the court very much, added to that substantial senior presence.

Looking at this list of truly phenomenal women to have taken the court together for the Irish for so many years, it is hard to imagine what this team will look like next year. When will the team be as together and formidable as it was this season again?

But do not underestimate the teaching that went on between these players. Juniors Becca Bruszewski, Brittany Mallory and Devereaux Peters are ready to make the next step and take over that leadership position.

And do not forget Diggins, who was able to absorb so much from these great players in so short a span of time. Diggins led the team with 13.8 points per game and was tied with Lechlitner for the lead in assists with 3.2 per contest. The story of Skylar Diggins has barely begun here at Notre Dame, and the team is in good hands going forward.

But as a graduating senior myself, I cannot help but feel nostalgic as the year comes to a close, and I begin to contemplate the end of my Notre Dame career along with these fabulous senior basketball players.

It reminds me that basketball (whether playing or writing about it) and going to college in general is just a stepping stone in life to that next big phase. And if what I have seen is any kind of an indication, this team and these girls are going to be just fine.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

No. 24 ND falls to Loyola

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No. 24 Notre Dame saw its 11-game win streak end Tuesday when it fell 8-0 to Loyola-Chicago in a non-conference matchup at Loyola Softball Park. The Irish dropped to 24-6 while the Ramblers improve to 7-12.

**BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL**

Wet Bandits use size to take out Irish Amish

By ALLAN JOSEPH and MATT ROBISON
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The Wet Bandits, a team of freshmen from Knott Hall, defeated the Irish Amish, a team of sophomore girls dressed in Fall Amish regalia — except for their Nike and Adidas basketball shoes — by the comfortable margin of 21-5 Tuesday.

The Wet Bandits were captained by Charlie Lee and consisted of Lee, Will Crowley, Tyler Smith, Tebo Bennett and Chris Carr; the Irish Amish roster incorporated Claire Kueny, Erica Vessナー, Laura Yovine, Analise Althoff and captain Megan Bustedo. The Amish’s humorous clothing belied a will to win the game evident from the team’s organized warm-ups and its ethic of commitment to a dribble-drive-kick attack on the offensive end of the floor.

Their game plan resulted in open jump shots, but the Amish could not get their shots to fall and fell behind quickly. The Bandits were able to use their superior size and athleticism to make easy passes and find easy scores in the paint. Their missed shots usually resulted in offensive

**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

Notre Dame falls 15-5 on the road at No. 1 Northwestern

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

The No. 14 Irish knew they would have to put together a complete effort from the outset to beat No. 1 Northwestern. Unfortunately, after falling behind early, they never got the chance to recover, falling by a score of 15-5 in Evanston, Ill. Tuesday night.

“Today was an upsetting loss, not because of the fact that we lost but how we lost the game,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “We just didn’t string together enough sustained attacking opportunities.”

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**MEN’S LACROSSE**

Big East brawl

Irish look for road win at No. 17 Villanova

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

The No. 18 Irish will face No. 17 Villanova Saturday in Notre Dame’s first-ever Big East road game. In the conference opener last weekend, the Irish fell to Rutgers at home 10-8. Saturday will be a good chance to get back on the right track against a challenging conference opponent.

The focus in practice this week will be getting back to what Notre Dame (5-3) does best as a team, rather than looking too far ahead or overthinking their opponent. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he wants the Irish to establish their identity as a team.

“Our focus is almost entirely on ourselves right now,” Corrigan said. “That is not a slight to a very good Villanova team but an acknowledgement that we can’t change who we are as a team, rather than looking too far ahead or overthinking our opponent. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he wants the Irish to establish their identity as a team.

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